

## Project Update: May 2011

The study is in progress including the camera trapping, transect sign survey and direct observation and is expected to complete within two and half months for the monitoring of diversity of small mammals in the Babai valley. Mainly hispid hare (*Caprolagus hispidus*), Indian hare (*Lepus nigricollis*), Indian porcupine (*Hystrix indica*), smooth-coated otter (*Lutra perspicillata*), jungle cat (*Felis chaus*), langur monkey (*Presbytus entelrus*), rhesus macaque (*Macaca mulatta*), common mongoose (*Herpestes edwardsi*) have been confirmed for the presence. To date no such concrete evidence of pygmy hog (*Opercula Silvanus*) has been found and is hoped that more species will be revealed that were unrecorded in the past.

