

NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE
JULY - 2019

Team:

Mukund Dhurve – Assistant Conservation Officer

Highlights

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on foot patrols on 3 occasions*
- ⇒ *5 shramdhaan programs to clean area next to hand pumps*
- ⇒ *5 anti-plastic programs*
- ⇒ *Organised programmes to dig 5 compost pits*
- ⇒ *Assisted 2 youths in joining hospitality training program at PACE Academy, Sillari*
- ⇒ *Organized 7 plantation programs – 135 saplings planted*
- ⇒ *Organized 2 environment education programs; a total of 320 students present*
- ⇒ *Celebrated World Tiger Day - 73 students and EDC members participated*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
10/07/2019	Comp. No. 56	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept. in day and night patrol	8
15/07/2019	Mangezari to Kodebarra	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept. in day and night patrol	6
20/07/2019	Mangezari to Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept. in day and night patrol	5
14/07/2019	Mangezari	Program to clean area around hand pump	6
16/07/2019	Sodlagondi	Program to clean area around hand pump	5
17/07/2019	Chorkhamara	Program to clean area around hand pump	4
21/07/2019	Umarzari	Program to clean area around hand pump	4
25/07/2019	Jindatola	Program to clean area around hand pump	5
14/07/2019	Mangezari	Anti-plastic program	6
16/07/2019	Sodlagondi	Anti-plastic program	4
17/07/2019	Chorkhamara	Anti-plastic program	5
21/07/2019	Umarzari	Anti-plastic program	4
25/07/2019	Jindatola	Anti-plastic program	4

Our team organized 5 community assistance programs on July 14, 16, 17, 21 and 25 to clear areas around hand pumps at Mangezari, Sodlagondi, Chorkhamara, Umarzari and Jindatola. Unemployed youths from Mangezari participated in the programs which were led by Mukund. (Details of the programs provided in the table above)

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.



Volunteers clean area around hand-pump at Sodlagondi

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols in Compartment No. 56 and on the paths linking Mangezari to Kodebarra and Mangezari to Jindatola. 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 Assistant Conservation Officer Mukund Dhurve.



Day patrol at Comp. No. 56

During the month, our team organized 5 anti-plastic programs to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programs were organized on July 14, 16, 17, 21 and 25 at Mangezari, Sodlagondi, Chorkhamara, Umarzari and Jindatola 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 Mangezari

On 29 July, we celebrated World Tiger Day at Zilla Parishad Primary School (ZPPS), Mangezari. 73 students, VEDC members and Forest Department staff were present. Addressing the gathering, Mukund gave information about our tiger and its habitat and the need to conserve the big cat.



World Tiger Day celebration at Z.P.P.S., Mangezari

In July, Hemraj Salam, a marginal farmer from Asalpani prepared a compost pit through shramdhaan. Earlier in May we had provided information to farmers about benefits of preparing compost pits and using organic compost instead of chemical fertilizers. He voluntarily prepared the compost pit on his farm under the guidance of Mukund Dhurve. Similarly, 4 more compost pits were prepared in Asalpani and Bagadband villages.



Hemraj Salam preparing compost pit on his farm in Asalpani

Education

There were 9 education programs in July 2019.

S. no.	Date	Name of School	Events	No. of Participants
1	01/07/2019	G.E.S. Girls High School, Kuradi	Plantation (10 saplings)	45
2	03/07/2019	Adilok High School, Bolunda	Plantation (15)	121
3	04/07/2019	Z.P.P.S., Mangezari	Plantation (20)	73
4	05/07/2019	Harikrushna High School, Kodelohara	Plantation (10)	35
5	08/07/2019	Ashram School, Koilari	Plantation (30)	49
6	09/07/2019	Ashram School, Mendha	Plantation (40)	45
7	10/07/2019	Z.P.P.S., Pindkepar	Plantation (10)	34
8	12/07/2019	G.E.S. Girls High School, Kuradi	Information about Snakes	210
9	24/07/2019	Adilok High School, Bolunda	Information about Snakes	110
			Total	561



Nature education program at Adilok High School, Bolunda

Employment Cell Training activities

In July we helped 2 youngsters attend a hospitality training program organized by Pratham Arora Center for Education (PACE) and funded by Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation at Sillari.

S. no	Name	Village name	Qua.	Age	Details
1	Krushnakumar Hemne	Kodebarra	12 th	21	Hospitality training program, PACE Academy, Sillari.
2	Sunil Bansod	Bodalkasa	12 th	20	Hospitality training program, PACE Academy, Sillari.