

Project Update: August 2011

- Establishment of a research nursery of two species of MAPs i.e. *Swertia chirata* and *Berginia ciliata*, (ii) demonstration plot establishment inside the community forest, (iii) selection of the suitable species by local people for domestication in their community as well as private lands.
- The users of Lohsepakha community forest user group, Dhikur Pokhari Village Development Committee Ward No. 6, Kaski have been involved in the project activities from site selection, work planning, implementation to evaluation phases. They are now motivated to domesticate the MAPs in their private lands and the surrounding local communities have also had demonstration effect from the project.
- To replicate the activities in other community forests, to encourage local people to domesticate MAPs in their forest as well as private lands, and to commercialise the MAPs products.
- By organising dissemination workshop that will be involving various stakeholders, and by publishing articles in national and international journals.
- The proposed duration of the project was 18 months to be used from August 2011 to December 2012 which is slightly less than the anticipated length of the project.
- Scaling up the MAPs domestication in many other community forests for high income and employment generation through their commercialisation.
- The RSGF logo has been used in the signboards placed on research nursery and the demonstration plot, through which it has been publicised at local level too.
- By virtue of the project, the local communities are increasingly interested in managing MAPs in their communal or private lands, which will help conserve biodiversity and generating income.

