

ASSAM HAATHI PROJECT

Chester Zoo staff visit Assam

November 2010

The Assam Haathi project is set to flourish thanks to the achievement of a further Darwin Initiative Award in October 2010.

Chester Zoo staff visited the Assam Haathi Project team and local communities in order to help in initiating the new phase of the project.

Evie is assisting with the project's expansion plans. The team has already started visiting districts right across the whole state of Assam. The aim is to locate new villages which will benefit from the support the project can provide.

Maggie is planning the new education component of the Assam Haathi Project. Over the next two years Maggie and the team in Assam will work to develop and monitor community education initiatives which aim to raise awareness of the issues surrounding human elephant conflict.

Andrea is supervising a research project which aims to understand the reasons why elephants raid crops. Ultimately, knowledge of what elephants may prefer to eat will help the project to develop plans for the future and ensure that people and elephants can live together safely.

