



Programme/Schedule

DAY I: 9th April 2023	
10:00 - 10:30	Dignitaries, delegates, and participants to take their seats – CONVOCATION CENTRE
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Inaugural session – CONVOCATION CENTRE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming Hon'ble Prime Minister by presenting Tiger memento - Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. • Welcome speech by the Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change <p>Releases of publications by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amrit Kaal Ka Vision for Tiger Conservation (Booklet) 2. Release of commemorative Coin 3. Release of Management Effectiveness Evaluation Report (2022) of Tiger Reserves (Booklet) 4. Release of tiger estimation summary report and declaration of the number 5. Screening of short film-Success of Project Tiger <p>Speech by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo opportunity: Big CAT Range Country Ministers • Interaction with Dignitaries and Sr. Officials
12:30 – 13:00	<p>Post Inaugural Session – I – CONVOCATION CENTRE Felicitations of Ex-Director, Project Tiger / Member Secretary, NTCA for outstanding contribution in the field of tiger conservation by Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change</p>
13:00 – 14:03	Global Status of Big Cat Conservation – update from Big Cat Range Countries
	Post Inaugural Session – II: Technical Session – CONVOCATION CENTRE
	Global Status of Tiger Conservation: Update from Big Cat Range Countries – CONVOCATION CENTRE
13:00 – 13:10	India update – by Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
13:10 – 13:17	Armenia update by HE Minister, Republic of Armenia
13:17 – 13:24	Bangladesh update by HE Minister, Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
13:24 – 13:31	Bhutan update by HE Minister, Govt of Royal Kingdom
13:31 – 13:38	Cambodia update by HE Secretary of State, Govt of Kingdom of Cambodia
13:38 – 13:45	Ethiopia update by HE Minister of Environment, Forest
13:45 – 13:52	Indonesia update by HE Minister, Govt of Republic of Indonesia
13:52 – 13:59	Kenya update by HE Cabinet Secretary, Govt of Republic of Kenya
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break – Food Court



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15:00 – 15:07	Laos update by HE Minister, Govt of Lao People’s Democratic Republic		
15:07 – 15:14	Malaysia update by his Highness Tangku Hassanal Ibrahim Alam Shah, The Regent of Pahang.		
15:14 – 15:21	Mongolia update HE Minister, Govt of Mongolia		
15:21 – 15:28	Myanmar update by HE Minister, Govt of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar		
15:28 – 15:35	Nepal update by HE Minister, Govt of Nepal		
15:35 – 15:42	Nigeria update by HE Minister, Republic of Nigeria		
15:42 – 15:49	Suriname update by HE Minister, Republic of Suriname		
15:49 – 15:56	Tanzania update by HE Minister, Republic of Tanzania		
15:56 – 16:03	Vietnam update by HE Minister, Govt of Socialist, Republic of Vietnam		
16:03 – 17:00	CONVOCATION CENTRE		EXHIBITION AREA
	Bilateral meetings with representatives of Big Cat Range countries		Parallel Poster Session Poster Evaluators: Dr. Ravi Singh, Prof. Qamar Qureshi, Dr. Jamal A. Khan, Prof. B. C. Choudhury, Dr. Dipankar Ghose, Sh. P. R. Sinha, Dr. Khursheed Ahmad, Sh. Pankaj Raina, Dr. Bivash Pandav, Dr. Satish Kumar
18:00 – 18:30	Tea Break / Visit to Exhibition Stalls		
18:30 – 21:00	Cultural program followed by conference dinner		
DAY 2: 10th April 2023			
09:00 – 09:45	Plenary – 1: CAUVERY CONVENTION HALL		
	Welcome and introduction to ICCON and introduction of Plenary Speaker		Dr. Bilal Habib
	Dr. Rajesh Gopal , <i>Secretary General Global Tiger Forum</i> 50 Years of Project Tiger: Challenges and Way Forward		
09:45 – 10:30	Plenary – 2: CAUVERY CONVENTION HALL		
	Prof. B. C. Choudhury , <i>Former Faculty, Wildlife Institute of India</i> Evolving a pragmatic wildlife conservation paradigm for India.		Dr. Bilal Habib
10:30 – 10:40	Breakout for Parallel Sessions		
10:40: - 11:55	CAUVERY CONVENTION HALL	GANGA CONVENTION HALL	NALA CONVENTION HALL
	Parallel Session – I Wildlife Management and Conservation - I	Parallel Session – II Wildlife Policy & Law	Parallel Session – III Wildlife Disease, Genetics and Evolution
Session Chairs Rapporteur	Sh. Virendra K Tiwari, Dr. Saket Badola, Dr. Samrat Mondol Advaita Ravindran	Sh. N. S. Murali, Sh. H. V. Girisha, Sh. Hemant Bhaskar Kamdi Ranjana Pal	Dr. Parag Nigam, Dr. Jitendra Ramgaonkar, Dr. S. K. Gupta, Kanad Roy
10:40 – 11:00	Lead Talk Sh. Nitin Kakodkar <i>Former CWLW, Govt. of Maharashtra</i> Management perspectives beyond protected areas	Lead Talk Dr. V. B. Mathur <i>Former Chairman NBA and Director WII</i>	Lead Talk Dr. Balaji Chattopadhyay <i>Assistant Professor - Ashoka University</i> Biodiversity Genomics and One Health



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			Measuring Effectiveness of Tiger Reserves: The Indian Experience			
11:00 – 11:10	Mayuresh Gangal	Sequential overgrazing by green turtles causes Archipelago-wide functional extinctions of seagrass meadows	Arunima	Wildlife Protection Act (1972). A conservation strategy or a livelihood impediment	Shreshree Kumar	Phylogeography and evolutionary history of Indian one-horned rhinoceros (<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>) through a mitogenomic lens
11:10 – 11:20	Praveen P	Population genomics of an invasive plant – flower colour in <i>Lantana camara</i> is associated with population structure	Ananya Das	Management Effectiveness Evaluation: Element-Wise Performances of Tiger Reserves in India	Abhinav Tyagi	On the road to losing connectivity: Impact of habitat alterations on two large herbivores in central India
11:20 – 11:30	Rakhi Yadav	Effects of landuse changes on ecosystem service supply from an urban protected area: Case of Bannerghatta National Park (BNP), Bengaluru	B. R. Ansil	Pathogen prevalence and transmission in small mammal communities from a mixed-use landscape	Surya Prasad Sharma	Genetic assessment of the two largest gharial (<i>Gavialis gangeticus</i>) populations in India
11:30 – 11:40	Rajat Rastogi	Can't let the foot loose! Restoration and management of dry ecosystems need to consider the multifaceted effects of multiple invasions.	Madhvee Dhairykar	Health assessment of Indian jackals <i>Canis aureus indicus</i> of Van Vihar National Park Bhopal	Lynette Gomes	A Bear's eye view – Understanding connectivity and gene flow amongst sloth bears of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape
11:40 – 11:55	Q&A of Sessions					
11:55 - 13:20	CAUVERY CONVENTION HALL		GANGA CONVENTION HALL		NALA CONVENTION HALL	
	Parallel Session – IV Human-Wildlife Conflict		Parallel Session – V Species Biology and Ecology		Parallel Session – VI Conservation Biology	
Session Chairs Rapporteur	Sh. Qamar Qureshi, Dr. Satish Kumar, Dr. Dipankar Ghosh, Lynette Gomes		Dr. S. Sathyakumar, Dr. Gautam Talukdar, Dr. K. M. Selvan Pooja Thatola		Dr. Mewa Singh, Dr. J. A. Johnson, Ms. Harini Venugopal Surya Prasad Sharma	
11:55 – 12:15	Lead Talk Dr. Manoj Nair CCF Odisha Forest Department Understanding human-wildlife conflict issues for effective management.		Lead Talk Dr. Dale Miquelle Country Director, WCS Russia A range-wide tool for monitoring trends in tiger conservation landscapes 2001 - 2020		Lead Talk Sh. Ramesh K. Pandey IG, PE, MoEFCC The striped monk: Understanding behaviour for revival of tiger populations and conflict management	



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12:15 – 12:25	Kumar Ankit	"Spotting the spots" - Understanding ecology of Leopards in Human-dominating landscape of Maharashtra, India for mitigating human-leopard negative interactions	B. V. Aditi	The smell of a tiger: Odors to understand tiger biology	Jyoti Srivastava	Prediction of potential distribution shift in mangroves in response to climate and sea level changes to target priority conservation areas along the Indian coastline
12:25 – 12:35	Priyanka Justa	Understanding carnivore interactions in a cold arid trans-Himalayan landscape: What drives co-existence patterns within predator guild along varying anthropogenic pressures?	Ranjana Pal	Coexistence with co-predators: inferring interaction patterns of snow leopard with woolly wolf and common leopard	Shiv Kumari Patel	The cost of sympatry: spatio-temporal patterns in leopard dietary and physiological responses to tiger competition gradient in Rajaji Tiger Reserve, India
12:35 – 12:45	Bajjuraj M. V.	Just a call away! Management and awareness program of human-wildlife interactions. Wildlife SOS, Agra, India.	Zehidul Hussain	Insight into tiger energetics in a human-dominated landscape	Sanchaya Sharma	Charisma failure: Understanding differences in support for conservation of Asian elephants compared to tigers and African elephants
12:45 – 12:55	Hussain Saifee Reshamwala	The Fox Folks: A case study of the perception of people towards red fox in Ladakh, India	Shaheer Khan	Den and rendezvous sites selection of Indian wolves <i>Canis lupus pallipes</i> in the human-dominated landscape of Maharashtra	Supriya Bhatt	Mitochondrial phylogeography and demographic history of leopard (<i>Panthera pardus fusca</i>) India
12:55 – 13:05	Orus Ilyas	Factor affecting distribution of four sympatric ungulates species in tropical dry deciduous forest of Panna Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh, India.	Bitupan Boruah	Study on reproductive behaviour of threatened Bush frogs (<i>Anura: Rhacophoridae</i>) of Northeast India	Pooja Nitin Saraf	Habitat distribution modelling for conservation of <i>Buchanania lanzan</i> Spreng. (Chironji): A vulnerable medicinal plant of the Indian subcontinent
13:05 – 13:20	Q&A of Sessions					
13:20 – 14:20	Lunch Break					
14:20 – 15:45	Panel Discussion: CAUVERY CONVENTION HALL					
14:20 – 15:00	MD, Jungle Lodges & Resorts, Karnataka and Mr Michael Dominique, MD, CGH Earth, Kerala					



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15:00 – 15:45	Panel discussion on Eco-tourism Initiatives, Management and Challenges					
15:45 – 15:50	Breakout for Parallel Sessions					
15:50 – 17:45	CAUVERY CONVENTION HALL		GANGA CONVENTION HALL		NALA CONVENTION HALL	
	Mixed Bag		Mixed Bag		Mixed Bag	
Session Chairs Rapporteur	Dr. Ravi Singh, Dr. Jamal A. Khan, Dr. K. Ramesh Kumar Ankit		Sh. P. R. Sinha, Dr. S. A. Hussain, Sh. Rajendra G. Garawad Shiv Kumari Patel		Dr. Gopi G. V., Dr. Bivash Pandav, Dr. Yash Veer Bhatnagar Anindita Debnath	
15:50 – 16:10	Lead Talk Dr. Ruchi Badola <i>Dean/ Scientist G, WII</i> Mobilizing lives to keep river flowing institutionalizing community involvement in river conservation.		Lead Talk Sh. J. S. Chauhan <i>CWLW MP</i> Cheetah Reintroduction: Bringing back Cheetah to India		Lead Talk Dr. Bilal Habib <i>Scientist F, WII Dehradun</i> Planning Smart Green Linear Infrastructure in India	
16:10 - 16:17	Sagar Rajpurkar	Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for Monitoring Marine Megafauna: A case study from Critical Dugong Habitats in India	L. Krishnamoorthy	Voluntary Village Relocation – Satpura Model - Transforming Lives	Akshayi A.S.	Structural habitat connectivity analysis for tigers in Western Ghats using Linkage Mapper
16:17 – 16:24	R. Yashaswi Rao	Assessing ungulate response to conservation-oriented village relocations and their associated management practices in a tiger reserve of central India	Ruchika Robert	Study of composition and diversity of fauna in Mangroves of Chiplun	Nyeema Harris	Tiger distribution, prey and human pressures
16:24 – 16:31	Neelesh Yadav	Artificial Intelligence for wildlife crime control	Tushar Parab	A multi-model approach to understand intraguild interactions between sympatric meso-carnivores in Himachal Pradesh	Rohit Jha	Evidence-based decision making in wildlife conservation governance in India; learnings and way forward.
16:31 – 16:38	Rakshitha Gowda & Keya Aggarwal	Thermographic assessment of elephant health Non-invasive	Vaidehi Himanshu Shah	Habitat survey of Jambughoda wildlife sanctuary, central	Haritha J.	Species Distribution Models and Climate Change in India: A



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		detection of subclinical illness in wild populations for conservation management		Gujarat with reference to its seasonal use by Sloth bears		Comprehensive Review of Research and Knowledge Gaps
16:38 – 16:45	Bhawana Pant	eDNA as a tool for monitoring aquatic biodiversity	Priyanka Sharma	Patterns of community structure and diversity along disturbance and environmental gradients in western Himalayas: Case study from Churdhar	Vidushi Pant	Corridor Profiles: An Extensive Repository of Information about Wildlife Corridors of India
16:45 – 16:52	Srabani Bose	Nutrient dynamics in seagrass meadows: A case study from the Dugong Conservation Reserve, Palk Bay, Tamil Nadu	Irina Das Sarkar	Community variations in spider assemblages in the Indian Western Himalayas	Arpithamol C. Joy	Preserving the prey: Understanding the feeding habits of the Dattatreya Night Frog and its conservation implications
16:52 – 16:59	Poonam Dhanwatey	The Tadoba-Andhari Buffer Model in Central India	Khursheed Ahmad	Kashmir Red deer or Hangul (<i>Cervus hanglu hanglu</i>) conservation-Issues and Challenges	Rishi Kumar Sharma	Rigorous estimates of population-density of snow leopards in the Eastern Himalaya in the face of uncertainty
16:59 – 17:06	D. Frank Sadrack Jabaraj	Indian Heronries: conservation and management planning for the future, based on a Tamil Nadu case study	Keyur Naria	Estimation of Population and Threats to the Houbara Bustard <i>Chlamydotis macqueenii</i> in Banni grassland of Kachchh, Gujarat	Naveen Pandey	Ethnographic Observations on Critical Habitat Protection for Blyth's Tragopan (<i>Tragopan blythii</i>) by Khonoma village in Nagaland, northeast India
17:06 – 17:13	V. Clement Ben	Conservation Reserves in Challenging times - A participatory approach to Wildlife Management	AaroHi Natu	Comparative behavioural patterns of Red-breasted Flycatcher <i>Ficedula parva</i> and Black Redstart <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i> in Indroda Nature Park, Gandhinagar	Saurav Chaudhary	Population estimation and factors influencing the abundance and occupancy of Anurans: A case study of selected protected areas of Himachal Pradesh
17:13 – 17:45	Q&A of Sessions					
17:45 – 18:45	Poster Session					



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18:45 - 19:30	Awards and Closing Remarks Announcement of 8 Equipment Grant Awardees Best Oral Presentation (1 st & 2 nd) Best Poster Presentation (1 st & 2 nd) Best Speed Talk (1 st & 2 nd) Vote of thanks		
20:00	Conference Dinner		
DAY 3: 11th April 2023			
FIELD TOUR & POST CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS			
06:00 hrs onwards	Field Tour: Bandipur, Nagarhole, Biligiri Rangnatha Temple tiger reserve (Karnataka) Tiger Reserve Mudumalai Tiger Reserve Tamil Nadu (Optional)		
Post-Conference Workshops (Please Register for Workshop at Registration Desk from 9th April 2023 Morning onwards) Workshop details are available online at www.iccon.co.in			
09:00 – 10:30	Workshop 1 Ecological Forecasting Workshop: Enhancing your Practical Skills to Predict Species Distribution across Space and Time using Niche Theory Dr. Vineet Dubey, Dr. Aashna Sharma, Dr. J.A. Johnson; Dr. S. Sathyakumar	Workshop 2 Integrated Wetland Conservation and Management Dr. Gopi G.V., Dr. S. A. Hussain	Workshop 3 Conserving Natural Heritage: from the global to the local Dr. Gautam Talukdar, Sh. Niraj Kakati, Sh. Anuranjan Roy
10:30 – 11:00	Tea Break		
11:00 – 13:30	Workshop 4 Training on Ecological Flow Assessment (e-flow) methods for Indian Rivers Dr. J.A. Johnson and Dr. Eliza Khwairakpam	Workshop 5 The Taxonomy Workshop: (Amphibians, Snakes and Lizards) Sh. Bitupan Boruah, Sh. Naitik Patel	Workshop 6 Application of Google Earth Engine for Forest and Wildlife Studies Ms. Sneha Pandey, Sh. Akshayi A. S. and Dr. Gautam Talukdar
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch for workshop participants and departure		