

Our Initiatives - At a Glance

Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary and Namdapha Initiative

A Cross-border conservation project involving Myanmar and in close partnership with local communities and conservation NGOs has been initiated by **ACT** in the Eastern Arunachal Pradesh to ensure peace, poverty alleviation and to protect the diverse natural and ethnic heritages of the region by creating CCRs (Community Conservation Reserves) along the border between India and Myanmar. Conservation agenda has been prepared to protect the stunning biodiversity and wildlife of the two important hotspots- The Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary and Namdapha National Park.

Community-based tourism projects have been initiated in partnership with local Conservation NGOs namely Tirap Development Society and SEACOW, Forest Department and Project Tiger to reduce dependence on forests and introduce alternative livelihood support, more empowerment and ownership to the local Tribal communities through Ecotourism. Ecotourism trainings have been provided and camping equipments have been donated by **ACT** to the beneficiaries. **ACT** will help the local partners to run various conservation and social development projects round the year and a community fund has been created which will also have contribution from Ecotourism benefits so as to continue the conservation and community development activities. It is expected that the involvement of local communities in ecotourism activities will help to develop a sense of pride and ownership for the Wildlife Sanctuary and Tiger Reserve and at the same time bring about sustainable income models for the local youths.