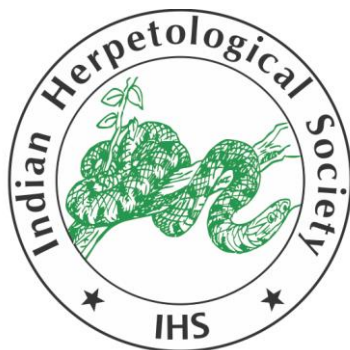


Building Capacity for Conservation in Asia

Pune, India. 18 to 21 March, 2017

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

- Mark O'Connell, *ERT Conservation*
- Tejas Khaire, Indian Herpetological Society
- Kay Farmer, *University of Stirling*

INDIAN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (ICC)

- Asad Rahmani: Senior Scientific Adviser, Bombay Natural History Society
- Archana Godbole: Director, Applied Environmental Research Foundation
- Anil Khaire: Chairman of Indian Herpetological Society
- Aparna Watve: Assistant Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences
- Rathin Barman: Deputy Director of Projects (north-east), Wildlife Trust of India
- Anand Padhye: Associate Professor, Abasaheb Garware College

WHAT ARE THE CONFERENCE CORE AIMS?

1. To generate an exceedingly rare opportunity to meet a diverse range of other individuals involved in Capacity Building at different levels; communities, organisations and governments.
2. To provide a challenging forum for structured, face-to-face, and out-of-the-box (innovative) discussions on Capacity Building.
3. To create opportunities for learning about and sharing Capacity Building methods that have worked and those that have not.
4. To clarify a definition of Capacity Building for individuals and organisations including practitioners and funders.
5. To create a dynamic but also inclusive and welcoming meeting to (re)energise and inspire delegates in their aspirations for future Capacity Building activities that will enhance their conservation work.

WHAT WILL BE THE KEY CONFERENCE OUTPUTS?

1. Published workshop summaries.
2. Agreed plan for regional capacity building community (network).

WHAT WILL BE THE CONFERENCE OUTCOMES?

1. Enhanced clarity among individuals, communities and organisations in relation to the definition of Capacity Building and the range of activities it encompasses.
2. Raised profile and understanding of Capacity Building processes (delivery and evaluation) within the attending organisations and beyond.
3. Improved communication about Capacity Building within and between key organisations (practitioners, agencies, funders) including through a new Asian Capacity Building network ('Community of Practice'). This will lead to increased collaborative approaches (funding bids, Capacity Building initiatives, meetings, etc) and better coordination of these approaches at different levels.
4. Energised individuals working within the Capacity Building community.

Day 1: Saturday 18 March 2017

08:00	Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect name badges and programme from registration desk.• First opportunity for meeting other delegates and networking.
09:30	Welcome to the conference Mark O'Connell, <i>ERT Conservation</i>
09:40	Opening speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Video message from Anil Dave: Indian Minister of the Environment, Forest & Climate Change• Video message from Shirnivas Patil: Honourable Governor of Sikkim• Welcome speech from Wasudeo Gade: Vice Chancellor of Savitribai Phule Pune University
10:10	The conference: drivers, contents and process Capacity building for conservation: setting the conceptual scene for the conference Mark O'Connell, <i>ERT Conservation</i>
10:25	Regional (Asian) conservation capacity building issues Chairs of Indian Conference Committee: Archana Godbole and Anil Khaire

10:40	<p>WORKSHOP 1: Developing and maintaining taxonomic skills in Asia</p> <p>Organised by Anand Padhye and chaired by Hemant Ghate</p>
10:40	<p>Keynote Speech</p> <p>Professor Hemant Ghate, Head of Zoology Department (retired), Modern College.</p>
11:15	<p>TEA & COFFEE</p>
11:45	<p>Presentation 1</p> <p>Capacity Building for the Taxonomy of Geckos and Caecilians</p> <p>Varad Giri, National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS)</p>
12:10	<p>Presentation 2</p> <p>Capacity Building in Aquatic Insects to Address Questions in Ecology, Evolution and Biogeography</p> <p>K.A. Subramanian, Zoological Survey of India</p>
12:35	<p>Presentation 3</p> <p>A Potential Stepping Stone for Equalization of Taxonomy</p> <p>Muhammad Janra, Andalas University, West Sumatra, Indonesia</p>
13:00	<p>LUNCH</p>

14:30	<p>Introduction to afternoon workshop activities, groups and process</p> <p>Anand Padhye</p>
14:35	<p>WORKSHOP 1 continued....</p> <p>Chaired by D.B. Bastawde</p> <p>Facilitated by taxonomic experts: K. Subramaninan, Varad Giri, Anand Padhye, Sachin, Punekar Mandar Datar and Milind Sardesai.</p> <p>Group discussions: 6 groups and plenary session</p>
16:30	<p>TEA & COFFEE</p>
16:45	<p>Hands on training sessions for developing taxonomic identification skills</p> <p>Session Provider- Institute of natural history, education & research (INHER)</p> <p>Participants will break into groups and attend a session of interest. They will receive practical demonstration from taxonomy experts with museum specimens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geckoes, Caecilians & Snakes Varad Giri • Scorpions D.B. Bastawde • Anurans Anand Padhye • Crabs Sameer Pati • Angiosperms Sachin Punekar. • Dicotyledon/monocotyledons Milind Sardesai (HOD, Botany, SPPU) • Grasses Mandar Datar, IISER, Pune
18:00	<p>END OF WORKSHOP 1</p>

Day 1: Saturday 18 March 2017

19:30 EVENING CONFERENCE BANQUET

- Evening meal for delegates at **The Deccan Hills Restaurant**
- Social opportunity for networking and meeting delegates
- Restaurant directions and website: <http://partyatdh.com/>

Day 2: Sunday 19 March 2017

08:50	<p>Welcome to day 2</p> <p>Mark O'Connell, <i>ERT Conservation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference updates and news• Introduction to workshop 2
09:00	<p>Workshop 2</p> <p>Conservation science: building capacity to really <i>use</i> our species and habitat data for conservation action</p> <p>Chaired by Mark O'Connell, Director of ERT Conservation</p>
09:00	<p>Presentation 1</p> <p>Setting the Scene: Generic Issues, Barriers, Problems and Finding Solutions</p> <p>Mark O'Connell, ERT Conservation</p>

09:25	<p>Presentation 2</p> <p>Research to Underpin Conservation Action: Real-World Experiences of the Applied Environmental Research Foundation (AERF)</p> <p>Archana Godbole, Director, AERF</p>
09:50	<p>Presentation 3</p> <p>Research to Underpin Conservation Action: the Ecology of Elephants</p> <p>Sukumar Raman, Indian Institute of Science</p>
10:15	<p>Presentation 4</p> <p>The Conservation Use of Faunal Diversity Surveys in Gujarat</p> <p>Jagruti Rathod, Gujarat Ecology Society</p>
10:40	<p>Presentation 5</p> <p>Professionalising International Conservation to Support Evidence Use</p> <p>Janice Law, Zoological Society of London</p>
11:05	<p>TEA & COFFEE</p>
11:35	<p>Presentation 6</p> <p>Developing Capacity in the Use of Molecular Techniques for the Conservation of Threatened Small Mammals</p> <p>Archana Bahuguna, Zoological Survey of India</p>
12:00	<p>Presentation 7</p> <p>Building Capacity for Spatial Conservation Planning: Data to Support Regional Priorities</p> <p>Rohan Bhagat, Bombay Natural History Society</p>

12:25	<p>Presentation 8</p> <p>Building Capacity to Tackle the Trade in Endangered Wildlife Species Online: How Facebook Makes Poachers' Lives Easier</p> <p>Abdullah Langgeng , LFP Indonesia</p>
12:50	<p>Plenary</p> <p>Summary and brief overview</p> <p>Chair: Mark O'Connell, ERT Conservation</p>
13:00	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>13:30 to 14:00</p> <p>LUNCHTIME SIDE EVENT 1</p> <p>Zoos and Zoos Associations: Cooperating to Build Capacity for <i>Ex Situ</i> Conservation</p> <p>Brij Kishor Gupta, Central Zoo Authority</p>
14:30	<p>WORKSHOP 2 continued</p> <p>Delegates will rotate around 3 tables to discuss key issues and <i>make recommendations</i>.</p> <p>Rotation 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key barriers in Asia for changing conservation science/research into conservation action • What recommendations can be made to alleviate/remove these barriers <p>Rotation 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think are the priority research areas for conservation science/research in terms of data/information that is of real use for developing/evaluating conservation action <p>Rotation 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would you recommend as ways to build the capacity of individuals and organisation improve the use of data to develop and evaluate conservation action

16:30	TEA & COFFEE
17:00	<p>Plenary</p> <p>Summary and review of the days key issues/recommendations</p> <p>Chair: Mark O'Connell, ERT Conservation</p>
17:30	END OF WORKSHOP 2
18:30	<p>EVENING SIDE EVENT 1</p> <p>Strengthening Conservation Leadership Within Asia</p> <p>Laura Owens, Fauna & Flora International</p>
	<p>EVENING SIDE EVENT 2</p> <p>Developing capacity in participatory approaches to the conservation and restoration of species and habitats using Biodiversity Management Committees</p> <p>Pankaj N. Joshi, Sahjeevan</p>

Day 3: Monday 20 March 2017

08:50	Welcome to day 3 Mark O'Connell, <i>ERT Conservation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference updates and news• Introduction to workshops
09:00	WORKSHOP 3: Lessons in achieving organisational goals from Asian conservationists Chaired by Mark O'Connell, ERT Conservation
09:00	Presentation 1 Bibhuti Lahkar, Aaranyak Foundation
09:30	Presentation 2 Wong Siew Te, Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre
10:00	Presentation 3 Sejal Worah, World Wide Fund for Nature, India
10:30	Presentation 4 Farid Uddin Ahmed, Tropical Forest Conservation Foundation of Bangladesh
11:00	TEA & COFFEE

<p>11:30</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 4: Is it working - how can we evaluate our capacity building efforts?</p> <p>Organised by <i>The Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Jamie Copsey and Kay Farmer</p> <p>Aim: To explore the range of approaches currently used to measure and maximise the impact of capacity building initiatives from individual through to organisational change.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>By the end of the workshop we will have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identified, collated and critically reviewed a range of approaches used to assess the impact of capacity building efforts (both positive and potentially negative) at the individual and organisational level. 2) Identified the extent to which we define and assess ‘organisational readiness’ to improve our capacity building efforts and increase the likelihood of success. 3) Explored donor perspectives on evaluating the effectiveness of capacity building initiatives, and discussed approaches to making capacity building more effective by better integrating it into project design and implementation.
<p>11:30</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 4 - session 1</p> <p>Indications of Change: What Do We and Should We Measure and How?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation • Workshop groups
<p>13:00</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>
<p>14:30</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 4 - session 2</p> <p>Indications of Change: Feedback and Summary</p> <p>Introduction to organisational readiness and linked to influence on impacts achieved – next sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop groups

15:00	<p>WORKSHOP 4 - session 3</p> <p>Organisational Readiness: How Do We Know When the Organisation is Ready For Change and How Can We Facilitate Readiness?</p>
16:00	<p>TEA & COFFEE</p>
16:30	<p>WORKSHOP 4 - session 4</p> <p>Getting Expectations Right: How Do We Work With Donors to Strengthen Our Capacity Building Efforts?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perspectives from donors • Group discussions
17:30	<p>WORKSHOP 4 - session 5</p> <p>Open Discussion, Next Steps, Summary and Wrap-Up</p>
18:00	<p>END OF DAY 3</p>
18:30	<p>EVENING SIDE EVENT 3</p> <p>Structural and floristic studies of a Critically Endangered Ecosystem</p> <p>Keshava Chandra K, Alva's College Moodbidri</p>
	<p>EVENING SIDE EVENT 4</p> <p>Capacity Building for Crocodile Conservation</p> <p>RJ Rao, Jiwaji University</p>

Day 4: Tuesday 21 March 2017

09:00	Welcome to day 4 Mark O'Connell, <i>ERT Conservation</i> : Introduction to Tool Market
09:15	<h3 style="text-align: center;">The Conservation Tool Market</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">A Day of Opportunities to Try a Range of Capacity Building Tools and Other Conservation Learning Experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The timings, duration and the room for each event will be announced at the conference• Sign-up sheets for each event will be made available at the registration desk on Day 1
<p>THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR DELEGATES:</p> <p>A searchable database for finding conservation training, education, and funding</p> <p>WWF and partners are in the process of designing a searchable database for conservation training, education, and funding. The short-term goal is to create an easy-to-use tool that will provide access to information for conservation students and practitioners on training, educational, and funding opportunities. The long-term goal is to create an open-access platform and searchable map that will allow users capacity providers to promote courses, programs, and funding while allowing users to filter information based on specific geographic area, topics, fields of study, core competencies, etc. Additionally, through this searchable tool, training providers, project managers, and others will be able to more easily identify capacity gaps that may exist for a specific geographic area or field of study/topic. Ultimately, the tool aims to improve our collective understanding of capacity for conservation, such as; where do opportunities for training/education exist, who has access to training/education, who is providing training, what fields of study are most or least prevalent, and what gaps exist and where. WWF and partners hope to receive input from others on the usefulness of the tool and features to include.</p> <p>Session provider: Andrea Santy, Director, Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program, WWF</p>  	

Open Sharing of Information About the Use of Technology for Conservation

United for Wildlife, with support from Google.org and ARM, launched WILDLABS.NET to enable more open sharing of information about the use of technology for conservation. It brings together a community of conservationists, technologists, engineers, entrepreneurs and thought leaders to share problems and successes, give and receive guidance, and access the resources needed to discover or collaboratively create technology to solve big conservation challenges.

Session provider: John Probert, Wildlabs



GIS for conservation action (get started with QGIS)

Learn the basics of QGIS (freeware) and how this can be used to underpin conservation action.

Session provider: Mark O'Connell, ERT Conservation



Conservation Capacity: an Online Aid to Self-Led Organisational Development

Capacity for Conservation is an online aid to self-led organisational development. It aims to support you to strengthen your organisation to achieve (and sustain) your conservation and organisational development goals.

Session provider: Laura Owens, Fauna & Flora International



Improving Conservation Outcome Through Multi-Stakeholder Engagement

The workshop will help participants acquire basic skills for stakeholder engagement and thus improve the conservation planning process. This includes processes to (i) identify and map stakeholders, (ii) engage stakeholders in conservation planning, and (iii) improve communication with/between stakeholders.

Session provider: Supriya Jhunjunwala, GIZ India



The 'Deliberative Democratic Approach' in conservation

Vembanad Lake is the largest tropical wetland on the coast of India and a Ramsar site. The process of *Deliberative Democratic Conservation* (DDC) has been used to direct policies and prioritisation through an evolved consensus among stakeholders and a transfer of responsibility for harvest and management. In this training session, delegates will learn how to implement the DCC approach in a range of contexts.

Session provider: Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE)

The Conservation of Endangered Asian Snakes

The development of practical and strategic projects for the conservation of endangered snake species.

Session provider: **Indian Herpetological Society.**



16:00

END OF CONFERENCE

Wednesday 22 March

Post-conference Wildlife Site Visit

We have arranged a visit to the stunning and wildlife rich **Tamhini Ghat**, a mountain passage located between Mulshi and Tamhini in Maharashtra. The cost of the trip will be **RS 1000** (Indian Rupee) per person.

PLEASE NOTE: this cost is extra and is *not* included in the conference registration fee.

A sign-up sheet will be available during the conference