



Climate research, citizen science and art in Bangladesh

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Our research project focuses on climate information for adaptation in the northeast region of Bangladesh. In this project, we work closely with local rural communities. Since these local people are carrying out citizen science together, then a sense of community and good team spirit are essential for success. We collaborated with a Bangladeshi artist to achieve some important goals. Not only did we want to create new and exciting outreach materials, we –more importantly- wanted to see how the artistic process could nurture a sense of community for the local participants. Despite being limited by time, we saw some promising outcomes from the collaboration. The artist successfully interacted with the project researchers and the local participants. The final artwork was a real collaboration between the artist and the participants whom felt pride and ownership in the results.