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

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It gives me immense pride to present this year's Annual Report of Society for wildlife conservation, education and research (Wild-CER), reflecting our commitment to protecting India's rich biodiversity through science, compassion, and collaboration.



President's Note

This year, our work in the field of vulture conservation has taken encouraging strides in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. Vultures, nature's indispensable clean-up crew, face unprecedented threats from poisoning, habitat loss, and declining food availability. Through targeted monitoring, awareness campaigns, and strategic partnerships with local communities and veterinary stakeholders, we have advanced our mission to safeguard these critical scavengers and restore balance to fragile ecosystems. We could complete the vulture census in association with Maharashtra Forest Department successfully building the capacity of the frontline staff to conduct such activities on their own.

Beyond vultures, wildlife conservation at large remained at the heart of our activities. Our team worked across several landscapes from Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar to protect threatened species and habitats, integrating field-based research with strong community engagement. These efforts underscore our belief that conservation is most effective when it is locally rooted and scientifically informed.

An important aspect of our work this year has been disease investigation and surveillance in and around protected area—understanding and addressing health threats at the interface of wildlife, livestock, and human populations.

Our surveillance and field diagnostics not only help detect emerging diseases but also guide practical interventions that protect both biodiversity and livelihoods.

All these initiatives are anchored in the One Health approach—recognizing that the health of people, animals, and ecosystems is deeply interconnected. By fostering collaborations between conservation biologists, veterinarians, public health experts, and local stakeholders, we aim to build resilient ecosystems where wildlife and human communities can thrive together. Our work at Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve reflects our commitment in the field of one health where we could complete around 300 dog neutering operations and around 1000 anti-rabies vaccination in dogs around the forest area around Nagpur, Maharashtra.

As we reflect on the past year's challenges and successes, I extend heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated team, partners, donors, and community members whose support fuels our mission. Together, we reaffirm our commitment to a future where conservation is guided by evidence, driven by compassion, and sustained by collective action.

Dr. Bahar Baviskar
President and wildlife veterinarian
Wild-CER



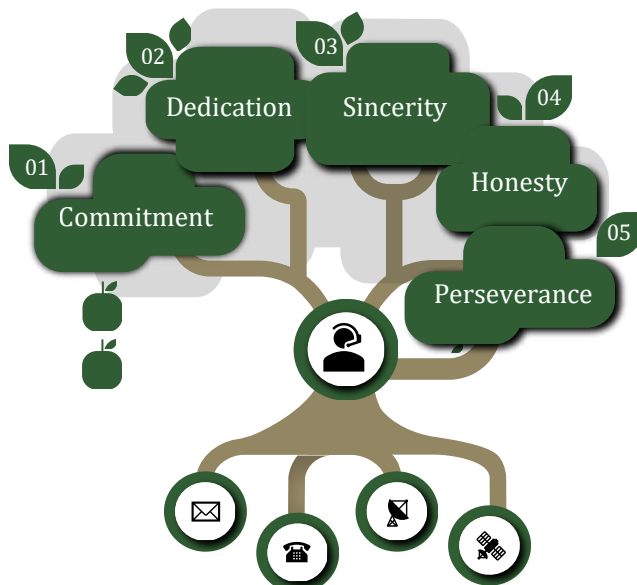
About Wild-CER

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.

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Our Values

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"

Out 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.

Out Team



Dr. Omkar Gajarlawar

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.

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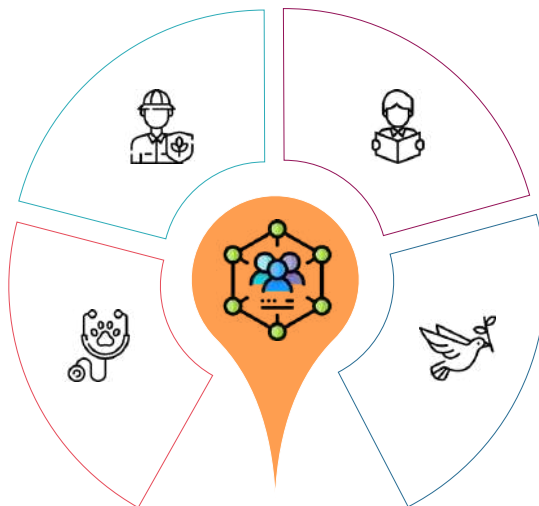
What we do

Conservation

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

Rescue

Birds, reptiles, and mammals.



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

Our Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)






Highlights of the year

- Organized bird watching activities for Veterinary student.
- Organized Hyderabad zoo visit for veterinary students.
- Organized Sanjay Gandhi zoo visit for Veterinary students.
- Research on 'Studying canine distemper prevalence with reference to tigers in Valmiki Tiger Reserve completed in collaboration with WWF India and Bihar Forest Department.
- Participated in Wildlife tourism conclave and awards India 2024
- Organized vet student's conclave.
- Organized Bird watching for veterinarian students at Gorewada Nature trail.
- Celebrate international Tiger day.
- Nature guide training at Mohurli and Madnapur, Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve.
- Organized online Webinar on Indian butterflies: diversity, conservation and path forward.
- Organized online Webinar 'Understanding Bird Behavior'* by Colonel Krishnandu Sarkar
- Organize Bird watching tour World wildlife week for capacity building for veterinarians.
- Participated in Zoo keeper for a day at Gorewada Zoo Nagpur.
- Organized Quiz competition for student of Nagpur veterinary college.
- Organized online Panel discussion & competition on "Bringing Back the Cheetah, Importing exotic species in India and its concern."
- Participated in Butterfly survey at Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.
- Organize Rabies awareness campaign at Pench Tiger Reserve, Bor Tiger Reserve, Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR), Maharashtra.
- Organized Village Awareness programs on rabies in TATR Chandrapur.
- Organized School Awareness program on rabies in protected areas.
- Organized PRT training programs in collaboration with HCLFoundation at Chandrapur.
- Participated in Convergence meet by HCLFoundation at Delhi.
- Anti rabies vaccination drive in February month in Chandrapur.

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 40+ Institutes
-  Rescued 250+ Wild fauna
-  Reached 3114+ peoples

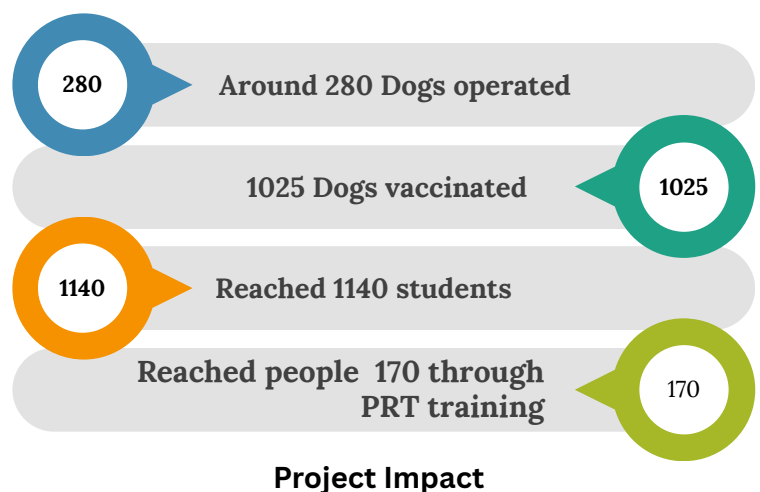
Target Audiences

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



In association with Wildlife Institute of India for the planning for conservation of gyps vultures in Madhya Pradesh is resulting into conservation actions on ground.



Wild-CER joined hands together with Maharashtra Forest Department, Sironcha division for conservation of critically endangered gyps vultures



Vulture restaurants are being activated to promote the vulture conservation in central India.



Celebration of Wildlife week, 2024 in association with Gorewada zoo, Nagpur.



Dr. Baviskar hosted the session on standardizing the veterinary infrastructure in tiger reserves in Maharashtra during WildCON 2025.

Education



Orientation program of frontline staff of Maharashtra Forest department on vulture conservation was conducted on regular basis.



Nature guide training program at Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve was conducted during the rainy season when the park was closed for tourists.



In collaboration with HCLFoundation, awareness programs on rabies were conducted in the villages around protected areas.



Nature guide training program at Mohurli, Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve were conducted regularly during the rainy season when the park was closed for tourists.



Vulture monitoring exercise was conducted with the help of Maharashtra Forest Department at Kamlapur, Sironcha division.

Research



Team Wild-CER, in the role of representative of NTCA, supporting the forest department to conduct the postmortem of schedule 1 species like tiger.



Wild-CER is actively involved in the research and disease surveillance around several Tiger Reserves across India.



Techniques of vulture monitoring is introduced to the frontline staff of forest department of Maharashtra.



Facilitating the post mortem of tiger, as representative of PCCF (Wildlife)



Wild-CER actively participated in WildCON 2024 held at Chandrapur Academy by Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve.

Rescue



Providing veterinary support to the Maharashtra forest department for post mortem of schedule 1 species.



Wild-CER also facilitates the veterinary support to the exotic species.



Wild-CER has been serving the distressed wildlife for more than 25 years now and provided veterinary care to more than 150 individuals this year.



Rescued birds like Greater coucal are released back to its natural habitat after recovery.

One health initiative in collaboration with HCLFoundation



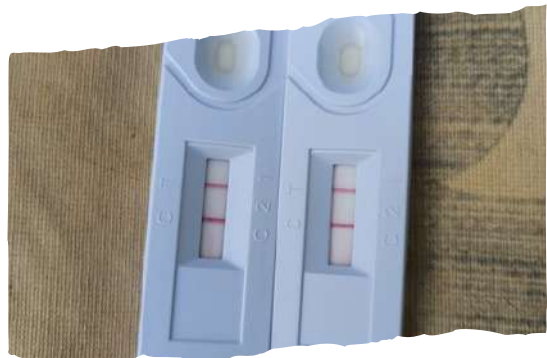
Anti rabies vaccination drive in and around forest areas around Nagpur.



Wild-CER vaccinated 1000+ domestic and feral dogs from the villages around protected areas around Nagpur



Wild-CER performed around 300 dog neutering operations in Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra



Rabies positive case of domestic dog from Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra



Wild-CER is continuously engaged with the community through awareness programs on rabies and one health.



Wild-CER organized ABC camp at Kolar, TATR supported by HCLFoundation and World Veterinary Services.

Disease surveillance in Valmiki Tiger Reserve in collaboration with WWF



One of the biggest exercise on disease surveillance focused on Canine Distemper was conducted in 2024.



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



Disease investigation through one health initiative at Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar.



Sampling for ELISA test for canine distemper in progress.



Wild-CER Mobile Veterinary Unit during the disease surveillance exercise.



Sampling for RTPCR test for canine distemper in progress.



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