



TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE

MAY 2018

Team:

Conservation Officer: Mr. Ajay Poddar

Field Assistant: Mr. Kishor Dudhbarai

Highlights of the month:

- ⇒ *3 anti-plastic drives and programmes to prevent man-animal conflict - 96 villagers participated*
- ⇒ *100 saplings prepared - 9 children participated*
- ⇒ *2 women's SHG meetings were organized - 22 members attended*
- ⇒ *5 VEDC meetings were organized - 91 members attended*
- ⇒ *Celebrated important days in green calendar: World Migratory Bird Day, World Recycling Day and World Biodiversity Day*
- ⇒ *Medical camps in 6 villages - 375 patients treated*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
12/05/2018	Khutwanda	Anti-plastic and cleanliness drive	23
16/05/2018	Katwal	--do--	36
22/05/2018	Khutwanda	Saplings prepared	9
30/05/2018	Bhamdeli	Anti-plastic and cleanliness drive	40
		Total	105

On May 12th, 16th and 30th, we organized cleanliness and anti-plastic programmes with villagers and students of Zilla Parishad (ZP) school of Katwal, Khutwanda and Bhamdeli village. Programmes were organized to clean the areas in and around the villages and around the hand pumps and wells as they choke the drainage. Wild growth and litter provide shelter to snakes and scorpions and attract scavengers.

On May 30th, we prepared 100 saplings of species like *Bahera*, *Chinch*, *Babul*, *Neem* etc. with the help of local children. 9 children from Khutwanda village participated in the preparation of the saplings. The saplings are stored in Zilla Parishad School's campus and will be planted during the monsoon.



(Left) Katwal: Villagers participate in cleanliness drive



(Right) Khutwanda: Children prepare sapling ahead of monsoon

Celebration:

World Migratory Bird Day: On May 14th and 15th, we organised programmes to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day 2018. These included activities like bird watching, nature trail, classroom lecture and drawing competition. Children from Mudholi and Khutwanda villages participated in the programmes and learned about migration of birds. A total of 35 children participated in the activities.



(Left) Khutwanda - Children observe birds around a water body near the village



(Right) Mudholi - Children participate in drawing competition

World Recycling Day: On May 17th, we organized an anti-plastic drive and awareness rally about recycling and its importance. More than 40 children participated in the programme, which was held in Katwal village.



Katwal: Children participate in awareness rally about recycling

International Day of Bio-diversity: On May 23rd, we organized classroom lectures, presentation and bio-diversity conservation awareness rally in Mudholi village. Children learned about floral and faunal diversity of central Indian landscape through the activities. Children chanted slogans in Marathi during the rally like “*Vagh Vachwa, Jungle Vachwa*” “*Ek Mul, Ek Jhaad*” etc. A total of 70 students participated in the activities.



Khutwanda and Mudholi: Children participate in nature games and conservation awareness rally during the Internation Bio-diversity Day celebration

Programmes:

Sr. No.	Date	Ocassion (as per green calendar)	Activity	Village/No. of participants
1	May 14 th	World Migratory Day	Bird watching and nature trail	Khutwanda/10
2	May 15 th	--do--	Classroom lecture and drawing competition	Mudholi/ 25

3	May 17 th	World Recycling Day	Classroom lecture and awareness rally	Katwal/40
4	May 23 rd	International Day for Bio-diversity	Conservation awareness rally and presentation	Mudholi/70
			Total	145

Employment Cell

We organized 2 self-help group (SHG) meetings and 5 village eco-development committee (VEDC) meetings, focusing on alternative livelihoods which would reduce dependence on the forests. 113 villagers attended these meetings.

In the VEDC meetings, we discussed and explained short- and long-term benefits of fodder plantation, cattle stall feeding to reduce grazing pressure on forest areas. We also discussed and encouraged farmers to adopt organic farming.

We introduced the villagers to district-level vocational training and employment schemes like four-wheeler driver training and hospitality courses under Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gramin Kaushal Yojna (DDUGKY) etc.



(Left) Katwal - Meeting with VEDC members to discuss vocational training programmes



(Right) Bhamdoli - Kishor takes down names of candidates interested in training programmes

Details of the programmes are given below:

Sr. No.	Date	Village	Group	Attended	Program introduced
1	03/05/2018	Mudholi	VEDC	16	Livelihood awareness/training programmes

					discussion, review work of VEDC since its formation
2	06/05/2018	Dewada	SHG (Ramai Mahila Bachat Gat)	10	Review work of SHG since its formation
3	08/05/2018	Bhamdeli	VEDC	23	Livelihood awareness/training programmes discussion, review work of VEDC since its formation
4	13/05/2018	Adegaon	SHG (Nootan Mahila Bachat Gat)	12	Review work of SHG since its formation
5	18/05/2018	Kondegaon	VEDC	15	Livelihood awareness/training programmes discussion, review work of VEDC since its formation
6	20/05/2018	Adegaon	VEDC	22	--do--
7	29/05/2018	Mudholi	Village youths and VEDC members	15	--do--
			Total	113	

Mobile Health Unit:

Team: Dr. Govardhan Bhasme, ***MHU driver:*** Mr. Gajendra Shanware, ***MHU coordinator:*** Mr. Shailendra Shanware

6 camps were organized by us in May in which a total of 375 patients got free treatment and medicines.

S. no	Date	Village	Patients
1	26 th May	Moharli	56
2	26 th May	Bhamdeli	68
3	27 th May	Sitarampeth	42
4	27 th May	Kondegaon	73

5	28 th May	Katwal	75
6	28 th May	Khutwanda	61
		Total	375



Sitarampeth - Dr. Govardhan Bhasme treats a patient