

Project Update: January 2015

We conducted fieldwork in both Langtang National Park and Rara National Park. We collected faecal samples of both livestock and red pandas from both sites. Some of our fieldwork activities were published in the National Daily News papers. Lab work was conducted at the Central Department of Zoology, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, Kathmandu. Identifications of parasites become difficult and we are still working with collaborating with international groups. Parasitic awareness programmes were conducted in both areas, mainly on types, threats and mode of infection of different parasites in the localities. Interactions with local community groups and school children seem fruitful for the projects. School children got knowledge about the parasites to some extent. They got information how to do parasitic research in the field from our group and Park's Conservation officer. Two graduate students from Central Department of Zoology, were also in the field and participated on throughout the research. One of them is working for his thesis in wildlife's parasites. Small amount of money is deposited to the account of Nature club in Rara national Park, which is established in our previous project, in presence of Park officers and all activities of the clubs related to wildlife and environment will be conducted in presence of park officers.

