

**Department of Science and Technology sponsored Training
under the “National Programme for Training of Scientists &
Technologists working in Government Sector” for
scientists \ technologists working in Government Sector**

On

Advances in Wildlife Conservation

From

12th-16th March, 2018

at

**Wildlife Institute of India
Dehradun**

PROPOSED THEME:

Wildlife Conservation

TARGET GROUP

Scientists and technologists working in the Government departments/ institutions/ organizations/ universities (maximum 25).

STRENGTH OF WII FOR THE PROPOSED TRAINING PROGRAMME

Wildlife Institute of India (WII) set up in 1982 has emerged as an eminent regional centre for training and research in wildlife conservation in South Asia and South-East Asia. One of the important mandates of the Institute is to train personnel at various levels for conservation and management of wildlife resources. Since 1977 the institute has trained more than thousand officers in Wildlife Management.

The Institute has played a pioneering role in creating the Master of Wildlife Science course since 1988. The post-graduate course in Wildlife Science was designed to create skilled wildlife biologists in the region who will play an important role in the conservation of natural resources. There have been several important milestones in the brief history of planning and implementation of this unique academic program. The intricately structured course ensures the right amalgamation of theory and practical training. It instils in the young minds the spirit of scientific enquiry and acute sensitivity to environmental issues. While this course is sought after by many within the country, students from Nepal, Sri Lanka and Myanmar have also shown great interest, and have undergone the course. The academic programs coupled with several field-based projects, makes WII a veritable learning resource centre, in the subject area of wildlife science in the south Asia region.

The Institute has also been able to provide short term training programmes to about 600 officers in different subject areas of wildlife management and biodiversity conservation. Organizing short term training programmes and workshops for forest officers is a regular activity of this Institute. The Institute has a good mix of permanent scientists working in different disciplines of wildlife conservation and Protected Area Managers with vast field experience in dealing with such programmes. One of the unique strengths of the Institute has been to blend theory and practice and therefore the inputs provided by the Institute have direct linkages with the application in the field.

COURSE OUTLINE

Conservation areas face enormous pressure and the biodiversity has declined over the years, and many species are threatened with extinction. The loss of habitat or rate of decline is faster than the human assessment of the earth's species or biological diversity. Thereby many species are likely to disappear even before they become known to science. There is an urgent need to document the diversity, conserve species, and arrest extinction. The science of biodiversity conservation addresses these aspects. It uses theoretical knowledge from other fields of biology and applies it to finding solutions for achieving biodiversity conservation. Scientists and technologists sensitized towards biodiversity conservation have a significant role to play in paving way for a sustainable world.

The science involved in biodiversity conservation and management has developed manifold in recent years. It is important that scientists and technologists working in different sectors in the country are exposed to these issues and changes have a hands-on experience of the recent advances in the field of biodiversity conservation.

The training workshop will broadly appraise the participants about the current conservation scenarios and the ongoing issues and trends in biodiversity conservation. In this background the programme of one week will be as follows (Some amendments to the program may be made depending on the profile of the participants):

- Biodiversity conservation-an overview of National and International Initiatives, Role of Protected Areas in Biodiversity conservation, ecosystem services and climate change, Wildlife Management in India challenges and conflicts.
- Advancement in Biodiversity Conservation- Use of molecular and other advanced techniques to address conservation issues.
- Protected Areas to Landscapes-Concept approach and challenges ahead, Mainstreaming Biodiversity conservation issues in development process.
- Field visit to Rajaji National Park for understanding recent initiatives of relocation and changes of habitats, interaction with Gujjars and forest department personnel.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the course are to make the scientists aware of:

1. Principles/approaches in Biodiversity Conservation
2. Causes of decline in natural resources/habitats and species
3. Modern practices in Biodiversity Conservation
4. Conservation issues in the field
5. Establish linkages and facilitate sharing of information among scientists

The one-week course has been packaged with an introductory module on the first day and then the participants will be provided with specialized inputs for four subsequent days including a field visit to a nearby Protected Area. The course coordinator will steer the entire programme. Scientists from WII will provide inputs and subject specific resource persons of national repute, will also be invited.

BOARDING AND LODGING FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

The participating officers will be accommodated in the nearby Hotel/Institute Guest House while in Dehradun. In case of field visits, accommodation in the field will be arranged by WII, if required.

VENUE & DATES

The training will be conducted at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun from 12th to 16th - March, 2018. The participants should plan to reach Dehradun on 11th March 2018 and depart on 17th March 2018.

REGISTRATION

Duly filled registration form along with a small write up about yourself in approx. 200 words and a recent photograph should reach the undersigned on or before **05th March 2018**.

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