

## Project Update: July 2016

### Support to Bird Watching and Identification training

We have financially and technically supported to Bird Conservation Nepal (BCN)-Pokhara Branch of Institute of Forestry (IOF), Pokhara to organize a Three-days “Bird Watching and Identification Training” from 26th-28th December, 2015 focusing enthusiastic future conservation leaders of IOF, Pokhara. Total of 30 devoted youths of IOF enhanced their capacity in ornithological monitoring and conservation from the programme. During the event, I shared my knowledge on "Application of modern technologies like Mobile apps in monitoring of birds". The programme was also supported by BCN Kathmandu, Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge and Dean Office - IOF.



### Poster presentation at 7th National Conference on Science and Technology 2016

Our work supported by Rufford Foundation (RF) and other partners was presented at 'The Seventh National Conference on Science and technology 2016' organized by National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) at Hotel Yak and Yeti on 29th -31st March, 2016. More than 1000 national and international scientists and academicians from 17 different countries participated in the event. More than 600 selected papers on different themes were presented during three days conference.



Here is the link of the event prepared by NAST for Television Program (including me, my poster and interview at 21:08 on timeline) which was broadcasted on Nepal Television on 2nd April 2016.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cESauXXkpTc>

### **Publicity of RF**

Many of the audiences amazed after noticing the logo of RF in most of the posters and oral presentations. More than 50% of the posters and many oral presentations on conservation biology/ Wildlife conservation/Wildlife Ecology had RF logo.



### **Mentorship and capacity building**

We have selected dedicated 45 B.Sc. students from Institute of Science, Bhaktapur Multiple Campus (BMC), Tribhuvan University (TU) as mentees for enhancement of their capacity on conservation. They participated at Shivapuri Nagarjun National Park on 16th April to celebrate National Wildlife Week. The event was organized by Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC) and Bird Conservation Nepal (BCN). During the event park officials clarified the Status and need of Wildlife Conservation in Nepal. BCN staffs mentored the participants for bird watching. More than 200 nature lovers including students of school, college and university, representatives from different conservation organizations, senior experts took part in the event and enhanced their capacity on bird monitoring.



Furthermore, we recommended our two mentees, Ms Genuine Prajapati and Ms Bijaya Manunkarmi for "15th Annual Field Course in Conservation Biology and Global Health", organized by Nepal Biodiversity Research Society (NEBORS), Lalitpur and University of Washington, USA from 1st -5th February, 2016 held at Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation, Babarmahal, Nepal. Other mentees are on the way to complete their varied trainings. These mentees are



extending their capacities on wildlife research, monitoring and conservation techniques via diverse training opportunities. They are not only gaining and keeping the knowledge within them but also sharing and presenting their learning among the biological B.Sc students of BMC, TU.

### Mobile Conservation Library Practice

Various conservation resource materials published by Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC), Bird Conservation Nepal (BCN), Natural History Museum (NHM), Himalayan Nature, Global Primate Network (GPN)-Nepal, Biodiversity Conservation Society (BIOCOS) and Annapurna Conservation Area Project (ACAP) were collected. All the collected resource materials were attached, displayed and handed over to the local schools, clubs, community groups, public libraries, information centers, seminar halls, hotels, restaurants, guest houses, tea-shops, tourist check posts, non-governmental, governmental and community based offices to flood up the conservation messages in mass for long term.

During the conservation library practice, the mentees, students and local people from remote region observed the conservation materials and learnt lots on wildlife conservation which they didn't know previously. They were so excited to learn more on wildlife and raised questions on their interest which were solved by the mentors.



