

Project Update: July 2011

The project team has introduced the project to the farmers, school teachers, students, boaters and fishermen consulting them through household visits, initial community meetings and interactions. Three farmer groups from Sundaridanda and Pachabhaiya area are selected as local partners to participate in project activities. A community workshop event was organised and participatory activity plan is formulated. Curricula and reading materials are developed for school teaching and farmers' training programs. School teaching programme on invasive water hyacinth management and sustainable conservation was organised in two secondary schools where 240 students were participated. Plantation for watershed rehabilitation programme was conducted in two degraded parts of the watershed of Begnas Lake where school students, teachers, local farmers, boaters and fishermen were actively participated. Due to the heavy rainfall from June-August 2011, the water hyacinth collection and composting on the field will be carried out after September.



Left: Project leader planting seedling. Right: Students participating in plantation event in Begnas watershed.



Left: Farmers, Boaters and Fishermen in plantation event in Pachabhaiya, Rupa watershed. Right: Watershed area rehabilitation work in Begnas watershed with community involvement.



Left: School teaching in Laxmi High School. Right: Community Workshop.