

Project Update: May 2018

The research team is delighted to inform you that, as a conservation strategy 1000 plantings have been done in the tea garden area with active support from Vernarpur Teas State Management. Forest department, Government of Assam, India has also taken initiative to develop seedling of *Dipterocarpus turbinatus* in their own nursery and seedling will be ready to be planted by June 2019.

Research team also plans to reintroduction of the species in natural forest on Barak Valley (old Cachar District) in the next year. In this connection, challenges have been faced by the research team to know exact suitable habitat site of the species in the forest of the Barak Valley, so as to ensure maximum survival rate of *D. turbinatus* seedlings in natural forest. Principal investigator along research team plans to develop suitable habitat map of the species in Barak Valley in year 2018-19.