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



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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

The One Health Approach: A Holistic Strategy for Wildlife Conservation

The world is witnessing an increasing inter play between human, animal, and environmental health, making it imperative to adopt a unified strategy for conservation. The One Health approach—an integrated, collaborative effort that acknowledges the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health—has emerged as a crucial tool in wildlife

conservation. By recognizing that the well-being of wildlife is directly linked to human health and ecosystem stability, this approach promotes sustainable and effective conservation strategies.

Wildlife plays a significant role in maintaining ecological balance, but habitat destruction, climate change, and poaching have placed immense stress on biodiversity. The degradation of natural habitats forces wildlife into closer contact with human populations, increasing the risk of zoonotic disease transmission, such as COVID-19 and Ebola. By integrating public health, veterinary sciences, and environmental conservation, the One Health approach helps mitigate these risks while ensuring the long-term survival of species.

A core principle of One Health is disease surveillance and early detection. Monitoring wildlife health can provide early warnings for emerging infectious

diseases, allowing for timely intervention to prevent outbreaks. Furthermore, promoting responsible land-use practices and reducing deforestation help curb habitat encroachment, minimizing human- wildlife conflict and reducing the likelihood of disease spill over. Wild-CER is proactively involved in the disease prevalence in several tiger reserves and studying canine distemper and rabies prevalence in domestic dogs from the villages around protected areas.

56 Community engagement and policy advocacy are also essential in implementing the One Health framework. Conservation efforts must involve local communities, as they are key stake holders in protecting biodiversity. Strengthening legislation on illegal wildlife trade, promoting sustainable livestock farming, and integrating wildlife health monitoring into public health programs are necessary steps toward holistic conservation.

The One Health approach is not just a conservation tool but a global necessity. Governments, scientists, and conservationists must collaborate to implement policies that safeguard biodiversity while protecting human and animal health. By fostering cross-sectoral partnerships and embracing interdisciplinary solutions, we can build a sustainable future where wildlife and humans thrive together.

In an era where environmental challenges are intensifying, adopting the One Health approach is no longer an option—it is a responsibility. Only through unity and collaboration can we ensure a healthier planet for future generations.

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.

OUR MOTTO

In service of "Mother Nature"



Our Team



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 academician 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 land scape 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.



Dr. Omkar Gajarlaware

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,

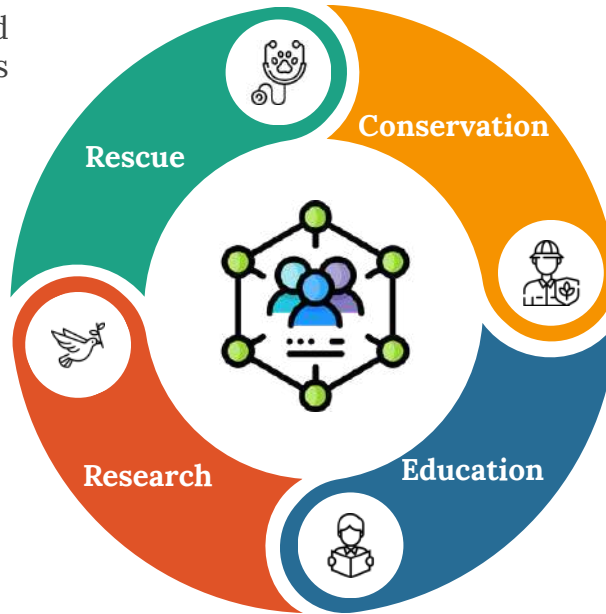
Intern Mayuresh is a silent nature lover who loves to enjoy nature with its every mood. He is interested in rescue and management of the wild animals. He has been part of the Wild-CER family for long time.

CONSERVATION PARTNERS OF WILD-CER



What We Do?

Birds, reptiles, and mammals



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

- Field projects on endangered species including conservation in Central India
- Man-Animal conflict and mitigation
- Chemical immobilization, Rescue and rehabilitation training,
- Wildlife Forensics training, Vets for Wild, Radio talks, television programs






Highlights of the year

- Organized Adventure camp for nature lovers, in Goa.
- Organized Nature trail in Gorewada Nagpur Maharashtra.
- Organized Tour to Akot – Melghat in Melghat Tiger Reserve, Amravati Maharashtra.
- Co-organizer for drawing competition at Bharat nagar Sarvajanic Vachanalaya, Ravi nagar Nagpur.
- Organized visit to Anandvan chandrapur, Maharashtra.
- Organized Nature sensitization program at Deolapar, Nagpur.
- Organized workshop on Opportunities in wildlife, Nagpur Maharashtra.
- Organized Life of Jane Good all on World chimpanzee day, Nagpur Maharashtra.
- Organized educational Program on live wild Bor Tiger Reserve Wardha Maharashtra.
- Organized educational program on Ranbhaji mahotsav, Mahurzari lake Nagpur Maharashtra.
- Organized International Tiger day Pench Tiger Reserve, Nagpur Maharashtra.
- Organized Nature sensitization tour at chhindwara, Madhya pradesh.
- Organize World Elephant Day Nagpur Maharashtra.
- Organized PRF meeting, at Nagpur Maharashtra.
- Organized International Dog day, Nagpur Maharashtra.
- Participant Saving Asia's Vultures from Extinction, Sandy Beffords hire, UK.
- Organized Republic day celebration, in Nagpur Maharashtra.
- Organized educational program at Umred Karhandala Sanctuary Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- Organized International Vulture Awareness Day program at Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur Maharashtra.
- Organized World Wildlife week at Gorewada Nature trail Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- Organized Wildlife feeding assistance program at Gorewada Rescue Center Nagpur Maharashtra.
- Organized World Reptile Awareness day program at Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- Participant in Butterfly survey at Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.
- Participant “Role of Veterinarian in Mitigating Human-Wildlife Conflict- the need for human-wild life coexistence” Workshop.
- Organized World feeding day at Balasaheb Thakare Gorewada International zoo Nagpur Maharashtra.

Our 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.



-  Worked with 35+ Institutes
-  Rescued 150+ Wild fauna
-  Reached 2045+ peoples

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.



Conservation



To mitigate the man-animal conflict and reduce the crop damage by the herbivorous animals, we are continuously engaged with the farmers and forest department.



Wild-CER joined hands together with Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve for several one health initiatives including ABC of dogs, vaccination, education and awareness programs.



Capacity building of the frontline staff of the Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra Forest Department.



Tiger day celebration at Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.



Wild-CER was part of the Wildlife tourism conclave and awards India 2024 which was held at Sanjay Gandhi Park, Borivali, Maharashtra

Education



Wild-CER participated in the panel discussion on man-animal interaction during the wildlife week 2023 organized by Maharashtra Forest Department.



Wild-CER has established students club in few veterinary institutes in Maharashtra. Nagpur, Mumbai and Parbhani colleges are involved through this initiative.



Story telling work shop organized by HCL Foundation at HCL campus



Our initiative livewild : Teaching citizens to enjoy the wilderness at Bor Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra



Members of Wild-CER student club during the bird watching session at Gorewada Nature trail, Nagpur, Maharashtra



Senior citizens from team Jivhala, Nagpur being sensitized during the field visit to Bor Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.



Building the new generation for nature conservation through drawing competition. Several programs were organized through the year to bring the kids close to nature.



Capacity building of the citizens through citizen science initiatives.



One of the biggest exercise of disease prevalence study is being conducted by Wild- CER in Central India.



Performing postmortem examination required special investigation team. We assist forest department through implementation of the guidelines from National Tiger Conservation Authority.



Field visit to Gautala Autram Wildlife sanctuary, Aurgangabad. The fellowship provided by Prakriti Research Fellowship allowed to reveal the presence of tiger in this region for the first time. Wild-CER is involved in the corridor conservation and land scape management in this landscape.



In association with Balasaheb Thakre Gorewada International Zoo and park, we are involved in assisting in the investigation through scientific post mortem techniques

Rescue



Providing veterinary support to the Balasaheb Thakre Gorewada International Zoo and National Park. In picture: Nilgai with a fracture was being given veterinary care.



Providing first aid to the wild fauna in distress, a journey of more than 25 years.



Wild-CER has been providing veterinary services to the Gorewada zoo since its inception.

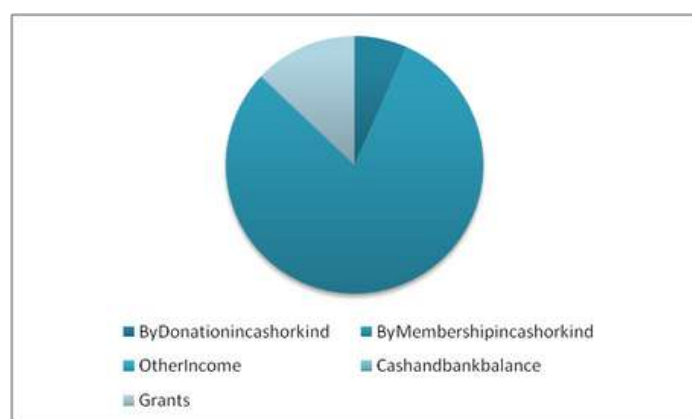
Income and Expenditure

For the year ended 31st March 2024

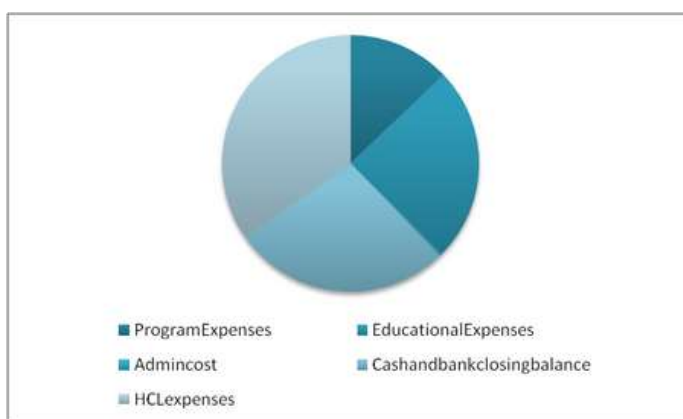
Income	31 st March 2024	31 st March 2023
By Donation in Cash or Kind	1,052,898.00	944,765.00
By Membership in cash or kind	3,600.00	50,301.00
Other Income	127,950.00	77,140.00
Cash and Bank Balance	25,489.88	40,079.00
Grants	2,045,600.00	2,000,000.00
Total	3,255,537.88	3,112,285.88

Expenditure	31 st March 2024	31 st March 2023
Program Expenses	420,000.00	2,858,461.00
Educational Expenses	799,979.84	7,525.00
Admin Cost	10,068.00	235,074.00
Cash and Bank closing Balance	892,785.14	11,225.00
HCL Grant expenses	1,132,704.00	
Total	3,255,537.88	3,112,285.88

Income



Expenditure



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