

## Project Update: September 2016

Reconnaissance survey was carried out on the occurrence of the target species - golden Mahseer (*Tor putitora*) at the study site. Some of the research activities intertwined with the preliminary field survey is:

1. Individuals from the riparian communities were approached for the narrative incidences of the occurrence of the target species.
2. As per the information obtained through the semi-structured interview on the occurrence of the target species, hunt for the golden Mahseer at the proposed study site was begun.
3. Research team consisting of an applicant, local foresters, local leaders, village elites and other fishermen from the riparian communities was formed.
4. The equipment like fish cash net, spoon hook, and single head hook (and other locally made fishing materials) were used.
5. Insights on the details of the terrain and probability of the occurrence of the target species were sought from the local foresters and fishermen from the riparian communities.
6. Fortunately, the team was successful in capturing the few numbers (03) of the fingerlings of the golden Mahseer (Photos are hereby attached, please).

The study was carried out mainly to identify the occurrence of the target species in the proposed study site.

Moving into the next phase of the study, the riparian communities and parties involved in the study will be imparted with the awareness campaign on the conservation status, and ecological and cultural importance of the magnificent golden Mahseer.



