

Project Update: June 2017

We went for frog survey at Honey valley homestay, Coorg on 23rd June 2017 and carried out field work for 3 days. We carried out the survey at dusk (6.30pm) by time constrained method for approximately 3 hours. A total of 15 species of frogs were found in 3 days. Different habitats like evergreen forest, coffee plantations and streams were sampled. During the day we would interact with the owner, his family and workers of homestay about amphibians of the Western Ghats, our research and the importance of amphibian conservation. We also had informal discussions with the visitors at the homestay on identifying amphibians in the field.

We reached Kaalur estate on 26th June 2017 in the early morning. The estate is close to the Pushpagiri Wildlife Sanctuary and forest department and the estate owner warned about elephants roaming near our field site at dusk. Since this was a reconnaissance survey and also due to possible wildlife attack, we did the survey in the morning from 10 am to 1pm. The owner of the Kaalur estate, Arun Achappa accompanied us for the fieldwork. Different habitats like fallow land, swamps, and evergreen forests were sampled. A total of five species were identified.



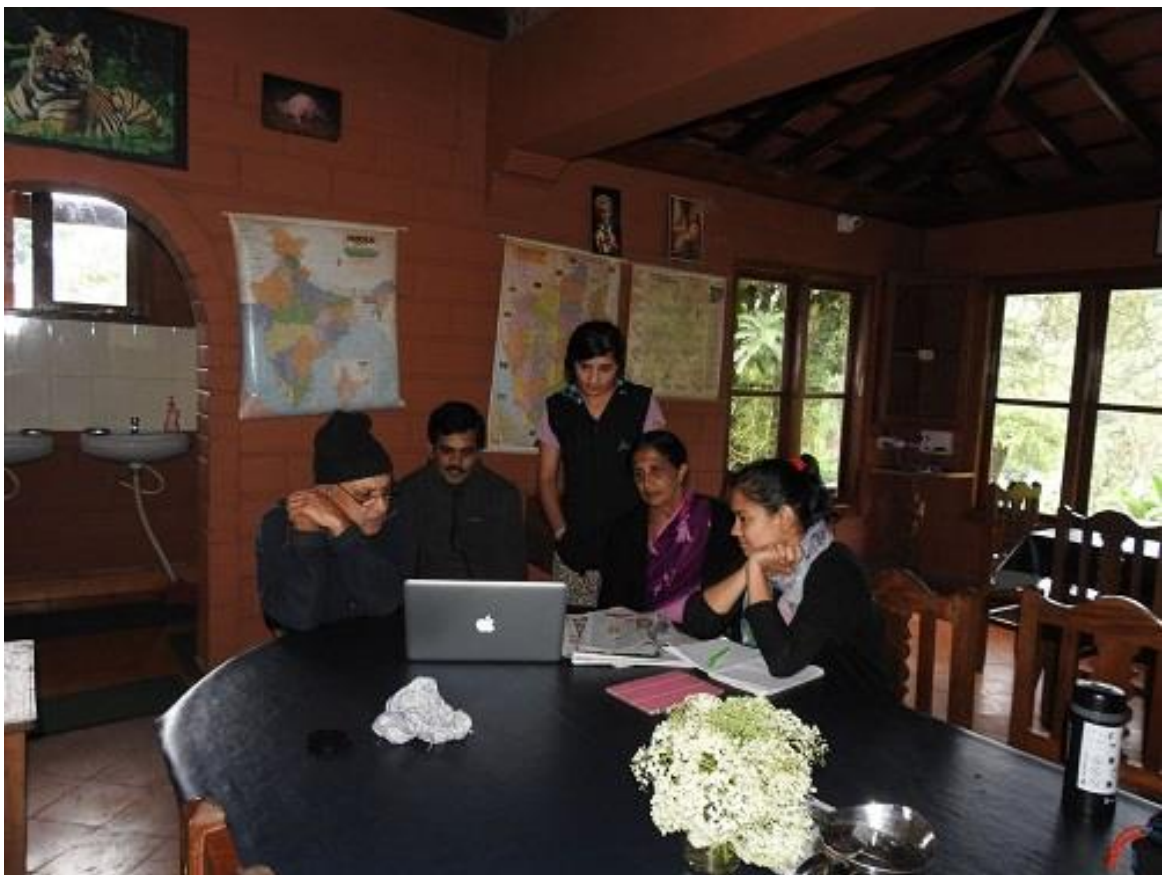
Left: Kaalur Forest. Right: Honey valley Forest.



Left: *Nyctibatrachus grandis*, Honey Valley. Right: *Uperodon marmoratus*, Kaalur.



Left: *Raorchestes glandulosus*, Honey Valley. Right: *Fejervarya mudduraja*, Honey Valley.



Discussion with Honey Valley homestay owner.