



भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान
Wildlife Institute of India



41ST CERTIFICATE COURSE IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

1ST NOVEMBER 2026
TO
31ST JANUARY 2027



WILDLIFE INSTITUTE OF INDIA

The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) was established in 1982 as an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) to meet the urgent capacity-building needs for scientific planning, management, and research in the field of wildlife conservation.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the course are to:

- a. Provide understanding and knowledge of modern concepts in wildlife management.
- b. Provide insight into relevant conservation policies and legislation, and their enforcement mechanisms at global and local levels.
- c. Provide hands-on experience and training in the use of modern scientific methods, techniques, and tools required for biodiversity assessment and monitoring of conservation goals.
- d. Develop understanding of the landscape approach to conservation and skills for scientific wildlife management planning.
- e. Develop scientific skills for resolving human-wildlife conflict, including capture, handling, care, and management of wild animals.

TARGET GROUP AND SEATS

The Certificate Course is designed for in-service Range Forest Officers, Deputy Range Officers, or officers of equivalent rank working within the wildlife and natural

resource management sectors of the Government, NGOs, and private organizations with interests in wildlife conservation and management. The seats are limited to **thirty (30)**, and allotment will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

ELIGIBILITY

The course is intended for in-service officers of the rank of Range Forest Officers, Deputy Range Officers, or officers of equivalent rank having a minimum of Higher Secondary (12th) standard and a basic course in forestry. Universities and colleges having forestry or wildlife as a subject at undergraduate or postgraduate level may also nominate interested faculty for the course. Foreign candidates with an equivalent forestry/ environmental science background and field experience may also be admitted to the course. They should preferably have adequate knowledge of the English language. Both Indian and foreign candidates should preferably be below 35 years of age and not more than 45 years old on **1 November 2026**. They should be fit to withstand the arduous outdoor training programme.

NOMINATION

The nomination process usually starts with the Institute inviting nominations from State Forest Departments, foreign governments, and agencies of eligible candidates. The curriculum vitae, along with passport details of candidates, should be filled in the prescribed form attached herewith and sent to the Institute with endorsement of the sponsoring agency, along with the fee, where applicable.



Admissions will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to fulfillment of the laid-down eligibility criteria. The Institute also accepts nominations from foreign nationals, especially from SAARC countries, of requisite qualification sponsored by the Global Tiger Forum and other conservation funding agencies.

DURATION

The duration of the course is three months, covering one academic session from **1 November 2026 to 31 January 2027**.

ATTENDANCE

Participation in all components of the course, including tours, excursions, lectures, practicals, examinations, group discussions, and symposia, is compulsory.

COURSE CONTENTS

The broad outline of the course structure includes the following modules:

- a. Wildlife Species and Habitats
- b. Wildlife Population Estimation
- c. Remote Sensing and GIS
- d. Wildlife Management, including human-wildlife conflict, capture and restraint, wildlife health management, habitat management, law, management planning, enforcement and monitoring, *ex-situ* conservation and management, communities, and outreach.

FIELD TOURS

Wildlife Orientation / Local Excursion

Guided nature walks will orient trainees toward natural history observation, specifically mammals, birds,

herpetofauna, major groups of invertebrates, and plants. This will include familiarization with major vegetation types, identification of direct and indirect evidence of animals, visits to a wetland area, and demonstration of field equipment for wildlife surveys such as GPS, rangefinder, and radio tagging.

Wildlife Techniques Tour

Practical aspects of wildlife biology will be covered, including identification and characterization of floral and faunal diversity, wildlife habitats, and their monitoring. Participants will undertake exercises in habitat description, mapping and evaluation, estimation of wildlife populations, biomass estimation, and diet preference of species. Hands-on training will be provided to analyze field data using software. Laboratory-based analysis of faecal samples will also be demonstrated.

Wildlife Management Tour

In this tour, officer trainees will visit selected protected areas and zoological parks to learn a range of wildlife management practices. Emphasis will be placed on wildlife protection measures, management of boundaries and activity zones, issues relating to enclaved villages, control of human disturbance, tourism and infrastructure management, control of wildlife damage, habitat management practices, ecotourism, and ecodevelopment activities. In addition, field visits to nearby protected areas, institutions, organizations, and zoos are organized from time to time during the training period. The tour may also include foreign exposure, allowing trainees to understand international wildlife management practices.



ASSESSMENT AND COURSE AWARDS

Assessment is an integral part of the learning process and will be based on module-wise performance of officer trainees both in the classroom and during field exercises. Evaluation will also include group discussions, assignments, and written and oral tests.

TRAINING COST

This is a paid course for all participants. The course fee for Indian trainees is **INR 5,00,000/-**.

Foreign participants are required to pay **US \$9,100**.

The training allowance and to-and-fro travel expenses of the candidates while joining and returning from the course will be borne by the sponsoring Government/Agency and paid to the candidate separately as per their norms. Board and lodging for the entire duration of the course are included in the course fee. The course fee also includes local travel, camping, field gear, stationery, books, and study materials. The sponsoring agencies are advised to provide insurance for sponsored candidates, comprehensively covering any medical treatment for the duration of the training. During the training period, medical bill reimbursement, if any, will be made by the respective State Governments/ Sponsoring Agency. A bank draft of the above amount should be sent in favour of the **Director, Wildlife Institute of India**, payable at Dehradun at the time of admission by the sponsored candidate. The course fee can also be remitted by bank transfer. Bank details can be obtained from the Course Director.



DEADLINE

The nominations of Indian and foreign candidates, duly completed in all respects, should be addressed to Dr. G.V. Gopi, Scientist-F, Course Director (email: cdcertificate@wii.gov.in), with a copy to Dr. Ruchi Badola, Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Sciences (email: dean@wii.gov.in), latest by **15 September 2026**. The full course fee must be paid in advance no later than **30 September 2026**.



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APPLICATION FORM

Full Name (Block letters) _____

Designation _____

Nationality _____ Date of Birth _____

Brief description of current post & duties:

Highest academic qualification _____

Professional qualification _____

Postal address _____

Tel/Mob. _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Proficiency in English language (For candidates from foreign countries) - Kindly mark as

Proficiency	Fair	Good	Excellent
Reading			
Writing			
Speaking/Understanding			

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For foreign nationals (copy of the passport and visa to be annexed)

Passport No. _____ issued by _____

Date of issue _____ Valid upto _____

Visa No _____ issued by _____

Date of issue _____ Valid upto _____

Name & address of Sponsoring Govt./Agency:

Ph _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Forwarding Remarks by the nominating/Sponsoring Agency:

Mr./Ms is nominated/ sponsored for _____

the 41st Certificate Course in Wildlife Management organized by the Wildlife Institute of India from

01st November, 2026 to 31st January, 2027.

Place :

Dated :

(Signature & Seal)

Image Credits

Bengal Tiger, Asiatic Lion, Asiatic Elephant, Cheetah
(Dr. Gobind Sagar Bhardwaj)

White-bellied Heron (Dr. Gopinathan Maheswaran)

Himalayan Marsh Orchid (Dr. Amit Kumar)

Frog-legged Leaf Beetle (Mr. Karmannye Om Chaudhary)

Twin-spotted Tree Frog (Dr. Bitupan Boruah)

Saltwater Crocodile (Dr. G.V. Gopi)



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