

Project update - February 2023

During February 2023, a field visit was conducted to the study area for collecting data related to wildlife signs, threats and corridor. During the survey, signs of tiger, one-horned rhinoceros, Asiatic water buffalo, Gangetic river dolphin, smooth coated otter, and fox were found. The species were found to move both towards and away from the national park area. Threats like cattle *khuti*, fishing, feral dogs, settlement areas, and vegetable orchards were found. Visual signs of avifauna included ruddy shelduck, grey heron, wooly necked stork, black necked stork, little ringed plover and lesser whistling teal. Other than the wildlife, ground truthing was carried out as well as identifying and segregating different types of habitats during LULC classification. Sign survey on the north bank of River Brahmaputra and eastern part of the south bank has been completed.

Some of the pictures during the recent field visit are presented below:



1. Laharia Char M.E School at South Bank of Brahmaputra (Pic credit: Staff of School); 2. Collection of field data (Pic credit: Arup Kr. Das); 3. Wooly necked stork [IUCN Status: Vulnerable] (Pic credit: Avishek Sarkar); 4. Domestic Buffaloes from cattle *khuti* (Pic credit: Avishek Sarkar)