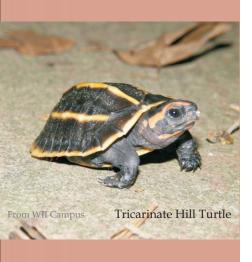


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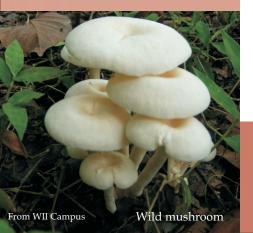
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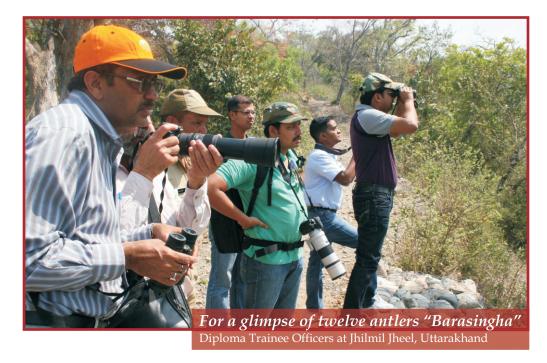
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### **Current Protected Area Network of India**

### Position as in 1988

National Parks: 54; Area 21003 sq km, (0.64%) Wildlife Sanctuaries: 372; Area 88649 sq km, (2.70%) Total Protected Areas: 669; Area 109652 sq km, (3.34%)

#### Position as on March 31, 2012

National Parks: 102; Area 39888.11 sq km, (1.21%)
Wildlife Sanctuaries: 515; Area 119838.63 sq km, (3.65%)
Conservation Reserves: 48; Area 1384.59 sq km, (0.04%)
Community Reserves: 4; Area 20.69 sq km, (0.00%)
Total Protected Areas: 669; Area 161132.02 sq km, (4.90%)

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# **Around the Campus**



# XXVII Certificate Course in Wildlife Management concluded

The XXVII Certificate course in Wildlife Management began on November 1, 2011, with 16 officer trainees of rank Range Forest Officers, DCF's & equivalent from different States of country and abroad.

The in-house teaching included various modules. The teachings were based on classroom lectures, case studies and hands-on exercises. Afternoons were devoted to practical training on crime scene investigation, Sample collection, identification of different wildlife parts and products, filing of charge sheet, wildlife photography, GPS and map reading and development of interpretive media. The management tour to Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh for the officer trainees were

organized with the objective to provide first hand experience of habitat management, endangered species management, ecodevelopment, wildlife interface conflict and tourism.

All the officer trainees successfully completed the certificate course. The following awards were also given: Wildlife conservation Gold Medal for the 'TOP TRAINEE'; Institute's Silver Medal for the 'Best Performance in Wildlife Management'; Module and management Tour; and Institute Silver Medal for the 'Best All-round Wildlifer were all bagged by Shri N. Sanath Kumar. Institute Silver Medal for the 'Best Foreign Trainee' was awarded to Md. Amir Hosain Chowdhury.



One-Week Compulsory Training Course on "Wildlife Offences: Role of Intelligence Gathering and Wildlife Forensics" for the IFS officers, Dehra Dun, January 16-20, 2012.

Sponsored by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, the course was designed to give an overview of wildlife offences situation in the country and existing mechanism and strategies to deal with it. Altogether 20 IFS officers from 11 States of the country participated in the course.

Training sessions were planned to discuss the

Wildlife Crime Scenario, understanding Wildlife
Protection Act, Custom Act,
CITES and Cr.PC. Role of
Agencies like Wildlife Crime
Control Bureau, ITBP, BSF
and Army involved in dealing
with illegal trade in wildlife
articles.

Visit to Rajaji National Park, sensitized the participants towards protection strategies, anti-poaching strategies and other crimes in the Park.
Interaction with Park
Manager enhanced their knowledge of the key factors, threatening the Biodiversity of the Park and innovative strategies required to combat wildlife crime.

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Attachment of Probationers of Indian Revenue Service (Customs & Central Excise) Group - A 62<sup>nd</sup> Batch with Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun, January 16-27, 2012 and January 30 - February 10, 2012. The training was basically aimed at sensitizing the young officers of Indian Revenue Service (Customs & Central Excise) towards wildlife trade in the country and their role in checking it. The

Various inputs, like importance of biodiversity and its conservation, status of endangered species, illegal trade in wildlife- including butterflies, shahtoosh, rhino horn, skin & tiger bones were given. Apart from this, importance of plant taxonomy, trade in medicinal plant, implementation of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, were included in the input.



course was attended by 167 officers in two batches.

Jungle safari in Dhikala and Bijrani areas of Corbett National Park and interaction with forest officers, sensitized them not only towards flagship species but also some other lesser known species.









One week training workshop on biodiversity conservation for women scientists, Dehra Dun,

**February 6-10, 2012.** Workshop sponsored by Department of Science and Technology, included 23 women participants from different subject areas, specialization and regions. The workshop appraised the participants about the current conservation scenarios, the ongoing issues and trend in wildlife conservation. This was the third such course organized by the Wildlife Institute of India.

The topics discussed during the training were Wildlife Conservation, Role of Protected Area in Wildlife Conservation,

Ecosystem Services, Climate Change, Community Participation in Conservation, Livelihood of Local Communities, Gender Issues in Wildlife Conservation; and the Challenges Ahead in Mainstreaming Wildlife Conservation Issues in Development Process.

Visit to Rajaji National Park included interaction with Gujjars and forest department personnel, It enhanced their knowledge and understanding about the recent initiatives of relocation and changes in the habitat.

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# Warm Welcome

### Welcome Guests...

- 25 IFS Officers of Professional Skill Upgradation Course and their faculty from Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehra Dun on January 6, 2012.
- 25 B.Sc. III Year (Forestry) students and their faculty members from Govt. Degree College, Kamareddy, on January 10, 2012.
- 10 IFS Officers currently under training at FSI on `Forest Inventory and TOF Inventory Techniques', and their faculty members from Forest Survey of India, Dehra Dun on January 17, 2012.
- 20 Teachers & Researchers from Division of Genetics & Tree Propagation, Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun on January 23, 2012.
- 30 cadets and two masters from Rashtriya Indian Military College, Garhi Cantt, Dehra Dun on January 31, 2012.
- 61 final year B.V.Sc. students and their faculty from Karnataka Veterinary Animal & Fisheries Sciences University, Veterinary College, Bidar, Mavdinagar (Karnataka) on February 4, 2012.
- 33 final year students of Veterinary College, Vinobanagar, Shivamogga on February 8, 2012.
- 20 M.Sc. final year students and their faculty from HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal on February 15, 2012.
- 40 SFS Officer trainees (2011-2013 Batch) and their Officer-in-Charge from Central Academy for State Forest Service, Coimbatore on February 21, 2012.
- 12 P.G. Diploma/M.Tech. Officer trainees of 2011-12 batch, and Dr. S. Nandy, Scientist `SC' from Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Dehra Dun on February 22, 2012.
- 11 students accompanied by their two teachers from Sanskriti School, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi on March 16, 2012.
- 20 students of Class X & XII and their teachers from Woodstock School, Mussoorie on February 29, 2012.

- 28 B.Sc. (Forestry) students and their faculty and support staff from Tribhuwan University, Institute of Forestry, Hetauda Campus, Pokhra, Nepal on March 9, 2012.
- 75 SFS Officers of 2011-12 batch and their faculty members from Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehra Dun on March 13, 2012.
- 30 students (5th year M.V.Sc.) and their faculty from College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh on March 14, 2012.
- 15 students and their faculty members from Department of Biosciences, Saurashtra University, Rajkot, Gujarat on March 14, 2012.
- 8 students of Class XI and their teachers from Sanskriti School, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi on March 16, 2012.
- 20 B.Lib./M.Lib. students and their faculty from Institute of Technology & Management, UTU, Dehra Dun on March 22, 2012.
- 25 students of Tibetan School in Himachal Pradesh and their teachers from Winterline Nature Trust Cosy Nook Estate, Landour, Mussoorie on March 31, 2012.

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42 B.Sc. (Forestry) students accompanied by their faculty and support staff from Tribhuwan University, Institute of Forestry, Hetauda Campus, Pokhra, Nepal on February 22, 2012.

### Moment of Glory...

Dr. Manoj Kumar Agarwal, Programmer secured the Bronze Medal in 50m Rifle Shooting in 19<sup>th</sup> All India Forest Sports & Games Meet, 2011 conducted by the Forest Department, Uttarakhand during December 16-20, 2011 at Dehra Dun. The Institute also awarded Dr. Agarwal for his achievement. Shri P.R. Sinha, Director of the Institute presented an appreciation letter and cash award of ₹ 2000/- to him on the Republic Day.

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"In the end We Will conserve only what We love and respect. We Will love and respect only what We understand. We Will understand only what We are taught or allowed to experience."

- Baba Dioum, Senegalese Conservationist