

Project Update: October 2008

A field survey team including volunteers collected otter feces during fieldworks to investigate seasonal variability in diet determine prey species composition and size. Also field team was setting up trail cameras around 3 fishponds, to take photo and video of the wild animals. We used cameras manufactured by Cuddeback and obtained amazing materials - high resolution day photos and good video files at night. Using this method otter and other animals (raccoon, wild cat and etc.) seasonal and daily activity was identified near the fishponds. About 40 sites were checked every morning for animal fresh tracks and feces. Tracks were measured to identify animals on individual level.

At the beginning of the project, a series of meetings were carried out with local stakeholders to identify major natural resource user groups, as well as their behaviour and resource use patterns that was harmful to the environment. During the fieldworks we regularly informed them on developing of our project. Informational calendar for 2009 year and leaflet on otter ecology was prepared and shared throw local people.

