

Project Update: July 2010

During the last couple of months with two research/field associates I conducted an extensive ecological survey in the Lawachara National Park area. We surveyed about 200 sample plots of 2m X 2m size using hand-held GPS (Global Positioning System) and other standard field instruments. Species composition, medicinal plants, and their status were recorded. We used a local indigenous healer also to help us to identify the unknown and medicinally useful species.

Our present task now is to compile all the information we have already, and organize some awareness programmes in the vicinity of the national park (i.e. Lawachara National Park) mostly amongst the indigenous inhabitants, and to distribute information to all the related stakeholders (i.e. Forest Department, local NGO's etc).

