

WILD-CER NEWSLETTER

SOCIETY FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH



Join hands together for better results

-Editorial

We at Wild-CER strongly believe in conservation partnership. Joining hands together will all the concerned stakeholders will always bring the positive results, we believe. In one such wonderful journey with the Maharashtra state forest department we have been for more than two decades now. Be it a tree plantation drive by the social forestry department or capacity building of the frontline staff, Wild-CER has always been integral part of such initiatives.

Wild-CER is also actively involved in the conservation of critically endangered vultures in Central India and has prepared the Vulture conservation action plan for Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra in the past. Vulture population looks stabilized after disaster of diclofenac poisoning however there are new threats of Aceclofenac, Ketoprofen and Nimesulide and poisoning. We are monitoring the vulture population in Central India and are hopeful that the vulture population increase in near future. However, we need systematic long term population survey methods and regular data compilation to comment on the population trend in this species.

We hope we can save this species from extinction.

Dr. Bahar S. Baviskar
President, Wild-CER

WILD-CER PARTICIPATED IN MASS PLANTATION IN ASSOCIATION WITH FOREST DEPARTMENT

In an initiative by Social forestry department of Maharashtra state Forest Department, team Wild-CER volunteered for the tree plantation drive which included plantation of 3456 saplings nearby the territorial forest area in Nagpur district. The event was organized on 12th July, 2022 and included several stakeholders including NGO's, students and government agencies. Wild- CER emphasizes on helping and facilitating conservation programs by every possible way.



ONE DAY TRAINING PROGRAM ON WILDLIFE INVESTIGATION THROUGH FORENSIC TECHNIQUES

In collaboration with Melghat Tiger Reserve Foundation and Maharashtra state forest department, we organized a training workshop for the front line staff of Melghat Tiger Reserve on 29th of August 2022.

The workshop was attended by 40 frontline staff of the forest department of Maharashtra. Wild -CER President Dr. Bahar Baviskar guided the trainees on "Wildlife investigation through forensic techniques".

Wild -CER so far has trained around 500 front line staff of Maharashtra forest department and aims to conduct more such training programs in near future.



SEMINAR ON "STATUS OF VULTURE CONSERVATION IN INDIA"



A one day seminar on Status of Vulture Conservation was organized in association with Vanrai Foundation, Asiatic Big Cat Society and International Vulture Awareness Organization on 4th of September 2022 at Baburao Dhanwate Sabhagruh.

43 participants actively attended the programs while 8 experts presented their work related to vulture conservation and shared experiences.



ON-AIR TALK ON WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AT AAKASHWANI

Radio is one of the most appealing source of media communication to present your ideas.

On 26th, September, 2022 Wild-CER President, Dr. Bahar Baviskar went On-AIR on Aakashwani, Nagpur. [radio channel 5851. He signified about recent threats causing vulture extinction in central India and importance of vultures as scavenger in biodiversity equilibrium. "There is an urgent need to work on the conservation measures for the conservation of critically endangered species like vultures", he told.



TRAINING WORKSHOP ON FORENSIC INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES

On 27th, September, 2022 Kundal Academy of Development, Administration, and Management in co-ordination with Maharashtra Forest Department organized an 'Online training program on wildlife investigation using forensic techniques'. Dr. Bahar Baviskar, President and wildlife Veterinarian, Wild-CER guided the frontline staff of Maharashtra Forest Department regarding forensic investigation techniques applicable in the field of wildlife. Around 50 staff from the forest department attended the webinar. We at Wild-CER aim to edify more frontline workers working on the field



The message is simple "Love and Conserve."