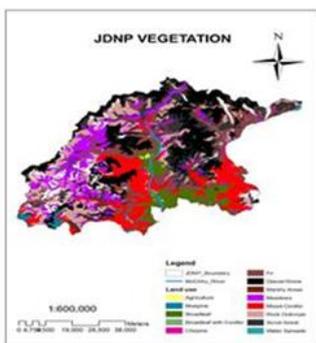


Project Update: October 2014

1. Awareness meeting to educational institutes

The awareness meeting with school children, teachers, and students of College of Natural Resources has been completed. The meeting was chaired by head of Forestry faculty of Collage of Natural Resources. The information was presented using power point presentation.

The awareness campaign was basically focused on imparting basic knowledge on conservation of snakes, procedures for avoiding snake bites, snake bites management and first aid. In addition, the snake specimens recorded till dates were presented during the awareness meeting.



2. Field observations

A field survey was conducted in lower region of park including its buffer zones to assess the snake species diversity. Five different species of snakes belonging to three families were recorded: *Naja kaouthia* (Lesson, 1831), *Bungarus niger* (Wall, 1908), *Protobothrops himalayanus* (Hoge & Romano-Hoge, 1983), *Boiga multifaciata* (Blyth, 1861) and *Lycodon* spp (Blyth, 1854).



Left: River Mochu, study site. Right: *Boiga multifaciata*.



Left: *Naja kaouthia*. Right: *Protobothrops himalayanus*.