

Wild-CER Newsletter

SOCIETY FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

“One Nature, One Human and One Animal”



- One Health

Humans, animals and nature are interlinked and are part of this even complex ecosystem. For welfare all sectors like human medicine, veterinary medicine and nature conservation must work ‘together’. The domesticated animals in the fringe areas comes often in close contact with wild animals and this has a negative impact on health of both domestic and wild animals.

Through one health approach we are addressing the issues related with the negative interactions involving domestic and wild animals, human and the environment. One of the important step in this approach include identification and reporting of the diseases and then take the appropriate actions to restrict the spread of those diseases.

Domestic and feral dogs being omnipresent have potential to spread number of diseases. Due to lack of policy to manage and control number of dogs or due to lack of proper waste disposal methods the population of these dogs is increased rampantly in urban, semi-urban and rural areas.

Increasing dogs population in and around the protected areas is posing a new threat of disease transmission in these highly sensitive areas. The domestic and feral dogs interact with the small carnivores and like to act as carrier of the several zoonotic diseases including rabies and canine distemper. Several cases of Canine distemper have been reported in wild animal species like Tigers and Lions. This results in either reduced immunity or mortality of the animals which directly affects the mortality rate of that species and ultimately “the Ecological balance”.

We plan to take suitable measures to control the dog population in scientific way using modern techniques for Animal Birth Control (ABC). As we have establish Rapid Response Unit (RRU) to deal wildlife emergencies, we are also eagerly looking to initiate the One Health Unit (OHU) very soon.

We appeal to veterinarians, conservationists, researchers, medical professionals and para-medical / paravets to join hands together for good ‘One health.

Dr. Bahar S. Baviskar
President, Wild-CER

Adventure camp for nature lovers



On 16th April 2023, Wild-CER organized an Adventure camp for nature lovers and conservationists at Goa. Children performed various adventurous activities as well as coherently participated in conservation activities. A talk was held on 'Importance of ecological conservation'. Around 22 Parents and their children actively participated and gave a positive response. We at Wild-CER conduct camps and trails for children and nature lovers to experience them the beauty of wildlife.

Gorewada Nature trail



Aiming to explore wildlife and sensitize nature lovers, Wild-CER organized a nature trail at 'Wild Gorewada', Nagpur on 30th April, 2023. Around 15 people participated in the safari. Wild-CER

aims to increase curiosity among students and nature lovers about wildlife and inculcate importance of conservation among them.

Training on emergency animal conflict situations



In accordance with Maharogi Seva Samiti at Somnath, Chandrapur Wild-CER gave a lecture on dealing in emergency situations. Dr. Bahar Bavsikar, President and wildlife veterinarian, Wild-CER presented his views on 'man and insect/animal conflict and its mitigation'. Around 350 people were present at the place and faced sudden Honey bee attacks. Precautionary measures as well as dealing the actual Honey bee attack was demonstrated. Team Wild-CER is always pro-actively determinant to guide and participate in emergency situations like rescue and conflict.



Lecture: Humans Coexisting with wildlife



A lecture on ‘Management wildlife and human being conflict for co-existence’ was organized at Anjuman College of Engineering Technology. Dr. Bahar Bavsikar, President and wildlife veterinarian, Wild-CER presented his views on the Man-animal conflict and its mitigation. Around 90 faculties from various disciplines attended the lecture on 11th May , 2023. Overall the event, received active response and appreciation.

Drawing competition at Bharatnagar Sarvajanik Vachnalay



As a collaborative effort with Bharatnagar Sarvajanik Vachnalay, Nagpur, Wild-CER organized a drawing competition for children and Nature lovers. Inculcating art in children and appreciating their creativity was the objective of the program.

First survey on Crocodile and turtle at Pench Tiger Reserve



Very first survey on Crocodile and Turtle population analysis in riverine areas of river Pench was conducted between 2nd and 4th June by Tinsa Ecological foundation. The survey was a part of citizen – science program of PTR. Two members from Wild-CER attended the survey. Dr. Prabhaunath Shukla, Deputy Director, PTR and A Sreelakshmi, Field Director, PTR guided everyone about methodology and regulations to be followed during the survey. Over all the survey was a great success and many new findings was noted which would be used as a parameter for further surveys and researches on Muggar in Pench landscape. We at Wild-CER encourage young students to actively participate in such initiatives.