

Project Update: March 2010

Small Mammals Conservation and Research Foundation (SMCRF) started its long-awaited objective, a community awareness radio programme, from 22nd January 2010. SMCRF heartily acknowledge Rufford Small Grants Foundation, UK for sponsoring. The programme, Mammalian World, is on every Friday from 7:30 to 8:00 AM on Radio Kantipur 96.1 and 101.8 Mhz, the leading FM station in Nepal.



Left: Rajesh Pandey, RJ at Radio Kantipur and Suchita Shrestha, Secretary at SMCRF during the program in KFM studio. Right: Participants of the training.

This programme includes informative and issue-raising episodes on small mammals, focusing on bats. Interaction programmes, interviews, news and reporting are other features of the programme.



Left: Mist netting practice at T.U. Coronation garden forest. Right: A participant handling a heterodyne bat detector.

CDES Small Mammals Conservation Club and Central Department of Environment Sciences, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal organized a 1-day training course on basic bat

handling techniques on February 15th, 2010. The programme was supported by Small Mammals Conservation and Research Foundation (SMCRF).

Sixty masters level students from College of Applied Sciences, Tribhuvan University, Satdobato, Lalitpur; School of Environment Management and Sustainability, Pokhara University, Maharajgunj, Kathmandu; Khowpa College, Purbanchal University, Bhaktapur; Central Department of Environment Science and Central Department of Zoology, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, Kathmandu participated in the training.

The chief guest was Mr. Shiva Raj Bhatta, Ecologist, Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation who inaugurated the training. Lectures on slides, demonstration of measuring bats with museum specimens, mistnetting and bat detector handling practices in field were covered during the training session.