

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE**  
**MAY - 2019**

**Team:**

Mukund Dhurve -Asst. Conservation Officer  
Jivraj Salam - Field assistant

**Highlights**

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on foot patrols on 6 occasions*
- ⇒ *3 programs to clean water holes*
- ⇒ *6 programs to clean area next to hand pumps*
- ⇒ *6 anti-plastic programs*
- ⇒ *Installed 23 water pots for birds*
- ⇒ *Organized 2 demonstration workshops for farmers*
- ⇒ *Assisted 2 youths in joining hospitality training program at PACE Academy, Sillari*
- ⇒ *Celebrated World Migratory Bird's Day, a total of 40 students and teachers participated*
- ⇒ *Celebrated International Day for Biological Diversity - total of 21 farmers present*
- ⇒ *Organized bamboo workshop for farmers at Kohmara*
- ⇒ *Assisted in fighting fire in Compartment No. 109*

**Conservation**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>
06/05/2019	Mangezari to Kodebarra road	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Department in day and night patrol	8
10/05/2019	Comp. No. 111	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Department in day and night patrol	6
14/05/2019	Comp. No. 94	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Department in day and night patrol	5
17/05/2019	Mangezari to Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Department in day and night patrol	8
20/05/2019	Comp No. 109	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Department in day and night patrol	7
23/05/2019	Comp No. 110	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Department in day and night patrol	6
01/05/2019	Balapur	Program to clean area around hand pump	6

09/05/2019	Bodalkasa	Program to clean area around hand pump	5
13/05/2019	Jindatola	Program to clean area around hand pump	4
15/05/2019	Pitezari	Program to clean area around hand pump	4
21/05/2019	Sodlagondi	Program to clean area around hand pump	5
30/05/2019	Asalpani	Program to clean area around hand pump	4
10/05/2019	Comp. No. 111	Program to clean water hole	5
20/05/2019	Comp. No. 109	Program to clean waterhole	4
23/05/2019	Comp. No. 110	Program to clean waterhole	5
01/05/2019	Balapur	Anti-plastic program	6
09/05/2019	Bodalkasa	Anti-plastic program	4
13/05/2019	Jindatola	Anti-plastic program	5
08/05/2019	Bagadband	Anti-plastic program	4
15/05/2019	Pitezari	Anti-plastic program	4
21/05/2019	Sodlagondi	Anti-plastic program	5
30/05/2019	Asalpani	Anti-plastic program	4

On May 10, 20 and 23 we cleaned up artificial water holes in Compartment no. 111, 109 and 110 respectively. Our volunteers from Kodebarra and Mangezari participated in the shramdhaan programs. Our team, along with Forest Department staff, cleaned the leaf litter and scum from the water holes and later filled them with clean water.

Wildlife in these areas will now have access to clean water during the dry summer season. If these water holes were not cleaned, then the wild animals may wander close to human habitation in search of water, giving rise to man-animal conflict.



*Volunteers help clean waterhole at Comp. No. 110*

Our team organized 6 community assistance programs on May 1, 9, 13, 15, 21 and 30 to clear areas around hand pumps at Balapur, Bodalkasa, Jindatola, Pitezari, Sodlagondi and Asalpani. Unemployed youths from Mangezari participated in all programs which were led by Mukund and Jivraj. Details of the programs are given 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 Pitezari*

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols in Compartment No. 111, Compartment No. 94, Compartment No.109 and Compartment No. 110 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 Conservation Officer Mukund Dhurve.



*Day patrol in Comp. No. 110*

During the month, our team organized 6 anti-plastic programs to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programs were organized on May 1, 9, 13, 15, 21 and 30 at Balapur, Bodalkasa, Jindatola, Pitezari, Sodlagondi, and Asalpani villages respectively. Mukund and Jivraj 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 Asalpani*

On May 22, Satpuda Foundation organized a meeting of local farmers with District Agriculture Officer Mr. Sanjay Chowdhary on the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity. Mr. Chowdhary gave information about Government schemes and latest farming technologies. 21 farmers from Balapur, Bodalkasa and Govindtola attended the meeting.



*Farmers meet with Agriculture Officer Mr. Sanjay Chowdhary*

On May 9, Satpuda Foundation and Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve management organized a workshop on bamboo plantation in farms. 26 farmers from Mangezari, Jindatola, Kodebarra, Balapur and Bodalkasa villages attended the workshop. Divisional Forest Officer Mr. Chowhan from Nagpur gave information about bamboo plantation and Conservator of Forests Mr. Ramanujam gave information about subsidy and other facilities for farmers.



*Bamboo workshop for farmers at Kohmara*

On 16 May, we celebrated World Migratory Bird's Day at Ashram School, Bolunda with 40 students and 3 teachers. Our team gave information about migratory birds and their importance.



*World Migratory Bird's Day Celebration at Mendha School*

In May, we installed 23 water pots for birds at Kodebarra, Bodalkasa, Sodlagondi, Thadezari, Pitezari and Umarzari. During summer season, birds and small animals make use of these water pots as water from natural sources is scarce. Eco-development committee members and our volunteers from these villages helped install these water pots and contribute to conservation of avifauna.



*Water pot installed at Balapur*

### **Employment Cell Training activities**

In May we assisted 2 youngsters to attend hospitality training program organized by Pratham Arora Center for Education (PACE) at Sillari, Pench Tiger Reserve. The programme is funded by Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation.

<b>S. no</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Village name</b>	<b>Qua.</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Trade</b>
1	Deepak Chaganlal Bopche	Sodlagondi	12 <sup>th</sup>	21	Hospitality training program, PACE Academy, Sillari
2	Uttam Gyaniram Maraskolhe	Mangezari	12 <sup>th</sup>	20	Hospitality training program, PACE Academy, Sillari