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Team together...

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*

Current Protected Area Network of India

Position as on February 27, 2013

National Parks: 102; Area 40074.78 sq km, (1.22%)
Wildlife Sanctuaries: 520; Area 122867.34 sq km, (3.74%)
Conservation Reserves*: 57; Area 2017.94 sq km, (0.06%)
Community Reserves: 4; Area 20.69 sq km, (0.0%)
Total Protected Areas: 683; Area 164980.75 sq km, (5.02%)

*New Conservation Reserve for Rajasthan:

Jawai Bandh

(Total Area 19.79 sq km; Districts - Pali;

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- Annual Research Seminar 2013



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Around the Campus



Post Graduate Diploma Course in Advanced Wildlife Management concluded

One of the important training courses, the 10-month P.G. Diploma Course in Advanced Wildlife Management was concluded on June 30, 2013. During the month of April, the Management Term Paper Exercise was held at Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh. The trainees were assigned specific topics on various aspects of protected area management. These were presented in a seminar by officer trainees on April 16-17, 2012, followed by interaction and discussion among faculty members and officer trainees. The Management Plan Exercise with the objective to collect first-hand information on Tiger Reserve resources, its problems and existing management practices was held at Periyar Tiger Reserve in Kerala during May 6 - June 4, 2013. The officer trainees wrote individual Tiger Conservation Plans during June 7-19, 2013.

The officer trainees were awarded diploma and prizes by Dr. R.B.S. Rawat, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of

Uttarakhand, who graced the Valedictory Function as the Chief Guest. Seven officer trainees were awarded the Honours Diploma for securing 75% or above marks.

They were also given the following awards: Institute's Gold Medal for the 'Top Trainee', Silver Medal for the 'Best All Round Wildlifer', and NR Nair Memorial Silver Medal for 'Best Management Plan' were awarded to Ms. Yasoda Bai R. Wildlife Preservation Society Silver Medal for the 'Second in Merit' was bagged by Mr. Suneet Bhardwaj. Top Trainee in Wildlife Biology (Book Prize) was given to Mr. Kamdi Hemant Bhaskar. Best Management Term Paper A.K. Chatterjee Silver Medal was awarded to Ms. Shivani Donga and Md. Jahidul Kabir. Md. Jahidul Kabir also received the Silver Medal for the Best Foreign Trainee.

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Welcome...

Shri R.K. Goel belongs to the 1977 batch of the Indian Forest Service. During his professional career spanning over 36 years, he has varied experience in environment, forestry and wildlife management. He has vast experience in forest education and has served in the SFS College, Dehradun from 1984-88 and as Additional Director, Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, guiding the training of IFS probationers. He has also officiated as the Director for a short period. He has also served as Deputy Inspector General of Forests in Ministry of Rural Development from 1991 to 1996 and CF, Delhi from 1996-98. He was Member Secretary, Delhi Pollution Control Board & Director (Environment) from 1997-2000 and initiated the innovative Anti-Cracker campaign and other pollution control drives resulting in substantial reduction in pollution. Later, he has worked as CCF in Arunachal Pradesh and Inspector General of Forests in Ministry of Environment & Forests from November, 2008 to July, 2012 and supervised the Externally Aided Projects, International Cooperation in Forestry Sector, Policy Issues and Survey & Utilization.

His special interests include urban greening, watershed development, environmental conservation, pollution control and related laws. On superannuation of Shri P.R. Sinha, Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Shri R.K. Goel, Director, Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun hold the additional charge of Director of WII on July 1, 2013.

All staff and faculty members of the Institute welcome him.



Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee on Conservation of Vultures, New Delhi, April 3, 2013. In the regional declaration on the conservation of South Asia's critically endangered vulture species adopted on May 4, 2012 at the end of the symposium held in New Delhi, a Regional Steering Committee (RSC) was constituted. Secretary, Environment & Forests, Government of India, being the chair of the National Committee of IUCN - India was nominated as the first chair of the regional steering committee for a period of 2 years. The regional steering committee is an umbrella body to guide and oversee vulture conservation and recovery efforts in four range countries namely, Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan.

A meeting of this RSC was held at New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by the RSC Chair, Dr. V. Rajagopalan, Secretary, Environment & Forests and was co-chaired by Dr. S.S. Garbyal, Additional Director General (Wildlife) and Ms. Aban Marker Kabraji, Regional Director, IUCN-Asia, Bangkok. The meeting was attended by Government and Non-Governmental Organization members from Bangladesh, India and Nepal. During the meeting, stock taking on initiatives by the range countries for vulture conservation and status on notification of national committee of the four countries was made. The participating members presented country updates for vulture conservation. India, Nepal and Pakistan have constituted the National Committee for Vulture Conservation. Bangladesh is in the process of constituting the same. A presentation was



made by Saving Asia's Vultures from Extinction (SAVE) on its initiatives with SAVE members for the conservation of critically endangered vulture species. During the meeting, discussions were held on Vulture Safe Zones i.e. landscapes free from toxic NSAIDs (Non-Steroidal Anti Inflammatory Drugs); creating awareness for vulture conservation; Regulatory mechanism for unorganized drug companies producing NSAIDs and preparation of Proposal for GEF 6 for Vulture Conservation.

The meeting ended with a discussion on identifying timelines for the national plan for vulture recovery and for preparation of a regional document. It was decided that next meeting of RSC will be held in November 2013 in India. bcs@wii.gov.in

Study tour of senior officers of Government of Bangladesh, Dehradun, June 10-18, 2013

A study tour for senior officers of Government of Bangladesh was conducted by Wildlife Institute of India. It was funded by Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Wildlife Protection Project (SRCWPP) of Government of Bangladesh. A total of ten participants from Department of Forests attended the program. The first part of the program was conducted at the Institute during which interactive classroom sessions were held on contemporary wildlife issues to familiarize the participants with Indian scenario. The participants also visited Forest Research Institute, Dehradun to acquaint themselves with the activities of the Institute.

During the second part of the visit, the participants were taken to various protected areas and zoos in Uttarakhand, Rajasthan and Delhi. They visited Rajaji National Park, Sariska Tiger Reserve, Keoladeo National Park and National Zoological Park. They could observe the wildlife management practices in the field and appreciated the excellent work being done in the protected areas.



Shri P.R. Sinha

Shri P.R. Sinha, Director of the Institute superannuated on June 30, 2013 after completing a glorious innings as an administrator. Shri Sinha joined the Indian Forest Service in the year 1977 and was allocated the Bihar cadre. He obtained the Post Graduate Diploma in Wildlife Management from the Wildlife Institute of India in 1981-82 (V Batch).

Shri Sinha has extensive experience in in-situ and ex-situ conservation. He worked as Deputy Director and also as Field Director of Palamau Tiger Reserve for over 6 years. Before joining WII in September 2004 on a permanent absorption basis, he was the Chief Wildlife Warden of Bihar State. He also worked as the Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi for nearly 5 years (1999-2004) and as the Director Patna Zoological Garden for a 5 year period.

His main fields of interests include wildlife policy, biotechnological

applications and participatory resource conservation. WII wishes him and his family members good health and happiness.

Shri V. Gopalacharlyu

Shri V. Gopalacharlyu joined the Institute on transfer from Crocodile Research Centre, Hyderabad. He has resumed the charge of the post of UDC in June 1987. He also worked as storekeeper. Shri Gopalacharlyu was promoted to the post of Accountant in November, 2000. He superannuated on June 30, 2013. WII wishes him and his family members good health and happiness.

Shri Syed Ismail

Shri Syed Ismail joined the Institute on transfer from Crocodile Research Centre, Hyderabad as Attendant. He worked in photocopy section and Library & Documentation Centre. He superannuated on May 31, 2013. WII wishes him and his family members good health and happiness.

Farewell...



Participation in XIX Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships

Shri H.C.S. Rajwar participated as empire in XIX Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships conducted by Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) under the aegis of International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) during May 5-11, 2013 and South Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships in New Delhi during 20-23 July, 2013. These events have been telecasted in 32 countries of the world including India. Contact: rajwarhcs@wii.gov.in

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Nature provides a free lunch, but only if we control our appetites.

*William Ruckelshaus
 Business Week, 18 June 1990*