

TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE

JUNE 2020

Team:

Conservation Officer: Ajay Poddar

Field Assistant: Kishor Dudhbarai

Leave: Kishor Dudhbarai 7-days

Highlights of the month:

- *2 garbage management programmes to prevent man- animal conflict –67 villagers participated*
- *3 foot patrolling – 25 local youths participated*
- *3 Nature games - 68 children participated*
- *1 nature trail- 24 children*
- *2 women's SHG meetings were organized - 27 members attended*
- *3 VEDC meetings- 41 members attended*
- *2 livestock management workshops- 33 villagers attended*
- *Assisted 2 villagers to claim compensation for their cattle killed by carnivores*
- *World Environment Day 2020*

Conservation activities

Date	Village(s)	Activity	No. of participants
02/06/2020	Mudholi	Foot patrolling	09
07/06/2020	Adegaon	Garbage maangement	32
12/06/2020	Katwal	-do-	35
20/06/2020	Khutwada	Foot patrolling	07
26/06/2020	Mudholi	Cleanliness drive	09
06/06/2020	Dewada	Livestock management workshop	14

13/06/2020	Ashtha	-do-	19
		Total	125

During the month of June, we organized garbage management meetings and activities with villagers of Mudholi and Adegaon. Programmes were organized in order to sanitize the area around villages, as garbage spillover and food leftovers lure wildlife into villages and cause man-animal conflict. We also collected over 8 kilograms of plastic litter through public participation (shramdhaan). A total of 67 villagers volunteered for the drives.



Mudholi – Villagers volunteer for village cleanliness drive



Mudholi- Children wash their hands after cleanliness drive

We organized joint foot patrolling at Katwal, Khutwanda and Mudholi forest beats with forest and beat guard. Local youths accompanied us on foot patrolling. Patrolling team noted water levels of water bodies, hooves and pug marks, birds etc. team also learned about floral indicators of bio-diverse forest.



Katwal- Youths patrol the a poaching prone area and observe hoof and pug marks during the patrol

Environment Education Programme

Sr. no	Date	Village/School	Programme	Participants
1	04/06/2020	Khutwanda	Nature Game	19
2	08/06/2020	Bhamdeli	-do-	23
3	19/06/2020	Mudholi	-do-	26
4	29/06/2020	-do-	Nature and bird watching trail	24
			Total	92

During the month of June, we organized students sensitizationa drive through wildlife conservation awareness and environmental education programme in Bhamdeli, Mudholi and Khutwanda village. We engaged children in interactive nature game where they learned about identification of wildlife and importance of their conservation. A total of 92 local children participatedin the activities.



(left) Bhamdeli- Children participate in an interactive nature game. (right) Khutwanda- Children observe birds during a bird watching and nature trail around a nearby water body.

Employment Cell

Sr. No.	Date	Village	Group	Attended	Program introduced
1	10/06/2020	Mudholi	VEDC	16	
2	14/06/2020	Dewada	SHG	12	
3	16/06/2020	Katwal	VEDC	15	
4	18/06/2020	Sitarampeth	VEDC	10	
5	22/06/2020	Mudholi	SHG	15	

As nationwide lockdown was imposed, we spoke to each youth selected for four wheeler driver training over phone. We briefed them about the training format, duration etc. We also organized meetings with village eco-development committee (VEDC) and women self-help groups (SHG) members and discussed several livelihood issues post COVID-19 lockdown. Few members of SHGs are willing to take up face mask making workshop.

In VEDC meetings we discussed grazing issue and comprehensively spoke about increased livestock killings and its impacts by large carnivores.



Ashtha- Villagers discuss about livelihood betterment during lockdown

World Environment Day

On the occasion of World Environment Day 2020 we organized a plantation drive where 10 villagers of Kondegaon participated in the activity.



Kondegaon- Villagers plant saplings on the occasion of World environment day 2020

Livestock Kill (JUNE)

Sr. No.	Date	Livestock (attack status-fatal/non-fatal)	Village	Owner	Location	Predator (Individual ID)	Time
1	23/06/2020	F (cow)	Adegaon	Bandu Tiwade	Farmland	Tiger	14:00
2	28/06/2020	F (bull)	Dewada	Madho Kadsange	Near Dewada talao	Tiger	13:30

(3 tigers (1 mother and 2 cubs, 1 missing) mortality around Kondegaon. Detailed report sent separately)

