

Our Team

I am indebted to all my co-workers who did their best in bringing out this report.

-Manijyoti Baruah

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Smt.Reema Baruah: A social activist and GRASSHOPPER helped me in carrying out extensive field surveys and in finalising my reports.

Dr.Sunayana Baruah: Currently Ph.D. scholar at C.V.Sc. Khanapara Assam Agriculture University and a GRASSHOPPER executive headed the team attending Veterinary camps organised at Kaziranga National Park area. She coordinated all the activities relating to animal care and conservation works of GRASSHOPPER at KNP.

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