

## Project Updates: January 2017

1. Dhole distribution: Data collection of dhole distribution (scats sample collection and other evidences) were carried out and analysis was done using MaxEnt modeling. This evidence yielded distribution patterns of the dhole in the locality. A drafted paper on dhole distribution in Jigme Dorji National Park was submitted to the Journal of Threatened Taxa.
2. DNA Samples: Despite rigorous efforts, not enough data were being able to collect, due to difficulty getting data such as fresh scats that are important attributes for DNA sampling. So this task demands more time and manpower to obtain better data. This means it will have to devote almost full time in gathering the information and collecting appropriate scat samples.
3. Interview and awareness campaign with local people are still underway. The resources for the interview and awareness campaign are carried out in local language to enable fostering better understanding by the locals. Currently a number of villages are yet to be done with the interviews and it is planned to complete by the end of February 2017.



Left: Interview with the farmers to know the attitude towards wild dogs in Bhutan. Right: Observation of scat under compound microscope at the wildlife Research Laboratory Thimphu, Bhutan.