

## **Project Update: August 2017**

After the first field visit in July, following activities were conducted in August 2017.

### **Literature review**

A literature review was conducted focusing on status and importance of vulture, causes of vulture decline, effects of harmful non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, and vulture identification. For that, the relevant materials were collected from Bird Conservation Nepal, books, reports, etc.

### **Consultation**

Consultation with the central level expert was conducted by myself and my team members. The expert team with whom consultation was conducted were Ganesh Poudel, Assistant Planning Officer and Shanta Ram Baral, Assistant Forest Officer from Department of Forest (DoF), Saroj Koirala, GIS expert and Sebika Thapa, Librarian from World Wild Fund (WWF) Nepal, Bishnu Prasad Shrestha, Conservation Education Officer and Bishnu Thapaliya, Management Officer from Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC), Krishna Prasad Bhusal, Vulture Conservation Program Officer from Bird Conservation Nepal (BCN), Bhogendra Rayamajhi, Senior Program Officer from Zoological Society of London (ZSL).

Experience sharing of the field visit was conducted with the experts (referees). They were consulted and their views were collected about further planning of the project.

### **Recommendation**

From consultation with the various expert, it was suggested that population count will be more effective after rainy season i.e. during September than in August. A suggestion was provided to conduct the project by consulting the local people and other concerned stakeholders to make them aware of developing the community based Vulture Safe Feeding Site. Advice was provided to conduct the project effectively giving more time and update the works monthly to Rufford Small Grant (RSG).

