

## Project Update: March 2016

A field survey was conducted in Lobesa covering Bap block under Punakha district to assess the diversity of spider species. The first field survey as it was scheduled in spring, it was conducted from 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015 for a duration of 10 days. A total of six researchers were involved; five persons, one each for every sampling method, and a sixth person helped carrying other necessary research items in the field. A total of 60 man-days were taken to complete the first round of survey. In everyone's surprise the team encountered 443 individuals by the end of the survey. They were brought in small plastic bags well labelled and every specimens were sorted in to similar groups and stored in container of 70% alcohol for identification. Currently a stereo-microscope is used to identify the specimen into different families, genera and species level.

