



GEF-Satoyama Subgrantee Highlights Report

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<Highlight 1>: Exposure Visit for CCA Members

An exposure visit was organized for the CCA members of 4 neighboring villages of Sukhai, Kivikhu, Ghukhuyi & Chipoketa from 15th to 23rd January 2018. The purpose of this visit was to showcase best practices in conservation and ecotourism from other states of North-East India where the local communities have been actively involved in conservation. In total 13 CCA members including the Ghukhuyi CCA chairman, K. Vikuto Zhimomi visited various sites like the Khonoma eco-village in Nagaland which has been active in protecting Blyth's Tragopan (*Tragopan blythii*) in a CCA area of 20 sq km; Pakke tiger reserve in Arunachal Pradesh where the local communities are conserving 4 hornbill species and have formed a *Ghora abhe* society to promote ecotourism; the endangered pygmy hog (*Porcula salvania*) rescue rehabilitation centre in Nameri national park in Assam and Kaziranga National Park situated in Assam which is a UNESCO world heritage sites of India and known for the Great Indian one-horned rhinoceros.

The participants learned a great deal from the places they visited and the communities they interacted with and have now decided to replicate some of the conservation activities in their CCA areas as well. Most importantly, they learned the importance of stopping hunting and enhancing conservation and were thrilled to see hornbills (revered by their forefathers but almost locally extinct in Nagaland) in Pakke Tiger Reserve. They also got to participate in the local Pagga (hornbill) festival of Pakke in Arunachal Pradesh.

<Highlight 2>: CCA Initiation Meeting by Chakesang community in Chipoketa Village

The Chipoketa village which is dominated by the Chakesang community is adjacent to the Kivikhu village which is already a part of the Joint CCA network.

Two of the Chipoketa village members, Mr Seto Vero & Mr Sekhoto Phesa recently attended the exposure visit and were inspired by the conservation activities initiated by communities elsewhere. They are now active in holding meetings & persuading the elders to declare a CCA area in their village. It won't be long before Chipoketa is also a part of the Tizu valley CCA network

<Highlight 3>: Shortlisting of the Tizu valley CCA network for India Biodiversity Awards 2018

The Tizu valley BCLN CCA network has been shortlisted in the 'sustainable use of biological resources' category of the Fourth India Biodiversity Awards, 2018. The Indian Biodiversity Award is prestigious award initiated by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in association with UNDP India which recognizes the people & communities who have played an outstanding and innovative role in conserving India's rich heritage. The winners will be declared in May 2018. Mr Erich Bharucha, a renowned conservationist and Ms. Neelima Jerath visited the field site for verification.

<Highlight 4>: Representation in the workshop organised by UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme in Beijing, China

Mr. Yatish Lele gave a presentation on "Indicators of Resilience in Socio Economic Productive Landscapes and Seascapes (SEPLS)" in a workshop organised by UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme in Beijing, China.

The case of community conservation in Nagaland, India was explained to the participants as an example of the SEPLS. The participants were then apprised about the methods and ways necessary for implementation of the indicators in their study area. The methods included conducting of activities such as ice breaking sessions, development of resource maps, scoring, disaster timelines etc.

Photos



Participants on a jungle safari in Kaziranga national park, Assam. ©TERI/ Siddharth Edake



Participants watching birds in Nameri Tiger Reserve, Assam. ©TERI/ Siddharth Edake



Various hornbill species protected by the local community in Pakke TR, AP. ©TERI/ Siddharth Edake



Participants in Pakke Tiger Reserve, Arunachal Pradesh. ©TERI/ Siddharth Edake



Indian one horned rhino in its natural habitat. ©TERI/ Siddharth Edake



CCA initiation meeting in Chipoketa village. © Chipketa Community/Seto



Mr. Yatish Lele giving presentation at the workshop organized in Beijing, China. © UNDP/Yi Liu