## Project Update: March 2016

From December 2015, the research team started collecting the secondary data. The related data and the map of vegetation types were collected. It is interesting when we had meeting with the officials of Son La Forest Protection Department, Muong La Forest Protection Department to talk about the current concerns of government about this areas. Also the meeting with head of villages at site study allow us be ready for the first PRA surveys in February in 2016.

Forest rangers at Muong La Department joined with us for the first PRA survey about plant diversity. The first PRA survey which integrated with transect survey was completed and obtained interesting information from different ethnic groups especially from H' Mong ethnic group who live in up-high mountain about flora system in this area.



Muong La Forest landscape 1



Talking to local people



Muong La Forest landscape 2

Transect sampling