

Project Update: February 2017

The first fieldwork (post-monsoon) was carried out in December 2016 and January 2017. Recording of macroinvertebrates and chemical and physical characteristics of the site were undertaken by a team consisting of the lead researcher, research assistants and head of the village. Macroinvertebrate specimens are currently being processed and taxa lists will be constructed following completion of the pre-monsoon and monsoon season fieldwork due to commence at the beginning of March and July 2017 respectively.

Aquatic macroinvertebrates are largely threatened by habitat loss and ongoing habitat degradation with threats from anthropogenic actions and thereby increasingly upsetting freshwater ecosystems across the world. So, to assess the degree of disturbance on the Woochu River, activities like agriculture farming, grazing, logging, road and hydro-morphological impacts as a whole were studied and recorded.



Measuring width and thalweg depth of the stream



Research assistant recording geographic coordinates



Recording chemical characteristics of the stream



Segregating the taxonomical group in the field



Field assistant collecting samples



View of the stream of Woochu