

Activity report of Pench Tiger Reserve (M.P.) centre for the year 2011-2012

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Villages where we operate:

Cluster I	Cluster II
Awarghani	Doodhgaon
Turia	Tuyepani
Satosha	Pulpuldoh
Khamma	
Khamrith	
Ambadi	
Potiya	
Durgapur	
Aamajhari	
Jamuntola	
Kohoka	
Telia	
Telia	

Total population of these 15 villages: approximately 15,500

Our activities in Pench are supported by



Satpuda Foundation's conservation philosophy focuses on communities living in and around protected areas. The Foundation believes that these communities need to be roped in as allies in the conservation movement and that long-term, sustainable conservation is not possible only through the action of outsiders.

As part of this strategy, the Foundation follows a multi-pronged strategy of trust-building activities with communities, assisting them in meeting some of their basic needs, building their capacities and training and equipping them to shift to a lifestyle which is not based entirely on forests and forest produce.

Towards this end, the Foundation

- helps organise medical camps in which villagers get free medical treatment and medicines
- undertakes education programmes focusing on nature and wildlife conservation
- acts as a bridge between the villagers and development agencies in solving local development needs and
- assists villagers in getting gainful, legal employment; organizes training programmes which help equip unemployed villagers with skills which will help them either get jobs or start their own small businesses

Highlights for the year

- Twelve shramdhaans for water conservation
- Plantation programme in 5 villages 110 saplings/seeds planted
- Assisted in fighting fires in forest twice
- 13 nature trails for village children
- 5 conservation rallies to promote conservation message
- 92 visits to village schools to give lectures on nature and wildlife conservation
- 34 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation
- 10 unemployed youths provided with employment through our assistance
- Total of 70 medical camps, at which cumulative total of 2,801 patients got free treatment and medicines

Conservation activities

Water Conservation

The Foundation organises programmes involving local villagers and school children to build temporary structures known as check dams/stop dams which help to retain water and to recharge water table of the adjoining areas. These structures are typically built on streams, known as nallahs, and are selected with the help of local forest officials and villagers.

In addition, we also help build soak pits next to wells/hand pumps. These soak pits collect the water which is spilt while being drawn from the hand pump or well and help to recharge the water table.

Fire fighting

Each year, our teams assist in preventing fires, fighting fires, which are very common in the dry, deciduous forests of this region. We start with awareness programmes from the spring months onwards and then extend our efforts to physically fighting the fires, which typically occur during the summer months.

Patrolling/cleaning of waterholes

Our staff voluntarily joins hands with local forest officials in anti-poaching patrols and help in cleaning waterholes meant for wildlife.

Water for birds

Our team also motivates local villagers to provide water for birds during the hot summer months

Details of conservation activities are available in Annexure 1 Detailed monthly reports and narration are available on our Web site www.satpuda.org



Fighting fire in forest near Kumbhpani, Pench (M.P).



Soak pit being dug at Khamrith



Plantation programme at Turia



Planting of saplings at Tuyepani



Water tank being cleaned at Satosha



Water body at Ambadi before clean-up



Cleaning of water body at Ambadi



Water body at Ambadi after clean-up programme



Water body before clean-up at Khamrith



Cleaning of water body in progress at Khamrith

Education activities

Every month, during the academic year, we visit village schools in our area of operations to give classroom lectures on nature and wildlife, lead the students on nature trails to learn first hand about nature and wildlife and conduct interactive games with themes based on nature and wildlife.

The programme also includes the showing of films on wildlife and nature. **Details of classroom visits and film shows are in Annexure 2**



Children from Jamuntola learn about nature and wildlife at Interpretation Centre at Turia



Nature game as part of our environment education programme at Govt High School, Turiya (left) and Khamrith (right)



Conservation rally during Wildlife Week at Telia



Drawing contest during Wildlife Week at Govt Middle School Telia



Drawing made in Wildlife Week programme at Telia



Nature trail during Wildlife Week at Satosha



Rangoli competition during Wildlife Week at Turia



Students taking oath to save forests and wildlife at Telia during Wildlife Week



Children of Ambadi, on nature trail



Niranjan Hinge talks to children from Jamuntola about nature and wildlife at Interpretation Centre at Turia



Nature trail at Turia, Pench (M.P).



Students of Khamrith, Pench (M.P.) set off on a conservation rally



Conservation rally at Tuyepani, Pench (M.P.)



Conservation rally at Tuyepani



Bird-watching trail at Satosha, Pench (M.P)



Nature trail at Turia, Pench (M.P.)



Wild life film show at Tuyepani



Film show on wildlife conservation at Government High School, Turia



Film show on wildlife at Khamrith

Medical camps

Satpuda Foundation organises medical camps at which villagers get free treatment and medicines. These camps, whose schedule is set in conjunction with the managements of the respective Tiger Reserves, are run by the Mobile health Unit (MHU) of Nature Conservation Society, Amravati a partner-NGO.

Details of medical camps are available in Annexure 4



Medical camp at Turia



Medical camp in progress at Ambadi



Medical camp at Murer - doctor examines burnt hand of a child



Medical camp in progress at Murer



Medical camp in progress at Kokiwada



Medical camp at Pathra



Health camp at Potiya, Pench (M.P)



Medical camp at Amajhari, Pench



Medical camp at Potiya, Pench (M.P)



Health camp at Satosha, Pench (M.P)

Annexure 1 Conservation/community activities

April				
S.no	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1	April 18	Satosha	Bird/watching-cum-nature trail	11
2	April 20	Satosha	Shramdhaan to clean well	7
3	April 29	Turia	Bird/watching-cum-nature trail	6

May

S.no	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1	May 1	Kumbhpani	Fighting forest fire	3
2	May 20	Turia	Bird/watching-cum-nature trail	8
3	May 22	Turia	Construction of waterhole	4

June

S.no	Date	Village	Activity	No. of
				participants
1	June	Satosha	Cleaning of area around hand	11
	28		pump and water tank	
2	June	Turia	Nature trail cum bird-watching	11
	29		trail	

July				
S.no	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1	July 13	Tuyepani	Conservation rally	236
2	July 21	Tuyepani	Sapling plantation programme	20
3	July 21	Turia	Seed planting programme	10
4	July 23	Khamrith	Conservation rally	67
5	July 30	Khamrith	Shramdhaan to build soak pit near hand pump	20

August

S.no	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1	August 9	Jamuntola	Plantation programme	10
2	August 10	Jamuntola	Construction of soak pit	12
3	August 29	Awarghani	Nature trail	8

September

S.no	Date	Village	Activity	No. of
				participants
1	Sept 6	Satosha	Plantation programme	20
2	Sept	Aamajhari	Construction of soak pit	20
	16			
3	Sept	Telia	Conservation rally	80
	17			
4	Sept	Telia	Plantation programme	10
	17			

October

S.no	Date	Village	Activity	No. of
				participants
1	Oct 19	Potiya	Conservation rally	54
2	Oct 18	Potiya	Cleaning of water tank	7

November

S.no	Date	Village	Activity	No. of
				participants
1	Nov 6	Telia	Nature game	9
2	Nov	Telia	Conservation rally	57
	11			
3	Nov	Khamba	Construct Soak pit	7
	20			
4	Nov	Telia	Nature Trail	10
	25			

December

S.no	Date	Village	Activity	No. of
				participants
1	Dec 10	Ambadi	Nature trail	10
2	Dec 15	Jamuntola	Nature trail	15

3	Dec 12	Ambadi	Cleaning of waterhole	7

January 2012

S.no	Date	Village	Activity	No. of
				participants
1	Jan 18	Khamrith	Nature trail	10
2	Jan 19	Satosha	Nature trail	8
3	Jan 21	Khamrith	Cleaning of waterhole	10

February

S.no	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1	Feb 7	Satosha	Cleaning of water tank for domestic cattle adjoining to Handpump	09
2	Feb 14	Turia	Nature trail	06

March

S.no	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1	Mar 11	Turia	Nature trail	06
2	Mar 20	Turia	Cleaning of water body for domestic cattle	05
3	Mar 26	Kumbhpani	Fire fighting with staff of mobile health unit	06
4	Mar 30	Vijaypani	Fire fighting	01
5.	Mar 31	Turia	Nature trail	05

July				
S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	July 15	GMS	Tuyepani	81
2	July 16	GMS	Doodhgaon	104
3	July 16	GPS	Khamma	30
4	July 16	GPS	Satosha	45
5	July 18	GPS	Awarghani	39
6	July 19	GPS	Aamajhari	27
7	July 20	GPS	Potiya	22
8	July 20	GPS	Durgapur	25
9	July 21	GMS	Telia	57
10	July 21	GHS	Turia	65
11	July 25	GMS	Khamrith	62
12	July 30	GPS	Jamuntola	20
	Total			577

Annexure 2 Education activities

August

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Aug 3	Government	Tuyepani	100
		Middle School		
		(GMS)		
2	Aug 10	Government	Jamuntola	21
		Primary		
		School (GPS)		
3	Aug 19	GPS	Potiya	45
4	Aug 19	GPS	Durgapur	23
5	Aug 19	GPS	Ambadi	40
6	Aug 24	GPS	Satosha	66
7	Aug 24	GPS	Khamrith	10
8	Aug 25	GPS	Khamba	31
9	Aug 26	GMS	Doodhgaon	107
10	Aug 27	GPS	Telia	33
11	Aug 28	GPS	Aamajhari	47
12	Aug 30	GPS	Awarghani	33
	Total			556

September

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Sept 6	Government	Satosha	58
		Primary		
		School (GPS)		
2	Sept 8	GPS	Telia	35
3	Sept 13	GPS	Ambadi	37
4	Sept 13	GPS	Khamrith	28
5	Sept 14	GPS	Awarghani	38
6	Sept 16	GPS	Aamajhari	28
7	Sept 16	GPS	Turia	31
8	Sept 20	Government	Tuyepani	112
	_	Middle School		
		(GMS)		
9	Sept 21	GPS	Potiya	115
10	Sept 21	GPS	Durgapur	25
11	Sept 26	GMS	Doodhgaon	84
12	Sept 29	GPS	Khamba	40
13	Sept 30	GPS	Jamuntola	23
	Total			654

October

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Oct 13	GMS	Tuyepani	110
2	Oct 14	GMS	Doodhgaon	90
3	Oct 17	Government	Satosha	59
		Primary		
		School (GPS)		
4	Oct 17	GPS	Awarghani	39
	Total			298

November

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Nov 3	GMS	Tuyepani	103
2	Nov 5	Government	Turia	13
		Primary		
		School (GPS)		
3	Nov 8	GMS	Telia	27
4	Nov 8	GMS	Aamajhari	29
5	Nov 17	GPS	Durgapur	30
6	Nov 17	GMS	Potiya	50
7	Nov 21	GMS	Khamrith	28
8	Nov 21	GPS	Khamba	35
9	Nov 23	GMS	Doodhgaon	92
10	Nov 25	GPS	Jamuntola	23
11	Nov 25	GPS	Awarghani	40

12	Nov 26	GPS	Ambadi	19
13	Nov 26	GPS	Satosha	63
	Total			552

December

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Dec 4	Government	Khamrith	25
		Middle School		
		(GMS)		
2	Dec 6	GMS	Potiya	95
3	Dec 6	Government	Durgapur	25
		Primary		
		School (GPS)		
4	Dec 8	GMS	Aamajhari	96
5	Dec 13	GPS	Satosha	88
6	Dec 20	GMS	Doodhgaon	103
7	Dec 23	GMS	Tuyepani	98
8	Dec 23	GPS	Khamba	30
9	Dec 23	GPS	Ambadi	44
10	Dec 28	GMS	Telia	15
	Total			619

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S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Jan 2	Government	Satosha	34
		Primary		
		School (GPS)		
2	Jan 4	Government	Aamajhari	32
		Middle School		
		(GMS)		
3	Jan 5	GPS	Jamuntola	15
4	Jan 5	GMS	Telia	35
5	Jan 5	GMS	Tuyepani	107
6	Jan 10	GPS	Khamrith	24
7	Jan 14	GMS	Doodhgaon	112
8	Jan 17	GPS	Ambadi	18
9	Jan 20	Govt High	Turia	60
		School		
10	Jan 23	GPS	Potiya	22
11	Jan 23	GPS	Durgapur	28
12	Jan 24	GPS	Awarghani	35
13	Jan 24	GPS	Khamba	35
	Total			557

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February

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Feb 2	Government	Satosha	60
		Primary		
		School (GPS)		
2	Feb 6	Government	Jamuntola	24
		Primary		
		School (GPS)		
3	Feb 6	Government	Telia	22
		Middle School		
		(GMS)		
4	Feb 7	GMS	Tuyepani	108
5	Feb 8	GMS	Doodhgaon	98
6	Feb 8	GMS	Khamrith	32
7	Feb 10	GPS	Ambadi	25
8	Feb 10	GPS	Khamba	28
9	Feb 15	GPS	Durgapur	31
10	Feb 15	GPS	Potiya	80
11	Feb 17	GPS	Turia	30
12	Feb 18	GPS	Awarghani	20
13	Feb 20	GMS	Aamajhari	25
	Total			583

March

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Mar 13	Government	Tuyepani	52
		Middle School		
		(GMS)		
2	Mar 17	Government	Doodhgaon	40
		Middle School		
		(GMS)		
	Total			92

Film shows

July				
S.No	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1	13 July	GMS, Tuyepani	Dost Magarmach	227
2	13 July	GMS Doodhgaon	Indravati Tiger reserve	119
		Total		346

September

S.No	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1	Sept 21	GPS, Potiya	Saving the Tiger	115

2		GPS, Durgapur	Indravati	25
3		GMS, Aamajhari	Saving the Tiger	77
4		Turia village show	Saving the Tiger	52
5	Sept 22	GMS, Telia	Saving the Tiger	98
6		GMS, Turia	Saving the Tiger	195
7	Sept 22	Awarghani village	Saving the Tiger	68
		Total		630

November

S.No	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1	Nov 14	GMS Turia	Malli	144
2	Nov 14	GMS Khamrith	Malli	95
3	Nov 15	GMS Telia	Kanha Laxmi	157
4	Nov 15	GPS Awarghani	Kanha Laxmi	40
5	Nov 16	GMS Potiya	Pench	126
6	Nov 16	GMS Aamajhari	Malli	105
	Total			667

December

S.No	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1	Dec 15	GMS, Khamrith	Dost Magarmach	100
2		Satosha village	Pench	98
3	Dec 16	GMS, Potiya	Malli	95
4		GMS, Aamajhari	Pench	210
5	Dec 17	Government High School, Turia	Pench	106
	Total			609

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S.No	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1	Jan 11	GPS, Satosha	Dost Magarmach	37
2	Jan 11	Govt High school, Turia	Kanha Laxmi	65
3	Jan 11	GMS, Khamrith	do	64
4	Jan 12	GMS, Tuyepani	do	150
5	Jan 12	GMS, Doodhgaon	Truth about Tiger	113
	Total			429

February

S.No	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1	Feb 21	GPS, Turia	Dost Magarmach	117
2	Feb 21	Govt Middle school, Aamajhari	do	163
3	Feb 22	GPS, Durgapur	Truth bout Tiger	27

4	Feb 22	GPS, Khamba	do	25
5	Feb 22	GPS, Ambadi	Truth about Tiger	33
6	Feb 23	GPS, Awarghani	do	41
7	Feb 23	GPS, Satosha	do	63
		Total		469

Annexure 3 Details of job placements

Apri	April									
S.no	Date	Village	Name	Monthly salary (in rupees)	Qual	Age	Job			
1	April 20	Turia	Rakesh Rakhde	1, 800 + meals	12 th pass	24	Housekeeping assistant at Tuli Tiger Corridor resort, Turia			
2	April 20	Turia	Kishor Kharate	1,800 + meals	5 th pass	25	Housekeeping assistant at Tuli Tiger Corridor resort, Turia			

September

S.no	Date	Village	Name	Monthly salary	Qual	Age	Job
				(in rupees)			
1	Sept	Pathari	Manoj Uikey	3,000/- + meals	10 th	20	Kitchen
	20			and	standard		helper at
				accommodation	pass		Mrignaynee
							Green Resort,
							Turia
2	Sept	Pathari	Harisingh	2,500/- + meals	10 th	22	Housekeeper
	20		Uikey	and	standard		at
				accommodation	fail		Mrignaynee
							Green Resort,
							Turia

October

S.no	Date	Village	Name	Monthly salary	Qual	Age	Job
				(in rupees)			
1	Oct 12	Khamba	Vinod	2,500/- + meals	10 th	20	Housekeeping
			Bhalawi	and	standard		assistant at
				accommodation	pass		Heaven's
							Garden

							Resort, Turia
2	Oct 12	Khamba	Krishna	2,500/- + meals	8 th	19	do
			Tumdam	and	standard		
				accommodation	fail		

November

S.no	Date	Village	Name	Monthly salary	Qual	Age	Job
				(in rupees)			
1	Nov 3	Khamba	Rajesh Nareti	3000/- + meals and accommodation	10 th standard fail	22	Housekeeping assistant at Tiger Home
				accommodation	1411		Resort, Turia

December

S.no	Date	Village	Name	Monthly salary	Qual	Age	Job
				(in rupees)			
1	Dec 6	Turia	Mehatlal Hinge	2,500/- + meals and accommodation	5 th standard	23	Housekeeping assistant at Royal Jungle Retreat, Awarghani
2	Dec 6	do	Pramod Deshmukh	do	7 th standard	19	do

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S.no	Date	Village	Name	Monthly salary	Qual	Age	Job
				(in rupees)			
1	Jan 24	Turia	Satish Tijre	2,200/- + meals	8 th	19	Housekeeping
				and	standard		assistant at
				accommodation			Royal Jungle
							Retreat,
							Awarghani

Annexure 4 Medical camps

April	l		
S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	April 30	Patrai	18
2	April 30	Kumbhpani	49
	Total		67

May

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	May 1	Murer	30
2		Ghatkohoka	52

3	May 2	Yerma	188
4	May 2	Naharjir	59
5	May 28	Awarghani	15
6		Turia	72
7	May 29	Durgapur	12
8		Potiya	17
9	May 30	Ambadi	11
10		Satosha	2
	Total		458

June

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	June 25	Turia	30
2		Awarghani	7
3	June 26	Khamrith	2
4		Aamajhari	10
5	June 27	Jamuntola	3
6		Telia	30
	Total		82

During the month, we also assisted 3 villagers from Turia in getting treatment for cataracts. These villagers had been suffering from eye trouble for quite some time and our team took up their cause, spoke to Mahatme Eye Hospital in Nagpur and made arrangements for the patients to go to Nagpur. The patients, who were treated free of cost, are now back in their villages after successful treatment.

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S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	July 24	Ghatkohoka	35
2	July 25	Naharjhir	80
3	July 26	Jamtara	65
4	July 26	Pathra	35
	Total		215

During the month, we also assisted 2 villagers from Turia in getting treatment for cataracts. These villagers had been suffering from eye trouble for quite some time and our team took up their cause, spoke to Mahatme Eye Hospital in Nagpur and made arrangements for the patients to go to Nagpur. The patients, who were treated free of cost, are now back in their villages after successful treatment.

August

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Aug 26	Durgapur	15
2		Potiya	46

3	Aug 27	Aamajhari	2
4		Telia	25
5	Aug 28	Awarghani	7
6		Turia	27
	Total		122

September

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Sept 24	Potiya	125
2		Durgapur	35
3	Sept 25	Satosha	52
4		Telia	38
5	Sept 26	Aamajhari	117
6		Awarghani	28
	Total		395

October_____

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Oct 10	Doodhgaon	53
2		Tuyepani	63
3	Oct 29	Karmajhari	10
4		Tekadi	10
5	Oct 30	Pathra	29
6		Naharjhir	39
7	Oct 31	Gumtara	70
8		Kumbhpani	36
	Total		310

December

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Dec 5	Doodhgaon	22
2	Dec 5	Tuyepani	65
3	Dec 18	Ambadi	40
4		Turia	73
5	Dec 19	Durgapur	31
6		Potiya	49
7	Dec 20	Telia	68
8	Dec 20	Khamrith	52
	Total		400

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S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Jan 14	Patrai	35

2		Murer	20
3	Jan 15	Pathra	37
4		Kokiwada	90
5	Jan 16	Kumbhpani	10
6	Jan 16	Tekadi	35
7	Jan 30	Tuyepani	150
8	Jan 30	Doodhgaon	15
	Total		392

February

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Feb 25	Durgapur	23
2		Potiya	57
3	Feb 26	Ambadi	17
4		Khamba	40
5	Feb 27	Telia	39
6		Awarghani	07
	Total		183

March

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Mar 24	Murer	23
2		Karmajhari	35
3	Mar 25	Pathra	17
4		Koki Wada	60
5	Mar 26	Kumbhpani	07
6		Tekadi	35
	Total		177