

## Project Update: September 2017

We carried out the fieldwork on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 in honey valley coorg. We surveyed the same streams that we surveyed in our last field visit at dusk from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We also surveyed some new sites in honey valley this time. A total number of 11 species were recorded. We identified the species based on amphibian field guide by Gururaja KV as well as from published papers from Western Ghats. We found that one species of frog (*Nyctibatrachus* sp) that we found during the field work did not match with the published records and we have collected the samples for molecular identification to understand if its new species.

Honey valley homestay was full of tourists this time. We managed to take a few of the enthusiastic tourists out for watching frogs. It was raining heavily this time so I could not take their pictures.

We went to Kaalur estate (second field site) on the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> August. Although the estate is private, it falls in Pushpagiri forest range. This time the forest department had put a check post, very close to our field site and it was closed. Unlike last time, the owner of the Kaalur estate Mr Arun was not with us. He was in Andaman Islands for his work. There was no one near the check post. We waited for 2 hours and returned back. We contacted Mr Arun on phone and he said once he returns back, he will talk to the forest department.



Gururaja recording frog calls



*Ichthyophis* spp



*Gegeonophis* sp



*Fejervarya mudduraja*



*Nyctibatrachus minimus*



*Micrixalus elegans*



*Indosylvirana* sp



*Nyctibatrachus* species near its eggs