

Project Update: March 2015

With the commencement of the spring academic session in the College, we have conducted a seminar on “Building Capacity in Amphibian Research in Bhutan” on 6th March, 2015. The seminar was attended by more than 250 undergraduate students of Sherubtse College. The students were from the backgrounds of life sciences and environment sciences though other students were also welcomed if they were interested. A few faculties also attended the seminar. The presentation was done by Mr Tshering Nidup, team leader of the project.

The presentation mainly focused on the role and importance of amphibians within an ecosystem, amphibian ecology, identification and taxonomy of amphibian species and field research techniques as guided by the project proposal. The field techniques for *Bd* (*Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*) detection was also covered and one of the Life Science students showed interest in this field.

Next step: Conduct seminar in Khaling Community and field work in study area.



Fig 1: Students listening to the presentation.



Fig 2: One of the presentation slides