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## Trainings and Workshops

### XXXI P.G. Diploma in Wildlife Management Course concluded

The Course commenced on September 1, 2009 for duration of nine months with a total of 11 participating officer trainees of the rank of DCFs/ACFs and equivalent ranks from different States within India and from abroad. A 2-month Modular Training Course on 'Integrated Wildlife Management Planning' (April 1, to May 31, 2010) was organised for lateral entrants. Management Planning exercise tour was conducted at Kanha Tiger Reserve. The trainees were exposed to the field situation and management challenges at the Tiger Reserve. One lateral entrant from Madhya Pradesh joined this module. The trainees were exposed to various facets of the Park including its past management history and conservation strategies. The trainees were taken to the Buffer zone and the forest patches connecting Kanha with Phen Sanctuary and Achanakmar to the east as well as the Pench Tiger Reserve to the west. They also visited Pench Tiger Reserve.

The Valedictory Function was held on May 31, 2010. Shri A.S. Negi, Former Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand was the Chief Guest on this occasion. He presented the awards and prizes to the officer trainees. Officer trainees were awarded the P.G. Diploma in Wildlife Management on their successful completion of the course. The following officer trainees received awards and prizes:

Institute's Gold Medal for the 'Top Trainee' to Dr. Vaibhav C Mathur; Wildlife Preservation Society Silver Medal for the 'Second in Merit' to Shri Maneesh Mittal; Silver Medal for the 'Best All Round Wildlifer' to Shri A. Periasamy; NR Nair Memorial Silver Medal for 'Best

Management Plan' to Shri G. Ramakrishna Rao; Best Management Term Paper A.K. Chatterjee Silver Medal to Dr. Vaibhav C Mathur; Top Trainee in Wildlife Biology (Book Prize) to Dr. Vaibhav C Mathur; and Silver Medal for the Best Foreign Trainee



to Shri Ganesh Pant. **Contact:** [ssen@wii.gov.in](mailto:ssen@wii.gov.in)

**30th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation, Goa, April 24-30, 2010.** The symposium was held at the famous Kala Academy located on the banks of the River Mandovi in Panaji. It was for the first time that the symposium was held in the South Asia region. Nearly 400 people from across the globe attended the symposium and included more than 100 talks and 250 poster presentations.

The Wildlife Institute of India had a major presence at the symposium and a stall was put up where the Institute's two decades of sea turtle research were displayed. Shri B.C. Choudhury gave the introductory talk at the South Asia Mini Symposium. During the course of the symposium five oral and three poster presentations on WII's sea turtle research activities dealing with different aspects were made. Shri Satya Ranjan Behera, SRF was given the Archie



Carr best student poster presentation award for highlighting the impact of erosion on hatching success in Olive Ridley turtle mass nesting sites in Orissa. Two field staffs from Orissa Shri Damburu Behera and Shri Kalakar Behera, who have worked for several years in WII's research project were given certificates and mementos by the President of the International Sea Turtle Society Dr. Kartik Shanker in recognition of their work for conservation and monitoring of sea turtles in Orissa. **Contact:** [suresh@wii.gov.in](mailto:suresh@wii.gov.in)

**Second Meeting of the GBIF India Nodes, Dehradun, May 3, 2010.** The second meeting of the Indian Nodes of Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) was held in the Institute under the chairmanship of Shri A.K. Goyal, Joint Secretary, MoEF. Thirteen participants from seven organisations participated in the meeting. The Chairman informed that the MoEF has designated five nodes for dealing with all matters relating to development of bioinformatics in India. Dr. V.B. Mathur, Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Sciences stated that data management is a mandate of every organisation. Dr. Vishwas Chavan, Sr. Programme Officer, GBIF said that the mentoring proposal from India has been accepted despite tough competition. **Contact:** [gautam@wii.gov.in](mailto:gautam@wii.gov.in)

**GBIF Workshop on Biodiversity Data Discovery and Publishing, Dehradun, May 4-7, 2010.** Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) was established in March 2001, as an open ended international coordinating body to promote compilation, linking, standardization, digitization and dissemination of world's biodiversity data in the form of distributed open access system, within an appropriate framework for property rights and due attribution. Wildlife Institute of India has been designated as the Coordinating Agency for GBIF activities in India. The workshop is

the first of the series of workshops to be held in collaboration with GBIF. The resource persons Dr. Vishwas, Ms Mélanie, Mr. Kyle and Mr. Sood from GBIF Secretariat in Copenhagen, Denmark came to deliver lectures. Thirty two participants from 10 different national and international institutions participated in the workshop. The workshop focused on the following: (i) Developing institutional data discovery and mobilisation strategy; (ii) Digitisation of primary biodiversity data; (iii) Biodiversity Data Standards and Protocols; (iv) Introduction to GBIF-IPT; (v) IPT and publishing of biodiversity data; (vi) IPT requirements and base technologies; (vii) IPT customisation, expansion and internationalisation; (viii) IPT demonstration; (ix) Introduction to Darwin Core; and (x) Addressing social, political and intellectual property barriers inhibiting data discovery and mobilisation followed by hands on practical session. **Contact: gautam@wii.gov.in**

**GBIF-Asian Nodes Regional Meeting and Biodiversity Informatics Workshop, Dehradun, June 28-30, 2010.** The Global Biodiversity Information Facility Secretariat (GBIFs) in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute (WII) of India organized the Regional Meeting and Biodiversity Informatics Workshop. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Pando Francisco (GBIF NODES Chair).



Representatives from University of Tokyo (Japan), Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (South Korea), Wildlife Institute of India (India), Asian Centre for Biodiversity (Philippines), Biodiversity Research Center (Chinese Taipei), ICIMOD (Nepal) and BioNet/EASIANET (Mongolia) participated in the meeting. The GBIF secretariat was represented by Mr. Juan Bello and Dr. Vishwas Chavan. The participants discussed the following: (i) Regional priorities and targets; (ii) Requirements / opportunities for the implementation of the Regional Action Plan; (iii) Mechanisms to improve the regional coordination, communication, collaboration, and participation; (iv) Suggestions on how to streamline the structure and functioning of the Nodes Committee; (v) Recommendations on how to advance the implementation and uptake of the GBIF Work Programme within each region; (vi) Regional, national, or thematic priorities for the 2011 Work Programme; and (vii) Regional, national, or thematic priorities

for the 2012-2017 Strategic Plans. **Contact: gautam@wii.gov.in**

**Consultative Meeting for Nandadevi-Askot Landscape Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security for Local Community, Dehradun, June 2, 2010.** The meeting was jointly organised by Wildlife Institute of India & Kalpavriksh using WII's Grant-in-aid funds. The objectives of the Consultative Meeting were to: (i) understand the conservation importance of Nandadevi-Askot Landscape; (ii) discuss the issues concerning conservation of natural resources and livelihood security of the local people in the region; and (iii) decide on various steps required for development of an integrated strategy for long-term conservation of this landscape by involving different stakeholders and communities and through their better coordination.

The consultative meeting was organized as a part of series of dialogues by Wildlife Institute of India and Kalpvriksh. In this meeting, representatives of major stakeholders in this landscape participated. After brief introductory presentations on Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve and Askot Wildlife Sanctuary, the participants discussed major issues concerning the long-term conservation of this landscape. They also discussed on issues related to the livelihoods of local communities and

#### CD on Bird Songs of Meghalaya prepared

North-eastern State of Meghalaya is very rich in birdlife and other forms of biodiversity. Birdsongs of Meghalaya is an introduction to rich birdlife of the State. It is a compilation of 68 bird songs recorded in the State. This CD can serve as a useful resource for nature education, bird watching and bird research. The publication was brought out as a product of WII-University of Chicago collaborative research project. Shri Pratap Singh, Scientist, WII compiled the songs and prepared the CD. **Contact: pratapsingh@wii.gov.in**



#### Celebration of World Environment Day

June 5, 2010. Like every year, the World Environment Day was celebrated by the Institute. It was an occasion to create awareness in younger generation. The theme for the World Environment Day 2010 was "Many Species. One Planet. One Future." as declared by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). It echoes the urgent call to conserve the diversity of life on our planet. The following activities were organized for school children at Galaxian International School, Dehradun by the Institute on this day: (i) Clay workshop; and (ii) drawing & painting competition. More than eighty children participated in these activities. Shri Ambar Agnihotri and Smt. Monica Agnihotri, Potter & Ceramist, New Delhi were invited to conduct 'Clay workshop'. The workshop was also organized for the families of the Institute's faculty members in the afternoon session at the Institute. The prepared clay items were sent to a local potter for baking and then they were given to the participants, who prepared them. **Contact: bcs@wii.gov.in**







ongoing/proposed developmental projects. The participants also brought in their experiences of working in this region through Van Panchayat, Joint Forest Management Programme and other initiatives of NGOs. Finally, the participants evolved the future strategy of this initiative. It was decided that in continuation to this initial dialogue, three regional consultative meetings will be organized in coming months in this landscape. **Contact: anilbhardwaj@wii.gov.in**

## On the Move

**South Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships, Dehradun, June 5-6, 2010.** Sh. H.C.S. Rajwar participated as an official in the South Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships organized by the Uttarakhand Table Tennis Association. **Contact: rajwarhcs@wii.gov.in**

**National Consultation Workshop for Identification of Research Gaps in Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Conservation in India, Chennai, June 24-25, 2010.** Wildlife Institute of India in association with the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) organized this two-day National Consultation Workshop. The main objective of workshop was to identify the gap areas in research so that steps could be initiated to conduct important research programmes on a priority basis, which would strengthen the conservation and management of coastal and marine biodiversity in the country.

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr (Mrs.) Aruna Basu Sarkar, Director, Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Trust, Tamil Nadu. Forty delegates including Scientists, Field managers and Researchers from various organizations participated in the workshop. The leading professionals from various organizations addressed the review of work done in different aspects of coastal and marine biodiversity research. They also highlighted the important gap areas in the concerned field. Six groups were formed for the following thrust areas and gap areas: (a) Landscape/Seascape/Ecosystem level research; (b) Habitat level research on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity; (c) Species level research on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity; (d) Development of Technology for Coastal and Marine

Biodiversity Research; (e) Monitoring & Restoration Ecology; and (f) Socio-economic and Policy-level Research. **Contact: ksivakumar@wii.gov.in**

**Training Workshop on Strengthening CITES Implementation Capacity, Makati City, Philippines, June 15-17, 2010.** The objective of the workshop was to ensure sustainable wildlife management and non-detrimental trade. The workshop was jointly organized by CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) Secretariat and the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau, Philippines. The participants learnt the basic understanding of the obligations under the Convention and its procedures. This workshop also offered an introduction to Non-Detriment Finding (NDF). A non-detriment finding for the purpose of import must be made by the Scientific Authority of the State of Import for import of Appendix I-listed species. More than 40 participants from 14 countries participated in this workshop. Dr. K. Sivakumar participated in the workshop. **Contact: ksivakumar@wii.gov.in**



## Welcome

### Shri Vinod Kumar Uniyal, IFS

Shri V.K. Uniyal joined the Indian Forest Service in 1982 and was allotted Kerala Cadre. He obtained the PG Diploma in Wildlife Management from the Institute. He worked in various capacities in the Kerala Forest Department. This is his second tenure to WII. His areas of interest are administrative reforms in the forest service, policy research in wildlife, protected area planning and management and participatory resource management methodologies. He has received a letter of appreciation from the Japan International Cooperation Agency in Tokyo for his outstanding works. He joined WII as a faculty on deputation on June 1, 2010.



### Shri P.C. Tyagi, IFS

Shri P.C. Tyagi joined the Indian Forest Service in 1983 and was allotted Tamil Nadu Cadre. He did P.G. Diploma Course in Wildlife Management from Wildlife Institute of India in 1987-88. He has worked in different capacities in Tamil Nadu Forest Department. He has initiated the Coordinated Captive Breeding Programme for L.T.M. and took interest in developing Zoo Database Management System and Zoo School Programme. He formulated the Master plan for the Zoo. He has deep interest in Participatory Resource Management. He joined WII as a faculty on deputation on June 2, 2010.



### Shri Aseem Shrivastava, IFS

Shri Aseem Shrivastava is an Indian Forest Service Officer of 1988 batch, Madhya Pradesh cadre. He did his Postgraduate Diploma Course in Wildlife Management in the year 1993-94 from the Institute. While working in Kanha Tiger Reserve, he prepared a check-list of 117 species of butterflies, which was published in 2005 in the form of a guide book titled 'Kanha-A Butterfly Treasure'. He also published a field guide with the title 'Butterflies: A Photographic Compendium of Butterflies of Central India'. He was awarded the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Conservation Award, 2006. He joined WII as a faculty on deputation on May 10, 2010.



### Shri Mukul Trivedi, IFS

Shri Mukul Trivedi is 1997 batch IFS Officer from Maharashtra cadre. He is a graduate in Mechanical Engineering. He did his P.G. Diploma in Forest Management from Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal. He did his P.G. Diploma in Wildlife Management from Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun in the year 2002. He has served as Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) at Akot in Melghat Tiger Reserve and at Aurangabad. He is interested in Himalayan landscapes and wildlife photography. He joined WII as a faculty on deputation on May 10, 2010.



### Welcome Guests

- ◆ 11 students and 5 teachers from Espoo Steiner School, Finland, April 6, 2010.
- ◆ 30 Forest Range Officer trainees from Uttarakhand Forest Training Academy, Haldwani, April 7, 2010.
- ◆ 28 Scientists and Research Officers of ICFRE, Dehra Dun, undergoing Induction Training at FRI University, April 9, 2010.
- ◆ Group of trainees of *Van Aarakshi* Professional Training session 2010 from Corbett Wildlife Training Centre, Kalagarh (Garhwal), April 13, 2010.
- ◆ 45 students of Vijay Vidyalaya Matriculation High School, Dharmapuri from EDI, Guindy, Chennai, April 16, 2010.
- ◆ 25 participants of *Van Aarakshi* Prashikshan Course (Uttarakhand) 2010 from NMRC, Sohna, April 20, 2010.
- ◆ A group of 35 senior IFS officers (1960-62 Batch) from Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun, April 27, 2010.
- ◆ 30 M.Sc. (Forestry) students of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester from Forest Research Institute University, Dehradun, May 3, 2010.
- ◆ 7 students and one staff member from School of Environmental Biology, APS University, Rewa, May 4, 2010.
- ◆ 36 participants of *Van Aarakshi* Prashikshan Year 2010 (I Session), from Forest Department, Chakrata, May 10, 2010.
- ◆ 120 students of IX-X Class from Sai Grace Academy, Raipur, Dehradun, May 11, 2010.
- ◆ 10 persons of All India Environment Protection Front, Haryana, May 13, 2010.
- ◆ 25 Van Daroga trainees, one officer and 5 assistants from Forestry Training Academy, Haldwani (Nainital), May 20, 2010.
- ◆ 34 participants of *Van Aarakshi* Prashikshan Year 2010 (I Session) from Forest Department, Chakrata, May 21, 2010.
- ◆ 11 B. Tech. students from Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad, May 26, 2010.
- ◆ 60 RFO trainees including 16 lady officer trainees from Central Academy for State Forest Service, Burnihat, June 8, 2010.
- ◆ 25 students of IV B.Sc. (Forestry) from Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam, June 9, 2010.
- ◆ 30 B.Sc. (Biotechnology) students from Integral University, Kursi Road, Lucknow, June 10, 2010.
- ◆ 5 Officers undergoing Higher Command Management Course at SSB Academy, Srinagar Garhwal, June 22, 2010. **Contact:** [acell@wii.gov.in](mailto:acell@wii.gov.in)

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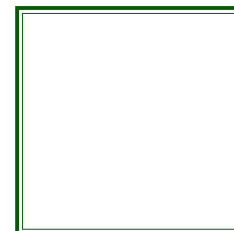
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