

## TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE

MAY 2020

### Team:

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### Highlights of the month:

- *1 garbage management programme to mitigate human-wildlife conflict – 32 villagers participated*
- *Seed collection drive – 34 children participated*
- *300 saplings prepared - 22 children participated*
- *Nature game - 25 children participated*
- *Helped 2 villagers claim compensation for their cattle killed by carnivores*

### Conservation activities

Date	Village(s)	Activity	No. of participants
03/05/2020	Khutwanda	Seed collection	15
07/05/2020	Katwal	Saplings prepared (100)	10
09/05/2020	Kondegaon	Seed collection	19
13/05/2020	Katwal	Saplings prepared (200)	12
14/05/2020	Bhamdeli	Cleanliness drive	32
29/05/2020	Kondegaon	Interactive nature game	25
		<b>Total</b>	113

Ahead of the monsoon, we organised seed collection drives and local children collected a variety of endemic seeds during the drive. We also finalized the location for this year's plantation drive during the monsoon. Our team also spoke to the children about the floral diversity of the

landscape. The children also prepared 300 saplings from the collected seeds to be planted during the monsoon.



*(Left) Khutwanda- Variety of seeds collected by local children (Right) Katwal- A child prepares a sapling*



*Katwal- Saplings procured by local children*

We organized garbage management meetings and activities with villagers of Bhamdeli. Programmes were organized in order to sanitize the area around villages, as garbage spillover and food leftovers lure wildlife into villages and are a potential cause for human-wildlife conflict. We also collected over 5 kilograms of plastic litter through public participation (shramdhaan). A total of 32 villagers volunteered for the programmes.



*Bhamdeli – Villagers volunteer for village cleanliness drive (Right) Children clean themselves after the cleanliness drive*

### ***Environment Education Programme***

During May, we organized students' sensitization drive through wildlife conservation awareness and environment education programme in Kondegaon village. We engaged children in interactive nature game where they learned about the identification of wildlife. A total of 25 children participated.

