

ANNUAL REPORT

Society for Wildlife Conservation, Education
and Research (Wild-CER)

2022-2023



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Presidential Note

Our mother Earth is the only known planet having wide range of ecological biodiversity which comprises of marine life, various tropical forests, grasslands etc. Nature itself has basic instinct of keeping earth clean. Among various flora and fauna which keep balance on this globe, one particular species plays vital role in keeping mother earth clean by way of feeding of animal carcass, "The Vulture". These huge birds keep keen eye on any small or big animal carcass from miles of distance and consume it in very short span of time. They have extra-ordinary capacity of eyesight which captures any small dead animal from miles of long distance.

There are nine species of vultures found in Indian peninsula and total twenty three species found all over globe. At one time, these birds were found in abundance. But since last 20-25 years, their numbers gone dramatically low and at this stage, these birds are on the verge of extinction which is very serious concern. There are many reasons for their rapid decline like extraordinary use of diclofenac medicine which damages kidney of vultures after consuming carcass of any animal that had been treated by it. As these birds play an important role in keeping Earth clean, there rapidly declining number has created serious issue of ecosystem imbalance.

It is need of hour to take immediate and concrete steps towards conservation and initiatives for their population growth. Being in conservation, it is our key responsibility to take various necessary

steps for their protection, growth and to extend them safe environment to survive.

While visiting any Wildlife Sanctuary / Tiger Reserve, usually tourists or so called nature lovers never pay attention to nature's other aspects like butterflies, flowering trees, never listen to bird song. Even if we see up sky, we many times see freely hovering eagles, vultures and other big pray birds. It feels immense pleasure to see long spread wing span of vultures hovering in blue sky.



One of the key measures in conservation of these majestic huge birds is to educate people, villagers, students and frontline staff of forest department. Further, research by experts in respect of technical aspects for flourishing healthy habitat will also be helpful for preserving these beautiful birds for future generation.

Let us keep hands together for this amazing journey of conserving this mother earth.

Warm regards

Dr. Bahar Baviskar

President, Wild-CER

ABOUT WILD-CER

About Wild-CER

Society for Wildlife Conservation, Education and Research (Wild-CER) is a registered non-profit conservation organization in India. Before getting registered officially as society in 2012, organization started its conservation journey in 2000. While we are involved in the rescue and rehabilitation of the distressed wild fauna we are also actively engaged in many conservation projects in Central India.

Wild-CER is actively involved in mitigation of man-animal conflict as well as conservation of several endangered species.

Our vision


Conserving nature and natural resources of India

Our mission

To conserve wildlife of India through education and research by involving government agencies as well as local communities and providing healthcare to distressed wildlife.

Our values

Wild-CER is committed to conservation, education and research in the central Indian landscape since the very beginning of the organization. What drives the effective workings of the organization are its core values with the involvement of dedicated members their sincerity, honesty and perseverance to give their best to the nature and society.



Commitment

Dedication

Sincerity

Honesty

Perseverance

Motto

In service of “Mother Nature”

OUR TEAM

Board of directors



Dr. Bahar S. Baviskar

Founder and Executive Director, wildlife veterinarian and member of Species Survival Commission (SSC), Conservation Planning Specialist Group (CPSG), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Dr. Priya J. Gawande

Priya is a Master of Veterinary Sciences. Being actively involved in rescue of wild animals, she has also worked on the project “Estimation of Tiger population at Panna Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh” through Wildlife Institute of India.



Dr. Pravin S. Bankar

A geneticist by profession, Pravin is a Master of Veterinary Science in Animal Genetics. Being a nature lover, he enjoys outing and travelling at remote places. A hard core academican he is more interested in capacity building of researcher in designing their research and application of statistics to the compiled data.





Dr. Ajay Deshmukh

Wildlife veterinarian Dr. Ajay enjoys rescue and reunion of the wildlife. Minimizing man-animal conflict by creative awareness in the conflict area particularly human dominated landscape is his area of expertise.

Mr. Ashish Dagwar

Ashish is a wildlife enthusiast and have visited all the national parks and wildlife sanctuaries around Nagpur.



Dr. Ashish Tiple

Ashish is entomologist by profession. His research is focused on an extensive range of ecological, behavioral and bio-geographical research of central Indian insects.



Mr. Omkar Gajarlwar

Omkar is a veterinarian by profession and is an artist. He enjoys wildlife photography and horse riding.





Dr. James W. Lish,

Raptor biologist by heart and passion, Dr. Lish worked as Associate Professor, Department of Physiological Sciences, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, Oklahoma State University, USA.



Mayuresh Joshi, Intern

Mayuresh is a silent nature lover who loves to enjoy nature with its every mood. He is interested in rescue and management of the wild animals. He has been part of the Wild-CER family for long time.

Wild-CER Conservation partners



What We Do

CONSERVATION

- Field projects on endangered species including vulture Conservation in Central India
- Man- Animal conflict and mitigation

EDUCATION

- Chemical immobilization, Rescue and rehabilitation training,
- Wildlife Forensics training, Vets for Wild, Radio talks , television programs

RESEARCH

- Research publications related to wildlife medicine
- Presentation in International conferences, and National Conferences

RESCUE

- Birds, reptiles, and mammals

Highlights of the Year 2022 to 2023

- ✚ Participated in the workshop on integrated management plan for Panna Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh organized by Wildlife Institute of India.
- ✚ Started an initiative 'Plastic removal with public participation' in Hojai, Asam
- ✚ Wild life tour Nasik – Organizer by wild CER Nagpur Maharashtra.
- ✚ Program on Endangered species day Organizer by wild CER Nagpur Maharashtra.
- ✚ Celebrated Biodiversity day organize by social forestry Maharashtra state forest department.
- ✚ Celebrate World Environment Day organized by small step Hojai Assam.
- ✚ Participated in Trees plantation program with the help of Maharashtra State Forest Department.
- ✚ Organized Gorewada Nature trail with Top Tops School Nagpur Maharashtra.
- ✚ Organized training program on wild life investigation through forensic techniques', Amravti Maharashtra.
- ✚ Seminar on 'Status of vulture conservation efforts in India organized with Vanrai foundation Nagpur.
- ✚ Participated in VIPWA cultural program, Pune Maharashtra .
- ✚ Participated Wildlife Conservation talk on Akashwani Nagpur Maharashtra.

- ✚ Training on wildlife forensics 'participated in Kundan Academy satara Maharashtra.
- ✚ Co-organizer Workshop on 'Standardizing vulture conservation action plan for Gadchiroli .
- ✚ Participate in Celebrated Kojagiri organized by Baidhyanath Pvt. Ltd. Nagpur Maharashtra.
- ✚ Participate in TOT Wildlife Trust of India, Noida, New Delhi.
- ✚ Workshops on one health and vulture conservation, participate in Dehradun Uttarkhand.
- ✚ Kids for tigers workshop for 'The teachers environmental leadership workshop' participant at Mumbai Maharashtra.
- ✚ Organize Adventure camp in Nagpur Maharashtra.
- ✚ Participant Jivhala award ceremony, Nagpur Maharashtra.
- ✚ Participant Tiger Translocation to Gujarat, Nagpur Maharashtra.
- ✚ Participant Saving Asia's Vultures from Extinction, Sandy Beffordshire, UK.
- ✚ Organized Republic day celebration, in Nagpur Maharashtra.
- ✚ Participant in Visit to Somnath camp, Chandrapur, Maharogi Seva Samiti, Warora, Maharashtra.

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- A background image of a winding asphalt road through a forest. The trees have vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and red. The road curves gently through the forest, with a metal guardrail visible on the right side. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.
- ✚ Participant in Webinar on wildlife diseases, New York, USA
 - ✚ Organized Practical on solid waste management, Nagpur Maharashtra.
 - ✚ Participant in CSR compliance by NCD, Vadodara, Gujarat.
 - ✚ Organized workshop on Establishment of Rapid Response Unit with the help of The HT Parekh Foundation, Mumbai Maharashtra.
 - ✚ Participated in Disaster Management Training program, Chandrapur Maharashtra.
 - ✚ Participant in Conservation Partner's Meet Wildlife Trust of India, Noida Uttar Pradesh.

Impact

Working throughout the year Wild-CER made sure to contribute by educating the local people on wildlife and conservation as well as training frontline staff of the forest department and veterinarians on rehabilitation of wildlife.

Target Audiences

We are striving to involve all the stakeholders in our conservation journey.

We were able to reach wildlife, students, ornithologists, veterinarians and frontline staff of the forest department this year.

We strongly believe that frontline staff either it may be from forest department or animal husbandry department, are the backbone of our field work.

We strongly rely on them for our conservation work and will continue to do so.

Worked with 35+ Institutions

• 2 Companies, 9 Governments institutions, 13 Ngo's

Rescued 180+ Wild fauna

Reached + People 204

Worked with 155+ Institutions

• 10 Companies, 34 Governments institutions, 78 Ngo's and 26 Academic Institutions

Rescued 240+ Wild fauna

Reached 6171+ People



Reached 1502+ Nature lovers



Reached 595+ Wildlifers



Trained 235+ Frontline staff



Trained 150+veterianions

This Year



Reached 6040+ Nature lovers



Reached 2690+ Wildlifers



Trained 3115+ Frontline staff



Reached 3700+ Ornithologists



Trained 3150+ Veterinarians

Till Now

EVENTS AND OUTREACH

7.1. CONSERVATION



Team Wild-CER participated in the workshop organized by Wildlife Institute of India on 'Integrated Management plan for Panna Tiger Reserve' with focus on 'One health approach'.



Dr. Bahar Baviskar, President of Wild-CER with Shri. Vivek Menon, Founder Trustee of Wildlife Trust of India.



Wild-CER actively participated in the conservation partners meet held at Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand organized by Wildlife Trust of India.



Workshop on 'Integrated Management plan for Panna Tiger Reserve' with focus on wildlife disease surveillance and vulture conservation at Panna Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh was organized by Wildlife Institute of India



In efforts to revive the vulture population we are working closely with Maharashtra Forest department. We conducted the survey of vulture nests in Gadchiroli,

Maharashtra during the workshop on 'Standardizing the vulture conservation action plan for Gadchiroli.

7.2. EDUCATION



Dr. Bahar Baviskar delivered a talk on vulture conservation on Akashwani, Nagpur during the wildlife week 2022



In association with Sanctuary Asia's 'Kids for Tiger' team we are sensitizing several institutions in Nagpur.

7.3. RESEARCH



Our Research on wildlife diseases has been pioneering in Central India. Herpes virus infection has caused mortality in the young

calf of elephant herd kept at Kamlapur, Gadchiroli. Our team visited the camp and suggested the line of treatment for prevention of outbreak of this disease.



Our team has been constantly learning the latest updates in the conservation actions. During 'Training of trainers' organized by Wildlife Trust of India we could interact with more than 80 organizations in India.

7.4 RESCUE



Wild-CER critical care unit has been involved in providing veterinary care to the rescued wildlife. This Alexandrine parakeet was showing some nervous signs. It was treated and recovered within two weeks.



We at Wild-CER have focused on the capacity building of our team. The team participated in the disaster management session.



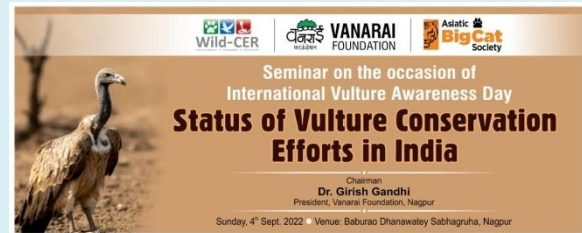
Wild-CER trained around 90 participants from buffer villages of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve in disaster management and wildlife rescue. The training was organized in association with National Disaster Management Authority.

7.5 ACHIEVEMENTS



Dr. Bahar Baviskar while accepting the Jivhala award 2023 for the exceptional work in the field of wildlife and vulture conservation. Wild-CER is trying to revive

the vulture population in Central India after dramatic decline in the vulture population because of the Diclofenac toxicity.



Wild-CER organized one day workshop on 'Status of vulture conservation efforts in India in September 2022.



Wild-CER established Rapid Response Unit vehicle to deal wildlife emergencies in central India. The vehicle is equipment with first aid kit and rescue equipment.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

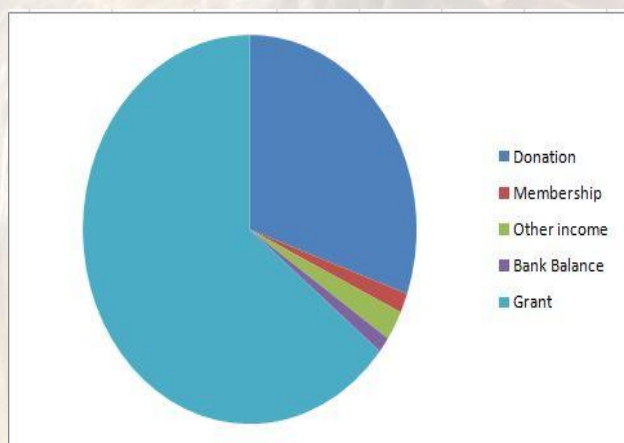
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

For the year ended on 31st March 2023

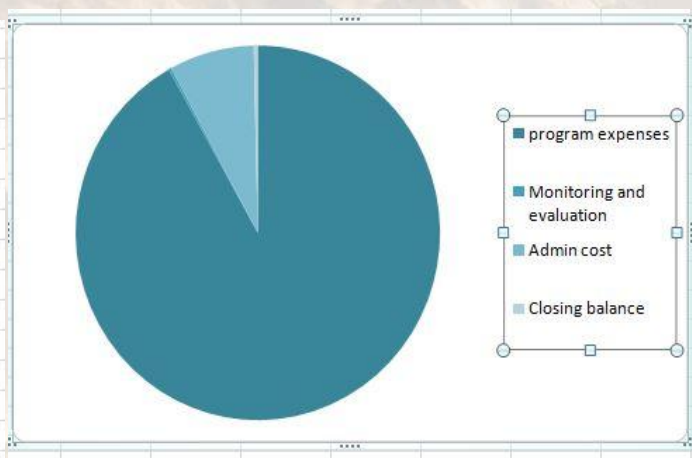
Income	31 st March 2023	31 st March 2022
By Donation in cash or kind	944,765.00	5,01,300.00
By Membership in cash or kind	50301.00	12,504.00
Other Income	77,140.00	1,137.00
Cash and bank balance	40079.88	90,277.62
Grants	20,00000.00	00.00
Total	31,12285.88	6,05,218.62

Expenditure	31 st March 2023	31 st March 2022
Program Expenses	2858461.00	5,17,528.00
Monitoring and Evaluation	7,525.00	7,600.00
Admin cost	235074.00	40,010.74
Cash and bank closing balance	11225.88	40,079.88
Total	31,12285.88	6,05,218.62

Income



Expenditure





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