

TADOBA ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE
JULY 2016

Team:

Prameek Kannan – Conservation Officer

Bandu Kumare – Field Assistant

Highlights

- ⇒ *1,257 saplings planted in Adegaon, Chorgaon, Katwal, Kondegaon, Mudholi, and Bhamdeli*
- ⇒ *Environment education programmes in 4 schools - 130 students attended*
- ⇒ *Film shows on nature and wildlife conservation in 6 schools - 243 students attended*
- ⇒ *Our Mobile Health Unit treated 472 patients for free in 5 villages*
- ⇒ *Visited site of a fatal tiger attack on a man in Khutwanda*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	Number of Participants
15/7/16	Adegaon	Planted 50 saplings near Adegaon temple	20 students of Adegaon school
16/7/16	Chorgaon	Planted 50 saplings around school compound.	79 students of Chorgaon school
20/7/16	Katwal	Distributed and planted 300 saplings amongst the villagers of Katwal .	100+
21/7/16	Mudholi, Kondegaon	5 Saplings planted in Saraswati Secondary school of Mudholi with students, 25 saplings planted in Kondegaon by road with Gram Panchayat.	20 students in Mudholi, 10 volunteers in Kondegaon
22/7/16	Kondegaon, Mudholi	Distributed 62 plants among villagers of Kondegaon and planted in house compounds. 50 saplings planted in	50+ in Kondegaon, 50+ students in Mudholi

		Saraswati Secondary school of Mudholi.	
23/7/16	Bhamdeli	400 saplings distributed among villagers of Bhamdeli and planted in house compounds and farms.	60+
24/7/16	Sitarampeth	Was called for snake rescue from an underground pipe, explained why operation would be unnecessarily dangerous citing ecological importance, territorial behavior and possible site fidelity as reasons why it is best to let it leave of its own accord.	5 members of house-hold
24/7/16	Khutwanda	Was called to site of tiger attack on man.	3 witnesses of attack, 5 forest dept. staff.
26/7/16	Kondegaon, Mudholi	Planted 50 saplings by roadside in Kondegaon, with Gram Panchayat. 300 saplings planted by gram Panchayat in Mudholi, 50 saplings planted in house compound by residents of Mudholi.	4 in Kondegaon, 10 + 10 in Mudholi
28/7/16	Adegaon	15 saplings planted around school in Adegaon. 50 saplings planted around school in Bhamdeli	19 students in Adegaon, 21 students in Bhamdeli

Our tree planting drive got off to a start in the buffer zone of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR), with 1,257 saplings being planted in different villages during July. Most of our activities this month centered around tree planting activities.



Tree plantation at Katwal (left) and Adegaon (right)



Tree plantation at Mudholi (left) and Adegaon (right)

On the 24th of July, while at Sitarampeth with the Mobile Health Unit (MHU), Conservation Officer Prameek Kannan was called to a house to remove a cobra. The resident claimed this cobra had come near his house and had hidden itself in a pipe that was underground with an opening near his toilet. The resident of the house wanted to dig up the pipe so that Prameek could get the snake out and then transport it far away, preferably near the Irai dam.

To this, Prameek said this would be a highly dangerous and completely unnecessary procedure. Besides the danger of agitating an already stressed snake by digging, this would also take out a potentially territorial animal, whose vacant territory may draw in more snakes near the house and compound the problem. He said the best thing to do would be to not venture near the area for some time to allow the already agitated animal to leave of its own accord.

Also on 24th of July, Prameek responded to a call about a fatal tiger attack on a man in Khutwanda village. Here, 65 year-old Manek Jumnake of Khutwanda, was attacked as he was grazing his cattle at the edge of the forest about 2km from Kutwanda village. Two other men with him claimed they saw a tiger in the forest near his body as they made their way towards the spot. Forest department staff that were taking measurements at the attack site it was most likely a female tiger, based on the pugmarks.

Environmental Education

Date	Village	Activity	No. of Participants
28/7/16	Adegaon, Bhamdeli Sitarampeth	Session with kids on nature and forest conservation + tree planting	19, 21, 24
29/7/16	Katwal	Drawing competition (grades 5-7) + documentary (grades 1-4)	20, 46



Drawing contest for children at Zilla Parishad School in Katwal on Global Tiger Day

Education Van

Date	Village	Movie	No. of Participants
14/7/16	Kondegaon, Katwal, Khutwanda	United by blood: Tiger Sisters of Telia (in Marathi)	23 in Kondegaon, 74 in Katwal and 23 in Khutwanda
15/7/16	Dewada, Adegaon, Chorgaon	United by blood: Tiger Sisters of Telia (in Marathi)	18 in Dewada, 26 in Adegaon, 79 in Chorgaon



Children of Chorgaon watch a documentary narrated in Marathi by Forest Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar on 4 tiger sisters from Tadoba's Telia lake region

Health

Date	Village	Patients Treated
23/7/16	Moharli, Bhamdeli	74, 107
24/7/16	Sitarampeth, Kondegaon, Khutwanda	65, 109, 117