

International Conference **on** **"Wildlife Conservation: Emerging** **Scenario and Way Forward"**

Kanha Tiger Reserve, Mandla (M.P.)

27 - 29 April, 2023



Organised by

Madhya Pradesh Forest Department, Bhopal

&

State Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur



International Wildlife Conference

on

"Wildlife Conservation : Emerging scenario & way forward"

Background

The state of Madhya Pradesh also known as "Heart of India", is located in central India, with a total geographical area of 3,08,252 sq km. The state is rich in forest with a Recorded Forest Area (RFA) of 94,689 sq km, of which 61,886 sq km falls under the category of Reserved Forests, 31,098 sq km is classified as Protected Forests and 1,705 sq km is un-classified Forests. This state is also referred to as the wildlife state of the country with twenty-five wildlife sanctuaries and ten national parks within its boundaries and with ample opportunities to the nature lovers, environmentalists and wildlife enthusiasts to witness wild animals in their pristine glory amidst their natural habitat.

This state has played a pivotal part in India's wildlife conservation programs at a time when the numbers of many animal species are dwindling. Madhya Pradesh (M.P.) had the distinction of having the largest tiger population of the country. It has the highest leopard numbers within the tiger range of the country and also harbours populations of threatened vultures and the 'endemic' crocodilian – the Ghariyal. The state also has done a pioneering task of successfully increasing the population of the highly endangered Barasingha, the hard ground swamp deer and has been successful in reintroduction of the Indian Bison (gaur), thus protecting the natural order and habitat for animals over the past many decades. Recently, the state has embarked upon an ambitious project of re-introduction of Cheetah into Kuno-Palpur National Park. This first ever inter-continental wild to wild translocation programme has been inaugurated by **Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.**

Armored with technical know-how on wildlife research and management, extensive and suitable ecological conditions for providing ideal habitat, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department is venturing upon organizing an International Conference on "Wildlife Conservation: Emerging scenario & way forward" in collaboration with M.P. State Forest Research Institute, to bring stalwarts, experts, researchers and forestry professionals together to further consolidate upon the cause of conservation of Wildlife and to create a perfect ecological equilibrium in Madhya Pradesh and in India.

Objectives of the Conference

The conference aims at providing a platform for deliberations, interactions and knowledge sharing amongst academicians, practitioners, professionals, researchers and policymakers, engaged in multiple aspects of emerging issues on wildlife management which include *inter-alia* carrying capacity, disturbance and succession, population management, loss in biodiversity, human wildlife conflicts and environmental conditions such as physical, geographical, pedology and hydrology and to get acquainted with latest developments and trends about ongoing practices in various dimensions of wildlife management across the globe. The conference will also provide a forum to understand various species-specific conservation strategies evolving in different landscapes in the state as well as in the country.

Conference Themes

1. Wildlife population management
2. Wildlife habitat ecology
3. Wildlife policy issues and challenges
4. Human wildlife conflicts and mitigation measures

Conference venue and access

1. The conference venue is amidst the picturesque landscape of globally renowned Kanha Tiger Reserve, located in Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh (Coordinates 22°20'0"N 80°38'0"E). Kanha is nestled in the Maikal range of Satpuras in Madhya Pradesh, that forms the central Indian highlands. This Tiger Reserve is considered as one of the finest wildlife areas of the world. Spreading across two revenue districts of Mandla and Balaghat, Kanha National Park was declared a Reserve Forest in 1879 and thereafter as a Wildlife Sanctuary in 1933. Its status was further upgraded to a National Park in 1955 and declared as Tiger Reserve in 1973 along with 8 others tiger reserves in different parts of India. Presently, it spreads over an area of 1945 sq km.
2. The weather in Kanha National Park is hot and dry during the summers. The temperature rises to 43°C from April to June. The monsoon season lasts from mid-June to September when an average of 1,800 mm of rainfall occurs. The winter season starts in November and lasts till February.

3. Kanha is well connected from Jabalpur, Raipur and Nagpur and can be reached within 5–6 hours from them. Participants coming from New Delhi or any other parts of the country may find nearest airport at Jabalpur, Raipur and Nagpur and then travel by road to Kanha.
4. Participants may reach Kanha by train, important nearest railway stations being Jabalpur, Gondia, Raipur and Nagpur.

Conference Dates

27 - 29 April 2023

Guidelines for Submission of Abstracts/Papers

The manuscript should be prepared in the following format:

1. The papers should be submitted **theme wise** by e-mail only to **mpsfr@mp.gov.in** with a copy to rapporteur of the respective theme.
2. Abstracts must be submitted online along with a brief detail of corresponding author and co-authors.
3. Title of the paper, authors name, designation, institutional affiliation, contact number and email address.
4. Abstract of approximately 500 words with 3-4 key words at the end of the abstract with font size 12, Times New Roman with 1.5 line spacing.
5. Title of the paper should be in font size 14 and should be centrally aligned.
6. Name of the author should be in font size 12 and affiliation in font size 11.
7. Finally accepted paper shall be published in the proceeding of the conference. The paper should be of 3500-4000 words including abstract. Sub heading and body of the text should be in font size 12.
8. Both initial abstract and final paper should be submitted in MS-Word format.
9. All references should follow standard APA style. References should be cited in the text as Anderson (1999), Esmaeili and Gholamifard (2011) or Rastegar-Pouyani et al. (2015) (three or more authors), or alternatively in a parenthesis (Anderson, 1999; Esmaeili and Gholamifard, 2011; Rastegar-Pouyani et al., 2015). All literature cited in the text must be listed in the references.
10. Table and diagrams should be appropriately numbered and can be inserted in the text or at the end of the paper.

Registration & fee

1. Registration can be made **online (www.mpsfri.org)** by submitting registration form along with the fee.
2. **Foreign delegates US\$ 600.** Companion with foreign delegates **US\$ 300.**
3. **Delegates from SAARC countries US\$ 300.** Companion with SAARC delegates **US\$ 150.**
4. **Indian delegates: INR 5000** (students), **INR 20000** (professionals). Companion with Indian delegates **INR 10000** (professionals). Retired Forest Officers **INR 10000.** Companion with Retired Forest Officers **INR 5000.**
5. **Refund on cancellation of registration:** 50% of the registration fee paid will be refunded upon cancellation of registration, requested on or before 28 February, 2023. No refund will be possible thereafter.
6. **Payment of Registration fee:** Online through www.mpsfri.org/registration-IWC2023.
7. Registration fee includes boarding, lodging and conference kit. **Travel cost is not included in the registration fee and it has to be borne by the participant's upto the conference venue.**

Conference deadlines

1. The online registration for the conference will end on- **20 February, 2023.**
2. The final date of submission of abstract is on or before- **31 January, 2023.**
3. Declaration of acceptance of abstract date - **15 February, 2023.**
4. Final date of submission of full-length paper - **28 February, 2023.**

Mode of Payment

Registration fee may be transferred online to the following details:

1. Account Name : **Director State Forest Research Institute Jabalpur**
2. Account No. : **41557948490**
3. Bank Name : **State Bank of India**
4. Branch Name : **Gwarighat, Jabalpur**
5. IFSC Code : **SBIN0012270**

Conference Schedule

DAY 1: 27 April, 2023

Time	Particulars/sessions	Activities
12:00 Noon onwards	Registration	Arrival of guests
03.30PM-05.30PM	Inaugural session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome of Guests • Lighting of lamp • Welcome address • Conference overview • Key note address • Address by dignitaries • Address by Chief Guest • Vote of thanks
07.00PM - 08.00PM	Cultural Evening	
08.00PM - 10.00PM	Ice-breaking session and Dinner	

DAY 2: 28 April, 2023

Time	Technical Session	
09.00AM - 09.30AM	Discussion on Format of the Conference, role of theme coordinator & co coordinator	
09.30AM - 11.00 AM	Technical Session - 1	Parallel sessions – all themes+ Key note speakers 1. Wildlife population management 2. Wildlife habitat ecology 3. Wildlife policy issues and challenges 4. Human wildlife conflicts and mitigation measures
11.00AM -11.30AM	Tea Break	Group Photograph
11.30 AM- 1.00 PM	Technical Session - 2	Parallel sessions - all themes
01.00PM - 02.00 PM	Lunch break	
02.00 PM - 03.30PM	Technical Session - 3	Parallel sessions - all themes
03.30PM - 04.00PM	Tea break	
04.00PM - 05.30PM	Technical Session - 4	Finalise all recommendations
07.00PM - 08.00PM	Talk on “ Role of Technology in wildlife conservation ” and “conservation and development”	
08.00PM - 10.00PM	Conference Dinner	

DAY 3: 29 April, 2023

Time	Plenary: Thematic Presentations by theme coordinators
09.00AM - 10.00AM	Wildlife population management
10.00AM - 11.00 AM	Wildlife habitat ecology
11.00AM - 11.30AM	Tea Break
11.30 AM - 12.30 PM	Wildlife policy issues and challenges
12.30 PM - 01.30 PM	Human wildlife conflicts and mitigation measures
01.30PM - 02.30PM	Lunch Break
02.30 PM - 03.30 PM	Poster Presentations
03.30PM-04.00PM	Tea Break
04.00PM - 05.30PM	Concluding Session

Registration Form

(Registration through online only)

Name of the participant : _____

Gender: Male ☐ Female ☐

Age : _____ Designation : _____

Organization : _____

Discipline : _____

Address for correspondence : _____

Phone/Mobile : (O) _____ (R) _____

WhatsApp No. : _____

Email : _____

For International Participants Passport No : _____

For National Participants Aadhar No. : _____

Paper Presentation (Mark ✓ in the specified box): Yes ☐ No ☐

Theme of the Paper: _____

Title of the Paper : _____

Mode of Payment (Online) : Transaction ID _____ Date _____

Date and mode of arrival at the conference venue: _____

Names and contacts of the in-charge of various themes of the conference

Theme - 1. "Wildlife Population Management"

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Theme – 3. "Wildlife Policy Issues and Challenges"

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Theme – 4. "Human Wildlife Interaction and Mitigation Measures"

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About SFRI

State Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur (SFRI) came into existence on 27th June, 1963 for the scientific development of forestry sector in the state of Madhya Pradesh following the recommendations of tenth Silvicultural Conference held at Dehradun in 1961. It was granted autonomy by Madhya Pradesh Forest Department on 29th October, 1994 and was registered on 2nd August, 1995 as a society under M.P. Societies Registration Act 1973. Over the years the institute has developed as an educational, training, research and consultancy organization at the state and national level and is carrying out adaptive and applied research programmes.



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