

### **Project Update: May 2014**

As I early informed you in the previous email I am working inside the Suklaphanta Wildlife Reserve (SWR). The first aim is to know the status and its habitat so I ranked it to my first priority.

In the previous literature I found that the population is decreasing but when I visited the field and consult with park staff of the reserve with continuous observation its population is in increasing order.

I am continuously observing it in the morning and evening time with some assistants. So it is observed that it is using all most all habitats available in the study area i.e. sal forest with grass patches, mixed forest, riverine forest and grassland.

Its range is very high. Due to this highly moving nature we are facing difficult in observing the animal. I also found that in some places around the reserve there is conflict between the people and Blue bull.

After completion of my work inside the park I will set some programmes at community level.



Left: Consulting with reserve staff before field. Right: Studying map of the Suklaphanta Wildlife Reserve.



Left: Two Blue bull grazing in grassland with herd of swamp deer in Suklaphanta Wildlife Reserve. Right: Female Blue bull captured during observation.



Fig: After fire inside Reserve.