

Project Update: May 2011

We completed status surveys on cheer pheasant in Jhelum catchment areas of Azad Kashmir which involved field assistants, wildlife field staff and local people. A total of 17 calling sites were surveyed - six new survey plots have been established along with 11 previously surveyed plots. We collected species abundance data through call count technique and also habitat data to assess the conservation status of the cheer pheasant in the study area. During the survey it is found that population of cheer pheasant is under high pressure of anthropogenic activities and population of this threatened pheasant is declining day by day. Full report on the project activities, population status of cheer pheasant and its outcomes with conservation recommendation will be submitted shortly.

