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CONSERVATION



BUILDING EVIDENCE FOR CONSERVATION GLOBALLY!



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RESTORING CRITICAL LESSER-KNOWN OAK AND PINE FORESTS OF WESTERN HIMALAYA

Objectives:

1. Network with women's self-help groups, civic societies and schools (communities).
2. Build an education programme on the ills of habitat loss, introduction of problem animals, non-availability of food plants & natural feed, and fragmentation.
3. Initiate awareness programmes to the communities.
4. Initiate discussions with the forest department on unscientific and knee-jerk capture and release of animals.
5. Prioritise the mitigation methods available until date.

Activities:

1. Made several meetings with local communities of farmers, village heads, educators, and forest department and established a relationship with each group.
2. Established a viable habitat restoration plan and provided a strategy for local communities to restore the habitat, which would eventually reduce crop-raiding stress while also conserving several threatened native fauna and flora.
3. Trained and involved communities in ecologically restoring, conserving, securing, and regenerating Chamba's natural habitat in suitable areas.
4. Planted ~700 wild fruits species in and around Chamba villages
5. Helping with Forest Department for a scientific and systematic Chamba Sacred Langur census.

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EDUCATION
OUTREACH

Ram Hattikudur Advanced Training in Conservation (RHATC)

Guiding Young Leaders in Conservation for the Future

The Ram Hattikudur Advanced Training in Conservation (RHATC) was a four-month course initiated by Zoo Outreach Organisation. The course started on 11 October 2021 aimed at bridging academic understanding of conservation and application on ground in India. The process began very early in June to work on the course goals, teaching philosophies, course content, teaching methods and course policies, logistics, as well as specific responsibilities for each mentor, resource person, and administrator, etc.

The course has many modules related to understanding the principles of conservation biology; some of these are:

1. Foundation of basic concepts such as taxonomy, evolution, research methods
2. IUCN red list assessments
3. Freshwater biodiversity conservation challenges and solutions
4. Wildlife policies in India
5. Many talks by leaders in the field of biodiversity conservation ranging from sustainable lifestyles and wildlife photography to taxonomic studies
6. Marine biodiversity conservation and its challenges including policy perspectives
7. Two long field trips and two-day trips to understand organic farming, restoration, importance of wildlife corridors, and citizen science
8. Conservation education through activities, games, plays and education materials.

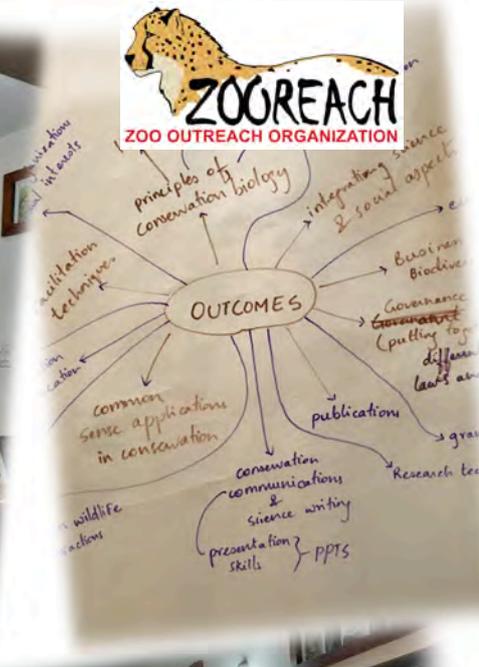
Wildlife Information Liaison Development helped ZOO with hosting and administration of the course.





The biggest objective of the course is to bridge the gap between academics and conservation practice. In order to achieve that the fellows are exposed to basic training in principles of conservation biology and to the challenges faced in planning and implementing conservation actions.





The course ended with a few quick doubt clearance sessions and a look at positive conservation stories taking place in India and around the world to build a sense of conservation optimism which is vital for those working in the field of wildlife conservation. The graduation ceremony was held on 15 February 2022 where all the fellows and the Zooreach team and the Conservation Supporter – Sanjay Manohar with his family were present, and their families and their mentors were present online owing to Covid restrictions.



Donor: Sanjay Manohar, Bangalore, India



