

## Project Update: May 2011

**Radio Program:** Radio programme is running smoothly in coordination with other RSG grantees of Chitwan National Park. Altogether, 25 episodes have been finished. A radio programme is being broadcasted through Vijaya FM. Secondly, in collaboration with Beeshazar Lake Conservation Project, a bird and wetland conservation quiz is being run through Radio Chitwan. RSG funded project use to ask a conservation based question in each episode and award winner with T-shirts having tag of Rufford Small Grant Foundation.

**Booklet Publication:** The booklet has been published. Booklet has covered locally available pesticides, banned pesticides, precaution before use, key idea to know harmful and harmless pesticides. It has also covered types of pesticides, their impacts and safe alternatives of them. Similarly, project has supported some booklets to Rufford small grant project named "conservation library establishment project" to deliver existing pesticide issue and minimisation ideas in grass root level.

**Expert Consultation:** Experts were consulted to find out the harmful pesticide and discussed how we can discourage marketing and using trend of harmful pesticide. From the consultation, it is found that lots of pesticides are available in the market in different names. So it is hard to create awareness amongst farmer about the harmful pesticide. Farmer can only notice the label which is printed in the bottle. Red, yellow, blue, pink and green coloured labels are extreme, very, medium, less and non-harmful respectively. Illiterate farmers also easily separate harmful and non-harmful pesticide.

**Group Discussion / Farmer Interaction:** Group discussions and farmer interactions activities were conducted in seven places. In group discussions, meaning of different labels, red, yellow, blue, pink and green, was discussed. Similarly, interaction was organised to educate about integrated pest management concept and procedure of organic pesticide preparation.

**Organic Farming:** In collaboration of eco-farmers forum, the organic farming concept and its importance were shared with advanced farmers. Chitwan National Park is one of the most important tourist destinations. Due to tourism business, the demand of organic product is high so local farmers were encouraged for organic farming. With the same time these farmers will be mobilised to disseminate concept and importance of organic farming in their concerned villages. Some farmers who have carried out organic farming practices were called for programme.



