

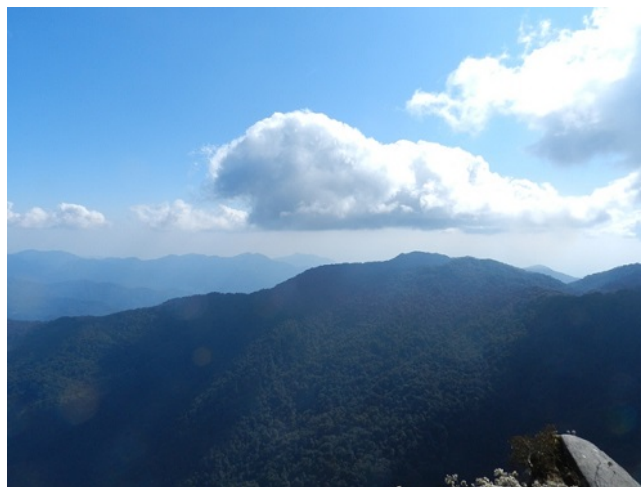
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The study area was classified into four elevation zones viz. <1,000 m asl (tropical monsoon forest), 1,001-2,000 m asl (subtropical forest), 2,001-2,500 m asl (warm temperate forest) and >2,500 m asl (cool temperate forest). The elevation of the study area ranges from 97 to 2,710 m asl. The dimension of sample plot was 20 x 20 m to assess trees and pellet group of ungulates and 2 x 2 m to enumerate ground cover. The variables considered to quantify habitat were tree species composition, DBH and height of trees, canopy cover, ground cover, altitude, slope and aspect.

So far, 53 sample plots were surveyed along six randomly selected transects from where 80 pellet groups of ungulates were recorded. More sample plots will be enumerated in the coming months. A team members comprised of at least six persons; two persons who are experienced to identify and recorded pellet groups, one person who was good at plant identification, one measured tree height and DBH, one measured altitude, slope, aspect and canopy cover along with one recorder.



Left: Enumerating ground cover. Right: Survey team, project implementer .



View of study area- Photo from highest point of study area reen cap