

## **Project Update: February 2010**

We have successfully organized and completed a 3-day training camp for our community-based Dolphin Conservation Network members on 6th-8th February 2010. Altogether 30 members from 30 dolphin monitoring sites participated in this training camp. The camp activities included review of 2009 activities, planning of 2010 activities, skill development of members to do the proposed activities, etc.

The members did wonderful jobs in 2009. I am very delighted to inform you that due to the tireless effort of this community-based Dolphin Conservation Network, Ganges river dolphin mortality rate has decreased by 60% in 2009 in our monitoring sites across Brahmaputra River system. On the other hand, dolphin carcass rescue (due to high market value of dolphin oil, dolphin carcass rescue is very difficult in Brahmaputra valley) rate has increased to 50% in 2009 (it was 20% in 2008). I hope we will be able to produce more concrete dolphin conservation effort in 2010.



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