

Eastern Assam Chapter

The project started with very basic activities like developing a map of Dehingpatkai Wildlife Sanctuary, which was provided to the forest department. Training were imparted to the frontline staff of Digboi, Doomdoma and Dibrugarh divisions on use of GPS and wildlife crime workshop. Prior to actual field work local youths were also trained and later assisted in conducting field work on elephant population estimation. The status of existing elephant corridors was reviewed and conflict history was studied. An overall assessment on the current status of elephants and HEC was gained during the project, which helped in developing an action based work during the second phase of the project. The frontline staffs were taken to an orientation tour to Dibru-Saikhowa National Park and are provided with field shoes and rain coats.

Outreach programmes are conducted to raise awareness in the fringe villages involving local youths and school students. The students actively participated in various activities like essay and quiz competitions, wall paintings and orientation tours.