

Training foresters to establish a sustainable monitoring scheme of wildlife in Myanmar

A training workshop on scientifically based monitoring in Myanmar

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Executive Summary

Myanmar is opening up with tremendous potential in biodiversity research and conservation needs. However, after six decades of mismanagement, capacity in the academic and conservation sector is absent. Local organizations and the government have identified a lack of capacity in baseline research within biodiversity, global change and forestry. The capacity gap in foresters and conservationists is the major obstacle to assess, monitor and sustainable use natural resources. To mitigate these shortcomings we gave a 1-week training workshop for Myanmar scientists, foresters and conservationists to build capacity for implementing long-term monitoring and to assess success of conservation strategies.

Learning outcomes (as stated in the proposal)

Participants were expected to

- learn theory and practice on monitoring of biodiversity, at least for the common forest birds