



Kalpavriksh
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About Kalpavriksh

Beginnings

Kalpavriksh is a non-governmental organization working in the area of environment education, research, campaigns and direct action. It began in 1979, with a youth campaign to save Delhi's Ridge Forest area from encroachments and destruction. Starting with these roots in local action, Kalpavriksh has moved on to work on a number of local, national and global issues. Kalpavriksh is registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1980 (No. S-17439) and is based in Delhi and Pune.

Philosophy

Kalpavriksh believes that a country can develop meaningfully only when ecological sustainability and social equity are guaranteed, and a sense of respect for, and oneness with nature and fellow humans is achieved.

Governance

Kalpavriksh is a non-hierarchical organization. One of the working principles that emanated from the philosophy of the group was a democratic decision making process. All decisions are taken in group meetings and based on group consensus, where all members are encouraged to participate and voice their opinion, regardless of how old or new they may be to the organization. Consequently, arriving at a decision is often time-consuming but the process ensures transparent, participatory and democratic decision making that is valued by the group.

Functioning

The overall functions are divided into two categories:

- a) Core functions, which include administration, finance, accounts, and publications. These activities are largely handled at the Pune office. The core staff at Pune includes an office administrator, an office assistant and an office helper. The Publications department is looked after by a publications in-charge while the accounts are handled by a part-time accountant. Kalpavriksh is responsible for the honoraria of the staff carrying out these core functions.
- b) Projects and activities are related to the following themes:
 1. Environment Education and Awareness
 2. Urban Environment Issues
 3. Conservation and Livelihoods
 4. Environment and Development

Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) was held in Delhi from 28th to 30th October 2009. Following are the important decisions taken, regarding office bearers and associated functionaries.

Auditor: Limaye Malhotra Chartered Accountants, Pune

Secretary: Sharmila Deo

Treasurer: Milind Wani

Core group: Prabhakar Rao, Manju Menon, Seema Bhatt and Kanchi Kohli (all Delhi). Sharmila Deo, Neema Pathak, Neeraj Vagholikar, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Anuradha Arjunwadkar and Milind Wani (all Pune).



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Part A. Internal activities

1. Publications:

Coordinator: Suniti Kulkarni wef 01.03.10

Developments:

The Income Tax law changed in this financial year. The activity of selling books by NGOs is no longer construed to be business like activity and therefore Kalpavriksh is no longer liable for tax deduction on its income. Hence, Kalpavriksh resumed selling its publications.

These are the four new publications of 2009:

India's Notified Ecologically Sensitive Areas by Meenakshi Kapoor, Kanchi Kohli and Manju Menon
The book covers a range of issues associated with Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs). It gives a detailed account of each of the ESAs while tracing the chronology of the notifications declaring the ESAs using the Environment Protection Act, 1986, and the mechanism through which these ESAs were declared.

Calling the Bluff by Kanchi Kohli and Manju Menon with Sanchari Das and Divya Badami
This study looks at the level of compliance achieved by projects which have been granted environment clearance by the Ministry of Environment & Forests under the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) notification. The findings are backed by data from the ministry's own documentation and point to many areas that need immediate attention.

Nought Without Cause compiled by Milind Wani
The survival of forests in India is today at grave risk. To protect them successfully we need to break out of the siege of the predatory model of economic development that our country has adopted. This volume will be useful to anyone interested in protecting the natural heritage of our country.

Community Conserved Areas in India – Directory compiled by Neema Pathak
This book documents 140 case studies from 23 states of Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) from a diversity of ecosystems, communities, and kinds of efforts. This Directory contributes towards a deeper understanding of biodiversity conservation by people, and issues of livelihoods, tenure, development, legal and policy environment, and ecological impacts. The case studies are complemented by state-level analyses, and a national overview.

Reprint of **Ghost of the Mountains** – Sujatha Padmanabhan
This is a children's story based on a true incident. The residents of Ang, a small village in Ladakh, wake up one morning to find an unusual visitor in their midst. The villagers are very angry and threaten to kill the visitor. A young lad of the village is the only one who feels that the visitor must be spared. What can he possibly do?





Part B. Projects, activities and campaigns

I. Environment Education and Awareness

Snow Leopard Conservation Education Programme, Phase II

Coordinator: Sujatha Padmanabhan

Team: Sharmila Deo, Yashodara Kundaji

Year of commencement: January 2006

Year of completion: November 2008 (work continues beyond project phase)

Total funds sanctioned: Rs. 4,75,794 (year 1) and Rs. 11,84,480 (years 2 and 3)

Funding agency: Snow Leopard Conservancy (SLC - USA), and Association for India's Development - Columbus (AID - C) and Portland

The main focus over the last year was finalization of Ri Gyancha for publication, the biodiversity resource kit for educators in Ladakh. The draft handbook was widely circulated for comments and inputs.

Sujatha was in Ladakh from September 20th to October 6th 2009 primarily to start discussions with officials of the education department on the use of the environment resource kit when it is ready. A meeting was held with the Education Councilor of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, who was very positive in supporting the dissemination of the handbook once it was ready. A meeting was also held with the Chief Education Officer where the draft and the supporting educational aids were presented.

Discussions also took place with the staff of the Snow Leopard Conservancy-India Trust on reprinting the story book "Ghost of the Mountains" as the first print run was almost sold out. An appeal was put out to support the reprint and efforts made to get donations.

Preliminary discussions also happened with Ecosphere (Spiti) on starting the education programme in some schools there. All the material was shared with staff of Ecosphere. However, this did not progress as Ecosphere felt that they were not ready with adequate staff and funds.

A proposal to raise funds for dissemination of Ri Gyancha was written up and sent to Snow Leopard Conservancy – India Trust.

Programme at Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary

Coordinator: Sharmila Deo

Team: Pradeep Chavan, Purnima Phadke (volunteer), Chandrakant Langhi (local educator)

Advisors: Sujatha Padmanabhan, Neema Pathak

Year of commencement: April 2008

Year of completion: March 2010

Total funds sanctioned (for 2 yrs): Rs.9, 32,113/-

Funding agency: Concern India Foundation and Rufford Small Grant for Nature Conservation (RSG)

Collaborators: Maharashtra Arogya Mandal (MAM)

The Bhimashankar education programme has been running since April 2008 in the Terungun and Tokawade Ashram schools, and it completed 2 years in March 2010. The main objectives of the programme have been to instill in the village school children the knowledge and appreciation of their rich natural biodiversity; encourage children to understand the importance of harmonious co-existence between humans and wildlife; spread awareness on the issues of wildlife and the sanctuary, and discuss possible solutions; plan steps for concrete action towards conservation with community participation.

The content of the programme focuses on the geographical, ecological, and cultural aspects of Bhimashankar, along with the basic concepts of environment.

Four workshops took place with the students in their respective schools, and four with the local educators at Bhimashankar and in Pune. The main focus was on biodiversity, and the workshops had lectures, film screenings, slide shows, art and craft sessions, and three field trips. The children of one school planted medicinal plant saplings and made a nursery for the school. The children also petitioned for implementing the ban on plastic carry bags within the sanctuary during Mahashivratri festival. They sent letters to the District Collector and other concerned authorities and also suggested some approaches for the implementation. They made paper bags as an alternative to the plastic ones.

An extension of a year has been proposed to continue the programme in the schools and see possibilities of extending it to other villages.



2. Urban Environment Issues

Pune Tree Watch (PTW): A citizens support and action group

Coordinator: Tasneem Balasinorwala

Team: Rohan Joshi

Year of commencement: 2005

Year of completion: Ongoing

Total Funds Sanctioned: Rs 1,20,000

Funding Agency: Individual donations

Pune Tree Watch continued to receive many calls for help and advice in preventing tree felling. Interestingly some of the requests came from outside of Pune – Bhopal, Florence (Italy) and Satara.

A number of presentations were made on PTW's work at various events in the city. PTW has also been involved in official procedures through its representation on the Tree Authority and the Joint Forest Management committee meetings. Some of the other key highlights of PTW's activities include

a) Surat Tree Watch was initiated this year on lines of the work and structure of Pune Tree Watch.

b) Citizens for Trees in Florence also wrote to us stating how they were inspired and have followed the name of the group.

c) Plantation activities were coordinated and conducted by members of PTW along with other willing citizens and groups. Moreover we helped link sponsors with other groups that are undertaking regular tree plantation.

d) PTW's intervention on the Dhanori Lake case with reference to the violation of the EIA led to the reconsideration of the EIA clearance that was given to the builders to construct on the lake. This campaign has been coordinated along with the National Society of Clean Cities.

e) PTW provided inputs into the Strategic Environment Assessment for Pune. This is an official process for the city where the new development plan for the next 20 years will be prepared.

f) PTW had a couple of meetings with the Urban Development Department, Maharashtra, to provide inputs into the possible amendment of the Maharashtra (Urban Areas) Protection and Preservation of Trees Act, 1975.

g) A new blog was created for PTW (www.punetreewatch.org)

h) A brochure on Gardening for Wildlife has been produced and is also available on the blog.

i) A brochure simplifying the understanding of the Tree Act and citizen action was also produced in this period.

j) PTW featured in many press articles during this period.

3. Conservation and Livelihoods

Team: Arshiya Bose, Ashish Kothari, Ajay Mahajan, Farhad Vania, Kanchi Kohli, Manju Menon, Meenakshi Kapoor, Milind Wani, Neeraj Vagholikar, Neema Pathak, Pankaj Sekhsaria, Prabhakar Rao, Pradeep Chavan, Salli S. Palande, Sanjay Sondhi, Seema Bhatt, Shantha Bhushan, Sreetama Guptabhaya, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Tasneem Balasinorwala, Vikal Samadria.

I. National Level Advocacy

Future of Conservation (FoC) network

Coordinator: Ashish Kothari

Team: Arshiya Bose, Sreetama Guptabhaya

Year of commencement: 2006

Year of completion: March 2010

Total Funds Sanctioned: Rs. 2,40,000 (April 09 – March 10)

Funding Agency: World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

Developments in the year

The team has been regularly following up on previous areas of FoC involvement. This includes active follow-up with participants from the 2008 FoC meeting on issues like Critical Tiger Habitats (CTH) and Critical Wildlife Habitats (CWH), co-management and co-existence in various protected areas across



the country. The FoC e-list has been kept active, though the frequency of postings on it is low. In August 2009, a national workshop on Critical Tiger/Wildlife Habitats and Community Forest Rights (CFR) was organised in New Delhi. Various actions decided at this workshop have been followed up regularly by the team. This includes lobbying with the new Minister of State for Environment and Forests, Jairam Ramesh; inputs to some state/local processes on CWH/CTH and CFR (see also below on Forest Rights Act); Right To Information (RTI) applications on the status of CWH and CTH; and coordination of responses to ongoing displacement of people from tiger reserves. During this period, Arshiya left for higher studies, and Sreetama took over as the C&L advocacy person based in Delhi.

Research and Advocacy on the Forest Rights Act

Coordinator: Ashish Kothari

Team: Arshiya Bose, Sreetama Guptabhaya, Neema Pathak

Year of commencement: 2007

Year of completion: September 2009 (extended to March 2010)

Total Funds Sanctioned: US \$20,000

Funding Agency: Rights and Resources Group, USA

Developments in the year

A number of activities were carried out in relation to the Forest Rights Act, including research and investigations, advocacy, outreach, and networking. More specifically:

- a. A few more issues of the FRA Newsletter were brought out. It was also decided to make this an occasional newsletter after the first eight issues, and to focus each issue on particular themes.
- b. Field visits were conducted to investigate the implementation of the Act and its impacts. This included a study in Sonitpur District of Assam (around Nameri NP and Sonai Rupai WLS), resulting in a summary and full report. Also studied was the implementation of Community Forest Rights in Karlapat Sanctuary and Ranpur area of Orissa, and southern Gujarat (with a consultant, Reshma Jathar, being commissioned for the purpose), the report of which is under finalisation.
- c. Having tracked the FRA over a two year period, the team decided to focus increasingly on advocacy, through the new C&L advocacy person in Delhi. One activity was to pressurize the MoEF to issue a circular requiring the completion of processes under the FRA, in any proposal for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes (under the Forest (Conservation) Act). A draft given by Kalpavriksh was used as a basis by MoEF for the circular issued in July 2009. We have since then been informing networks about this, encouraging its use, and occasionally tracking to see if the MoEF is implementing it. Unfortunately it has not been strict about this, and ongoing advocacy is focused on this.
- d. We have continued to respond to various requests for support on the FRA or pro-actively provided inputs to grassroots organisations. This includes legal clarifications, networking with local groups, spreading information about implementation elsewhere in the country, and providing advice on strategies for implementation. Some of the specific activities undertaken were as follows:
 - Drafting a circular for Ministry of Tribal Affairs, to issue to states, regarding need to focus on community rights provisions of Forest Rights Act (April 2009)
 - Assisting groups working with Van Gujjars, Uttarakhand, regarding need to allow them access to traditional grazing grounds inside protected areas till rights process is completed. This included a letter to the Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand, and advice to the local NGO Sophiya on use of the Forest Rights Act and the Wild Life (Protection) Act (April-May 2009)
 - Many local level talks were delivered on FRA and how to use it. These included, workshops on community conserved areas in the north-east India and western India, sessions with villagers in East Assam, the Maldhari community in Kachchh (Gujarat), villagers of Sariska Tiger Reserve (Rajasthan), Karlapat Sanctuary (Orissa), and communities in Maharashtra including at Baripada, Bhimashankar, and in Vidarbha (for details on these consultations and field visits, pl. see under sections II and III).
 - Participation in workshops organised by others, e.g. on Community Forest Rights by Vasundhara in Bhubaneshwar (7-8th December 2009); on FRA implementation in Maharashtra by Tribal Research and Training Institute in Pune (April 2009); on implementation of FRA and community rights in eastern India, organized by National Forum for Forest Peoples and Forest Workers (NFFPFW) in Ranchi (February 2010).



Conservation and Livelihoods advocacy

Coordinators: Ashish Kothari, Neema Pathak

Team: Sreetama Guptabhaya

Year of commencement: 2009

Year of completion: ongoing

Total funds sanctioned: None specifically for this, mostly voluntary

Developments in the year

- lobbying with the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) to withdraw its circular of 2003, prohibiting NTFP collection in protected areas; and providing a draft circular for MoEF to issue on this.
- drafting full set of amendments (particularly related to the provisions on protected areas) to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for submission to MoEF
- advocacy on the legal violations in procedures being carried out to displace people from tiger reserves
- lobbying with the MoEF to issue a circular on compliance with the Forest Rights Act in process of forest land diversion under the Forest (Conservation) Act; and providing a draft circular, which was adopted by the MoEF and issued on July 30 2009.

II. Protected Areas and People: Livelihood Rights, Joint Management, and Conservation

Exploring Joint Protected Area Management in Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra

Coordinator: Neema Pathak

Team: Pradeep Chavan, Chandrakant Langhi

Advisory Team: Ashish Kothari, Sharmila Deo, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Swati Arjunwadkar, Milind Wani

Year of commencement: September 2006

Year of completion: Ongoing

Total funds sanctioned: Rs. 2,00,000 (for September 2008 – August 2009) from AID Bay Area

Rs. 50,000 (for September 2009 to December 2009) from C&L funds

Rs. 4,56,000 (for January 2010 onwards) from Ruffords Small Grants Programme.

Developments during the year

- a. One of the local youth Chandrakant is now helping as a field worker in mobilizing communities in Yelahvali and Bhorgiri villages along with Pradeep and other villagers. Activities they are involved in include organizing village meetings, data collection, form filling, etc.
- b. Regular weekly meetings were held with the villagers in Yelahvali and Bhorgiri. Additionally, villagers of Yelahvali have organised community cultural activities including traditional games, a biodiversity festival, a wild vegetables festival, and others. KV members have been regular participants in these activities.
- c. Yelahvali and Bhorgiri villages have shown an interest in the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS). KV has helped them get information and collect data about the status of unemployed youth who need job cards. Meetings have been organized with relevant officials regarding implementation of NREGS in Bhimashankar area.
- d. KV also helped the villagers at Yelahvali to follow up with the forest department for permission for an electric pole that had to pass through the sanctuary area and was the sole reason for the village not getting electricity connection. Meetings were organized with the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) head at Rajgurunagar; Range Forest Officer (RFO), Bhimashankar & with Mr. Y L P Rao, CF, Pune. The village finally got the electricity connection.
- e. KV members carried out a small investigation in Siddhagarh village on the request of the Tribal Development Department on reasons that are hampering the relocation of villagers from this village which the villagers have been demanding because of severe landslides.
- f. Several meetings of the Balyogi Ganeshnath Seva Mandal have been organized to prepare & finalize the Registration documents for the registration of their group under Societies Registration Act, 1960. Although, because of less participation from the village, the process is slow but once registered this group is expected to be the local institution to take on other village development and conservation activities.



- g. On the 13th of November, Balyogi Ganeshnath Maharaj youth group with help from KV, organized a meeting with Mr. Parihar (Tribal Research & Training Institute, Pune) at Bhorgiri to discuss the issues vis-à-vis Forest Rights Act & other programmes for tribal development. Mr. Parihar could not attend the meeting but Neema and Pradeep discussed the issues vis-à-vis FRA, initiating an eco-tourism activity, NREGS & the implementation of other government schemes. The meeting was attended by a very large number of people from the village and the village successfully constituted the Van Hakka Samiti or the Forest Rights Committee, legally mandated to help in filing and ascertaining rights claimed by the villagers under the Forest Rights Act.
- h. KV has been facilitating weekly meetings at Yelahvali village to discuss various issues impacting tribal forest relationship in the area. Discussions also include FRA & its implementation process. KV facilitated a process of filing forest claims, organizing Gram Sabhas, inspections of Forest Rights Committee & submission to the Sub Divisional Level Committee for further process and discussions with the neighbouring villages. Yelahvali became the first village in Rajgurunagar Tahsil to file Forest Rights claims. Pradeep is also providing support to the staff of Sub Divisional Level Committee in the implementation of the Act. After having filed individual rights villagers are now discussing the implications and procedures for filing Community Forest Rights.
- i. Local villagers are interested in participating in eco-tourism activities and providing home stays and guided tours to visitors. KV facilitated a visit of 21 people from Open Space organization to Yelahvali. The objective was to explore the possibility of community based eco-tourism in Bhimashankar area, particularly in Yelahvali and Bhorgiri villages. This was covered in the local newspapers and a lot of interest has been generated among people on eco tourism. We are also exploring possibilities with small groups in Pune which take eco-tours to Bhimashankar to link their activities with the local youth.

Community rights and participation in Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan

Team: Neema Pathak and Ashish Kothari

Year of commencement: 2010

Year of completion: Ongoing

Funding: voluntary; local groups provide travel support

Developments in the year

On 17-18th March 2010, Kalpavriksh helped the NGO KRPAVIS to organize a workshop with villagers from the Sariska Tiger Reserve, on issues of their rights, participation, and livelihoods in relation to wildlife conservation. This included discussions on the Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Act 2006 and the Forest Rights Act 2006. A field visit was made to Panidhal village, and to the Devnarayan Devbani (oran) conserved by the community, both inside the Reserve. Inputs are thereafter being provided to KRPAVIS for follow up, including to raise issues of improper and illegal evictions.

Community participation in management planning of Chhari Dhand Conservation Reserve, Kachchh, Gujarat

Team: Neema Pathak and Ashish Kothari

Year of commencement: 2009

Year of completion: Ongoing

Funding: None

Developments in the year

On invitation from NGOs in Kachchh, Kalpavriksh members participated in a workshop on the newly declared Chhari Dhand (wetland) Conservation Reserve, on 25-26th December 2009, to provide inputs on community participation in its management planning. Discussions with communities and NGOs also included possibilities of using various laws for furthering conservation and livelihood rights. Visits included one to a community-run ecotourism venture (Shaam-e-Sarhad) and a community-conserved grassland-tree plot in Abdulavant village. Kalpavriksh has offered to continue providing such inputs on request.



III Human Wildlife conflict

Crop damage at Jardhargaon: assessing the causes and potential solutions

Coordinator: Sanjay Sondhi

Team: Ashish Kothari, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Prabhakar Rao, Ajay Mahajan, Anchal Sondhi

Year of commencement: Sep 2009

Year of completion: Feb 2011

Total funds sanctioned: US \$ 5000 received in Feb 2010

Funding Agency: Global Green Grants Fund (GGF)

Developments in the year

Consultations were held with the Jardhargaon community to brief them on the project-goals, objectives and methodology.

The team assessed the issue of crop damage in Jardhargaon building on a KV study conducted on the issue in 2008. Team members also perused existing studies, and assessed potential study sites. The team has also collaborated with Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore for designing the study including attending a human-animal conflict workshop in Bangalore. The team is also assessing potential solutions including efforts by Himachal Pradesh Forest Department.

IV Community Conserved Areas

Community Conserved Areas in India

Coordinator: Neema Pathak

Team: Persis Taraporevala, Ashish Kothari, Milind Wani

Developments in the year

- a. CCA Directory: The Directory was finally published and released during a workshop on CCAs in Nowgaon, Assam. The Directory has generated much interest in India and abroad.
- b. MoEF committee on recognition and support of CCAs: Guidelines have been submitted to the MoEF but the process of releasing the guidelines is very slow. It appears from a call from a senior forest officer in Himachal that the guidelines have finally been issued to the state forest departments and they have been asked to prepare a list of CCAs that can be considered for support. We have already cautioned the states of Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh about the negative impact of a hurried recognition process and have suggested a deliberated and slow process following the guidelines. In the meanwhile implementation of the scheme, Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats, continues. All proposals have been received by Ministry to seek funds under this scheme, namely, Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats. All proposals under this scheme have to be routed through the CWLW of the state as funds under this scheme are being handled by the Wildlife Departments. Currently there are 4 proposals with the MoEF, 3 from Nagaland and 1 from Mizoram, all for creation of Community Reserves. We have had discussions with the person in charge at the Ministry that this should not become the trend and those seeking funds under this scheme should not feel compelled to acquire a legal status.
- c. Community Reserves and Conservation Reserves:
The team has attempted keeping track of and collating information on community reserves and conservation reserves being declared in India, and helping local groups where possible. Site based help was extended to conservation reserves as and when asked for, e.g declaration of a CR in Tripura, proposed CR in Vidarbha and others.
- d. CCA South Asia – India activities: Kalpvriksh was responsible for preparing a report on the status of CCAs in India as part of the CCA South Asia project (See section below for details).
- e. Forest Rights Act and CCAs: Researcher Reshma Jathar has been commissioned to carry out a review of implementation of Community Forestry Resource provisions of the FRA in CCAs and PAs in different parts of the country. Fieldwork was carried out in Orissa, Gujarat, and Maharashtra. The report is expected to be finalized in August 2010.
- f. Community Based Conservation in the Lakshadweep: After participation in a workshop on community-based conservation of the Agatti lagoon in March 2009, organised by Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), inputs have been sent to the local youth group, Lakshadweep Marine Research and



Conservation Centre (LMRCC) and BNHS as and when required. An intern from Chicago University had offered to compile a report on what kinds of participatory conservation practices exist in South Asian and South East Asian region, what can be learnt for Lakshadweep from these. The report is still awaited. This is expected to help LMRCC in their future work. One member of LMRCC, Idrees Babu participated in the CCA South Asia consultation that was organized in Nepal in August 2009. He is compiling information on some community conserved marine areas in Lakshadweep region, particularly in Minicoy Islands. This is intended to form a base of his work in future on how to support such initiatives in the region.

- g. Important Bird Areas and CCAs: Inputs were provided to a national meeting of the Indian Bird Conservation Network (Bandhavagarh Tiger Reserve, MP, 31 Jan-2 February 2010), on the links between Important Bird Areas and CCAs, and on development/environment governance aspects of these, including recent legal/policy developments. Inputs have also been provided to BNHS for a book on CCAs and IBAs that they plan to bring out.
- h. CCAs and legal spaces: Neema and Ashish have worked on a detailed report on the historical background and current status of legal spaces available to CCAs in India and their pros and cons. This was done for a forthcoming book on protected area legislation, being put together by the IUCN Environment Law Centre.

Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas in South Asia: Towards an Understanding of their Conservation and Livelihood Security Values

Coordinators: Seema Bhatt and Tasneem Balasinorwala

Team: Partners from the South Asian countries. There is also an Advisory Committee of which Ashish Kothari is a member. Kalpavriksh took on the India part of the study, with Neema Pathak coordinating.

Year of commencement: 2008

Year of completion: 2009

Total funds sanctioned: Rs. 29,66,974

Funding agency: SwedBio

Developments in the year

This study was undertaken in Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. The general objectives of the study included:

- Deepen the understanding of the CCA phenomenon with respect to the types of CCAs that can still be found in the South Asian region, or are newly emerging, and their status.
- Analyse these initiatives, distil and discuss lessons learned and policy implications.
- Bring together community representatives, government officials, NGOs, and individual experts to discuss the case studies and lessons, and work out a regional plan of action.

The Project activities conducted during this period include:

Country Visits by Project Coordinators

Project coordinators visited two (Nepal and Sri Lanka) of the five South Asian countries in 2009. These visits were made with the purpose of meeting relevant people in the communities, government and NGOs who are working or would potentially help in taking the issue of CCAs forward at the country level. Visits also included travel to some of the sites that were being documented as case studies in the respective countries.

Receipt of Country Reports

This was followed by country partners sending draft reports for team comments as also from Advisory Committee members. These reports were subsequently revised for final submission.

Regional Workshop on Community Conserved Areas in South Asia, 4th -7th Aug'09, Kathmandu

One of the main activities of the above mentioned South Asia study was to organize a workshop to bring together at a regional scale the various learnings that have come out of this study and to plan for the way forward. Towards this end Kalpavriksh and Forest Action Group, Nepal co-organised a regional workshop in Kathmandu, Nepal on Community Conserved Areas in South Asia, on 4th-7th August 2009. This workshop aimed to bring together community representatives, non-government organizations and government representatives from different South Asian countries.



Recognition and Support to Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas in South Asia and Globally

Team: Neema Pathak and Ashish Kothari

Year of commencement: 2009 (March)

Year of completion: 2010

Total funds sanctioned: US\$29,250, US\$ 26,000 UNDP Bangladesh

Funding agency: GEF Small Grants Programme (through UNDP); additional support by UNDP Bangladesh (mostly for use by partner in Bangladesh)

Developments in the year

This project builds on the one above, to consolidate the South Asia picture on CCAs, but also to link to global networks and processes. It has involved a series of consultations and field visits in South Asian countries, and further debates, studies and on-ground work, on the status of ICCAs, including the following:

- a. Co-organising a consultation on CCAs in the NE India, Nowgaon, Assam on 7-9th May 2009, with Winrock India. This was followed by a field visit to Goalpara, Bodahapur/Hatigaon, Kakoijana and Chakrashila CCAs, and to community-based conservation initiatives in the Manas Tiger Reserve buffer area in Kokrajhar district (Bodo Territorial Council area). Neema, Ashish, Neeraj, Milind, Tasneem, Arshiya participated. As a follow up, similar meetings have been organized by the local groups for their own needs; KV has also helped a few groups in exploring sources of funding.
- b. Co-organising a national consultation on CCAs in Nepal, with Forest Action, Nepal, on 3-4th August 2009. Ashish, Neema, Seema and Tasneem participated. A network of CCAs was formed during this meeting. Subsequently this network has grown to function as a support body for CCAs facing threats in 12 districts in Nepal.
- c. Co-organising a workshop on CCAs in Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh, on 9-11th November 2009, and a national workshop on CCAs in Bangladesh, in Dhaka, on 23-25th November, both with the Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh, sponsored by UNDP. The programme also included field visits to Begenachary CCA in CHT, and Baikka Beel CCA.
- d. Co-organising a workshop on CCAs in Rajasthan and Gujarat, in Jaipur, on 24-25th October 2009, with Foundation for Ecological Security, KRAPAVIS, and Society for Promotion of Wasteland Development (SPWD). This was followed by a field trip to orans (sacred sites) in Alwar region. A follow up also included more detailed discussions on conservation and livelihood issues with villagers from various villages within Sariska Tiger Reserve.
- e. Supporting a detailed study on the CCAs of north-east India, and future course of action, conducted by Sudipto Chatterjee, independent consultant.
- f. Participating in discussions and processes related to the global database on CCAs, including inputs to the format of ICCA Registry at UNEP's World Conservation Monitoring Centre. This has resulted in a database that is currently being generated, a detailed discussions with many community representatives on free prior informed consent and a publication of a booklet on the process.

In addition to these consultations and subsequent follow up with these sites, a database on CCAs in South Asian countries is being updated and an international analysis on legal recognition of CCAs in different continents is being carried out (see TILCEPA, Section XI below).

Kalpavriksh is also active as a co-coordinator of the global ICCA Consortium, a global network of indigenous and community organizations, NGOs, and institutions that are working on ICCAs (see www.iccaforum.org).



V Biodiversity

Research and advocacy related to the Biological Diversity Act and Campaign for Conservation and Community Control over Biodiversity

Coordination: Kanchi Kohli

Team: Ashish Kothari

Total funds sanctioned: Rs. 8000 for Biodiversity Act Status Report; remaining combined with AID funds for Environment and Development programme.

Funding agencies: Association for India's Development, World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature-India

Year of commencement and completion: Ongoing

Developments in the year

a. Tracking Implementation and Biodwatch Listserve

The team members in collaboration with GRAIN and other members of the campaign tracked the implementation of the legislation on an ongoing basis. This primarily looked at setting up of the institutional structure; activities of the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs) and various committees. Efforts were made to look at the process of setting up of local level Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs). Efforts were also regularly communicate to the government as well as non-governmental spheres, concerns with the methods of documentation of biological resources, comments on Guidelines and Rules around Access and Benefit Sharing, Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS) and also Traditional Knowledge related processes. Specific information was also tracked on the types of approvals granted by the NBA and the process followed. This information was regularly posted on an electronic list serve coordinated by Kalpavriksh: 'Biodwatch' (biodwatch@yahoogroups.com).

b. Policy Research and Advocacy efforts

Several initiatives were taken towards continually fresh research and advocacy with the NBA, SBBs and the MoEF. This was done through:

- i. Memorandum to the Minister of Environment and Forests seeking his intervention on the range of issues that were raised in the campaign over the last 5 years. This includes issues of composition of the committees, documentation and other findings related to access procedures as highlighted in the 6 years status report.
- ii. Specific comments on the critical amendments to the Biological Diversity Act as well as draft Guidelines on Access and Benefit Sharing issued by the National Biodiversity Authority. Comments on the conflict of interest in the committee on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS).
- iii. Participation in a committee for the preparation and finalisation of guidelines for declaration of Biodiversity Heritage Sites.
- iv. Inputs to SBB members and NGOs on request on issues of declaration of Biodiversity Heritage Sites, State specific Rules and so on.
- v. Use of Right to Information Act to procure critical information from NBA and SBBs and also push for suo moto disclosure of information.
- vi. Preparation of a critique of the Biodiversity Heritage Sites Guidelines (in English and Hindi) for dissemination through the Documentation Centre.

Other than these, specific efforts were made for understanding and highlighting the linkages between the Biodiversity Act and Genetic Engineering. This was specifically through a note on Bt Brinjal (a GM brinjal variety) and the Biodiversity Act as well as through an analysis of a proposed Biotechnology Regulatory Authority Bill. Some of these activities were undertaken in partnership with other networks and organisations working on GE issues.

c. Presentations and Media outreach

Media outreach on specific controversial issues and also approvals of the NBA was regularly carried out. Members also wrote popular articles in newspapers such as Hindu Business Line, Deccan Herald, Agrowon (Marathi), Chauthi Duniya (Hindi) and websites www.indiatogether.org (More details in the section on articles at the end of the annual report). Presentations on different aspects of the Biological Diversity Act were made on request of other organisations within and outside the country. Members also participated in Biodiversity Festivals in Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and programmes in the states of Rajasthan and Punjab and highlighted their importance at a national level.



Convention on Biological Diversity and CBD Alliance

Coordinator: Ashish Kothari

Team: Rohan Joshi, Tasneem Balasinorwala

Year of commencement: Ongoing for CBD; 2007 for CBD Alliance

Year of completion: Ongoing for CBD; 2011 for CBD Alliance

Total funds sanctioned: Voluntary for CBD inputs; funds from different sources Swed Bio and Oxfam Novib managed for CBD Alliance.

Developments in the year

- a. Inputs to CBD Secretariat for processes relating to review of implementation of Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA), including participation in relevant meetings, inputs to implementation monitoring format, and coordination of national legal surveys of Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (see also TILCEPA, Section XI below).
- b. Updating a report on status of India's implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas
- c. Lobbying with the CBD Secretariat, as part of CBD Alliance, to ensure LifeWeb fund is open to indigenous peoples and local communities and for Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas.
- d. Continuing the servicing of CBD Alliance funds and participation of indigenous and community representatives to CBD meetings.

National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

Coordinator: Ashish Kothari

Team: Kanchi Kohli, Seema Bhatt, Sujatha Padmanabhan

Year of commencement: 2000

Year of completion: Ongoing

Funding: none

Activities consisted of periodic lobbying with MoEF and the National Biodiversity Authority to revive the NBSAP final technical report, and use various outputs of the NBSAP process at local, state, thematic, and ecoregional levels. The new Minister of State for Environment and Forests, Jairam Ramesh, has in principle agreed to this, but modalities have to be worked out.

VI Documentation and dissemination

Protected Area Update (PA Update)

Coordinator: Pankaj Sekhsaria

Year of commencement: 1994

Year of completion: Ongoing

Funding: Rs. 5, 00,000.

Funding agencies: Foundation for Ecological Security (FES), The Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust, Bombay Natural History Society and Greenpeace India. Resources were also raised through donations and subscriptions

Developments in the year

Production and Printing of PA Update, No. 79 to 84 (Vol XV, No. 3 to 6, and Vol. XVI, No. 1-2), covering the period June 2009 to April 2010

Documentation and Outreach Centre (for Community Based Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security)

Coordinator: Milind Wani

Team: Neema Pathak, Ujjwala Nalawade, Anuradha Arjunwadkar

Year of commencement: May 2008

Year of completion: April 2011

Funding Agency: Misereor

Total funds sanctioned: Euros 75000



Developments in the year

- a. Documentation centre was regularly updated to include new titles, magazines & CDs:
- The document center procured 79 new books. The total tally of books at the end of April'09 was 4475.
 - The document center also procured 70 new CDs.

Following activities were performed vis-à-vis the library functioning in the said period including, a mid-year inventory of all the books and CDs.

- b. Advocacy Outreach & Dissemination -

- i. People in Conservation newsletter:

The April '09 issue (Volume 2 Issue 2) had tracked the Scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers Act, 2006- one year after its implementation. The Laws and Policy section of this issue explored the status of implementation of The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act (FRA), one year after its enactment. In this issue we present the findings of an exploratory study of the impact of the implementation of the Act in the forest areas of Sonitpur in the State of Assam. This issue also presents a small report on the National Dialogue on Six Years of the Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act 2002. Findings on preliminary explorations of the issue of conservation and livelihood security in South Asia vis-à-vis CCAs are presented in the Community Conserved Areas section of this issue.

The theme of the implementation of the Forest Rights Act is also covered in the *October '09 issue (Volume 2 Issue 3)*. In it we cover the success story of a village in Maharashtra-, Mendha Lekha in Gadchiroli. The village has, under the able leadership of Devaji Tofa, notched for itself an enviable victory by being the first village in the country to claim community rights over adjoining forests under the Community Forest Rights provision of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 (FRA). This issue also covers a series of meetings on the issue of Community Conserved Area, in Katmandu (Nepal), in Assam (North East India) and in Rajasthan (Western India). Apart from this, there is a small write-up on the Asian Regional Workshop on Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas. This issue also covers conservation case studies.

The Laws and Policies section of the third and final issue of *People in Conservation (Volume 3 Issue 1)* covers a two-day national consultation in Bhubaneswar - where the status of implementation of the Forest Rights Act was discussed. The case study section of this issue highlights how promoting community livelihoods and conservation of natural resources can go hand in hand. The international section covers news from Nepal. It details information on why the declaration of new Protected Areas in Nepal has become a cause of serious concern. This section also covers the news on the success of the National workshop on Community Conserved Areas in Bangladesh.

- ii. Advocacy:

The first installment (May '09) of advocacy outreach was dedicated to the theme of Indigenous and community conserved areas (ICCAs). This was an excerpted version of the briefing note on "Recognizing and supporting indigenous & community conservation- ideas & experience from the grassroots" prepared for "Theme / Strategic Direction on Governance, Communities, Equity, and Livelihood Rights in Relation to Protected Areas (TILCEPA)". The second installment of advocacy outreach was sent in October 2009. Recognizing that many habitats are being conserved by several traditional community initiated and driven conservation programmes, the Central Government of India has decided to provide financial and technical support to such initiatives through central schemes. Such Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) may not necessarily be officially notified but could still be eligible for support as an incentive for community-led conservation practices. The advocacy issue was excerpted from the report of a committee constituted by the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) for looking into the Support, Management and Funding of Community Conserved Areas.

The third installment of advocacy outreach was sent in the month of April'09. Guidelines for Selection of Biodiversity Heritage Sites had been issued by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) to state governments in late 2009.

- iii. Other

Travel – Milind Wani traveled twice to Bhubaneswar (state of Orissa) in the said period. The first trip was



in the month of September 2009 to attend the Orissa state symposium on the implementation status of Community Forest Resource provision of the Forest Rights Act. More than 300 delegates from all over Orissa attended the same. The second trip, in the month of December 2009, covers a two-day national consultation in Bhubaneswar where various issues connected with the implementation of the Act in Protected Areas (sanctuaries and national parks) were discussed.

Web Site – A separate section on Documentation and Research has been created and under which all the library resources (books, reports), past and present (newsletter and advocacy) outreach have been uploaded. The work was carried out in two phases.

The First phase of the Documentation and Outreach Center Website involved collating the information that was already existing in digital form, filling in the gaps (listing what documents needed to be digitized) etc.

In the Second phase the content was divided into library resources like Books, Reports, CDs and a listing of Magazines that the Documentation Center handles on a daily basis. The information on Books, Reports and CDs, had already been stored in excel Databases and this was uploaded using Shared Google Docs. New Arrivals (along with annotations) have also been displayed. Given certain limitations of budget and time, for now these have been displayed using the same application (shared Google Docs) which also allows sorting; given the easy familiarity of most users with excel sheets.

Discussions were held with consultants from Tekkdi for creating a better interface for the library resources, especially for books similar to amazon.com.

VII TILCEPA

IUCN Strategic Direction on Governance, Communities, Equity and Livelihoods in relation to Protected Areas (TILCEPA)

Team: Ashish Kothari, Tasneem Balasinorwala, Seema Bhatt, Neema Pathak, Manju Menon.

Year of commencement: 2000

Year of completion: 2008 (as funded project); ongoing (voluntary)

Funding: none

Developments in this year

Kalpavriksh gave up its co-chairpersonship and hosting of TILCEPA in 2008. Its members however remain active in the TILCEPA network, through work on governance of protected areas, indigenous and community conserved areas (ICCAs), production of briefing notes, and other activities. Members also participated in and spoke at the International Workshop on the Future of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, organised by IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas, at Jeju, South Korea, 14-17th September 2009; and at the Asian Regional Workshop on implementation of the PoWPA, at Dehradun, India, 12-15th October 2009.

Members also continued to coordinate a global survey of national laws and policies relevant to ICCAs, working towards a synthesis report to be presented to the CBD SBSTTA and COP10 meetings in 2010.

Other activities

- Inputs to the Madhav Gadgil Task Force report on reform of the Zoological and Botanical Surveys of India.
- Letter of concern to District Magistrate and Commissioner, Munsiri, regarding fraud in Van Panchayat elections for Sarmoli-Jainti villages, 22.1.2010
- Inputs to course curriculum of Mumbai University, on environment and development, community conservation, etc.
- Critical comments on draft Green India Mission document of Ministry of Environment and Forests, at and after workshop on the subject, 29 March 2010.
- Draft parliament questions on relocation from tiger reserves, for MPs



4. Environment and Development

Team: Kanchi Kohli, Manju Menon, Neeraj Vagholikar, Meenakshi Kapoor, Vikal Samdariya.

Funding agencies:

Global Greengrants Fund: Rs. 2,72,772

AID Austin (Printing of compliance study): Rs.24,000

WWF CSO: Rs.88,000 for case study on EIA issues and printing of ESA report

AID Bay Area (RTI clearing house project): Rs.2,51,000

AID College Park: Rs. 2,85,000 (Work on Environment, Development and Biodiversity Conservation Issues)

Bombay Natural History Society: Rs. 2,00,000

Year of commencement and completion: Ongoing

a. Policy research and advocacy

During this period Kalpavriksh members participated in national level action research and advocacy efforts around the dilution of current environmental regulatory regimes. This was done specifically with reference to the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) and the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notifications as well as the Forest (Conservation) Act. The research efforts fed into submissions to concerned authorities by Kalpavriksh or through national level networks such as the Campaign against CZM notification. A research study on the compliance and monitoring of environment clearance conditions titled, "Calling the Bluff: Revealing the state of Monitoring and Compliance of Environment Clearance Conditions", was finalised and released. A presentation on the findings was also made before the Minister of State for Environment and Forests. They were also shared with regional partners, and some follow up investigations were also carried out (Also see point c). Action research was also carried out on newly proposed regulatory authorities like the National Environment Protection Authority (NEPA). Findings of the research were regularly converted into inputs to the media as well as media writings by Kalpavriksh members. Preliminary research on India's regulatory regimes and climate change was also initiated.

b. Campaign and advocacy support for local groups (including alerts, responses to relevant authorities)

Kalpavriksh members were part of solidarity actions and also lent support in ongoing as well as upcoming campaigns in the states of Orissa, Chhatisgarh, Gujarat, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Punjab. This was both Delhi based research, media outreach, government level advocacy and networking support as well as traveling to local areas and participating in strategy development and investigations. Members also participated in national level network and national campaign meetings like those related to saving western ghats, coastal areas and also specific local level campaign discussions. A case study on the violations of environment and forest clearance with regards to the Mundra Special Economic Zone located in Kachchh district of Gujarat was also undertaken. The study was under finalisation at the end of the financial year.

c. Study on monitoring and compliance on EIA clearances

The study on monitoring and compliance of environment clearance conditions was completed during 2009-10. Findings of the study were shared with representative of groups, who have been working on same issues. Subsequent to this a lot of energy was put into disseminating the report to various concerned government and non government agencies. A press release on the study was covered by national news papers/magazines and articles were published on the same issue by quoting the findings of the report. A presentation was also made before the Minister of Environment and Forests and the Impact Assessment (IA) Division officials in September 2009.

d. Use of Right to Information and RTI Clearing House website

Members were also able to use India's Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 extensively to track the processes at the central government level as well as gather information for local struggles, and share results with groups across the country. The information was also shared with media persons. The idea was to use this tool towards pushing the government towards greater transparency in decision making. Many of these required an appeal to the highest authorities and procure strong orders which helped get information which the relevant agencies were not willing to share, or orders which have a bearing on future governmental processes. Some alarming data on 10 times increase in the grant of environment



clearances of industrial and infrastructure projects was also procured and highlighted in the media as well as several civil society forums.

During the year, 49 RTIs applications were filed, and follow up in the form of appeals was done for another two. Specific RTIs were filed on subjects like the National Environment Protection Authority, clearance of projects, decisions around Protected Areas, Ecologically Sensitive Areas and also specific local level proposed projects in Gujarat, Chhatisgarh, Kerala and so on.

Kalpavriksh members also coordinated the updation of the RTI clearing house on environmental issues. The data for public use is available at <http://environment-rti.org>. We have also got information from partner organisations and are setting up separate spaces for that. The organisations which have already sent information are Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment, Delhi, GRAIN, Delhi. We are in the process of bringing together information from Jan Chetana, Chhatishgarh and Paryavaran Mitra, Gujarat

e. Study on Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs) and related meeting/follow up

The detailed study on the declaration and performance of India's Notified Ecological Sensitive Areas (ESAs) declared by the MoEF was initiated in the year 2007-08 and completed and got printed in 2009-10. Copies of the report were sent to various government and non government organisations across the country. The dissemination is still ongoing.

f. Media outreach and advocacy

Media outreach and advocacy was a key component of all the above activities. Kalpavriksh members themselves contributed articles to national newspapers/magazines and websites like Hindustan Times, Business Standard, Business Line, Down to Earth, Civil Society, D-sector and www.indiatogether.org. Some of these articles were translated and printed in local newspapers or NGO newsletters in Hindi, Punjabi and Marathi.

Regular interface with journalists was maintained both towards highlighting local struggles and national policy and law related issues in the mainstream media. Friends in the media were also a critical aid in campaign, advocacy and research efforts. A detailed listing has been included in the annual report.

g. Presentations and participation in meetings

Members participated in national and regional level meetings to present issues related to impacts of regulatory regimes, project specific impacts in local areas (primarily the campaigns being supported by Kalpavriksh), in particular on implications of EIA, CRZ and ESAs, climate change, NEPA, apart from specific local support actions and networking . A detailed listing has been included in the annual report.

h. Advocacy related to large dams in Northeast India

Kalpavriksh has been closely engaging with social and environmental aspects of large dams in the ecologically and culturally sensitive Northeast of India since 2001. The current engagement on the issue of dams in Northeast India involves support to local groups on environmental and social aspects of the issue and advocacy at the regional/national levels on the same. Field trips were undertaken in August 09, October 09, December 09, January & February 2010 for this work in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.





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3rd : Discussion with Aseem Srivastava regarding globalisation and financial crisis KV Pune members

22nd : Interview on All India Radio for Earth Day. Ashish

28th : Discussion on possible rehabilitation of a village in Bhimashankar, with DR Parihar, Dy Director, Tribal Research and Training Institute. Ashish

May 2009

5th: Presentation 'Protected Areas in India – Opportunities and Challenges at the Knowledge in Civil Society (KICS) forum in Hyderabad. Pankaj

6th: Meeting at the MoEF with the members of the Committee on Support to CCAs. Ashish, Neema

7th – 10th: Consultation on CCAs in the NE at Naogaon, Assam and field trip to Kokrajhar district. Ashish,



Arshiya, Milind, Neema, Neeraj, Tasneem

7-9th: Participation in a meeting on Conservation issues of the Eastern Ghats organized by Samta, NTFP Exchange Program and Keystone Foundation in Ananthgiri, Araku Hills, Visakhapatnam district, Andhra Pradesh. Pankaj

10th -13th : Field visit to CCAs and community wildlife initiatives in eastern Assam. Ashish

15th : Meeting of Expert Committee on Biodiversity Heritage Sites, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai. Ashish

21st: Presentation 'Needed: A new environmentalism based on the old' at the Preconference on the International Communication Association (ICA) in Chicago, USA. Pankaj

21st : Presentation on international institutions relating to environment, to course on Advocacy, National Centre for Advocacy Studies, Pune. Ashish

22nd : Discussion with David Kong Hug, PhD scholar studying KV networking. Ashish

23rd – 25: Attended the Annual General Meeting of Association for India's Development (AID) in Raleigh, Durham, USA. Pankaj

28th : Visit by Arun Jindal, Society for Sustainable Development, Rajasthan. Ashish

30th: Brief informal meeting and interaction with AID Maryland Chapter related to Kalpavriksh and the work being done by the organization. Pankaj

June 2009

5th : Presentation and discussion on key issues relating to climate change action plan for Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal, organized by state Ministry of Housing and Environment. Ashish

July 2009

8th : Meeting with Minister for Env. and Forests and ADG (Wildlife), re. conservation and livelihood issues. Ashish

10th : Meeting with TRTI and local groups on proposed rehabilitation of Siddhagadhwadi from Bhimashankar. Ashish

13th -16th : Presentation on Legal Aspects of ICCAs in India, at Workshop on Guidelines for Protected Area Legislation, Bonn, organized by IUCN Environment Law Centre. Ashish

30th : Presentation at workshop on Environmental Auditing, organized by Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Delhi. Ashish

31st : Meeting with Env. Minister, to follow up on several issues taken up with the Ministry. Ashish

August 2009

2nd -3rd : Participation in National Workshop on Community Conserved Areas in Nepal, organized by Kalpavriksh, Forest Action, UNDP SGP Nepal. Ashish, Neema, Tasneem, Seema, Suniti (as non member)

4th -6th : Participation in South Asian Regional Workshop on Community Conserved Areas, organized by Kalpavriksh, Forest Action, and others. Ashish, Seema, Tasneem, Neema, Suniti (as non member)

7th : Field trip to Rupa Taal, CCA near Pokhara, Nepal. Ashish, Seema, Tasneem, Neema, Suniti (as non member)

8th : Field trip to Naudhara and Godavari Community Forests, Kathmandu. Ashish, Neema

12th – 16th : Field trip to Jardhargaon to explore possible interventions in the crop damage issue, to assess the possibility of alternate livelihood options. Sanjay, Anchal, Sujatha

13th : Presentation on Northeast dams at Tinsukia College, Tinsukia. Neeraj

14th : Presentation on Northeast dams at Teok College, Jorhat. Neeraj

17th - 19th : Participation in Second National Workshop on Critical Wildlife Habitats and Community Forest Rights, Delhi, organized by Future of Conservation Network. Ashish, Arshiya, Sreetama

19th : Presentation on issues related to Lower Subansiri project, Gogamukh. Neeraj

25th : Presentation-discussion on Northeast dams at Tezpur University, Tezpur. Neeraj

24th - 29th : Series of lectures on Conservation laws and policies and their impact on ground at MIT college of Engineering, Pune. Neema, Neeraj, (Vivek Broome and Milind Thatte as non KV members).

26th : Meeting on downstream impacts of dams organised in Guwahati by Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti (KMSS). Neeraj

September 2009

1st : Visit to Yelahvali, Bhimashankar, for wild foods competition. Ashish, Neema, Pradeep

4th : Presentation of education work to potential funders. Sharmila, Sujatha

2nd -6th : Visit to Orissa to investigate Community Forest Rights claims in protected areas, including field visit to Karlapat Sanctuary, and discussions with NGOs and forest officials. Ashish

7th : Meeting with Uttarakhand's Chief Wildlife Warden, regarding monkey menace in Jardhargaon. Ashish, Sanjay



- 7th : Discussion with Wildlife Institute of India's faculty, on Forest Rights Act, Dehradun. Ashish, Sanjay
- 7th : Presentation on Environmental Governance and EIAs, at IFS course, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun. Ashish
- 8th : Meeting with Jairam Ramesh, Min. of Environment and Forests, following up on conservation/livelihood actions requested. Ashish
- 10th: Presentation on dams and environmental governance issues at workshop organised by NEADS (Assam based NGO) in Tinsukia, Assam. Neeraj
- 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th: Series of lectures on Conservation laws and policies and their impact on ground at MIT college of Engineering, Pune. Neema, Neeraj, (Vivek Broome and Milind Thatte as non KV members).
- 14th -17th : Participation in International Workshop on Future of CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, Jeju, Korea; including presentation on Governance of PAs, and on ICCAs. Ashish
- 16th : Meeting with CBD Secretariat, TILCEPA, and others regarding LifeWeb (global fund for protected areas). Ashish
- 22nd : Meeting with Education Hill Councilor of Ladakh to discuss handbook dissemination. Sujatha

October 2009

- 3rd: Resource person for Panos South Asia orientation workshop for media fellows, Shillong. Neeraj
- 5th : Meeting with the Chief Education Officer, Leh district, to discuss handbook dissemination. Sujatha
- 12th -15th : Participation in Asian Regional Workshop on Implementation of CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, Dehradun; including presentation and coordination of training session on Governance of PAs. Ashish
- 14th : Van Bhojan at Yelahvali village in Bhimashankar. Pradeep, Neema, Saili
- 16th : Visit to Jardhargaon to discuss proposed work on monkey/pig crop damage. Ashish, Sanjay, Anchal
- 23rd : Participation in NDTV Big Fight on India's position regarding climate change. Ashish
- 24th-25th : Participation in Workshop on Community Conserved Areas in Rajasthan and Gujarat, organized by KV, FES, KRAPAVIS, and SPWD, Jaipur. Ashish, Neema, Reshma (non-member)
- 26th : Field trips to orans in Alwar district, Rajasthan, with KRAPAVIS. Ashish, Neema, Reshma (non-member)
- 28th -30th : KV AGBM. Many members

November 2009

- 8th -11th : Visit to Bangladesh for mission on Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas; including discussions with UNDP staff, Workshop on ICCAs in Chittagong Hill Tracts (organized by Kalpavriksh and Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh), presentation on ICCAs, and field visit to Begenachary community forest. Ashish
- 12th : Presentation on "The need for locale-specificity in fragile mountain ecosystems: experiences from Ladakh, India" at the Wild9 Congress at Merida, Mexico. Sujatha
- 15th -17th : Visit to Adivasi Academy, Tejgarh, Gujarat; including visits to villages the Academy and BHASHA Trust are working in, presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy as Academy's Foundation Day Lecture, and participation in seminar on Gujarat's ecological situation. Ashish
- 19th : Presentation on the Ladakh EE project at the University of Yucatan. Sujatha
- 24th – 25th : Meeting on CCAs in Uttarakhand meeting organized by TERI at Shri Nagar University, Garhwal. Neema
- 25th: Presentation on "Learning for Life, experiences from Ladakh" at Columbus University, organised by Association for India's Development. Sujatha

December 2009

- 3rd : Lecture for Ecological Society students on participatory approaches to conservation and relevant issues. Neema
- 8th: Meeting conducted by the forest department to assess people's needs to be incorporated in the management plan of Bhimashankar wildlife sanctuary. Neema
- 9th : Meeting on planning the 13th Biennial Conference of the International Association for Study of the Commons, IIT Mumbai. Neema
- 15th : Meeting in Bhimashankar. Neema, Pradeep
- 14th – 15th : Presentation on "Documenting Biodiversity and TK: The Indian Experience" at the Traditional Knowledge Commons Workshop, Cape Town, South Africa. Kanchi
- 20th -27th : Meeting and field trips on Conservation Reserves in Kachchh, Gujarat. Neema, Ashish

January 2010

- 2nd: Lecture for Ecological Society students on participatory approaches to conservation and relevant issues. Neema



30th – 31st : Presentation on “India’s Biodiversity Law and GM: Connecting the Dots” at workshop on The Law and GM seeds & foods, New Delhi. Kanchi

February 2010

23rd-25th : A national workshop on CCAs in Bangladesh, in Dhaka. Neema, Seema, Ashish

March 2010

8th – 9th : Panel Discussion on Poverty, Inequality and Marginalisation: Challenges for Development Practice, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. Kanchi

17-18th: Workshop with villagers from the Sariska Tiger Reserve, on issues of their rights, participation, and livelihoods in relation to wildlife conservation. Neema, Ashish, Sreetama

Letters

24th April : Letter to Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand, regarding need to allow Van Gujjars access to traditional grazing grounds inside protected areas till rights are settled. Ashish

16th June: Letter to Minister for Env. and Forests, regarding Future of Conservation outputs. Ashish

18th June : Letter to Minister for Env. and Forests, regarding need to revive NBSAP document. Ashish

23rd June: Letter to Minister for Env. and Forests on suggested amendments to the Wild Life (Protection) Act. Ashish

7th July: Letter to Minister for Env. and Forests, regarding need to withdraw MoEF circular prohibiting forest produce collection in protected areas. Ashish

10th July: Letter to Comptroller and Auditor General, and Ministry of Env. and Forests, regarding need to set up a National Environment Commission. Ashish

13th July: Letter to Minister for Env. and Forests to withdraw objectionable MoEF circular on definition of ‘experts’. Ashish

4th Sept: Letter to MoEF objecting to oil terminal plans in elephant corridor in Assam. Ashish

7th : Letter to MoEF regarding status of implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, and need for further action. Ashish





Part D. List of members

Pune

1. Anchal Sondhi
2. Anuradha Arjunwadkar
3. Arshiya Bose
4. Ashish Kothari
5. Milind Wani
6. Neema Pathak
7. Neeraj Vagholikar
8. Pankaj Sekhsaria
9. Rohan Joshi
10. Sairi Palande
11. Sharmila Deo
12. Shantha Bhushan
13. Sujatha Padmanabhan
14. Sunita Rao
15. Tasneem Balasinorwala
16. Tejaswini Apte
17. Yashodhara Kundaji

Delhi

1. Sanjay Sondhi
2. Rahul Priyadarshi
3. Ajay Mahajan
4. Pradeep Malhotra
5. Kanchi Kohli
6. Seema Bhatt
7. Manju Menon
8. Divya Badami Rao
9. Vikal Samdariya
10. Prabhakar Rao
11. Krishnendu Bose
12. Pratibha Pande
13. Meenakshi Kapoor
14. Mashqura Fareedi
15. Nidhi Agarwal

Others

1. Vandana Singh
2. Vipul Sangoi
3. Sultana Bashir
4. Pallav Das





Part E. List of donors - 2009-2010

a. KV General Pune

1. Tasneem Balasinorwala
2. Pallav Das
3. Ashish Kothari
4. Neeraj Vagholikar

b. Bhimashankar Education

1. Shyam Kothari

c. Education

1. Sharmila Deo
2. Kiran Aithala
3. Suchita Basu
4. Shyam Kothari

d. Ladakh Material Production

1. M. S. Padmanabhan
2. Vijaya Rengan
3. Nirmala Madhu
4. Shalini Kothari
5. Nileem Shankar
6. Anne-Marie Bugette
7. Medha Sharangpani
8. Riju Raj Jamwal
9. Danny Markus
10. Nirmala Puri
11. Sachin Ganorkar

e. PA Update

1. Richard Tucker
2. Sanjay Barnela

f. Pune Tree Watch

1. Mahesh Saptarshi
2. Anita Tulsani
3. Bansuri Foundation
4. H.A. Shah
5. Ashok Halsgikar
6. Manoj Fodkar
7. Sameer Dhume

g. Tree Plantation -Delhi

1. Penguin India





Part F. List of funders - 2009-2010

1. Association for India's Development – Austin , College Park
2. Concern India Foundation
3. Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)
4. Oxfam Novib
5. Swedbio
6. United Nations Development Program(UNDP)
7. IUCN
8. MISEREOR
9. World Wide Funds for Nature (WWF)
10. Global Green Funds
11. Foundation for Ecological Society (FES)
12. Duleep Matthai Trust
13. Ruffords Small Grants Program
14. Rights & Resource Group
15. Greenpeace India



Part G. Statement of accounts

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH 2010
Kalpavriksh Environment Action Group

Figures in Rupees

PARTICULARS	AS AT 31.03.2010			AS AT 31.03.2009
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	TOTAL
INCOME				
Grants utilised	1,342,819.42	11,818,622.10	13,161,441.52	12,954,984.46
Donations received	158,239.00	325,672.50	483,911.50	489,370.00
Fees from Activities	9,500.00		9,500.00	7,750.00
Income from publications	49,334.00		49,334.00	41,992.00
Other Income				
Interest on savings and deposit accounts	54,700.00		54,700.00	44,500.00
Miscellaneous income				
Deferred Income (depreciation charged)	37,688.00		37,688.00	65,149.55
Sundry Balances w/off	147,394.10		147,394.10	
	239,782.10	-	239,782.10	109,649.55
Total Income	1,799,674.52	12,144,294.60	13,943,969.12	13,603,746.01
EXPENDITURE				
Staff Payments and Benefits	365,932.00	105,433.00	471,365.00	576,412.00
Professional fees	54,500.00	3,546,179.00	3,600,679.00	3,633,495.00
Administrative and General Expenses				
Rent, rates and taxes	112,160.00	72,000.00	184,160.00	266,360.00
Communication expenses	31,979.23	204,939.60	236,918.83	339,402.68
Stationary	38,121.00	256,791.00	294,912.00	62,331.50
Electricity expenses	15,930.00	-	15,930.00	13,880.00
Travelling and conveyance expenses	4,864.00	705,819.50	710,683.50	1,412,245.46
Insurance charges	-	-	-	-
Remuneration to Auditors	25,369.00	-	25,369.00	25,369.00
Others	113,436.67	2,182,289.50	2,295,726.17	842,403.70
Repairs and Maintenance				
Building	-	-	-	-
Office Equipment	1,900.00	-	1,900.00	54,133.00
Others	8,770.00	-	8,770.00	22,105.00
Depreciation for the year	37,688.00	-	37,688.00	65,149.55
Depreciation prior period	-	-	-	-
Other expenses				
Write offs and provisions	1,170.00	-	1,170.00	4,675.00
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	-
CBD Alliance Expenditure	-	5,070,843.00	5,070,843.00	5,751,305.88
Total Expenditure	811,819.90	12,144,294.60	12,956,114.50	13,069,267.77
Excess of Income over expenditure	987,854.62	-	987,854.62	534,478.24

As per my attached report of even date
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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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Kalpavriksh Environment Action Group

KALPAVRIKSH BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2010

Figures in Rupees

PARTICULARS	Sch No.	As At 31.03.2010	As At 31.03.2010	As At 31.03.2009
SOURCES OF FUNDS				
TRUST FUND			114,314.00	114,314.00
GENERAL FUND				
Opening balance (Administrative Fund)		1,277,950.88		
Opening balance (Income & Expenditure A/c)				
Add: Surplus for the year (Income & Expenditure A/c)		987,854.62		
Less: Transfer to restricted fund		-		
Less: Transfer to Deferred Income (Fixed Assets)		-		
Closing balance			2,265,805.50	1,277,950.88
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Conditional Donations and Grants	1		8,496,035.62	8,405,724.20
Deferred Income				
Transfer from General Fund		148,826.70		
Add: Deferred Income on Assets purchased				
Less: Transfer to Income & expenditure account-Depreciation		(37,688.00)		
Closing balance			111,138.70	148,826.70
UNSECURED LOANS	2		-	40,000.00
TOTAL			10,987,293.82	9,986,815.78
APPLICATION OF FUNDS				
FIXED ASSETS	3		161,488.70	184,726.70
CURRENT ASSETS	4	10,291,279.87		
LOANS, ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS	4	839,313.25		
Less CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS	4	304,788.00		
NET CURRENT ASSETS			10,825,805.12	9,802,089.08
Notes to Accounts	5			
TOTAL			10,987,293.82	9,986,815.78

As per my attached report of even date

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