

## Project Update: June 2016

As per the activities and timescale of the project, the preliminary field survey was conducted in April 2016. The nesting and roosting habitats of white-bellied heron (WBH) were observed and identified the areas from where the sample will be drawn.

The first round of an awareness and sensitization campaign was conducted in May 2016 in the project areas. A number of methods and materials like erecting banners and posters were used during the campaign. Current status and distribution of WBH, associated conservation threats and disturbances to the birds and their habitats, and mitigation of threats and disturbances at the community level were the major topics covered. Finally, people were willing to protect the birds and their habitats.



Left: Community awareness and sensitisation campaign at Phochu area. Right: Feeding sites of WBH along the Monchu. Bottom: Survey team along the Phochu area