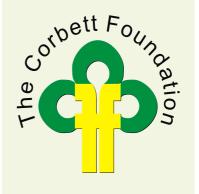


HELLO! It's Us















Chairman's message

Businesses all over the world are growing by leaps and bounds due to powerful and innovative technologies. The extensive penetrations of internet, social media and fresh dynamics of economic, geo-political and social aspirations have changed the perceptions of business performances and accountability. With these widening boundaries of development, comes the awakening for just and sustainable business processes. Though 'sustainability' remains a buzz word today, moving towards sustainable solutions has always been a complex process for both, businesses and NGOs.

For all of us at The Corbett Foundation that works in wildlife conservation with community engagement and capacity building, the journey was equally challenging since its inception in 1994. Our vision and mission statements have the concepts and frameworks in place and provide our partners and donors with deep-rooted sustainable solutions.

As a result, through our concerted efforts towards wildlife conservation, we are able to achieve the 3 core elements of UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) vis-a-vis economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection for the communities we are working with. Today

our expanding work horizons encompassed many of the 17 UN SDGs set for dignity, peace and prosperity for people and the planet for now and the future. TCF has substantial share in conserving 'Life on Land' through an extensive work for habitat restoration, human-wildlife conflict mitigation and conservation oriented research. A pioneering Rural Medical Outreach Program sponsored by TCF for more than two decades, has ensured 'Good Health and Well Being' of the local communities.

By providing and encouraging local communities to responsibly use solar lights, TCF has not only brightened their dark nights but is also reduced human-wildlife conflicts effectively without losing its focus on "Affordable and Clean Energy" goal.

TCF's initiatives to empower people through sustainable livelihood trainings, has over the years, opened the doors for Self Help groups, Empowering Women and entrepreneurship for villagers. We are able to provide "Employment and Economic Growth", thus reducing poverty to some extent.

Last but not least, "Partnership for the Goals" has been at the core of TCF's success, achieved through its collaborations with various State Governments, corporate sector, financial and philanthropic institutions and public sector units. While our partners are the backbone of so many of our on-going projects, our relentless band of wildlife warriors and staff at our 5 divisions, our highly respected Board of Trustees and all the passionate supporters of wildlife conservation; have been the brain behind its outstanding journey till date.

I take great pleasure to present TCF's Annual Report 2017-18 which has a synopsis of all our programmes and important figures. I also wish to express my utmost gratitude towards the various State Forest Departments, non-profit organisations, corporates, well-wishers and conservationists who have whole-heartedly supported us all this while.

I look forward to your continued support and encouragements.

Dilip D. Khatau

Arhar hhalan



The Dilip Khatau Group





The Khatau Business House was among the pioneers of the textile and cement industries in India, dating back in 1874 and 1920, respectively. Being a leader in manufacturing a wide variety of saris, the brand Khatau was synonymous and famous for its Voile sari. In 1990s, The Dilip Khatau Group further diversified extensively in India into footwear, dyes, capacitors, power cables, chemicals and shipping industry.

An ardent wildlife lover, Mr Khatau's passion took him to many Wildlife Reserves and National Parks in Africa, Asia and in particular, India. Of all the world renowned Parks, Corbett Tiger Reserve in India impressed him the most. However, the human-wildlife conflict remains a constant source of concern in wildlife conservation. He felt that wildlife tourism can bring about a win-win situation both for wildlife and the human inhabitants living around these reserves. If well managed, the economic benefits which he had seen in Africa will filter down to the villagers. That became the basic tenet of his establishing a chain of environmentally-sensitive and luxurious wildlife resorts in India in 1991 starting with the first Infinity Resorts in Corbett.

Infinity Resorts had since expanded from Corbett to various famous wilderness areas such as the Rann of Kutch (2008), Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (2009), Kanha Tiger Reserve (2011) and Kaziranga Tiger Reserve (2012). All these resorts incorporated local architectural designs, building materials and blended with the surroundings. They are also operated by local managers and staff who are continuously trained by hospitality experts.

In 1994, Mr Khatau established The Corbett Foundation as a tribute to the legendary Hunter/Naturalist, Jim Corbett and also to the local Kumaonis whom he had grown very fond of.

In recognition of his expertise and accomplishments in ecotourism and wildlife conservation, Mr Khatau became a Director on the Board of the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation. Later, he was also appointed on the National Board for Wildlife, Government of India. In 2017, Mr Khatau was presented with the Gallery of Legends award at East India Travel Awards for his immense contribution to wildlife conservation and responsible tourism.

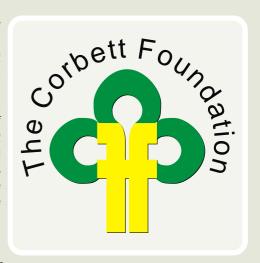


The Corbett Foundation

The Corbett Foundation (TCF), brainchild of Mr Dilip Khatau, is a manifestation of his love and regard for our natural heritage and its conscious preservation. TCF is a charitable trust entirely dedicated to the conservation of wildlife.

TCF constantly aspires for a harmonious co-existence of humans and wildlife, and achieves it through the active involvement of local communities in the conservation of natural treasure. Its work areas expand in and around important wildlife habitats of India viz. tiger reserves at Corbett, Kanha, Bandhavgarh and Kaziranga, the connecting forest corridors and the Greater Rann of Kutch. The work also extends to Kanha Pench Corridor and Bandhavgarh Sanjay Dubri Corridor in Madhya Pradesh, the Terai Arc Landscape around Corbett, important areas around Kaziranga, Tamenglong in Manipur, Western Ghats in Maharashtra and Little Rann of Kutch and coastal areas of Kutch, as the need be.

(2014), Kirloskar Vasundhara Mitra Award (2015), Best Responsible Tourism Project of Madhya Pradesh Tourism (2016), Certificate of Merit at World CSR Day (2016 and 2018). TCF is appointed at the State Wildlife Advisory Board and the State-level Bustard Conservation



TCF is a beautiful conglomerate of around 90 vibrant associates from diverse work fields like wildlife sciences, life sciences, social sciences, veterinary sciences, medical and engineering, rural development, education, public relations, advertising and business management.

With a humble start in 1994, today, TCF is a member of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Global Tiger Forum. TCF is also an activity partner with the Born Free Foundation, University of Edinburgh and a SAVE Associate. It has been accredited by Credibility Alliance under the Desirable Norms for

Voluntary Organizations in India.

TCF has been recognized with the WWF-PATA Tiger Conservation Award (2000), TOFT Sanctuary Wildlife Tourism Award for the best Wildlife Tourism-related Community Initiative of the Year

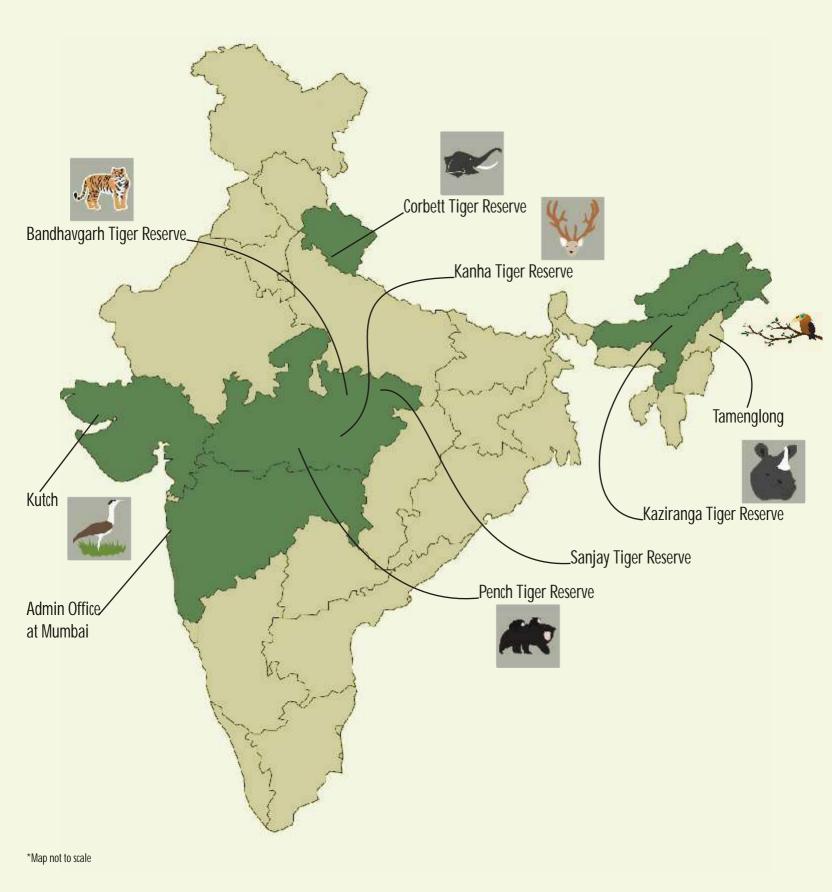


Committee of Gujarat and the Local Advisory Committee of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh. TCF is a stakeholder member of IBBI Western Region chapter of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).





We work here





In 2017-18

Together We

Successfully put to good use INR 6.55 Crores towards the objects of the Trust

Implemented more than 32 projects

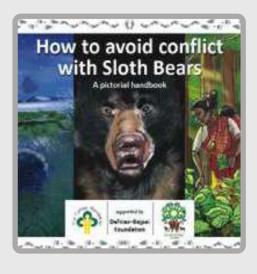
Saved and rescued 242 wild lives

Impacted more than 44,000 people









Biodiversity survey of Ramnagar forest division

Diverse habitats of Ramnagar Forest Division were surveyed to understand and record the presence of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and plant species. Various parameters like topography, climatic conditions, edaphic and microhabitat, influencing the presence of herpetofauna were recorded during the work. A detailed report of survey covers particulars and facts about above-mentioned biodiversity of this forest depicting land use/land cover, status of trees, distribution of birds and mammals, presence of herpetofauna and variety of Ichthyofauna.

Game teaches to read jungles

TCF rolled out a board game series titled 'Jungle Jasoos'. The first of this series is based on the fascinating jungles of Central India and its wild denizens like Sheru - the tiger!

Meant for nature lovers from eight years and above, this game will take all on an exciting wild adventure exploring the forests of Satpuda Landscape coupled with learning about its amazing biodiversity and conservation values. The Hindi version of this game will be made available soon for a wider outreach in schools and villages in the buffer zones of the six tiger reserves of Madhya Pradesh.

The game promises, kids fall in love with forests and wildlife, an effect that goes long way to conserve nature in future.

Project funded by: Born Free Foundation

Avoiding Human-Sloth Bear conflict

TCF, jointly with Madhya Pradesh Forest Department, released a pictorial handbook on 'How to avoid conflict with Sloth Bears?' The book available in English and Hindi languages richly depicts easy-to-understand illustrations on avoiding encounters with sloth bear. The handbook is a part of TCF's study on understanding of human-sloth bear conflict in the Kanha-Pench Corridor. The booklets are made available to the villagers free of cost.

Project funded by: DeFries-Bajpai Foundation









Organic farming

TCF has been striving to save the Critically Endangered Great Indian Bustard (GIB) and its habitat in Abdasa taluka of Kutch district in Gujarat which also serves as an important habitat for 22 other threatened species of birds. To ensure long-term conservation of these avian species, TCF has launched the #GoOrganic campaign with the active involvement of local farmers. In 2017, TCF supported two farmers to grow 750 kg of Green Gram by using only biopesticides and without the use of inorganic fertilisers on 5-acre farmland. The harvest was very good and TCF ensured marketing and sale of this organically grown Green Gram. Such efforts and local community participation can go a long way in conserving the threatened birds and other denizens of the ecosystem.

Project funded by: Kirloskar Group

Protecting crops through Tongis

To mitigate human-elephant conflict along the periphery of Kaziranga National Park (KNP), TCF initiated the Tongi Project in 2016-17. Tongis are temporary watchtowers created to guard the agricultural fields from the raids of wild elephants by using non invasive methods. In 2017-18, the project was implemented in six villages located within 2 km of eastern range boundary of KNP. TCF has built 72 tongis helping to guard crops over 838 acres (~340 ha) of land with possible yield of 6700 quintals. An approximate projected value of these crops is INR 20 million with benefits reaching out to nearly 419 families trying to coexist with the wildlife.

Project funded by: Hem Chand Mahindra Foundation

Recognition at World CSR Congress

At the World CSR Congress in Mumbai, TCF was honoured with a CERTIFICATE OF MERIT for its voluminous work in the field of wildlife conservation & sustainable development. At this event, Mr Kedar Gore, Director of The Corbett Foundation, was recognised with a prestigious award as one of the '50 Most Impactful Social Innovators'.









TCF joins the Board of Society for Conservation Biology - India Chapter

TCF partnered with the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) and Amity Institute of Forestry and Wildlife, Amity University, to support and actively participate in an international conference titled 'Nature Conservation in a Time of Change', held at Noida, India.

The Conference also saw the formal launch of Society for Conservation Biology - India Chapter with the objective of encouraging wildlife research and conservation in India. TCF Director, Kedar Gore, was invited to join the Board of SCB-India Chapter along with several other eminent people from India representing other organisations and institutions of repute.

Project Pukaar

To enable tribal and forest-dependent communities to earn a sustainable livelihood, reduce their dependence on natural resources, TCF implemented PUKAAR, a sustainable livelihoods program in and around the tiger reserves of Corbett, Kanha, Bandhavgarh and Kaziranga in India during July 2012 to June 2018. The program was instrumental in providing livelihoods / vocational training for more than 30 skills to around 3550 unemployed youths and women of these areas. Beneficiaries have been trained in skills and vocations such as handcrafting bamboo and lantana articles, candlemaking, incense stick making, handloom weaving, among others.TCF not only provided them training but also facilitated job placements and entrepreneurship with a success rate of over 70%.

Project funded by: Axis Bank Foundation Habitat Management in Core of Tiger Reserves

TCF presented its share of thoughts on wildlife conservation in Central India. at the 14th seminar organized by Satpuda Landscape Tiger Partnership (SLTP). SLTP is one of the largest consortiums of NGOs working on tiger conservation in Central India and TCF. as partner of the SLTP network, is actively engaged in measures against all the primary threats to tiger in the Satpuda Landscape encompassing Kanha and Bandhavgarh tiger reserves, Kanha-Pench Corridor and Bandhavgarh-Sanjay Dubri Corridor. The partner NGOs and other honourable delegates presented their views on various topics such as wildlife conservation in Central India, habitat manipulation in TR core, managing core habitat for tigers to name a few. The PCCF and Chief Wildlife Warden of Maharashtra, Member Secretary of Madhya Pradesh State Biodiversity Board, Field Director of Satpuda Tiger Reserve were present for this seminar along with Dr. A J.T. Johnsingh, well know wildlife biologist and the Foundation's Scientific Advisor.







TCF's Chairman and Founder Mr. Dilip Khatau was honoured with the Gallery of Legends Award at the East India Travel Awards held in Guwahati on 26th July 2017 for his exemplary contribution to wildlife tourism and wildlife conservation work. Mr. Khatau is now one of the very few in India to be part of The Gallery of Legends of the India Travel Awards!



Government of Gujarat takes important steps towards Great Indian Bustard conservation

With TCF's appeal to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to support the conservation of the Great Indian Bustard (GIB) in Kutch, Gujarat, promising steps have been taken by the Government of Gujarat to protect the remaining few individuals of this Critically Endangered species. Two massive networks of power lines for a Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Limited (GETCO) substation adjoining GIB habitat threaten the GIBs here through death by collision - a manner in which GIBs have been lost in the past in Gujarat and other Indian states, that India can no longer afford. As an encouraging decision, the Collector of Kutch issued an order to have all high-tension transmission lines passing across GIB habitat laid underground within ten days of receiving notice.



Chain-linked fencing for cattlesheds in Kaziranga

Attacks on cattle by tigers are quite common in Goshanibor and Dumjaan villages situated along the core zone of Kaziranga National Park. Majority of the cattle sheds are open and make cattle more vulnerable for carnivore attacks. TCF team modified the existing structure by encircling the shed with five feet high chain-link steel wire fences. The fencing is detachable and can be removed during floods. On a pilot scale, 10 cattle-sheds have been modified and are being monitored for their effectiveness.

Project funded by:
Axis Cares / Axis Bank Foundation





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Empower Community

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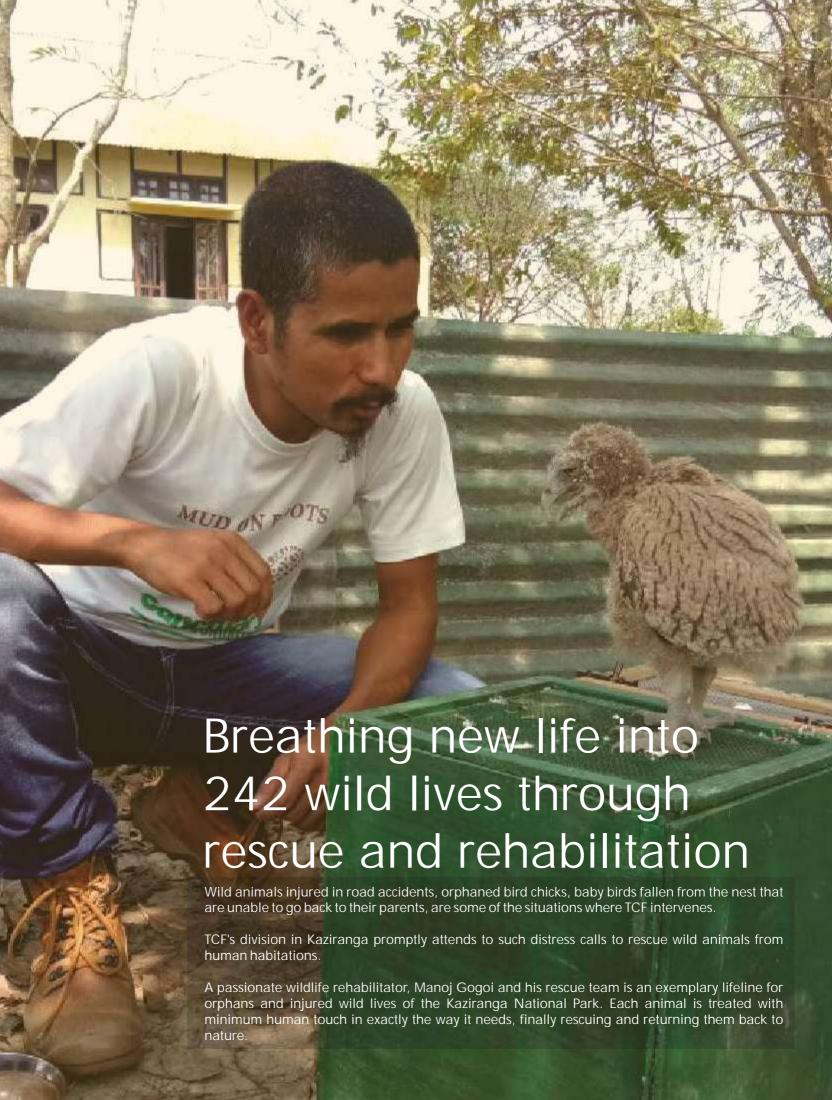
Build Knowledge





Wildlife







Wildlife is very sensitive to the seasonal changes like drop or rise in average rainfall. So to provide round the year water for wild animals, eight solar pumps were installed in the corridor at the strategic locations identified with the help of forest department officials. This initiative will ensure availability of water for tigers and other wild animals during dry summer months, thus reducing the movement of wild animals towards villages in search of drinking water thereby helping to prevent human-wildlife conflict situations.

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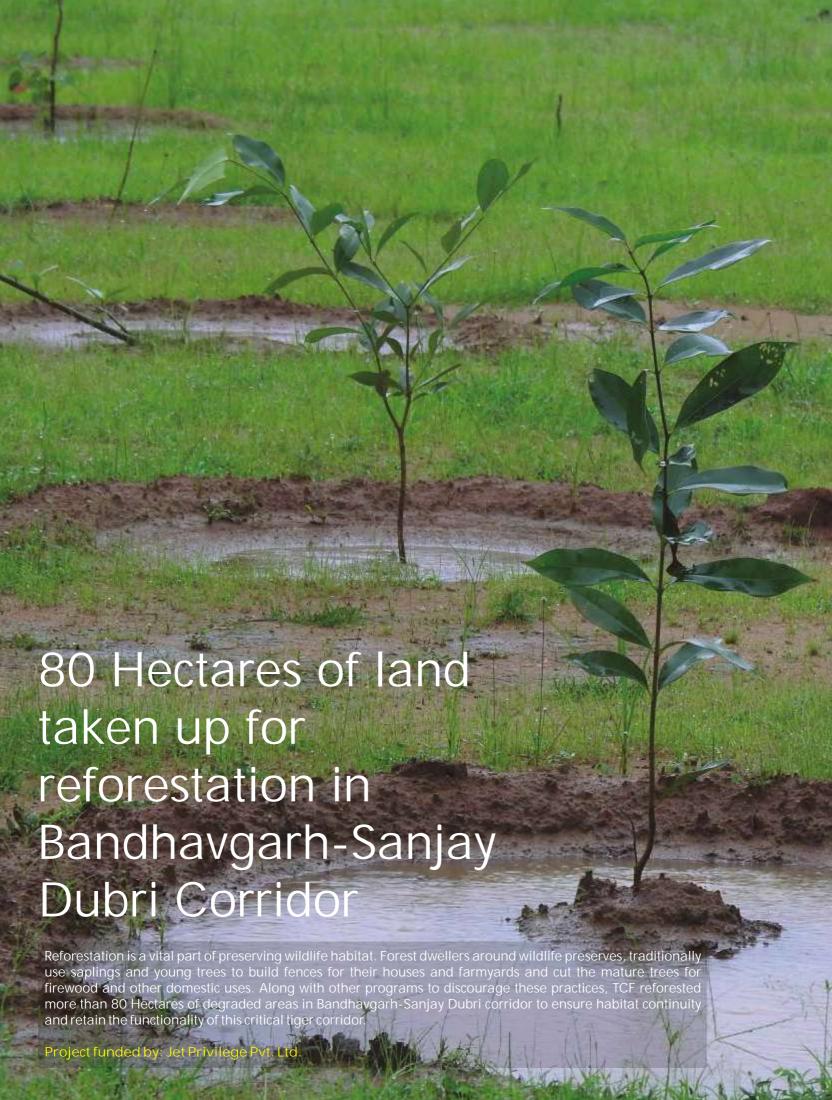
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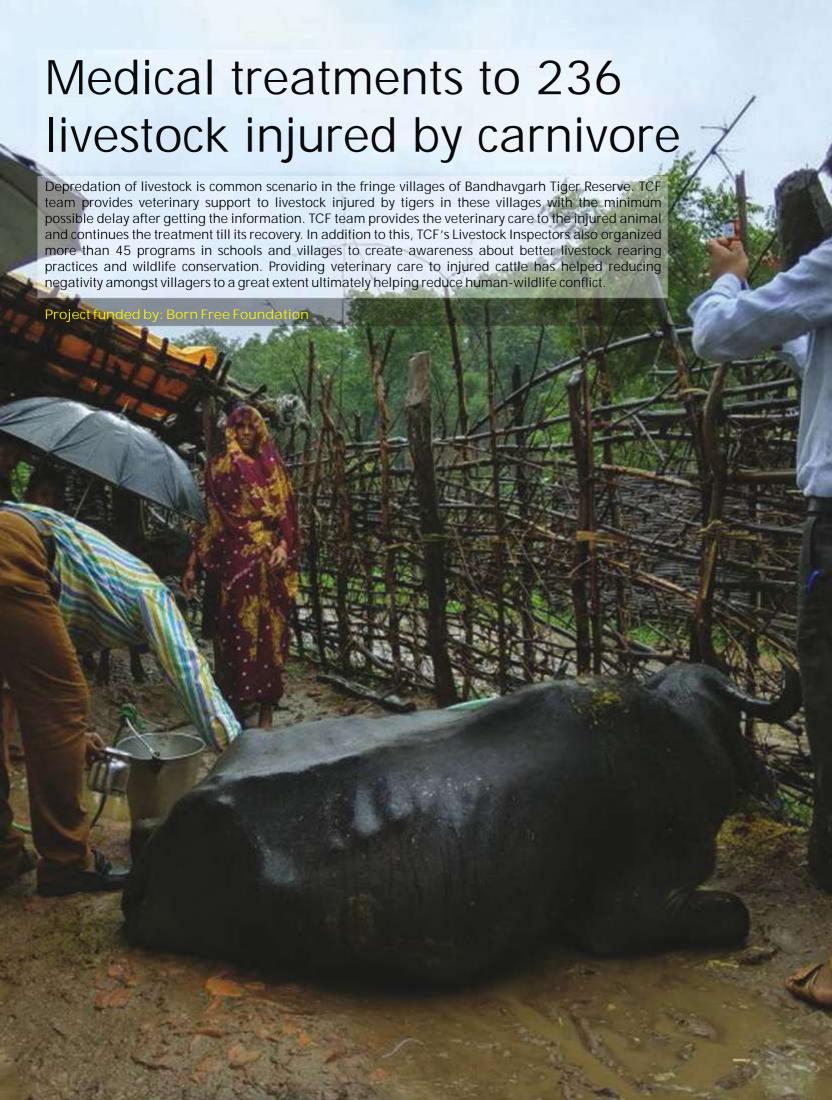




Farmers of villages in Bandhavgarh-Sanjay Dubri Corridor area have many open wells dug in their fields to provide irrigation for their crops. With no parapet walls, they pose a mortal danger to wildlife, children, and livestock. To mitigate this danger, TCF installed chain-link fencing around open wells in villages of the corridor.









Dr Naveen Pandey, Deputy Director and Veterinary Advisor of The Corbett Foundation (TCF) delivered a speech on the topic of "Elephants, Tigers, Cows and Community Engagement for Conservation in India" at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, University of Edinburgh on the 30th November 2017. Dr Pandey emphasized the need of a holistic approach while attending to the cases of conflict in conservation areas. He also insisted that wild attacks on livestock needs more investigation to identify the factors or reasons triggering this behaviour in wild animals.





Health



More than 44,000 patients treated through medical program



Ignorance, little access to healthcare resources, social constraints and most importantly less or no awareness about implications of all this on health, severely impact rural community. But the tireless efforts by unwavering doctors of TCF are changing the picture in the villages near Kutch and tiger reserves of Bandhavgarh, Kanha, and Corbett. TCF's medical program covers over 350 villages in these regions. Regular outpatient department, rigorous rural medical outreach program coupled with periodic medical awareness and treatment camps has built the trust and changed the perspective of the community. Villagers now more openly communicate with doctors about their health issues and are willing to take the prescribed treatments.

Providing healthcare to the surrounding communities builds

rapport with the local tribal people. This opens channels of communication and people become allies in fulfilling TCF's mission of involving community in conservation.

Project funded by: Bajaj Auto Ltd. and Friends of Conservation, UK



More than 1300 Pathological investigations



In diagnosing disease, a physician will often require laboratory analysis. Around Kanha, the nearest lab unit can be up to 35 km away and turnaround time for results can be 24-48 hours. With such a delay, the patient would often not receive treatment until the next weekly or monthly visit by the mobile clinic, which could exacerbate the disease. TCF mobile pathology laboratory unit at Kanha and Corbett allows

physicians to get results onsite while the patient is still present.

The portable unit allows for testing of 12 healthcare parameters for aid in diagnosing diabetes, kidney function, heart disease and other conditions.

Project funded by: Bajaj Auto Ltd.



Health awareness programs



TCF along with its regular and consistent medical treatment program, constantly strives to sensitise community for preventive and promotive healthcare through awareness camps in villages around the work areas at its five divisions. The various aspects such as symptoms, diagnosis, personal hygiene, addiction issues and women-specific health issues are covered in camps with the help of audio-visual aids. Special health camps are organized for awareness about nutrition, eye-care, diarrhoea, anaemia, skin infections,

dental hygiene TB and malaria.

These programs have not only benefitted the community healthwise but also have built a stronger bond of trust between people and TCF.

Project funded by: Bajaj Auto Ltd.



Community



Sustainable livelihoods: Sewing and tailoring



Training in art of sewing by USHA Sillai Schools

TCF partnered with USHA International Ltd., a manufacturer of sewing machines, through the company's Silai Schools program to train and certify women of rural communities around Kanha Tiger Reserve in the art of sewing and tailoring. Women were also trained to assemble and repair their machines.

With hard work and dedication these women can earn Rs. 2,000 - Rs. 5,000 per month, in addition to their family's income, to support their children's education, family's medical needs, and improve their lifestyle. Some women excel to become master trainers and start schools in their community to teach others. As more women in the village learn the trade, they can expand their business from meeting local needs to providing products to the marketplace.

Project funded by: USHA International Ltd.



Sustainable livelihoods: Sewing and tailoring



30 women trained in sewing and tailoring

As a part of its holistic approach to tiger conservation along with the community engagement, TCF provides alternative livelihoods to the local communities to empower them financially and also reduce their dependency on the local forest resources. The villages of Chhateni, Madhaudol and Pathrahta are a part of the Bandhavgarh – Sanjay Dubri Corridor and the communities here have high dependency on the surrounding forests.

A total of 30 women from these villages were trained in sewing and tailoring work. Women were trained not only to become proficient at sewing, but also to assemble and repair their machines, so that they're self-sufficient. With further support of market linkages, these women will be able to earn their living and support their families.

Project funded by: Jet Privilege Pvt. Ltd.



Creating opportunities for additional income through Basic hospitality training



30 students trained in Basic Hospitality skills

Like most villages in India, the population of around 150 villages of the Bandhavgarh Sanjay Dubri Corridor (BSDC) is largely dependent on agriculture as a source of livelihood. But this livelihood is vulnerable to climatic changes caused by erratic rainfall.

To channelize the potential of youth, TCF trained 30 boys in Basic Hospitality skills. The trainees were from 13-14 different villages in the corridor. The training was provided in collaboration with Syna International Academy of Hotel and Tourism Management, Katni, Madhya Pradesh. The students were trained in various verticals like food and beverage services, food production, accommodation operation, housekeeping, front office and English communication to name a few. The institute guaranteed 100% placement to the candidates successfully completing the course. The students from the current batch have been placed at different places in the country.

With this additional income, the trainees can ensure consistent financial support to their families. The initiative will be extended to other villages as well in the coming years

Project funded by: Jet Privilege Pvt. Ltd.



Mushroom cultivation: simple way to alternate livelihood



TCF, in collaboration with G B Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, organised training for Oyster Mushroom cultivation for 29 women from six distinct Self Help Groups from villages around Corbett Tiger Reserve. The cultivation of mushrooms is simple and economical. Along with the training, these women would be supported to take this venture to commercial scale so as to create an alternative livelihood for them.

Bamboo handicraft training



Bamboo, the most promising grass, actually stands to be a poor man's timber with potential of generating rural livelihoods along with the environmental rejuvenation. Being no stranger to the social and economical advantages of bamboo, TCF, is implementing Project Hunnar to train select people of Badwar and Umaria villages in Rewa district of Madhya Pradesh, in bamboo handicrafts. TCF successfully owns the responsibility of trainings, market linkages and sustainability of the initiative through Self-Help Groups.

With the recent allocation of whopping funds by the government to the National Bamboo Mission and the steps taken to strengthen the marketing of bamboo products. TCF envisages improved earning opportunities for the trained craftsmen of the village.

Project funded by: Mahindra Susten Pvt. Ltd.



Installation of Sakhi stoves



Installed 602 energy-efficient cook stoves in 7 villages of Bandhavgarh – Sanjay Dubri Corridor Nothing compares to the taste of food cooked on traditional Chulha…but surely not at the cost of health of women and nature.

Without gas or electricity connection, burning of wood happens to be the only source of fuel for daily needs of food and hot water in the villages of Bandhavgarh – Sanjay Dubri Corridor. This leads to cutting of huge number of trees from forests resulting in habitat destruction.

The smoke generated during cooking is a potential health hazard to the family members, especially women and children.

TCF transformed traditional chulha to its today's form eliminating most of its disadvantages, making it Sakhi, truly a woman's friend. Sakhi Chulha is an innovative and perfect blend of tradition and technology without compromising on food taste and reducing the dependency on forests for fuelwood.

Project funded by: Jet Privilege Pvt. Ltd.



Marketing the spice-mix



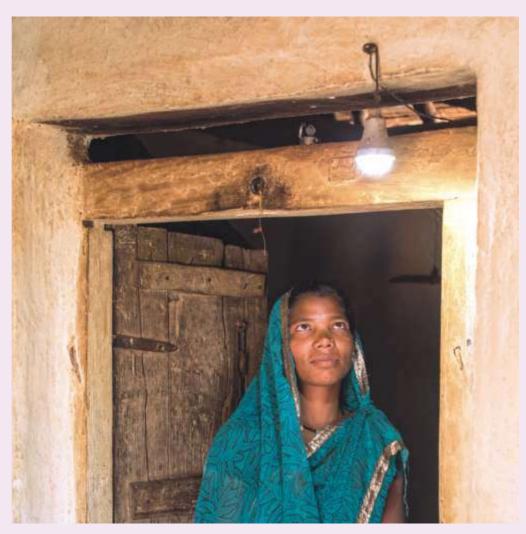
Several village women in a self-help group around Kanha came up with an idea of creating and selling a mixture of spices, or spice masala, at local markets in the region. They approached TCF for help and TCF is partnering with them in this pilot project.

The women purchase various spices locally. TCF has provided them with the place and machineries for grinding, mixing and packaging with which they can blend ingredients and create a fresh aromatic masala. Customers especially appreciate products that are grown and manufactured locally. Thus catering perfectly to the local tastes, these masalas are in great demand.

TCF also has a plan to help group of women to expand their spice business by providing them a small plot to grow spices rather than purchasing produce from the market. This will not only allow for higher margins, but also can guarantee that the spices are fresh, clean and tasty.



Distribution of solar light system



For Lasretola and four more villages situated around Kanha Tiger Reserve, nights and days were equally dark in the houses. Moving out at night was a grave threat as wild animal movements can be unnoticeable causing human-wildlife conflict. TCF provided solar lights to the families of these villages which made their life easy. These lights not only help ladies in cooking at night but also allow children to study at night. The lamps are also useful to protect family members to tend the cattle in the dark.

The most far-reaching benefit being the reduction human-wild life conflict and use of firewood for light.



Distribution of solar light system



Some of the tribal villages situated at the edge of Kaziranga National Park (KNP)do not have electric connection and hence are more vulnerable to human-wildlife conflict especially during night. One such village is Goshanibor situated at the outskirts of KNP. TCF provided a unit of solar light system (three bulbs and charging points) to each of the seven families situated in this village on the occasion of Wildlife Week celebration at KNP. Mr. Satyendra Singh, IFS (Director, Kaziranga Tiger Reserve) and Mr. Rohini Ballave Saikia, IFS (DFO, KNP) handed over solar lights to the villagers and appreciated TCF's efforts towards reducing human-wildlife conflict.



Project Jaldhara: safe drinking water within reach



Over 300 households of four villages now get clean and safe drinking water

With Project Jaldhara, TCF could wash away the hardships of villagers of Rajpuri I and Rajpuri II, Chakkipada and Rabadpada situated in Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra.

Though few kilometres away from Tansa Lake, these villages faced dire crisis to meet their daily requirements of water. They dug percolation pits and walked kilometres with children, only to get the water that was contaminated resulting in spread of diseases. With strong belief in conservation principle of "Healthy People, Healthy Forests", TCF installed four bore wells in each of these villages with 5000 litres storage tanks supplying water to the central access point in villages.

Over 300 households of these villages are now getting clean and safe drinking water and are happily sharing the responsibility of maintenance and upkeep of the system under the supervision of Forest Department.

Project funded by: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.



Organic fodder harvesting: a sustainable way of cattle rearing



TCF, with the support of Bombay Gow Rakshak Trust, has launched Hariyali, a gauchar restoration project in Kutch, Gujarat. The project aims to restore total 50 acres of traditional community grazing land distributed, for the benefit of local livestock and with additional benefit of providing a safe haven to the grassland-dependent wildlife species.

The work is seeing the active involvement of local villagers. The main aspects of the project include, a) development of model grassland plot highlighting rotational grazing system and scientific management of grassland b) growing and harvesting of organic fodder for the livestock with a sustainable grazing policy that encourages stall feeding among the local communities. Growing green fodder throughout the year using Hydroponics technology is also a part of this project.

Project funded by: Bombay Gow Rakshak Trust



Highlands: safe lands for animals and community



The highlands, like Noah's ark, prove to be the safe place for marooned animals of villages around Kaziranga during the floods in monsoon. TCF constructed new highland in Tamulipathar village this year. The highland was dedicated to the community members of Tamulipathar on the 16th May 2018. The handing over ceremony was presided over by Dr AJT Johnsingh and Dr Asad Rahmani, Scientific Advisors of TCF along with other members of the TCF Kaziranga Team. The villagers were extremely pleased and expressed their deep gratitude towards TCF and Hem Chand Mahindra Foundation. They also mentioned that the highland would serve as a great relief to during the floods where they can take shelter along with their livestock.

They showed their sincere readiness to extend all possible help to TCF team in their efforts of wildlife and biodiversity conservation in Kaziranga landscape in the coming days.

The highland also contains a community weaving centre and is utilized for community-based works during non-flooding season.

Project funded by: Hem Chand Mahindra Foundation



Watershed Project: An integrated natural resource management



TCF implemented a watershed project with the support of Coca-Cola India Foundation for the five villages in Manpur block of Umaria District of Madhya Pradesh closer to the world-famous Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve. The project that started in 2015, completed in March 2018. Under this project, six check dams and two farm ponds were constructed while the repair and maintenance of two farm ponds and one check dam was done. These structures have the capacity to store 317861.1 cubic meter water every year during the monsoon and provide water for irrigation and other domestic uses benefitting around 5,189 people. A total of 22,048 meters field bunding of four villages was also done to prevent soil erosion.

This initiative will increase the agriculture productivity through more crops and in turn reduce anthropogenic pressure on the forest resources. In addition to this, project has positive impact on restoration of ground water level.

Project Funded by: Coca-Cola India Foundation



Livestock







Parasitic burden and blood protozoan diseases in livestock often remain under-diagnosed in remote rural areas. They together form important link in disease transmission and maintenance of the pathogens in livestock and wild animals. TCF's veterinary pathology lab at Kanha, Bandhavgarh and Kaziranga units, established with help from the University of Edinburgh, has been effectively addressing the need of such a facility which helps in screening blood and faecal samples. An early identification of the underlying cause helps minimise economic losses as well as reduces chances of disease spread. It has also helped in combating numerous superstitious beliefs surrounding many pathological conditions affecting livestock among rural folks.

Project funded by: Bombay Gow Rakshak Trust and The University of Edinburgh







Research



Ecological assessment of Bandhavgarh-Sanjay Dubri Corridor



The Bandhavgarh-Sanjay Dubri Corridor (BSDC) is one of the largest forested landscapes in Central India offering connectivity and protection to tigers and other wild animals. Dotted with over 150 villages, the BSDC suffers anthropogenic pressures of varying magnitude.

TCF aims to preserve these crucial habitats and tiger dispersal corridors, for which habitat mapping happens to be the most important initial step involving indirect sign surveys and camera trapping. It is a very reliable monitor to understand the animal distribution in the wild and to find out the presence of the targeted and other animals in the study area. TCF has initiated camera trapping work in BSDC to monitor the wildlife population, especially that of tigers and other associated species. The results have been quite encouraging as in addition

to tiger, TCF's camera traps have captured the presence of leopard, sloth bear, small Indian civet, palm civet, jackal, sambar, spotted deer, barking deer, Indian fox, hyena and nilgai, among other species. Asiatic wildcat was reported for the first time in BSDC. The presence of these wild animals indicates the functionality and the potential of these forests as important wildlife corridors.

Project funded by: Jet Privilege Pvt Ltd





Mahseer survey



Golden Mahseer, also called as 'Tiger of River', is a species of fish mostly found in mountain rivers. An inhabitant of Himalayan foothills, it is found in River Kosi flowing at the outskirts of Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand. TCF recently partnered in the Mahseer Survey initiated by Ramnagar Forest Division in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and WWF-India.

The objective of the survey was to develop baseline information on Mahseer and other fish fauna of River Kosi that would help in the long term conservation of Mahseer. The team could report an occurrence of 15 species of fish in River Kosi.

Lesser florican survey

At the onset of monsoon, a mystery unfurls with the Lesser florican getting ready for courtship through its beautiful aerial displays. Also comes with it the favourable season (July to September) to survey this endangered, agro-grassland bird whose ecology is much less known. To gain knowledge about the existence, count and probable threats to Lesser florican, a joint national survey was conducted by Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) and TCF in four states of India viz. Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan where the bird had been previously recorded.

A training workshop and field training at Velvadar National Park was followed by the survey by TCF team in the outskirts of Bhavnagar, Palitana, Savarkundla and Amreli of Gujarat. TCF team was led by Devesh Gadhvi and comprised of Dr. Sharad Kumar, Dushyant Jhala, Dr. Bertrand Horne, Kedar Gore, Nandish Vaidya, Tanveer Ahmed, Zarreen Syed, Tahir Ali and Shaizah Tajder from different divisions of TCF and six volunteers from Bhavnagar University.



Participation in tiger population estimation



All India tiger estimation exercise in Laokhowa and Burachapori Wildlife Sanctuary, Kaziranga

Laokhowa and Burachapori wildlife sanctuaries are part of the Kaziranga-Orang riverine landscape and are connected to Kaziranga Tiger Reserve. They act as corridor between Kaziranga Tiger Reserve and Orang Tiger Reserve.

As planned with the forest authority, TCF team did camera trapping in different parts of Laokhowa – Burachapori WLS as per protocol of NTCA. In the month of May, total 492 camera trap nights were spent. The team made periodic inspections of the traps in the month of May. In addition to tigers, images of small Indian civet, large Indian civet, hog deer, Asian elephant, Indian crested porcupine, fishing cat, Asiatic wild buffalo have been captured in camera traps.

Enumerating rhino population

TCF assisted Kaziranga National Park authorities to estimate population of Greater One-horned Rhinoceros, a bi-annual exercise very crucial to determine the breeding status of rhinos.

The park was divided into 74 forest compartments and 37 were covered each day. More than 400 persons, 40 elephants and 17 vehicles were engaged in this work. Dr. Naveen Pandey, Manoj Gogoi and Sumanta Kundu from TCF team participated as enumerators and observers in this exercise. Based on this extensive exercise and participation of several other NGOs and experts, Assam Forest Department officially released the figure of 2413 rhinos being present in Kaziranga National Park.





Poster presentation at SCB: Asia section conference

The Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) Asia section, in association with Amity University and co-sponsorship of TCF, organized an international conference for the researchers and academic professionals from the Wildlife Biology and Conservation discipline.

At the conference, Dr Bertrand Horne and Mr Nandish Vaidya from TCF presented posters titled 'Diversity of Butterfly species (Lepidoptera: Rhopalocera) at Abdasa taluka, Kutch district, Gujarat' and 'Primary survey of lesser carnivore mammals of Abdasa taluka of Kutch, Gujarat, India' respectively. Also Tanveer Ahmed from TCF presented the poster titled 'Effect of compositional heterogeneity of landscape on birds in Ramnagar Forest Division, Uttarakhand'.



Study of food resources of GIB

To study the food preference and the impact of pesticidal toxicity on the Great Indian Bustard (GIB) in Abdasa taluka, TCF has initiated a research on 'Status of food resources of Great Indian Bustard and impact of pesticides on its preferred food in Abdasa taluka of Kutch, Gujarat' funded by Gujarat Forest Department.

The study area includes the agro-pastoral habitat of GIB in Abdasa. Dr Bertrand Horne, who is heading the project, collected the insect samples from each cell and the captured individuals are preserved in the laboratory. Seventeen species



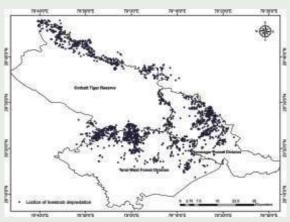


of Orthopterans spread across four families were identified to their genus level and two species of Hemipterans were observed in some of the grids.



Scientific publications

1. A paper on "Patterns of livestock depredation by tiger (Panthera tigris) and leopard (Panthera pardus) in and around Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand, India" by Dr. Harendra Singh Bargali (Deputy Director, Corbett Division) and Mr Tanveer Ahmed (Wildlife Biologist) has been published by PLOS ONE – the world's first multidisciplinary open access journal. The study aimed at understanding the patterns of livestock depredation by tigers and leopards through examination and analysis of livestock depredation. The study can help in understanding the movement of large carnivores and other wildlife through multiple-use forest habitats and human-wildlife conflict in such habitats. This ultimately will help in addressing conflict situations in time-bound manner leading to a long-term conservation measures. The duo has a second paper as well to their credit published in Isaac Scientific Journal and focuses on study of "Status of wildlife habitats in Ramnagar Forest Division, Terai Arc Landscape, Uttarakhand, India". The findings are expected to serve as baseline information for planning future management strategies and determining changes in wildlife habitats.



Patterns of livestock depredation by tiger (Panthera tigris) and leopard (Panthera pardus) in and around Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand, India



2. Mr Tahir Ali Rather, wildlife biologist from TCF – Bandhavgarh team gets recognised by Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) and Amity Institute of Forestry and Wildlife, Amity University, for its paper presentation on "Do small nocturnal mammals use moonlight as a cue of predation risk?" during an international conference titled 'Nature Conservation in a Time of Change', held at Noida, India. Tahir was one of the winners and received certificate and cash prize as token of appreciation from the conference organizers.

His paper presented findings on very interesting behavioral tools of prey and predators in relation to the various moon phases. In this study, he tested the influence of moonlight on the activity pattern of Indian gerbil (Tatera indica) and black-naped hare (Lepus nigricollis) in presence of two predators, jungle cat (Felis chaus) and Asiatic wildcat (Felis silvestris ornata) using data from

585 camera trap photos. He also has to his credit a short communication on 'First photographic record of Asiatic wildcat in Bandhavgarh, India' published in CATnews65, Winter 2017. This short article provides photographic evidences of Asiatic wildcat (Felis silvestris ornata) in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (BTR) from a camera trap survey. The Asiatic wildcat is one of five subspecies of the wildcat Felis silvestris listed as Least Concern in the IUCN Red list and was unreported in BTR prior to this survey. During subsequent camera trapping, kittens of Asiatic wildcat were also recorded, strongly suggesting the existence of a breeding population in Bandhavgarh TR.

3. 'Birds in lesser Florican landscape', an insightful article published by Mr Tanveer Ahmed, a wildlife biologist at The Corbett Foundation, gives an overview of around 71 bird species sighted during his landscape studies. It also gives a complete picture of landscape conditions & posing threats. This information can serve as a baseline data to check impact of various activities on the birds in the landscape.

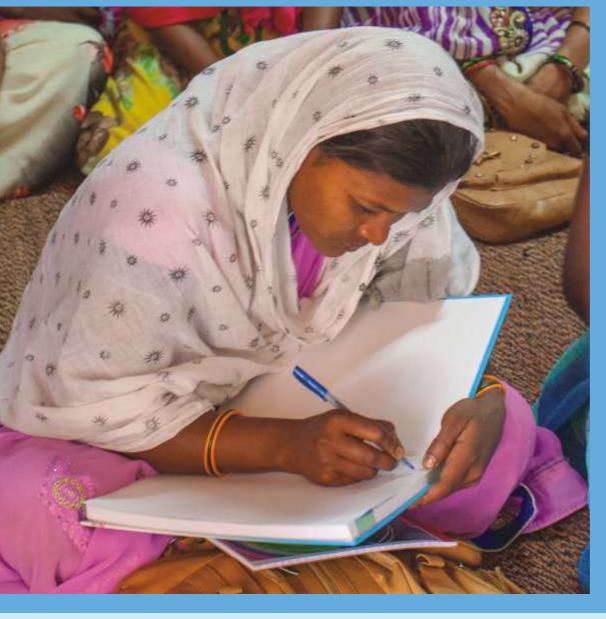
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Knowledge



Capacity building



Forest guards are foremost among the many heroes of wildlife conservation, many times not making it to the spotlight. Life for them is not easy with responsibilities like continuous patrolling, sometimes several nights at a stretch, being vigilant all the time to prevent poaching and habitat loss, prevention of thefts of forest produce, safeguard animals and plants, the list is endless.

To enhance their skills and to set them more competent, TCF organized a two-day workshop for these foot soldiers. It covered field staff of Godawal , Beohari East, Beohari West, Jaisinghnagar and Amjhor ranges of Bandhavgarh-Sanjay Dubri Corridor area in Madhya Pradesh. The workshop was conducted by TCF's field team comprising of Dr. Sharad Kumar, Kimmi Singh, Ajinkya Kamat and Anees Saifi. A total of 62 participants attended the workshop.

The topics included 'sharing knowledge on basic and ecological field techniques-interpreting indirect signs of wildlife, transect walk techniques, handling wildlife encounters during field work, first-aid administration with emergency response to victims of wildlife conflict and antipoaching measures'.

Project funded by: Jet Privilege Pvt. Ltd.

TCF organized one day consultation workshop in collaboration with Ramnagar Forest Division on the topic of "Conservation of Mahseer: Present scenario and future roadmap". Over 100 people from various government and non government departments attended the workshop. The officials of state Forest Department including APCCF Uttarakhand Dr. Dhananjay Mohan, Director of Corbett Tiger Reserve Mr. Surendra Mehra, Deputy Director of Corbett Tiger Reserve Mr. Amit Verma, DFO, Ramnagar Forest Division Ms. Neha Verma, IG of Shasastra Seema Bal (SSB) Mr. Sunil Dhyani, DIG of Police Mr. Ajay Rautela were present during the workshop.

Other participants were Mr. Dilip Khatau - Chairman, TCF; Dr. AJT Johnsingh - Scientific Advisor, TCF; Mr. Ravi Singh - Secretary General and CEO of WWF India; Members of Himalaya Wildlife Foundation and Kalptaru Vrikshmitra Samiti; media correspondents and village heads.



Workshop on conservation of Mahseer

Nature guide training at Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary



TCF team, in month of May, trained nature guides of Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary (BWLS), Chhattisgarh. The training included class-room as well as field sessions. A total of 30 nature guides were trained through audio-visual sessions on basic communication skills, roles and responsibility of nature guides, flora and fauna of BWLS, natural history, Protected Areas of Chhattisgarh, indirect evidences of wildlife, personal hygiene and first aid.

In association with Kanha Tiger Reserve (KTR), TCF did a six-day training program for the forest guides of KTR and Phen Wildlife Sanctuary. A total of 130 guides participated in the training. The program mainly focussed on building communication skills and biodiversity knowledge of KTR and Phen WLS.

With many other activities and sessions, participants were assessed for their understanding. Top five trainees from Khatia and Mukki gates were recommended for upgrading their nature guide grading and two best trainees were awarded with a field guide and a good pair of binoculars by TCF.



Nature guide training at Kanha Tiger Reserve

Training to livestock inspectors in cattle injury treatment



As a part of its conservation mission, TCF conducted a workshop for Livestock Inspectors (LI) at Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve in collaboration with the Forest Department. During this seven-day workshop, the participants were rigorously trained to promptly treat livestock injured by big cats like tigers and leopards. This treatment proves to be very crucial to save the livestock.

The initiative has gone a long way in minimizing community resentment that may lead to killing of the predator by carcass poisoning. Community now completely supports TCF's work which is very crucial to tiger conservation and enlisting local support towards this cause.

The trained LIs now work with the Forest Department and contribute to long-term conservation of tiger in Bandhavgarh.

'Conservation Guru' is an initiative to sensitize teachers about the importance of conservation of nature, biodiversity and wildlife. As teacher is the best person to ingrain the right thoughts in student's minds, TCF hopes, this initiative will create right attitude amongst students, towards conservation of nature. In view of this, TCF team organized two training programs for teachers of Golaghat Teacher's Training College and Kaliabor B.Ed College of Kaziranga. The program received overwhelming response by 200 teachers. During the event, TCF team shared with teachers various innovative ways in which kids can be familiarized with nature and conservation. The teachers were really intrigued with this information and were eager to share it with students.



Training to teachers of Golaghat Training College

Training of frontline staff of Balaghat Forest Division



TCF along with its Scientific Advisers, Dr. A.J.T. Johnsingh and Dr. Asad R. Rahmani, organized two field training programs for around 50 front-line staff of Balaghat Forest Division, a part of Kanha-Pench Corridor in Madhya Pradesh. The experts guided the team for monitoring of indirect evidences of various mammals found in the forest. They also explained the use of indices, prepared on the basis of indirect evidences, in formulating management strategies. The team walked the forest with experts and gained insights on management of the habitat to enhance its quality.



Students and teachers from Yashwantrao Chavhan Law College, Karad experienced the biodiversity of the Western Ghats through a one-day trek with to the Munawale Range of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra.



Nature Walk in Sahyadri Tiger Reserve

Awareness



To connect young minds with nature by unfolding experiences of beauty and diversity, TCF arranged a nature trail for select 20 students & teachers of Government Higher Secondary School, Tala. The students indulged in nature and were familiarized with basic bird watching and identifying techniques. The school appreciated this initiative and hopes for more such programs that can change youngster's perspective towards nature and its conservation.

TCF also arranged educational safari tour for students of Morongi College in collaboration with Kaziranga National Park authority. During the safari, TCF representative shared valuable information about biodiversity of Kaziranga. The students were fascinated after seeing different animals and





The conservation mission of TCF leaves no aspect of it untouched. TCF organizes various programs to educate villagers about the importance of wildlife and vitality of its conservation. Such knowledge camps are also arranged specially for students. They are involved in wildlife related campaigns too, as ultimately they are the future of conservation.





Watershed project



Location Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh

Philanthropic partner Coca-Cola India Foundation

Objectives

To harvest rainwater through development of new water reservoirs

To promote effective utilization of existing water reservoirs To support local communities for sustainable agriculture and reduce pressure on forest resources

Context

The villages adjoining Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve in Umaria district are characterized by low productivity and low income agriculture due to severe water shortage throughout the year except monsoon. These conditions adversely affect life of local communities leading to their increased dependence on forest resources for sustenance. Such anthropogenic pressure creates long-term negative impact on health of the forests. To reverse this situation to an extent, sustainable agriculture in villages around the forested areas was imperative and was achievable through rainwater harvesting. Understanding this need, The Corbett Foundation, with the sound support from Coca-Cola India Foundation, launched a Watershed Project in 2015 for Dadraudi, Kudar, Bardauhan Majhgawan

and Saraswahi villages located in Manpur block of the Umaria district, Madhya Pradesh, successfully completing it in March 2018.

Achievements

Six check dams and two farm ponds were newly constructed while two farm ponds and one check dam were repaired with a cumulative water storing capacity of around 3,17,861 cubic meter . The five self help group (SHGs) have been trained in the maintenance of water conservation structures.

Direct benefits to over 5189 villagers









Success stories

Bites from happy farmers...

"Before construction of the pond, I used to grow only one crop of black gram and linseed in my two acres of land due to unavailability of irrigation facilities. The income was low and was not sufficient to run my family. So I used to do labor work and collect forest produces. Now after construction of pond, I am growing paddy, wheat, black gram and arhar in my fields and getting good crop due to availability of water. As I am getting good production from fields now, I am involved in agriculture whole year and can sell surplus produce to earn extra income. This really helped me to provide for necessities of my family members. I am thankful to organizations who constructed the pond", says Dhanprasad Yadav, Resident of Kudar village.

Piyarelal Baiga who is resident of Kachhiyatola, Dadraudi, says, "Before construction of the pond, I got very low production from seven acres of the land. It was not sufficient to feed my family and I had to purchase the grains from market. Now due to the availability of the irrigation facility crop production has increased three fold. It is not only enough for my family but I can also sell some part of the grains in market. With this, I could support my family satisfactorily. I am grateful to the organizations who constructed watershed structure near my fields".



To understand the management of check dams, exposure visits to watershed projects at Chhatarpur district, Madhya Pradesh were arranged for villagers. The team interacted with the villagers and project staff working there and learned about the important techniques and measures to maintain watershed structures. The project will now be taken care of by five SHGs that have been trained for the maintenance of water conservation structures.



Project Hunnar



Location

Badwar village, District Rewa, Madhya Pradesh

Philanthropic partner

Mahindra Susten Pvt. Ltd.

Objectives

To enhance capacity of 50 selected villagers from Badwar village for developing alternative and environmentally-sound integrated livelihood options.

Creating employability in unemployed/low wages individuals belonging to less privileged community.

Context

Development of solar energy sector is essential to meet the future need of energy and to ensure the sustainable development. Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited decided to install a 750 MW solar plant in Gurh Tehsil of Rewa district of Madhya Pradesh. Under the project, Mahindra Susten Pvt. Ltd. is installing 250 MW solar plants near Badwar village. While planning for future needs, Mahindra Sustain was equally keen on preserving ecological and social balance at the plant site.

To initiate this, Mahindra Susten engaged with TCF to provide sustainable livelihood alternatives to villagers. Through multiple stages like base-line survey, community meetings, collaboration with trainers and training institute, practical training and capital support, the project was successfully implemented.

Achievements

A total of 50 beneficiaries were successfully trained in making bamboo handicrafts, sewing and tailoring and beauty parlour services.

Improvement in household earning, positively impacting lives of not only the 50 trainees but also their dependents.

Improvement in standard of living, social awareness, health, education, mindset especially of the youth.

Sustainability

Capital support has been provided to beneficiaries to purchase the tool kits, machinery and working capital as support to entrepreneurial ventures.

TCF has also helped to establish and increase micro-credit linkages for beneficiaries. In case of financial needs, they can approach banks to avail of newly launched financial schemes of central and state governments.







Project Jaldhara



Location Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary, Mumbai

Corporate partner
Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.

Objectives

The establishment of a small-scale water supply system for the 300 households of the select villages of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary. Improvement of standard of living of the communities through widened scope for agriculture, horticulture and other developments ultimately reducing the forest use.

Context: Located approximately 100 km away from Mumbai City in the Thane district of Maharashtra is a 335.69 sq km Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary. The residents of this forest are mainly Warlis, Katkaris, Thakurs, Mahadeo Kolis, Konkna, Malhar Kolis and Dubla.

The communities here earn their livelihood primarily through agriculture (largely paddy farming), forest-based supplementary activities and through daily wage work. Accessibility to clean water is a critical issue for the community here. While community wells serve the villager's need for water, they inevitably run dry during the harsh summers and some villages do not have community well either.

This daily struggle has induced constant conflict with the forest authorities leading to exploitation of Tansa's forest resources leading to habitat degradation and reduced tree cover. Through reliable supply of water to these communities, TCF has addressed the issue of community well-being which will reduce their resentment and enable them to participate in forest and wildlife conservation sustainably.

Achievements: Constructed four bore-wells, one in each of the mentioned villages with all necessary equipments such as diesel-powered pumps, storage tanks and pipes to carry water from tank to a central access point in the village.

Sustainability: Village Eco-Development Committee (VEDC), affiliated to Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary, will collectively shoulder the responsibility of maintenance and upkeep of the system. The community participation will be ensured through a nominal monthly contribution of INR 50/- per household and the funds will be utilized for the maintenance and sustainable management of this project.



Conservation of Great Indian Bustard



Project

Conservation of critically endangered Great Indian Bustard (GIB)

Location Kutch, Gujarat

Corporate partner Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Ltd. Kirloskar Pneumatic Company Ltd.

Objectives

To ensure a safe haven for te last surviving population GIB in Kutch, Gujarat

Context

Kutch district in Gujarat is home to the second largest population of Great Indian Bustard (Ardeotis nigriceps). Their population has however dwindled to the brink of extinction. Reasons mainly being, network of power lines that have come up over GIB habitat, habitat loss due to rapid change in the crop pattern and other infrastructure development, predation by free ranging dogs, and uncontrolled grazing over natural grasslands. The low reproduction rate of this species has further added to the problem.

Achievements

TCF has facilitated the restoration of around 20 sq km of prime GIB habitat in Abdasa taluka in collaboration with Gujarat Forest Department. The GIB depends on a variety of habitat and agriculture fields play a pivotal role as roosting and feeding ground of the species, especially during winter. In efforts to reduce excessive usage of pesticide in GIB areas with no economic loss to farmers, TCF launched the #GoOrganic campaign with the active involvement of local farmers.

In 2017, TCF supported two farmers to grow 750 kg of Green Gram by using only biopesticides and no inorganic fertilisers on 5-acre farmland. TCF also ensured marketing and sale of this organically grown Green Gram. The response was encouraging and the entire yield was sold in few days at double the market price of inorganically grown Green Gram. The income generated was directly credited to the farmers' bank account. Having experienced success of this venture, several local farmers joined campaign. TCF now plans to scale up this model in Abdasa and other important grassland habitats of Gujarat in the coming years. Such efforts and local community participation can go a long way in conserving the threatened birds and other denizens of the ecosystem.

Various initiatives are being regularly conducted in schools and villages to generate awareness among the local communities in support of GIB conservation. TCF has placing roadside signboards throughout the GIB landscape to make tourists and other visitors to Kutch about this magnificent species.

Sustainability

TCF is working with national and international experts to address the issue of GIB conservation. TCF has raised the issue of undergrounding of power lines over GIB habitat in Kutch to avoid potential threats to GIBs (and other large birds). TCF has also petitioned the hon'ble Prime Minister of India and the MoEFCC to take appropriate steps to address this concern.



Preserving What's Precious



Location: Bandhavgarh-Sanjay Dubri Corridor (BSDC), Madhya Pradesh

Corporate partner: Jet Privilege Pvt. Ltd.

Objectives: Conservation of wildlife in Central Indian landscape by consciously preserving crucial corridor area connecting Bandhavgarh and Sanjay Dubri tiger reserve through following initiatives -

Habitat and threat mapping

Wildlife monitoring

Reforestation of degraded areas

Fencing of open wells to prevent wildlife and human deaths

Reduction in firewood usage through installation of sakhi stoves

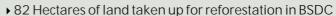
To provide alternate livelihoods to local communities to reduce their dependence on forests

Knowledge and capacity building of forest guards



Unfortunately, corridors though of utmost importance, do not form the part of Protected Area network and suffer anthropogenic pressure by communities for their day-to-day activities like collection of fuel wood and non-timber forest produce, and cattle grazing. The Corbett Foundation with the support of Jet Privilege Pvt. Ltd. aims at a larger picture of achieving the above-stated objectives through the project 'Preserving What's

Precious', with a strategic and comprehensive action plan of activities and effective involvement of local communities. The project that commenced in December 2017 will complete its execution in March 2020. Achievements of year one 2017-18 are provided below:



- ▶ 602 sakhi stoves installed across 8 villages of BSDC
- ▶ 256 open wells fenced in 13 villages of BSDC
- ▶ 62 forest guards trained through capacity building workshops
- → 30 women trained in sewing and tailoring skills
- ▶ 30 youths trained for Basic Hospitality skills

Sustainability: Each family uses approximately 40 kg of wood per month as fuel for cooking with traditional chulha. The installation of 602 Sakhi stoves in year one is likely to reduce wood requirement up to 35%. To make alternate livelihoods sustainable and effective, the self help groups (SHGs) will be formed for the women trained in 2017-18. The systematic functioning of SHG and appropriate market linkages will be established by TCF. The group will then be self-sufficient providing an additional source of income to the families eventually and slowly reducing their dependence on forests. The students of Basic Hospitality course have been placed at various places in India. They are performing well and are financially supporting their families.

These initiatives will continue for next two years impacting community and wildlife conservation in the long run.

Our everyday heros!

Flood relief work in Kaziranga Tiger Reserve



Rhinoceroses and elephants walking through tall grass, dense jungles bordering river Brahmaputra, human habitats interspersed, Kaziranga National Park – a surreal beauty by itself, but this picture can be deceptive. The mighty River Brahmaputra, with her massive floods, has power to convert this picturesque life of Kaziranga to rivers of dead animals...roofs with families perched dubiously...relief camps crowded with gloomy faces...! TCF's tireless support in such situations has become an inseparable part of the community life.

TCF working for wildlife conservation and community development in Kaziranga division leaves no stone unturned to subdue the severity of such situations. TCF's mobile rescue unit with a team of veterinary experts and volunteers stays up 24 x 7 helping people, wildlife and forest department to save and safeguard lives.

In 2017, Kaziranga faced a sudden flood during month of August. Two days later TCF team conducted a veterinary camp at the Highland created by TCF at Difflupathar village where more than 400 animals were treated. The team had to travel by boats as the village was totally cut off from all the means of

commutation. The second veterinary camp was organized a week later at another Highland created by TCF at Jhaporipathar where 200 cattle were sheltered.

In September, the Kaziranga National Park organized postflood animal health care camps in remotely located river islands. TCF participated in the camp and contributed through treatments and medicines. The team was led by Dr Naveen Pandey who is Veterinary surgeon and Deputy Director of TCF's Kaziranga division. TCF also distributed dry foods, candles in flood affected areas.

One of the important activities of this rescue operation is to train local youths to respond and act mindfully during flood emergencies. This year 31 youths from fringe villages of KNP participated in the training program. The trainees were encouraged to organize awareness camps in their respective villages with TCF team as resource. A brief session on identification of snakes along with the demonstration of its rescue process was also a part of the training program.

Project funded by: Hem Chand Mahindra Foundation



Stories of hope



"A few years ago, my young daughter had fallen into the open well. I immediately jumped into the well to save her. By God's grace we survived. Now that the well has been fenced, I am very relieved and feel safe as open wells pose a hazard and anything can fall inside. We are thankful to the people who made this possible"

- Ramayan Singh Gondh- Kothiya Village- Beneficiary of Well fencing



"There are many children in our house and prior to the well fencing exercise, I was always concerned about children going near the well. There was also a constant threat of domestic animals falling in. The fencing has provided my family and animals the required safety"

- Sanju Dviwedi, Patharhatta village- Beneficiary of Well fencing and Sakhi stove



"My children sleep in the same room in which the cooking happens. Earlier they used to cough a lot due to accumulation of smoke while cooking. These new stoves have a chimney, so the smoke is expelled outside and my child does not cough anymore"

- Seeta Sahu- Sakhi Stove beneficiary

"My son Rohit who received the Basic Hospitality training is working in Chennai and earning Rs. 9,000 a month and has sent us around Rs. 15,000 for the house expenses. These additional funds have helped us to upgrade our farm and even helped us digging up a bore for water"







Stories of hope

Wheels of fortune



...With her expert hands on wheels of sewing machine, Indrakala Patle from village Sarasdol near Kanha Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh, created a strong and constant financial support to her family...

Agriculture in monsoon being the only and meagre earning source, her family was in distress to meet their simple daily needs. Collecting Mahua flowers and tobacco leaves from dense forest was the option family had accepted though life threatening.

Indrakala joined Usha Silai School training program jointly conducted by TCF and USHA International Ltd.. With her natural inclination for sewing since childhood, she mastered the tailoring techniques very soon and completed the course successfully. Now she not only fulfils the needs of her family but has turned out to be a competent entrepreneur taking orders from villagers and shops. She also teaches sewing and tailoring to the needy ladies in her village with reasonable fees. "The alternate income source helped reduce dependency on forests and eventually the life-risk", says Indrakala sounding grateful.

- Indrakala Patle, Beneficiary of Sewing and Tailoring training (Funded by Usha International Ltd)



"I am really grateful to the people who organized this training. Currently, I stich clothes like kurtas and salwar from raw dress materials and get about 5-10 orders per month. I have enrolled both my children in the school with the help of money earned through the sewing and tailoring. I have also bought some new clothes for my family and also got a saree for myself"

-Archana Yadav, Madhaudol village- Beneficiary of Sewing and Tailoring training (Funded by Jet Privilege Pvt Ltd)



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Dr. A.J.T. Johnsingh conducted the first study on a free-ranging large mammal in India by studying dholes or Asiatic wild dogs in Mudumalai-Bandipur landscape from 1973 to 1978. After working at Wildlife Institute of India as faculty from 1985 to 2005, he has been associated with Nature Conservation Foundation, Mysore and WWF-India. He has represented IUCN in its Cat, Canid, Asian Elephant, Bear and Caprinae Specialist Groups and Government of India as a member of National Wildlife Board and National Tiger Conservation Authority. Presently he is a Member of Uttarakhand State Wildlife Board. His primary interests are Mahseer, large mammals, wildlife corridors, and habitat conservation. He has authored two popular books Field Days and Walking the Western Ghats and is the senior editor of The Mammals of South Asia, Vol I and II.



Dr. Asad R. Rahmani

Dr. Asad R. Rahmani is the former Director of Bombay Natural History Society. His main work is on bustards, storks, globally threatened birds, 20 books, and numerous articles, editorials and book reviews. He believes that the conservation movement in India should involve local communities and the benefits of conservation should be received by the local people as well. He has written more than 150 peer-reviewed research papers in national and international journals. His principal research interest has been conservation of bustards, storks and cranes and many other threatened species as well as grassland habitats. He has been a PhD guide and Principal Investigator of many prestigious projects of the BNHS including Important Bird and Biodiversity areas (IBA) Program of Birdlife International, RSPB and BNHS.





Financial overview

The Corbett Foundation supports its wide range of activities in Corbett, Bandhavgarh, Kanha and Kaziranga Tiger Reserves and around the Greater Rann of Kutch through the interest earned on its corpus fund. In addition, it receives donations and project grants from individual as well as corporate donors who share TCF's vision and objectives.

In 2017-18, TCF had over 6.5 Crores to be spent on its programs at all its locations. TCF ensured that its funds were judiciously spent towards its programs – Awareness (4%), Rural Medical Outreach (8%), Wildlife Conservation (37%), Social Welfare (21%), Veterinary (10%) and Sustainable Livelihoods (3%). Of the overall expenditure FCRA projects accounted for 50% and Non-FCRA projects accounted for 50%. Around 12% was spent on administrative and miscellaneous expenses while 5% was taken towards the depreciation.

Responsibility statement by the management:

The Corbett Foundation confirms that:

- 1. The Annual Accounts have been prepared as per the Accounting policies adopted by the organization in compliance to the existing Accounting Standards wherever necessary.
- 2. Sufficient care has been taken for the maintenance of Accounts as per the applicable legal statutes of India.
- 3. The Statutory Auditors have performed their task in an independent manner and the management letter submitted by the Statutory Auditors has been considered by the management.
- 4. During daily operation of the organization, ethical accountability, value of money and environmental concerns have been given the highest priority.
- 5. No part of the income during the previous year has been applied and used directly for the benefit of:
- $a.\, The\, author\, or\, founder\, of\, the\, organization$
- b. Any person who has made a substantial contribution to the organization
- c. Any relative of the Member of the Governing Board $\,$
- d. Any concerns in which the above mentioned category of persons have substantial interest. (As required under Sec. 13 (3) of Income Tax Act, 1961)
- 5. None of the members of the governing Board has been given any honorarium and none of them occupies the place of profit in the organization.



Figure 1: Program-wise expenditure in 2017-18

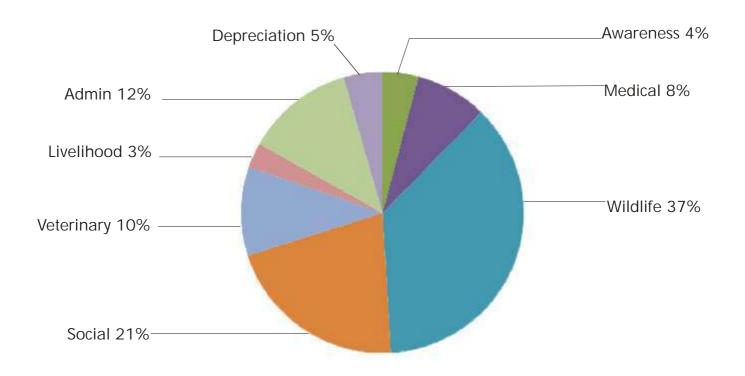
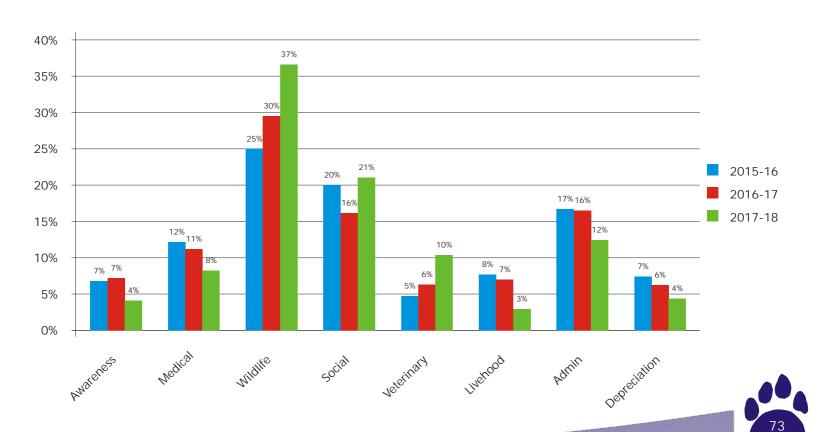


Figure 2: Comparison of expenses in 2015-16 and 2017-18



Form 10B



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FORM NO. 10B

(See rule 17B)

Audit Report under Section 12A(b) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, in the case of charitable or religious trusts or institutions

We have examined the balance-sheet of THE CORBETT FOUNDATION as at 31st March, 2018 and the income & Expenditure account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of accounts maintained by the said trust.

We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches of the above named trust visited by us so far as appears from our examination of the books, and proper returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches not visited by us, subject to the comments given below:-

----- Not Applicable -----

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view –

- in the case of the balance-sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named trust as at 31st
 March, 2018, and
- in the case of the Income & Expenditure Account, of the deficit of its accounting year ending on 31st March, 2018.

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.

For C N K & Associates LLP

Chartered Accountants

Firm Registration No.: 101961 W/W-100036

Manish Sampat

Partner

ICAI Membership No. 101684

Place: Mumbai

Date: 1

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Balance Sheet 2017-18

THE CORBETT FOUNDATION

81/88, Atlanta Building, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021 Balance Sheet As At March 31, 2018

Particulars	Sch. No.	As At March 31, 2018 Rs.	As At March 31, 2017 Rs.
SOURCES OF FUND			1140
Corpus Fund	1	20,04,03,107	21,84,89,681
Earmarked Fund	1 2	16,91,032	######################################
		20,20,94,139	21,84,89,681
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Fixed Assets	3	2,73,39,824	2,72,27,296
Less: Depreciation		29,57,386	31,24,553
		2,43,82,438	2,41,02,743
CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES			
Cash & Bank Balances	4	7,22,71,150	7,90,31,055
Fixed Deposits with Company		10,48,50,000	11,48,50,000
Other Current Assets	5	28,82,866	30,26,697
		18,00,04,016	19,69,07,752
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES	6	22,92,316	25,20,812
Net Current Assets		17,77,11,700	19,43,86,940
		20,20,94,139	21,84,89,681

For C N K & Associates LLP

Chartered Account

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Membership No: 101684

Place : Mumbai

Date: 2 4 JUL 2018

For The Corbett Foundation

Trustee

Place : Mumbai

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Place: Mumbai



Income and Expenditure Account 2017-18

THE CORBETT FOUNDATION

81/88, Atlanta Building, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021
Income and Expenditure Account For the Year Ended 31st March, 2018

Particulars	Sch. No.	For the year ended March 31, 2018 Rs.	For the year ended March 31, 2017 Rs.
INCOME		100000000	8-00-00/2006
Donations and contributions - FCRA	- 1	65,43,332	1,05,70,633
Donations and contributions - Others	1	90,32,310	1,84,20,292
Interest on bank deposits and savings accounts		1,51,96,115	1,64,82,426
Donations towards Earmarked activities (including Professional Fees)	- 1	1,71,21,403	T NO MENTAL DAY
Miscellaneous Income		7,39,810	5,72,892
		4,86,32,970	4,60,46,243
EXPENDITURE	244		25 52 051
Awareness/ Education Programme	7 8	23,79,091	35,63,961
Medical Programme	8	46,19,749	49,43,596
Wildlife Programmes	9	64,42,291	95,48,887
Social Welfare	10	18,40,687	19,54,122
Veterinary Programme	11	40,89,853	30,88,712
Sustainable Livelihood Programme	12	5,33,973	3,00,000
FCRA Projects	13	2,12,04,344	1,66,71,324
Administrative & other expenses	14	55,30,768	69,41,266
Expenditure on Earmarked Fund	15	1,71,21,403	
Depreciation	3	29,57,386	31,24,553
34		6,67,19,545	5,01,36,420
Excess of Expenditure Over Income for the year		(1,80,86,574)	(40,90,177
Balance carried over to Balance Sheet		(1,80,86,574)	(40,90,177

For CNK & Associates LLP

Chartered Accountants/

irm Registration No. 101961 W/W-100036

Manish Sampat

Membership No: 101684

Place : Mumbai

Date: 2 4 JUL 2018

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Receipts and Payments 2017-18

THE CORBETT FOUNDATION

81/88, Atlanta Building, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2018

RECEIPTS	Amount	Amount	PAYMENTS	Amount	Amount	
Consider Sales and	(In Rs.)	(In Rs.)	CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF T	(In Rs.)	(In Rs.)	
Opening Balance: Bank	00.45.054		Fixed Assets Purchased		35,12,081	
	88,16,951	7722727222		1 1	77722744374444	
Cash	2,14,106	90,31,057	Investments in Fixed Deposits	1 1	40,00,000	
Corpus Donation Received:			Expenses on Object			
Corpus Fund - FCRA	(* ·		FCRA Projects Expenses	1 1	3,28,46,132	
Corpus Fund - Others			- 25			
			Other Programmes Expenses			
Donation Received:			Awareness Programme	17,05,675		
Donation - FCRA	51,58,276		Sustainable Livelihood Programme	2,35,824		
Donation - Others	97,29,796	1,48,88,072	Medical Programme	46,39,351		
			Social Welfare	84,18,433		
Earmarked Fund			Veterinary Programme	27,42,531		
Project Grant Received		1,88,12,434	Wildlife Programme	66,85,013	2,44,26,827	
Maturity Of Fixed Deposits		2,15,00,000	Other Expenses			
			Administration Expenses	65,89,696	65,89,696	
Interest From				200000000000000000000000000000000000000		
Bank Deposits and Savings Accounts		1,52,37,862				
On IT Refund (Net of TDS)			Duties & Taxes Paid		9,06,089	
CANDO DO CONTRADO CAMBROS POLITICAS.	1 1		Deposits	1 1	1,200	
Reimbursements			Income Tax(Assets)	1 1	2,30,240	
Wildlife Institute of India		40.848	Prepaid Expenses		74,980	
World Wide Fund		10,74,020			,505	
Sale of Vehicle		2,75,000				
Insurance Claim	10	1,708		1 1		
Training Receipt	1 1	S C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	Closing Balance:			
Income Tax Refund		876	Bank	96,26,791		
		200	Cash	1,44,359	97,71,150	
Other Receipts			100	2,11,000	57,112,000	
Duties and Taxes		64,669				
Miscellaneous Income		9,03,069				
TOTAL		8,23,58,395	TOTAL	1	8,23,58,395	

in terms of our report attached For C N K & Associates ILP,

Chartered Accountants

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Fixed Assets Schedule 2017-18

THE CORBETT FOUNDATION 81/88, Atlanta Building, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021

SCHEDULE - 3

Property, Plant & Equipment

CALL THE PARTY OF		ADDITION DURING THE YEAR			DEPRECIATION FOR THE YEAR			A DAMESTIC	
PARTICULARS	W.D.V as on 01.04.2017	MORE THAN 180 DAYS	LESS THAN 180 DAYS	SALE	TOTAL ADDITION AS ON 31.03.2018	MORE THAN 180 DAYS	LESS THAN 180 DAYS	TOTAL DEPRECIATION AS ON 31.03.2018	W.D.V as on 31.03.2018
Land	33,52,489	SQ.	-	2	33,52,489		5	12	33,52,489
Building	88,66,972	21,800	30,800	8	89,19,572	8,88,877	1,540	8,90,417	80,29,155
Plant and Machinery	51,54,246	1,71,490	9,76,998	8	63,02,734	7,99,944	79,358	8,79,302	54,23,432
Computer	1,59,314	61,490	1,02,448	- 15	3,23,252	88,323	20,490	1,08,813	2,14,439
Furniture and fixtures	4,73,831	6,350	1,13,940	×	5,94,121	48,018	5,697	53,715	5,40,406
Vehicles	60,95,891	*	20,26,761	2,75,000	78,47,652	8,73,132	1,52,007	10,25,139	68,22,513
Earmarked Fund(Assets)	₩ 💌	8	:4	*	4	18	49	≅	4
Total Fixed Assets	2,41,02,743	2,61,130	32,50,951	2,75,000	2,73,39,824	26,98,294	2,59,092	29,57,386	2,43,82,438
Previous Year	2,33,48,022	22,71,709	16,07,565		2,72,27,296	29.92.096	1.32 456	31 24 553	2 41 02 743







Staff remuneration details 2017 - 18

Sr No	Slab of gross Monthly Salary(In) Plus Benefits Paid to Staff	Male Staff	Female Staff	Total
1	<2500	1	1	2
2	<7000	13	2	15
3	<15000	45	3	48
4	<30000	14	4	18
5	<50000	5	1	6
6	>50000	5	0	5
			Total	94

Details of International travel 2017-18

Name Of Staff/volunteer/bo ard Member	Designation	Purpose Of Travel	Cost Incurred Rs)	Sponsored (Rs)
Mr. Kedar Gore Mr. Devesh Gadhavi Dr. Naveen Pandey	Director Deputy Director, Kutch Deputy Director, Kaziranga	Study Visit For Bengal Florican Conservation, Cambodia From 18th April, 2017 To 27th April, 2017	24612	Sponsored
Dr. Naveen Pandey	Deputy Director, Kaziranga	Saving Asia's Vultures From Extinction Meet, Bangladesh From 17th November 2017 To 23rd November 2017	11501	NA



Details of governing board members

Sr No	Trustee	Position	Relationship
1	Mr. Dilip D Khatau	Chairman	
2	Mrs. Rina D Khatau	Co-Chair	Wife of Mr Dilip D Khatau
3	Mr. B. K. Goswami	Trustee	NA
4	Dr. M. K. Ranjitsinh	Trustee	NA
5	Mr. Nirmal Ghosh	Trustee	NA
6	Mr. Sam Mistry	Trustee	NA
7	Mr. Sharad Sanghi	Trustee	NA
8	Mr. Akshobh Singh	Trustee	NA
9	Mr. Darius Udwadia	Trustee	NA
10	Mr. Laxmikumar Goculdas	Trustee	NA
11	Dr. Divyabhanusinh Chavda	Trustee	NA
12	Mr. P. R. Rajkotia	Trustee	NA



Partners in conservation

The Corbett Foundation thanks institutional donors and partners for supporting the foundation's programs since 1994.

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BAIF

Big Cat Rescue

Bombay Gow Rakshak Mandali

Born Free Foundation

David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation

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Ecocare International Foundation Ltd

E-Pac International

Exodus Travels Ltd

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Forever Tigers

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Haymarket Sac Publishing Pvt Ltd

Hem Chand Mahindra Foundation

Indian Air Force

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Wildlife Conservation Trust

WWF-India



The way forward...



The Corbett Foundation (TCF) started its journey on the path of wildlife conservation on the World Earth Day of 1994 with a focus to mitigate human-wildlife conflict. Twenty-four years down the line, TCF has grown in experience and has spread its wings across the length and breadth of India while adopting a holistic approach to saving India's wildlife and wilderness. Humans are an integral part of our wilderness landscapes and therefore any conservation programme must include and involve people who share the habitat with wildlife. TCF's programmes are planned and executed in a way to ensure co-existence between people and wildlife with a landscape-level approach for a larger and measurable impact. This is difficult but certainly not impossible as has been adequately demonstrated by TCF in areas it works.

Since the launch of Project Tiger in 1973, India has protected 72,000 sq km area as part of 50 tiger reserves spreading just over 2.2% of the country's geographical area. However, wildlife conservation in India needs to be viewed beyond just tiger conservation. There are more areas that need protection not just for tigers but other species such as Great Indian Bustard, Gangetic Dolphin, Brow-antlered Deer, Dugong that occupy landscapes and waterscapes that are different from tiger-occupied forests. Coral reefs, sea turtles, salamanders, butterflies, pangolins, lorises,

mongooses are being poached and captured for illegal wildlife trade. Micro-habitats with honey bees, centipedes, scorpions and megapodes are in dire need of protection too along with tiger-occupied forests.

India harbours 7% of the world's flora and 6.5% of the world's fauna, and ranks amongst the world's 17 most megadiverse countries. Incredible natural assets are stored and protected in the great Himalayan range in the north, vast hot desert in the northwest, 7500 km long coastline, impregnable mangroves in the east, deciduous forests and grasslands in Central India, marine realm of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and the dense forests of the Western Ghats and the Eastern Himalayas! There still remain inaccessible areas where, perhaps, new species are waiting to be discovered. TCF has worked and plans to take up work in some of these challenging landscapes and areas where conservation problems are humongous and solutions to address these problems are anything but easy.

India's corporate sector has played an important role in supporting social causes, especially since 2013. The wildlife conservation space offers a plethora of opportunities to invest the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds to strengthen the grassroots conservation efforts and in the long-term mitigate the effects of climate change. Companies with interest in supporting education, health, livelihood sectors could also consider supporting local communities from within and around India's protected areas network, thus fulfilling CSR requirements and also indirectly supporting conservation efforts in that landscape. TCF is grateful to Jet Privilege Pvt. Ltd., Coca-Cola India Foundation, Bajaj Auto Ltd., Axis Bank Foundation, Kirloskar Group, Mahindra Susten; who have trusted TCF's philosophy of holistic approach to conservation. Landscape-level conservation projects, supported through CSR funds, will not only prevent local extinction of species but also ensure protection of the habitat along with its forests, rivers and other natural resources. TCF is hopeful that more like-minded corporates will come forward to support projects that align with TCF's vision for a future where humans and wildlife live in harmony.

TCF's Board of Trustees extends gratitude to all the corporate, institutional and individual donors and supporters for the trust and confidence they have placed in TCF's work. TCF's dedicated team of 90-odd 'wildlife warriors' embarks on new conservation and sustainable development initiatives with continued support of well wishers in 2018-19 and beyond.

Thank you!

The Corbett Foundation







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