

Project Update: February 2014

We continued collecting data on crop raiding elephants and raided lands. We worked along crop lands across the villages. We could track two well established elephant paths between the sanctuary and villages and we marked their GPS positions. Fresh dung, abundance of dung piles and the width of the paths (pictures 1 & 2) indicated that those were very popular tracks of crop raiders. The tracks will be excellent palaces to set night vision camera traps to document problem elephants in the future.



Picture 1

Picture 2

We observed a crop raider walk along one of those pathways in the late evening to enter the villages and the same elephant coming back to the sanctuary in the early morning of the following day after raiding crops (picture 3). This was the same elephant that was identified in the last field visit.



Picture 3

Picture 4

We met one of the persons who is responsible for maintaining the park fence in our study area. We interviewed him and with his help we spotted several places of the parks' electric fence which elephant has been damaging frequently to enter the villages (picture 4).