



GEF-Satoyama Subgrantee Highlights Report

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<Highlight 1>: **First Ever Nagaland Biodiversity Meet organised in project villages from 9-16 May 2018**

The first ever Nagaland Biodiversity Meet was organised from 9 to 16 May 2018 to learn about and document the biodiversity of Tizu Valley Biodiversity Conservation & Livelihood Network comprising the villages of Sukhai, Ghukhuyi and Kivikhu in Zunheboto District, Nagaland. Faunal surveys by the team prior to the Biodiversity Meet have resulted in a checklist of 212 species of birds, 155 species of butterflies and more than 200 species of moths so far. Many new and interesting records have already been documented. Sixteen (16) participants, which included wildlife researchers, experienced naturalists, students and nature lovers from all across the country-Kolkata, Dehradun, Delhi, Bongaigaon, Calicut, Malappuram to name a few cities, gathered for the meet. While the records from the meet are still being compiled, more than 170 species of butterflies were recorded including the spectacular Stately Nawab (*Charaxes dolon*) and the Great Nawab (*Charaxes eudamippus*). Other interesting butterfly species that were recorded include the Orange-breasted Freak (*Calinaga brahma*), Manipur Map (*Araschnia dohertyi*), Khaki Silverline (*Spindasis rukmini*) amongst many others, whose identities are being verified. More than 250 species of moths were recorded including the male and female of the rare Picture-winged Leaf Moth (*Glanycus insolitus*). The visitors participated in the biodiversity surveys, stayed in local homestays in the villages of Sukhai and Kivikhu, tasted sumptuous local cuisine, watched the traditional Sema dances and engaged with the local community to understand their activities to conserve their natural resources. Not only will the presence of the visitors boost nature-based ecotourism, but also the biodiversity assessment will further add to the knowledge of the faunal biodiversity of Nagaland. The records of birds, butterflies and moths would be shared through Biodiversity Atlas – India (<http://bioatlasindia.org/>)

The biodiversity meet was organised by TERI (<http://www.teriin.org>) in association with Titli Trust (<http://www.titlitrust.org>), Diversity India (<http://diversityindia.org/>), Nature Mates (<http://naturematesindia.org/>) and Indian Foundation for Butterflies (<http://www.ifoundbutterflies.org>), all not-for-profit organisations. Locally, the meet was organised by the Tizu Valley Biodiversity Conservation & Livelihood Network, a recipient of a special mention award by the Government of India-UNDP India Biodiversity Awards 2018 for their contribution to conservation.

The meet received significant press coverage.

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Special recognition for the Tizu Valley CCA network for India Biodiversity Awards 2018

The Tizu valley BCLN CCA network received special recognition in the 'sustainable use of biological resources' category of the Fourth India Biodiversity Awards, 2018. The Indian Biodiversity Award is a prestigious award initiated by the Indian Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in association with UNDP India which recognizes the people and communities who have played an outstanding and innovative role in conserving India's rich heritage.

<Highlight 3>: Article on community conservation in project villages

An article on community conservation at our project sites has been accepted for publication in Sanctuary Asia magazine in the October 2018 issue

<Highlight 4>: Visit by Dr Yoji Natori and Dr Devon Dublin of Conservation International Japan to project field sites
The delegates from CI, Japan conducted a visit to Sukhai and Kivikhu village to review the activities conducted by the communities of Nagaland along with TERI. During their visit, the delegates interacted with the community members from Sukhai, Ghukhuyi and Kivikhu villages and encouraged them towards continuation of their work. Discussions were based on the initiatives undertaken, challenges and sustainability of the project in future. Site visits were also conducted to understand the status of the CCAs, growth of forests, status of biodiversity and impact achieved from the project on ground.

<Highlight 5>: Dr Pia Sethi gave a presentation on 'Fostering socio-economic development through community conservation' at the session on Community-Centered Conservation: A Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Sustainable Development organized at the 51st Annual ADB meeting in Manila, Phillipines.

Photos



The first ecotourists to visit the area posing for a group photograph along with the local people in Sukhai (Pic Shireesh Joshi)



The ecotourists look at birds and butterflies. Pic Pia Sethi

A dance performance by the local communities of Kivikhu at the Biodiversity Meet. Pic Pia Sethi





The Tizu Network receives a special mention at the Government of India-UNDP India Biodiversity Awards ceremony



A get together with the ecotourists in the Ghukhuyi church



Pia Sethi speaks at the 51st ADB annual meeting in Manila, Phillipines on fostering socio-economic development through community-centred conservation



Dr. Yoji Natori and Dr. Devon Dublin in discussion with the community members of Sukhai village. Pic: Yatish Lele,

TERI.



Site visits conducted in the CCA of Kivikhu village. Pic: Yatish Lele, TERI