



Fieldtrip for Fishing cat conservation project in Hakaluki Haor, Bangladesh
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Objectives for this fieldtrip

- ▶ Setting camera traps in human settlement
- ▶ Exploring new sites for setting camera traps along with the potential corridors for fishing cats from inland wetlands to upland forests adjacent to wetlands
- ▶ Conducting a pilot survey at the master degree, conducted by two students from both countries (Bangladesh and Japan) who have newly joined the project

Setting cameras in human settlement

A view from the village on the edge of the inland wetland



Setting cameras in human settlement

Searching for camera-trap locations within the village



Setting cameras in human settlement

Setting camera traps in a homestead forest



“Welcome” from a leech



Setting cameras in human settlement

The periphery of several aquaculture ponds, identified as potential sites for fishing cat sighting



Exploring new sites from setting camera traps on potential corridors

Exploring semi-natural environment connected to areas where three felid species were recently recorded.



Exploring new sites from setting camera traps on potential corridors

Near locations where fishing cat train and traffic accidents have been recorded: railway and road corridors cutting through the area from wetlands to upland hills.



Conducting a pilot survey on human-carnivore conflict at the master degree

Group photo!



Question testing prior to the full-scale survey



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Reference photo sheet for species identification



A flat tire right before setting off!?



Some moment from the field

After a 15 km walk for searching signs of carnivores in the hilly border region of India, refreshing with cold water seeping from the rocks.



Our best ally during very hot and humid season: electrolyte juice. There are powders and other flavors, but this one tastes the best.

