

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE
JANUARY- 2020**

Team:

Mukund Dhurve – Assistant Conservation Officer

Highlights

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on foot patrols on 2 occasions*
- ⇒ *1 shramdhaan programs to clean water hole*
- ⇒ *3 shramdhaan programs to clean area next to hand pumps*
- ⇒ *3 anti-plastic programs*
- ⇒ *Organized 2 one-day nature camps at Nagzira attended by total of 61 students and 6 teachers from 2 schools*
- ⇒ *1 youth identified for driving training*
- ⇒ *Workshop on crop damage by wild animals*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
29/01/2020	Comp. No. 109	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept. in day and night patrol	5
30/01/2020	Comp. No. 56	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept. in day and night patrol	6
27/01/2020	Comp. No. 109	Program to clean water hole	6
02/01/2020	Asalpani	Program to clean area around hand pump	5
16/01/2020	Thadezari	Program to clean area around hand pump	5
20/01/2020	Sodlagondi	Program to clean area around hand pump	5
02/01/2020	Asalpani	Anti -plastic program	6
16/01/2020	Thadezari	Anti -plastic program	4
20/01/2020	Sodlagondi	Anti- plastic program	5

Our team organized a program on January 27 to clean and de-silt a water hole at Compartment No. 109.



Water hole in Comp. No. 109 being cleaned

Our team organized 3 community assistance programs on January 2, 16 and 20 to clear areas around hand pumps at Asalpani, Thadezari and Sodlagondi.

Water had spilled over while people drew from the hand pumps and had stagnated, leading to proliferation of mosquitoes and insects. Our teams cleared the area, removing scum and organic growth and dug canals to drain away the water.

Unemployed youths from Mangezari participated in all programs which were led by Mukund. (Details of the programs provided in the table above).



Volunteers clean area around hand-pump at Asalpani

During the month, our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols in Compartment No. 109 and Compartment No. 56. Besides our staff, volunteers from a youth club at Mangezari also joined in the patrols. The youth club was set up with our assistance and is mentored by our Conservation Officer Mukund Dhurve.



Day patrolling at Comp. No. 109



Night patrolling at Comp. No. 56

During the month, our team organized 3 anti-plastic programs to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programs were organized on January 2, 16 and 20 at Asalpani, Thadezari, and Sodlagondi villages respectively. Mukund organized the programs which were attended by villagers and village eco-development committee (VEDC) members. The plastic litter has been kept in our Mangezari office and will be sent to Tiroda for recycling.



Anti-plastic program at Sodlagondi

Education

There were 6 education programs in January 2020.

Sr. no	Date	Name of School	Events	No. of Participants
1	01/01/2020	Ashram school, Koilari	Information on Migratory	93

			Birds	
2	03/01/2020	G.E.S. High School Kuradi	Preparation of kitchen garden	44
3	19/01/2020	Z.P.P.S, Pindkepar	Information on Migratory Birds	35
4	20/01/2020	Harikrushna high school, Kodelohara	1-day Nature Camp	30
5	22/01/2020	Z.P.P.S, Mangezari	1-days Nature Camp	31
6	23/01/2020	Ashram School, Mendha	Information on Migratory Birds	97
			Total	330

On January 15, we organised a workshop at Mangezari on the study and evaluation of the loss caused by wild life to farms and crops. 26 farmers of Mangezari, Kodebarra and Jindatola took part.



Workshop on crop damage at Mangezari

On January 20, Satpuda Foundation along with Forest Department organized a 1-day nature camp at Nagzira for 30 students and 4 teachers of Harikrushna High School, Kodelohara. In this camp, we organized nature trail, nature game and a jungle safari for the participants.

A similar camp was organised on January 22 for 31 students and 2 teachers of Z.P.P.S. School, Mangezari.



Jungle safari at Nagzira, Kodelohara School



Nature Trail at Nagzira

Jungle safari at Nagzira, Mangezari School



Bird watching at Nagzira

Employment Cell Training activities

We identified 1 youth to attend a driving training programme at Ashok Leyland Driving Training Centre, Chhindwara. The expenses for the month-long training programme will be borne by the Forest Department.

S. no	Name	Village name	Qua.	Age	Trade
1	Pannalal Gyaniram Tekam	Jindatola	12	22	Ashok Leyland driving centre Chhindwara