

### **Project Update: March 2017**

I am writing to provide some updates on my recent field visit to Koshi-Tappu Wildlife Reserve for my project on “Monitoring grassland habitat condition and counting total population of Bengal florican. Winter habitat condition of Bengal florican was monitored in three different areas of this reserve, namely outside the protected area, buffer area and core area. Two blocks were formed in each of these three different areas of this reserve with a total of six blocks in this reserve. Grassland habitat condition of Bengal florican was monitored by making a 1 km straight transect in each block and performing the survey according to the form attached. Maximum and average height of the grass height was monitored using Rebell and Suward Stick Method. Four people were included in the team with two experts and two local people. Two local people were included in order to increase awareness among the local people on Bengal florican. One eco-club has been successfully formed and we included one member from the eco-club in our fieldwork to share information on our research and awareness. We have thought to include some more members in our next field visit and awareness campaigns.

Here are some photographs of my recent field visit. I will be providing the further details in next month.



