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Last years tagged plants (*Dactylorhiza*, *Aconitum* and *Allium*) were recorded and monitored in Api Nampa Conservation Area and Annapurna Base Camp. In Manang I established new permanent plots for *Dactylorhiza* (as in Apinampa there is high human pressure for illegal harvesting but in Manang it is community protected, so good comparisons could be made in two contrasting conditions)) and around 2200 individual plants were tagged.

72 temporary plots (3 m x 3 m) were laid for each plant for the study of population ecology and distribution pattern. Besides this ethnobotanical study was carried out and conservation awareness cum Interaction programme was also organised. In Api Nampa training to small group of herders as well as to the women group were also organised. Now I am working with the data entry and laboratory work part.