

Project Update: September 2010

The following activities were carried out.

April-May 2010

- Identification, recruitment and training of two field assistants.
- With help of the recruited field assistants, three field visits were carried out to ascertain number and distribution/movement of the the cranes in the selected project sites.
- Four consultative meetings with conservation experts and local communities living within the project sites.

May-July 2010

- Community mobilisation and sensitization. Six meetings were carried out with local community leaders in the surrounding villages and three out of six village meetings conducted.
- Schools information and awareness raising activities were carried out in three out of five school nature conservation clubs. Along with the field assistants, we conducted training workshops to the members of this club, to enable them spread information about the significance of the cranes' conservation to other students or members of the communities in which they live. Those trained were absorbed into the project as nature conservation scouts. Follow up with members of this school communities shall be conducted in mid-October 2010.

July- September 2010

- Community Crane Conservation Committee was formed. Members elected were from surrounding participating villages.
- Training of the Community Crane Conservation Committee to raise general awareness about the needs for birds conservation, and build their capacity in sustainable crane conservation.

