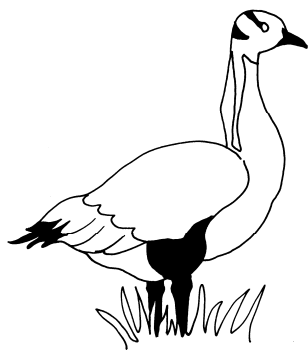


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ABOUT KALPAVRIKSH

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. Meetings are held regularly. Occasionally, EGBMs, or Extra-ordinary General Body Meetings are called for when policies need to be decided or special issues crop up which need discussion.

Functioning

Barring a few minor differences in Delhi and Pune, following is the general way of functioning in Kalpavriksh. Overall functions are divided into two categories:

a) Core functions, which include general administration, website administration, finance, accounts and publications. These activities are largely handled at the Pune office. The three member core staff at Pune includes an office administrator and office helper (combined in 2010-11), a publications in-charge and 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/Communities
4. Environment and Development

Kalpavriksh is not responsible for generating honoraria for any of the members. Each theme team has to generate its own resources and resources for those working with them in their projects.

Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) was held at Tadoba National Park, Chandrapur, Maharashtra on 24th and 25th September 2010. A decision was taken to continue this year with the existing office bearers and associated functionaries.

Auditors: Limaye Malhotra Chartered Accountants, Pune

Secretary: Sharmila Deo

Treasurer: Milind Wani

Core group: Prabhakar Rao, Manju Menon and Kanchi Kohli (Delhi); Sharmila Deo, Neema Pathak Broome, Neeraj Vaghlikar, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Milind Wani (Pune)

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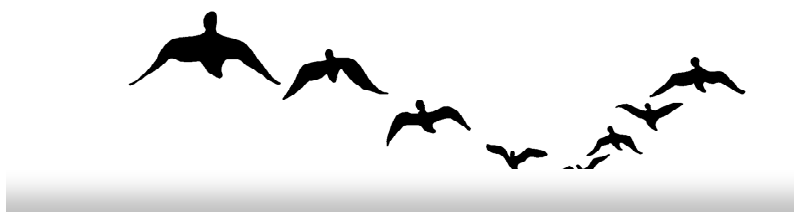
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PUBLICATIONS

Coordinator: Suniti Kulkarni

Developments:

New Titles:

- 1 Ri Gyancha, a biodiversity kit for educators in Ladakh, by Sujatha Padmanabhan and Yashodara Kundaji, brought out by Kalpavriksh and Snow Leopard Conservancy - India Trust.
- 2 Damming Northeast India by Neeraj Vagholikar and Partha Jyoti Das, co-published by Kalpavriksh, Aaranyak, and ActionAid India.
- 3 *Parbat ka Pret*, a Hindi translation of Sujatha Padmanabhan's book Ghost of the Mountains by Tultul Biswas. This has been co-published by Eklavya, Kalpavriksh and Snow Leopard Conservancy – India Trust.
- 4 The Jarawa Tribal Reserve Dossier – Cultural and Biological Diversities in the Andaman Islands, which has been edited by Pankaj Sekhsaria and Vishvajit Pandya was published jointly by UNESCO and Kalpavriksh.

Upcoming Title: Community Conserved Areas in South Asia: Case studies and analyses from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. The editors are Seema Bhatt, Neema Pathak Broome, Tasneem Balasinorwala and Ashish Kothari.

WEBSITE

Administrator: Aletha Tavares

Developments:

As of October 2010, Aletha is the Website Consultant and Administrator for Kalpavriksh. The work involves not just uploading documents and trouble-shooting, but also suggesting ways to enhance the layout and presentation for easy viewing and navigation of information. To this end, the front page of the Kalpavriksh website has been “converted” into a working blog setup without the additional blog features. Documents are uploaded to the respective areas, and updates are then announced on the front page of the website along with related links, as this gives any new viewer a chance to navigate to the related information and a perspective to the updated information. Besides this, revamping and re-arranging of information for certain areas of the website was undertaken after a meeting with the Kalpavriksh team. Based on this, new areas were created to host information and old menu items which were of no relevance and had no information, were relegated to the background.

Work continues on creating better navigation for the Documentation & Outreach section for documents that are multi-lingual, so as to give readers a chance to access the advocacy material in the language of their choice.

The Kalpavriksh Team section now has an introduction to most of the Kalpavriksh team members. This helps readers to get to know the members. A link that aggregates all their information across the Kalpavriksh web has also been provided.

Part B: Projects, activities and campaigns

1. ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Note: More information, documentation, and outputs relating to the activities below are available at <http://www.kalpavriksh.org/environment-education>

Regional focus are:

- **Programme at Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary**
- **Snow Leopard Conservation Education Programme (Dissemination Phase)**

Programme at Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary

Coordinator: Sharmila Deo

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

Advisors: Sujatha Padmanabhan, Neema Pathak Broome

Year of commencement: April 2008

Year of completion: March 2011

Total funds sanctioned (for 3 yrs): Rs 15,77,723/-

Funding agency: Concern India Foundation and Rufford Small Grants Foundation (RSG)

Developments:

The Bhimashankar education programme has been running since April 2008 in the Terungun and Tokawade Ashram schools, and it completed 3 years in March 2011. 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 the environment.

This year five workshops took place with the students in their respective schools, and four with the local educators at Bhimashankar and in Pune. The programme has been started in two more schools in the villages of Bhorgiri and Yelavali. The main focus was on biodiversity, and the workshops had lectures, film screenings, slide shows, and art and craft sessions. A field visit of the Concern India team took place at the Tokawade school, where the children performed a small skit on the theme of nature conservation.

An extension to the programme that was being sought for another year got approved and funded by the above mentioned funders. An educators' handbook on the 'Western Ghats of Maharashtra' is being developed in Marathi. It focuses on the Western Ghats region in Maharashtra and contains chapters and activities covering various concepts related to the environment.

Snow Leopard Conservation Education Programme (Dissemination Phase)

Coordinator: Sujatha Padmanabhan

Team Yashodara Kundaji

Year of commencement: July 2010

Year of completion: March 2011

Total funds sanctioned: Rs. 1,66,452

Funding agency: Snow Leopard Conservancy (SLC - USA)

Developments:

(1) Release of Ri Gyancha: Ri Gyancha, a biodiversity resource kit for teachers in Ladakh was published in early July. Ri Gyancha was an outcome of the Snow Leopard Conservation Education Programme, a collaboration with Snow Leopard Conservancy-India Trust (SLC-IT) for the last 5 years. Sujatha spent the period July 6th to August 9th 2010 in Ladakh with the objective of getting a buy-in from the local government officials to disseminate Ri Gyancha to all schools. Ri Gyancha was released on July 14th 2010 by Union Minister of State for Environment and Forests, Shri Jairam Ramesh in Leh at the end of a conference on seabuckthorn organized by the Defence Institute of High Altitude Research. The resource kit was also released by His Holiness The Dalai Lama on July 22nd 2010 at Sumur village in Nubra valley. The release was aired on Leh radio as part of the evening news.

(2) Dissemination: Meetings were held with the Development Commissioner (DC) of Leh, the Chief Executive Councilor and the Education Councilor of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Committee, the Chief Education Officer, and a member of District Institute of Education and Training. As a result of these meetings, Ri Gyancha was presented to a special committee that makes decisions on purchase of educational material for all schools. The committee members recommended that the resource kit be procured for all middle and high schools in the current year and for all primary schools in the following year. However, the subsequent floods in Ladakh have delayed this procurement.

Meetings were also held in Kargil on August 2nd with the Chief Education Officer and the Coordinator of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. While they said that they were not in a position to purchase copies of Ri Gyancha for all schools this year, they indicated that they would start with a teacher training based on the resource kit.

Meetings were held with the Principals of three private schools to share the kit: Druk Padma Karpo School at Shey village, Moravian Mission and Lamdon Schools in Leh.

A flyer on Ri Gyancha was prepared for dissemination, which was posted to all private schools in Leh and surrounding villages.

(3) Training: A short three hour teacher training was held on 29th July 2010 for teachers from different private schools at the invitation of Create Foundation at Likir village. A more formal collaboration for the following year was discussed.

On the invitation of the Education Department of Kargil district, Sujatha and Yashodara visited Ladakh from September 6th to 19th 2010. A three-day training was conducted with the SLC-IT local staff from September 14th to 16th 2010, for Cluster Resource Teachers and Zonal Resource Teachers. 23 teachers attended the training which was very well received.

An orientation programme with the teachers at Druk Padma Karpo school at Shey village has begun.

2. URBAN ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Note: More information, documentation, and outputs relating to the activities below are available at <http://www.kalpavriksh.org/urban-environment>

Delhi Urban Green Work

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

Delhi Urban Green Work**Coordinator:** Prabhakar Rao**Year of commencement and completion:** Ongoing**Funding agency** Voluntary**Developments:**

After a gap of two years (Commonwealth Games madness) the Tree Authority meeting was fixed. This was after Mrs Sreenivasan (member Tree Authority) and Prabhakar met the Environment Secretary and had a long meeting with him. The Tree Authority meeting was attended by Ravi Agarwal and Mrs Sreenivasan, they being members of the said committee. Some important decisions were taken and a follow up is scheduled. Amendments to the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act have been taken up.

A tree census has been initiated in Sarvodaya Colony in collaboration with Compassionate Living, an NGO. Residents are filling in the Rapid Tree Survey forms as they are marking the trees. We hope to get information about the condition of trees in the locality. If successful, this shall be started in other colonies as well.

Prabhakar made a presentation on trees in the India International Centre organized by Toxics Link.

Pune Tree Watch (PTW): A citizens supprt and action group**Coordinator:** Tasneem Balasinorwala**Year of commencement:** 2005**Year of completion:** Ongoing**Funding:** Through individual donors**Developments:**

The group initiated comparatively less activity in this period as the coordinator (Tasneem) was on a sabbatical and not in Pune. One of the main activities undertaken was the Pune Tree Fest in September 2010. The first of its kind in Pune, this activity was jointly organised by Pune Tree Watch, Open Space, Symbiosis College and the Ecological Society of India. Other smaller citizen networks also participated and organised events at the neighbourhood level in different parts of the city. Schools also participated in this event, with dramatics and art work on preserving the environment. Symbiosis College of Commerce actively participated in the event with volunteers and creative ideas. Guest celebrities such as Atul Kulkarni and Randhir Khaire were also invited to participate in some of the events. Most of the events received a favourable response, and the Pune Municipal Corporation and the Pune Tree Authority, of which Tasneem is also a member, joined hands by co-organising an exhibition and an open meeting with the public on the issue of trees in Pune.

Pune Tree Watch also published an e-brochure called "It's Tree Time" on basic information that the citizen would need to know with regards to tree plantation.

Where the citizen group activities are concerned, communication and action at the individual level continues, for which the group members offer support and advice wherever possible.



3. CONSERVATION AND LIVELIHOODS / COMMUNITIES

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III. Research on Human Wildlife Conflicts

- Crop Damage at Jardhargaon: assessing the causes and potential solutions

IV. Research and Advocacy on Community Conserved Areas

- Community Conserved Areas in India
- Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas in South Asia
- Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas: Global Activities
- CCAs at the 13th Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of Commons (IASC)

V. Research and Advocacy on Biodiversity Act

- Research and Advocacy on Biodiversity Act and Campaign for Conservation and Community Control over Biodiversity

VI. Advocacy on Andaman and Nicobar Islands

- Publication and outreach on Andaman and Nicobar Islands

VII. Documentation and Dissemination

- Protected Area Update (PA Update)
- Documentation Centre

VIII. Global Networking

- ICCA Consortium (A Network of Indigenous Peoples Territories and Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Conserved Areas)
- CBD Alliance (An Alliance of NGOs to monitor developments during Convention on Biological Diversity Conference of Parties)
- TILCEPA (IUCN Strategic Direction on Protected Areas, Governance and Equity)

IX Miscellaneous

Team Arshiya Bose, Ashish Kothari, Ajay Mahajan, Farhad Vania, Kanchi Kohli, Manju Menon, Meenakshi Kapoor, Milind Wani, Neeraj Vaghlikar, Neema Pathak Broome, Pankaj Sekhsaria, Prabhakar Rao, Pradeep Chavan, Saili K. Palande-Datar, Sanjay Sondhi, Seema Bhatt, Shantha Bhushan, Sreetama Guptabhaya, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Tasneem Balasinorwala, Vikal Samdariya.

Note: More information, documentation, and outputs relating to the activities below are available at <http://www.kalpavriksh.org/conservation-a-livelihoods>.

I. National Level Advocacy

Future of Conservation (FoC) network

Coordinator: Ashish Kothari

Team Sreetama Guptabhaya

Year of commencement: 2006

Year of completion: Ongoing

Total funds sanctioned: None (voluntary since April 2010)

Developments:

Kalpavriksh has been coordinating the FoC network over the last few years, and since 2006 has also received some financial support from WWF. However this support ceased in 2010, and since then the coordination work has been voluntary.

The effort has been to regularly engage with the FoC members on issues related to Critical Wildlife Habitats (CWH) and Critical Tiger Habitats (CTH), relocation from protected areas, and other aspects of conservation and livelihoods in relation to the Wild Life Protection Act (WLPA) 2002/2006 and the Forest Rights Act (FRA) 2006. Information on the development of guidelines relating to CWH/CTH, and progress on these in various states, was solicited from and shared with the network. Joint inputs to MoEF or other authorities, advocating policy changes that integrate conservation and livelihoods, were coordinated.

A workshop of FoC core members was undertaken on the 1st and 2nd August 2010 with support of WWF to understand the overlaps, conflicts and complementarity of five existing legislations: FRA, WLPA, Forest Conservation Act 1980, Biological Diversity Act 2002 and Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act 1996. This resulted in a tabular presentation of the links between these laws, and issues that needed clarification or action by relevant authorities.

A national consultation on Issues Related to Relocation from Tiger Reserves was organized on behalf of FoC on 28th April 2010, where local community organizations, representatives of state forest departments and Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) including the Minister, participated. A list of recommendations was sent to MoEF for appropriate action and issue of guidelines on relocation. This and subsequent pressure resulted in MoEF agreeing to draft a relocation protocol, which is in process.

In February 2011, the MoEF came up with a unilateral revision of the Guidelines on CWH (originally issued in 2007), which received heavy criticism from civil society groups. Through FoC we strongly recommended the withdrawal of the guidelines and advocated for a more participatory process to issue fresh guidelines. Responding to this, MoEF withdrew the guidelines and a consultation process is on for drafting new ones.

Research and Advocacy on the Forest Rights Act

Coordinator: Ashish Kothari

Team Sreetama Guptabhaya, Neema Pathak Broome, Milind Wani

Year of commencement: 2007

Year of completion: Ongoing (different projects/activities for different periods)

Total funds sanctioned (2010-11): US\$2000

Funding agency: Oakland Institute, USA

Developments:

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

Inputs and advice on implementation of FRA were provided to various groups and individuals, including Khoj (for Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra), Milind Thatte/Vayam (for Thane district, Maharashtra), KRAPAVIS (for Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan), and NGOs working with Kachchh salt workers, Gujarat. The lack of progress with FRA implementation in protected areas was taken up at various forums.

Engagement with the Critical Wildlife Habitats provision of the FRA continued, including coordinating the response of Future of Conservation Network to the February 2011 MoEF Guidelines on Critical Wildlife Habitats, participation in a MoEF consultation on the same, providing inputs to proposed new guidelines (see also above, Future of Conservation Network), and RTI applications to get information on progress of implementation (see Community Rights and Relocation from Tiger Reserves, below).

Special focus was given to the Community Forest Resource (CFR) rights provisions of the FRA. A study was conducted to assess the implementation of CFRs at particular sites in Orissa, Maharashtra, and Gujarat. The study showed very slow progress. The results and suggestions on how to move forward were disseminated to a large network of government and civil society organisations.

In March 2011, a national consultation on CFRs was organised by Kalpavriksh and Vasundhara, in collaboration with Oxfam, in which community and civil society representatives from Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, and West Bengal participated. The main objective was to share experiences of successful CFR claims, problems being faced in the claims process, and planning for post-rights management. Key issues and recommendations from this workshop are being finalized to be sent to the MoEF, and to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), and other relevant authorities, and for follow up action by participants.

A RTI application was filed on 21.07.2010 with regard to the MoEF's circular of August 2009, requiring proof of implementation of Forest Rights Act in applications for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose (under Forest Conservation Act 1980). We received no response from MoEF till an application for second appeal was filed. Since MoEF had no compiled information on this, they gave permission for file inspection. One of the files on forest land diversion for construction of Muradabad-Bareilly road was inspected. It was found that a compliance report was obtained from the DM Raipur certifying that no tribals and PTGs reside here, and that no rights of these communities have been affected; however, there was no letter from the relevant gram sabhas showing that the FRA process had been completed and that they consented to the project. This was therefore a clear violation of the MoEF circular. Inspection of files of other such projects needs to be undertaken.

Kalpavriksh was also represented by Ashish Kothari on the Joint Committee on Forest Rights Act set up by the Ministry of Environment and Forests and Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Over the period April to December 2010, this involved drafting methodological notes, inviting public inputs, planning and conducting public consultations and field visits in 17 states of India, drafting state-level reports, and preparing the final national report.

Public outreach material on FRA was also produced for widespread distribution, including policy

briefs and news/features in the newsletter *People in Conservation* (for details, pl. see Documentation Centre, below). Members also wrote articles in the media (see list of articles elsewhere in this report).

Inputs were given to members of the National Advisory Council on the FRA (and tribal issues more generally), at their request.

Advocacy on Wild Life Act (WLPA)

Coordinators: Ashish Kothari and Sreetama Guptabhaya

Team Neema Pathak Broome

Year of commencement and completion: ongoing for several years

Total funds sanctioned: Voluntary

Developments:

Kalpavriksh has been doing advocacy for over two decades, to bring about amendments in the WLPA towards stronger conservation provisions outside protected areas, more democratic (joint management) measures, and integration of livelihood rights. Of late this has also focused on the need to harmonise the WLPA and Forest Rights Act. In mid-2010, MoEF's proposals for amendment to the WLPA were commented on with this perspective, and a comprehensive set of amendments was submitted.

Though some of our comments were taken into account in the new draft, a clause was inserted that FRA was not applicable to Sanctuaries and National Parks that were declared before 2006. We pointed out that this is a violation of FRA, and coordinated a response from several civil society organizations which led to this clause being removed. The proposed amendments continue to be under discussion, and Kalpavriksh continues to advocate for more participatory protected area management, through appropriate co-management institutions, as also stronger steps to conserve wildlife across the landscape and not only in protected areas.

II. State and Local Level Advocacy on Protected Areas

Community Rights and Relocation from Tiger Reserves

Coordinators: Sreetama Guptabhaya and Neema Pathak Broome

Year of commencement: 2010

Year of completion: Ongoing

Total funds sanctioned: voluntary; travels to sites funded by local groups

Developments:

Field visits were conducted in Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan, and Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra, to investigate the status of rights, and implementation of FRA especially in the context of relocation. The visits were made in collaboration with KRAPAVIS, Alwar and KHOJ, Maharashtra, respectively.

Through community meetings we tried to understand the perspective of communities living in the forested landscapes on relocation, their dependence on forest and the traditional practices.

Discussions were also held with the local level officials and groups to document the on-going process in the field.

A full report on the Melghat visit has been prepared. Based on field visits in Sariska, Melghat and Orissa a policy brief on issues of rights and relocation has been prepared and is under publication.

A number of RTIs were filed with the MoEF and state forest departments to obtain information on the status of Critical Wildlife Habitats (CWH) and Critical Tiger habitats (CTH). Based on the information obtained we raised the issue of very slow progress on identification of Critical Wildlife Habitats, non-adherence to CWH guidelines in the field, and the illegality of relocation from tiger reserves without completing the rights process.

The dismal status of recognition of rights and induced relocations in these areas has been highlighted in many forums and efforts have been made to engage with the MoEF and National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in this regard. This included lobbying with MoEF to issue a circular to all states clarifying that the FRA is applicable inside protected areas, and requiring completion of the FRA process before any move towards relocation or modification of rights. A draft circular was also given to MoEF. Due to pressure from a number of sources including MoTA, MoEF issued a circular relating to this in June 2010.

Inputs were also given to NGO members of the NTCA, on non-compliance of legal provisions in FRA and WLPA during the process of relocation.

Exploring Joint Protected Area Management in Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra

Coordinator: Neema Pathak Broome

Team Pradeep Chavan and Amelie Wienecke (intern for ten months)

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

Advisors and associates: Aparna Watwe and OIKOS, Pune

Year of commencement: September 2006 (current project 2010)

Year of completion: Ongoing (current project 2010)

Total funds sanctioned: Rs.4,56,000 (Jan-Dec. 2010)

Funding agency: Rufford Small Grants Foundation

Developments:

The main objective of the project is to facilitate joint protected area management, with a belief that participation of the local people in protection and management of the sanctuary is not only just, but also useful for wildlife in the long run. Achieving this objective is highly dependent on the willingness of the communities and that of the forest department. A willingness within the community is in turn dependent on a number of factors, including:

1. How secure their livelihoods are?
2. How secure their access to resources is?
3. What experiences have they had with the conservation policies so far and attitudes they harbor towards the forest department and other government agencies.
4. What kinds of institutions exist in the village for village governance? What is the social fabric of the community?

In order to work on some of the above factors Kalpavriksh carried on with some of the activities which were started in the previous years:

1. *Claiming community rights under forest rights act and moving towards a management plan for the village forests*

Villagers filed claims for individual forest rights within the sanctuary but there has been no response from the concerned bodies. After much follow up the claims were finally traced and attempts were made to understand why the process was not moving ahead. In addition to general slackness with the processes related to FRA, and lack of awareness amongst those responsible for implementation of FRA, the fact that these claims have been made within a PA, is a cause of concern for the forest department and hence the delay. In this regard we have filed an RTI application and letters have also been sent to the Tribal Commissioner, Nashik to intervene and help the process become more streamlined and efficient.

In the meanwhile discussions were initiated in the village about filing for community forestry resource under the Act for use, management and conservation rights. As a result, villagers have shown interest in claiming and conserving the forests falling under their traditional boundary. Towards this they have held many discussions within the village, formulated a set of rules and regulations and also held discussions with the neighboring villages about their intention to protect the forest within their traditional boundaries. However, villagers were concerned that they may not be able to protect the forests in the absence of support from the forest department. A discussion was initiated with the Conservator of Forest, Pune Wildlife Division; he advised that the villagers should come up with their plan of management and send it to the department for a response. The village level planning process is currently on. However given the frequent transfers of officers and general reluctance in the department to take part in any process related to FRA, moving the government continues to be an uphill task.

Residents of another village within the sanctuary, Kondhwal, have requested Kalpavriksh to help them better implement the FRA.

2. *Ecological assessment of forests within the boundary of Yelavali village*

An ecological assessment of forests falling within the boundaries of Yelavali village was taken up from November 2010 onwards. This was coordinated by intern Amelie Wienecke with help from Pradeep Chavan, Neema Pathak Broome and a team of four village members including Prakash Dholas, Shanta Bai, and Vitha Bai (the fourth member changed from time to time with many villagers taking turns). The team is being guided by ecologist, Aparna Watwe. The main objectives of this assessment were:

1. To prepare a baseline inventory of the forest within the boundaries of Yelavali
2. To attempt to understand the impact of human activities (both local and that of outsiders) on the diversity and composition of the forests.
3. To establish long term monitoring plots in the forests following a random sampling selection method.
4. To use the information thus collected over a period of time towards facilitating a management plan for the village forests.

A detailed methodology was developed (including field surveys, interviews, and secondary literature search), discussed with the villagers, and the study team including villagers formed. The report is under formulation.

3. *Use of Open Access tool (MIRADI)*

The Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation is an adaptive management approach. It can help project teams systematically plan their projects, determine if their projects are on track or not, reasons for the same, and what adjustments they need to make. As part of her internship

Amelie developed MIRADI flow charts for the Bhimashankar project with the help of the team members as well as the villagers to discuss the use of this tool for increasing the efficiency and clarity within the project. It is currently being worked on and will be uploaded on the web once ready.

4. *Livelihood options*

Since the last year we have been following up on trying to get job cards for the villagers of Bhorgiri and Yelavali and Bhomale and to start some activities under the National Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), including those that have emerged during village level discussions. This has already been discussed with the local panchayat (political and administrative unit) and they have agreed to the suggestion. We have had repeated discussions with concerned village Gramsevak & the Block Development Officer (BDO). We have helped fill the forms for each family of Bhorgiri & Yelavali Village to get job cards, and taken applicants' photographs and submitted to the Panchayat Samittee office for 5 villages (Bhorgiri, Yelavali, Upper Bhomale, Lower Bhomale & Pabhe). The NREGA works will be started after the monsoon of 2011.

With the help of consulting agency OIKOS we have decided to take up medicinal plant cultivation in the village as the sale of medicinal plants is one of the major sources of income for many villages. Extraction of medicinal plants is prohibited from the sanctuary thus getting the villagers in constant conflict with the forest department. Such cultivation is also hoped to maintain a sustainable supply of medicinal plants. Site identification and strategies for cultivation of medicinal plants as per the list provided by the local people has already been carried out.

5. *Biodiversity awareness*

Awareness raising about biological diversity in the area and its link with the fast eroding local culture continues. Yelavali and Bhorgiri villages organized a biodiversity festival again this year. Women from both the villages cooked various recipes from seasonally available wild vegetables. The display and discussion on recipes was followed by a discussion on the value of such vegetables for human health, particularly in this region. The group which included people from Pune and the participants from the villages also discussed the current availability and consumption status of these wild foods.

Environment education programmes have also been initiated in the primary schools of these two villages. The programme aims at capacity building of interested local people in such a way that they conduct environment education programmes with the school children in their villages combining the new knowledge and their own local experiences and knowledge.

On the 24th to 26th of November 2010 a group of 30 villagers from these villages visited Hivare Bazar in Ahmadnagar Dist and Baripada in Dhule Dist. The exposure visit helped in exchange of experience and learning from the other sites particularly linking of conservation with local livelihoods. As an outcome both the villages have started contributing free labour once a week for common village development activities. These visits have also motivated the villagers towards effective management of their forests. This was evident in a meeting that was held on 30th December 2010 by the forest department for declaration of Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary as a Critical Wildlife Habitat under the Forest Rights Act 2006 (a category which provides additional protection to the sanctuary against external threats). The villagers from Yelavali agreed that this should be declared a CWH but under some conditions (see below).

6. *Windmills, PA and FRA*

The Andhra Wind Power Project under an Indo-German company Enercon-India, has started erecting windmills within the 5 km radius of Bhimashankar wildlife sanctuary. For the project a

forest clearance has been obtained for a total Reserved Forest area of 194.66 hectares falling within the boundaries of 14 villages of Khed and Maval Taluka's. The process of FRA in these villages has not moved ahead. In Kharpud village no Forest Rights committee (FRC) has been formed yet. As per the government circular of 2009 (F. No. 11-9/1998-FC (pt) Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, (FC Division)), it is mandatory to complete processes under FRA before considering an application for forest clearance. However permission has been granted to Enercon on 10th December 2009, even though no FRCs have been formed yet in most of the villages. Enercon has started the construction activities and restricted the access of the local people to these forests. Both the granting of the permission and initiating construction work are legally under question, yet Enercon is moving ahead. Kalpavriksh has decided to help in providing information on FRA to Kharpud village so they may be able to make their claims and challenge the project. Kalpavriksh members have also informed the Western Ghats expert committee and accompanied its chair Madhav Gadgil on a site inspection.

7. Critical Wildlife Habitat (CWH)

Bhimashankar was one of the proposed CWH in Maharashtra. As per the original guidelines for declaration of CWH, village level consultations were carried out. The villagers rejected the idea, except in Yelavali where the villagers agreed to creation of CWH provided FD agreed to certain terms and conditions, such as involving the villagers in protection activities, among others.

Community rights and participation in Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan

Coordinators: Neema Pathak Broome and Sreetama Guptabhaya

Year of commencement: 2010

Year of completion: Ongoing

Total funds sanctioned: Voluntary; local groups provide travel support

Developments:

Following up on a workshop that Kalpavriksh helped the NGO KRPAVIS to organize with villagers from the Sariska Tiger Reserve, on issues of their rights, participation, and livelihoods in relation to wildlife conservation (March 2010), KRPAVIS requested continued help especially on the issue of claiming rights under the FRA, and challenging illegal/improper relocation. This was provided through information and analytical inputs on the FRA and WLPA, and participation in meetings in/around Sariska (see also Community Rights and Relocation, above).

Alternative Conservation Plan for Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Sanctuary

Coordinators: Ashish Kothari and Sreetama Guptabhaya

Year of commencement: 2010

Year of completion: ongoing

Total funds sanctioned: Voluntary

Developments:

Kalpavriksh has been involved off and on with Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Sanctuary (BRTS) for many years, including the development of an educational manual for local schools and institutions, an investigation into incidents of fire and atrocities on Soliga adivasi, and inputs to the Soliga and groups like VGKK and ATREE on various conservation and rights issues. In this year the notification of the BRTS as a Tiger Reserve (with no consultations with the Soliga, and done improperly without final clearance from the central government), was the major development. Kalpavriksh helped the Soliga groups and NGOs raise a number of concerns regarding this in public, joined in protests directed at the National Tiger Conservation Authority and MoEF, and co-drafted a note on a Community-based Tiger Conservation Plan that was sent

to the Karnataka government and MoEF (in July 2010). Further actions include an upcoming workshop to develop such a plan.

III. Research on Human Wildlife Conflicts

Crop damage at Jardhargaon assessing the causes and potential solutions

Coordinator: Sanjay Sondhi

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

Year of commencement: 2010

Year of completion: 2011

Total funds sanctioned: Rs 2,30,000

Funding agency: Global Greengrants Fund (GGF)

Developments:

Behavioral study of monkeys was completed, compiling over 100 hours of data from 10 field visits. The data is being analysed. Engagement with local community to assess their views was partially completed. The coordinator also engaged with the Himachal Forest Department to learn from their experience, including of sterilizing monkeys. A dialogue has been initiated with Uttarakhand Forest Department to address this issue, discuss potential solutions, and propose a pilot phase to try the solutions.

IV. Research and Advocacy on Community Conserved Areas

Community Conserved Areas in India

Coordinator: Neema Pathak Broome

Team Persis Taraporevala, Ashish Kothari, Milind Wani

Year of commencement and completion: ongoing

Total funds sanctioned: Voluntary

Developments:

Activities carried out in CCAs this year were mostly related to implementation of the Forest Rights Act, and other field visits, advocacy and outreach initiatives reported elsewhere in this section. There was particular focus on clusters of CCAs in Gujarat, Orissa and Maharashtra and on *orans* in Rajasthan.

Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas in South Asia

Three specific activities were taken up related to ICCAs in South Asia, namely,

(i) Towards an Understanding of their Conservation and Livelihood Security Values

(Coordinators: Seema Bhatt and Tasneem Balasinorwala)

(ii) Towards their Recognition and Support (Coordinators: Neema Pathak Broome and Ashish Kothari)

(iii) CCAs in Bangladesh (Coordinators: Neema Pathak Broome and Ashish Kothari)

Team Partners from the South Asian countries.

Year of commencement: (i) 2008; (ii) 2009; (iii) 2009

Year of completion: (i, ii, iii) Ongoing (formal projects completed)

Total funds sanctioned/remaining: Rs.5,00,000 (for publication)

Funding agencies: SwedBio, UNDP Small Grants Programme (HQ), UNDP Bangladesh

Developments:

The first project was completed in 2009, and was followed up by the second one, which was completed in 2010. Outputs of both are being compiled into a publication, on which work took place in this year. The report of the project was finalized and sent to a number of organizations. The report was also sent to the regional coordinators of UNDP, who are to take on the recommendations that emerged from these consultations into their future programme on Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCAs).

Kalpavriksh partnered the Public Interest Law Foundation in holding a national consultation on Community Conserved Areas in Sri Lanka, in Colombo, on 20-22 May 2010. A report has been prepared and discussions are ongoing for follow up action.

Other voluntary work carries on, including inputs to the Bangladesh partner Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh (WTB) on incorporating CCA provisions in the country's wildlife legislation, and towards developing a long-term proposal for supporting CCAs. For the latter a concept note was prepared by Kalpavriksh, at UNDP and WTB's request. Networking with partners in other countries continues on a sporadic basis, to exchange information and news, and keep up interest in anticipation of further joint work.

Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas: Global Activities

Coordinators: Ashish Kothari and Neema Pathak Broome

Team Manju Menon (for global ICCA law survey)

Year of commencement and completion: ongoing since late 1990s (international workshop on ICCAs, 2010-2011).

Total funds sanctioned/remaining: Mostly voluntary; US\$30,000 for international workshop (see also Global Networking)

Funding agency: The Christensen Fund (for international workshop)

Developments:

Kalpavriksh members continued to engage in the global movement towards recognition and support of ICCAs, including:

1. Inputs to the development of the ICCA Registry at the World Conservation Monitoring Centre, including to its governance and structure, and discussions on issues like Free and Prior Informed Consent of indigenous peoples and local communities;
2. Inputs to the formalisation, statutes, membership, and funding proposals of the ICCA Consortium, a global network of peoples, communities, and civil society organizations which Kalpavriksh has helped to found;
3. Inputs to the formulation of briefing notes on ICCAs, for distribution at the CBD SBSTTA14 (Nairobi, Kenya), CBD COP10 (Nagoya, Japan), and other forums;
4. Helping to organize relevant side events at CBD meetings including SBSTTA14 at Nairobi, Kenya, and COP10 at Nagoya, Japan;
5. Helping to organize an international workshop '*Building Capacities and Generating Support for the Sustainable Future of Indigenous Peoples' Conserved Territories and Areas Conserved by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (ICCAs)*', at Nagoya, Japan, on the occasion of the CBD COP10;
6. Developing a concept note for a Technical Guide on the Recognition of ICCAs, to be edited by Kalpavriksh members, and produced by the CBD Secretariat;

7. Coordinating a global review of laws and policies relating to ICCAs, culminating in a report presented at the CBD COP10 (Nagoya, Japan); and helping develop a proposal for 2nd stage global review partnering with the South African NGO Natural Justice;
8. Inputs regarding ICCAs to the CBD Secretariat guide to Target 11 (on protected areas) of CBD global plan.

CCAs at the 13th Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of Commons (IASC)

Coordinator: Neema Pathak Broome

Team Milind Wani, Vanessa Reid (intern for three months) , Ashish Kothari

Year of commencement: October 2010

Year of completion: March 2011

Total funds sanctioned: Rs 5,86,300

Funding agency: Foundation for Ecological Security (FES), Anand

Developments:

The 13th Biennial Conference of the International Association for Study of the Commons (IASC) was organized in Hyderabad on 10-14th January 2011. In order to explore the issues related to the conservation of the commons by the local and indigenous communities, and to understand recent legal developments on the same in India, two events were organized by Kalpavriksh with partners:

1. *The Commons and Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas*: Jointly organized by Kalpavriksh, the ICCA Consortium, and the Foundation for Ecological Security (FES), this side event hosted a panel of speakers, spanning the environment and indigenous rights world. The purpose was to address current issues relating to ICCAs and their relationship to the Commons. Discussions focused on current frameworks for supporting ICCAs, and the status, threats and needs of ICCAs. ICCA examples from across the world were presented.

2. *Policy Forum – Forest Rights Act, Community Forest Rights & Management / Community Conserved Areas*: Jointly organized by Kalpavriksh and FES, this incorporated broader issues from the side event mentioned above, but also had a particular focus on the Forest Rights Act (FRA), particularly its implications vis-à-vis ICCAs. It hosted five speakers who raised specific points and sought to explore how the Act could be used (and replicated across world) as an example of a socially rooted model for acquiring rights/tenure over the commons, especially those pertaining to natural resources in parts of the world where such transformations are difficult to achieve. It also explored the experiences in policy formulation relating to ICCAs that are available from other countries, which are relevant to India. This was followed by an interactive discussion with the audience.

As background material for the conference, a thematic note, “Indigenous and other Local Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) as an approach towards conserving the Commons –How best can it be supported?” was prepared and distributed.

Kalpavriksh members also actively participated in other events at the conference, and put up a display of books. Ashish Kothari gave one of the 5 keynote addresses to the plenary.

The final report of these sessions has been submitted to FES.

V. Research and Advocacy on Biodiversity Act

Research and Advocacy on Biodiversity Act and Campaign for Conservation and Community Control over Biodiversity

Coordination: Kanchi Kohli

Team In collaboration with Shalini Bhutani (independent researcher)

Year or commencement and completion: Feb June 2011 for WWF-funded activities; otherwise voluntary, ongoing for many years

Total funds sanctioned: Rs.1,80,000 from WWF; additional support for honorarium from the Association for India's Development (AID) College Park funds of Biodiversity and Environment Campaign (see Environment and Development section).

Funding agencies: AID, World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature-India

Developments:

1. *Tracking implementation:* The team members in collaboration with GRAIN and other members of the campaign continued tracking implementation of the Biodiversity Act (BDA), initiated several years back. This primarily involved information collection and analysis around functioning of the National Biodiversity Authority, State Biodiversity Boards and various committees set up under the BDA. Efforts were also made to look at the process of setting up of local level Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs). Related processes like the Indian Biodiversity Information System, Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS), and types and process of approvals granted by the NBA, were also looked at. This information and analysis was regularly posted on an electronic listserve coordinated by Kalpavriksh, **BioDatch**. The Right to Information Act was used to seek new information to support advocacy and research.
2. *Regular response to queries and requests for help on the BDA:* Team members regularly responded to email and telephonic queries on the BDA implementation and implications. This included help with making or considering proposals for Biodiversity Heritage Sites. Groups responded to or helped included Deccan Development Society, GKVK University, Himachal State Biodiversity Board, as well as international researchers and organisations. A second letter (the first one was in 2009) was sent to the drafting committee for the Nagaland Biodiversity Rules with specific comments on the Rules.
3. *Dissemination of status report:* Copies of the Hindi and English versions of *6 Years of Biological Diversity Act: A Status Report* were disseminated to media persons and civil society groups prior to the CBD COP10 in Nagoya, Japan.
4. *Work on Access and Benefit Sharing:* Special focus was given to research on ABS related aspects of the BDA implementation in India and also a preliminary analysis of negotiating documents related to the Nagoya Protocol on ABS. A meeting on this issue post the CBD COP10 was organised in Delhi, November 2010, with PANOS South Asia and GRAIN (see http://www.panossouthasia.org/Left_read.asp?LeftStoryId=200&leftSectionId=3).

Funding was sought from the WWF CSO process to prepare a Briefing Paper on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) in India, as under the BDA and implications of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS. This is especially relevant in light of the next CBD COP to be held in India in 2012. The briefing paper also linked up to the activities proposed by NGO Alliance during the February 2011 meeting mentioned below.

5. *Discussions of NGO Alliance on CBD*: Members participated in initial discussions in January 2011, of the NGO Alliance in relation to preparations for CBD COP11 in India in 2012. Members have also been informally advising BNHS, which is coordinating the Indian NGO efforts towards this.
6. *Linking biodiversity issues with the anti-GM struggles*: A joint letter was sent to NBA Chair, GEAC, Minister MOEF and relevant Pakistani officials on the issue of Monsanto India's export of GM cotton seeds to Pakistan '*Sow peace across Indo-Pak fields not GM cotton!*' www.grain.org/btcotton/?id=421

VI. Advocacy on Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Publication and outreach on Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Coordinator: Pankaj Sekhsaria

Year of commencement and completion: Ongoing for over a decade

Total funds sanctioned: current involvement purely voluntary

Developments:

As part of a long-term involvement with Andaman and Nicobar Islands, including research, legal action, support to local groups, and other activities, the last 2-3 years have seen some sporadic activity. This year, the publication 'The Jarawa Tribal Reserve Dossier – Cultural and Biological Diversities in the Andaman Islands', was published jointly by UNESCO and Kalpavriksh. The publication has been widely distributed and was reviewed (or was the main feature in stories) in the following publications: *Seminar*, *The Hindu*, *Frontline*, *Mail Today*, and *Current*.

VII. Documentation and Dissemination

Protected Area Update (PA Update)

Coordinator: Pankaj Sekhsaria

Year of commencement: 1994

Year of completion: Ongoing

Funding for 2010-11: Rs.6,00,000

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

Developments:

Production and Printing of 5 issues of *PA Update*:

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| 1. Vol XVI, No. 2, | April 2010 | (No. 84) |
| 2. Vol XVI, No. 3, | June 2010 | (No. 85) |
| 3. Vol XVI, No. 4, | August 2010 | (No. 86) |
| 4. Vol XVI, No. 5, | October 2010 | (No. 87) |
| 5. Vol XVI, No. 6, | December 2010 | (No. 88) |
| 6. Vol XVII, No. 1, | February 2011 | (No. 89) |

Documentation Centre

Coordinator: Milind Wani

Team Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Neema Pathak Broome, Ujwala Nalawade, Vikal Samdariya, Meenakshi Kapoor, Seema Bhatt, Pankaj Sekhsaria, Ashish Kothari

Year of commencement: 2008

Year of completion: 2011

Total funds sanctioned (3 years): 75,000 Euros

Funding agency: Misereor (Germany)

Developments:

1. *Outreach:* Two issues each of the English and Hindi version of the newsletter *People in Conservation* were produced during the period. The first issue was largely focused on Natural Resource Governance; the second issue on Marine Conservation. A third issue, on Pastoralism, was initiated.

Two issues each of the English and Hindi version of advocacy policy briefs were produced. The first issue covered and commented on the **Guidelines for selection and management of Biodiversity Heritage Sites** issued by the MoEF. The second issue was an investigative report on the conservation and governance aspects of the provision for community forest resource rights in the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. A third policy brief, an investigative report on the status of recognition of rights and relocation in relation to tiger reserves, was initiated.

Additionally, the Documentation Center supported the following outputs:

- A handbook entitled “**Ri Gyancha: a biodiversity resource kit for educators in Ladakh**” (authored by Sujatha Padmanabhan and Yashodara Kundaji, see Environmental Education section).
 - The newsletter *Protected Area Update* (coordinated by Pankaj Sekhsaria, see above).
 - A field guide on reptiles in Maharashtra (for local communities), currently underway (coordinated by Milind Wani, authored by Vivek Gour Broome).
2. *Monitoring and evaluation:* In order to assess the usefulness or otherwise of outreach efforts in a more structured manner, the Documentation Center initiated a formal process of seeking feedback from randomly selected recipients of the outreach material.
 3. *Resource Center & Web visibility:* Usual activities relating to the Resource Centre in Pune (acquisition of books and magazines, inventorying, and maintenance of databases) were carried out. In addition, all the databases (books, reports, magazines, CDs) were web-enabled, as were all previous Outreach products (newsletters and policy briefs).

VIII. Global Networking

ICCA Consortium (A Network of Indigenous Peoples Territories and Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Conserved Areas)

Coordinator: Ashish Kothari

Team Neema Pathak Broome

Year of commencement and completion: ongoing for several years

Total funds sanctioned: voluntary, except International Workshop on ICCAs, US\$30,000

Funding agency: The Christensen Fund (for workshop)

Developments:

Over the last few years Kalpavriksh has been centrally involved in initiating a global network of organizations working in/on Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCAs). In 2010 this was formally established as the ICCA Consortium, and registered in Switzerland. In this year Kalpavriksh has been involved in helping to develop the statutes, membership, funding proposals, and other aspects of the Consortium. It is represented on the Steering Committee, and has participated in its SC and general body meetings, for which it also helped raise funds. It helped organize (and financially host) an international workshop on ICCAs in conjunction with the CBD COP10 at Nagoya, Japan. (see also above, Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas: Global Activities).

CBD Alliance (An Alliance of NGOs to monitor developments during Convention on Biological Diversity Conference of Parties)

Coordinator: Ashish Kothari

Team Rohan Joshi

Year of commencement: 2007

Year of completion: 2012

Total funds sanctioned: SEK 800,000; US\$ 19989; US\$ 15,052 (the funds received were meant exclusively for the activities of the Alliance, not for Kalpavriksh, other than 10% overheads)

Funding agencies: SwedBio; Institute of International Education; Japan Civil Network for CBD (respectively)

Developments:

Kalpavriksh continued to play the financial and administrative host of the Alliance. In addition, it participated in Alliance activities and coordination at the CBD SBSTTA14 (May 2010, at Nairobi, Kenya) and CBD COP10 (October 2010, at Nagoya, Japan).

After the CBD COP10, it has been helping the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) with the coordination process for hosting NGOs at CBD COP11, to be held in India in 2012. This includes its liaison with the Alliance.

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

Members involved: Neema Pathak Broome and Ashish Kothari

Developments:

Kalpavriksh continues to contribute actively to the joint network of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) and the Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP) that it helped to set up in 1999 and co-chaired from 2000 to 2008, the Strategic Direction on Governance, Equity, and Livelihoods in Relation to Protected Areas (TILCEPA). The network contributes intellectual and practical inputs to various civil society and governmental initiatives at making conservation more equitable, participatory, and rights-based. Kalpavriksh members are in particular involved with TILCEPA's activities in relation to Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCAs), and its role to further negotiations and implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas.

Events at which Kalpavriksh members actively participated in TILCEPA activities, include the CBD SBSTTA14 (May 2010, Nairobi, Kenya) and CBD COP10 (October 2010, Nagoya, Japan);

this involved organizing and speaking at side events, coordinating civil society statements on the Protected Areas Programme of Work, and helping organize an international workshop on ICCAs (see also, section on Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas: Global Activities, above).

IX Miscellaneous

1. National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

In a continued attempt to get MoEF to activate the Final Technical Report of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2004), with updating if necessary, a letter was given in May 2010 to MoEF, with suggestions on how to incorporate the various outputs with ongoing central and state processes. As earlier, though, MoEF has not yet acted on this.

2. Gharials

Comments and inputs were provided to a national action plan on Gharials, prepared by Rom Whitaker and others.

4. ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Note: More information, documentation, and outputs relating to the activities below are available at <http://www.kalpavriksh.org/environment-a-development>

1. Campaign Desk for Environmental Advocacy
2. Dissemination of Compliance Study
3. Deconstructing Regulatory Regimes
4. RTI Clearing House and RTI Related Research and Advocacy
5. Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESA)
6. Research and Case Studies
7. Climate Change and India's Environment Regulation
8. Northeast Dams

Environment and Development

Team Kanchi Kohli, Manju Menon, Neeraj Vaghlikar, Vikal Samdariya and Meenakshi Kapoor

Funding Agencies:

AID Austin (Deconstructing Regulatory Regimes): Rs.2,99,200

WWF CSO: Rs.30,000 (EIA Case study) and Rs.1,45,000 (CAMPAs Study)

AID Bay Area (RTI clearing house project): Rs.2,79,000

Heinrich Boll Foundation (Climate Change and India's Environment Regulation): Rs.5,76,500

Duleep Mathai Nature Conservation Trust (Ecological Sensitive Areas study follow up): Rs.1,00,000

AID College Park (Biodiversity and Environment Campaign): Rs. 3,13,500

Bombay Natural History Society: Rs. 1,00,000/-

Other than this some unspent sources of funds related to the Dissemination of the EIA compliance study were utilised for travel, presentation as well as postage/courier expenses

1. Campaign Desk for environmental advocacy

The ongoing support and advocacy on development and environment concerns continued during this period. Members of the team regularly coordinated on telephone and email with local groups and individuals on specific queries and strategy inputs. Some specific areas of intervention and interactions are mentioned below.

Policy level intervention

Kalpavriksh had sent its detailed response on the proposal by the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) on setting up a National Environment Protection Authority (NEPA) as an independent regulatory authority for environment and pollution related clearances as well as its monitoring. Members had also written articles on this in mainstream newspapers and had been following up with journalists and others on the progress. On May 25th 2010, members participated and presented their views during a public meeting organised by the MoEF where Kalpavriksh was requested to be on the panel. In this regard members also met with representatives of the United States Environment Protection Authority (USEPA) and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) who have been involved in the NEPA process.

Efforts were also made to understand and write about the implications of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

Team members also attended planning and action meetings relating to the changes to the proposed Coastal Regulation Zone notification along with National Fishworker's Forum, National Campaign Against Coastal Zone Management (CZM) representatives, other fishing groups and NGOs. The analysis of the CRZ regulation fed into a greater understanding of the performance of regulatory regimes in the country.

Regional and issue based support

Regional support work continued at various levels through support letters, RTI applications, appeals with respect to environmental issues on dams in Himachal Pradesh, industrial development along the Mundra coast (Gujarat), POSCO (Orissa), Raigarh (Chhattisgarh), Athirapally (Kerala), Dams in Sikkim and coastal issues for the fishworker groups especially related to the Campaign Against CZM.

2. Dissemination of Compliance Study

In continuation with the publication (in 2009) of the title "Calling the Bluff", which takes a close look at the level of compliance achieved by projects that are granted environment clearance by the Ministry of Environment & Forests under the EIA notification, efforts were taken during the year to organise dissemination related meetings in Kerala, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. These meetings were organised/attended in coordination with Paryavaran Mitra, River Research Centre and Dakshin Foundation. The findings of the compliance study continued to be relevant and discussed in the light of the setting up of the NEPA, which has been mentioned in the previous sections. The MoEF had constituted a monitoring committee at MoEF level to look into issues of monitoring and compliance. Kalpavriksh members sent comments and wrote public articles on the draft paper issued by the committee, which had several limitations. RTIs were also filed to fully follow this process along with those related to seeking up to date information on environment clearances for projects at state and central level.

3. Deconstructing Regulatory Regimes

The analysis of various regulatory regimes was carried out on an ongoing basis which was linked to both research and policy level intervention work. This includes EIA Notification, CRZ notification, Biological Diversity (BD) Act, Forest Conservation Act (FCA) and Wild Life Protection Act, as they relate to the environment and development regime prevalent in the country. The activities of this project have been integrally linked with the work of the campaign desk as well as the Right to Information (RTI) related work as discussed later in this section.

Fresh information collection and research was also carried out on Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) and also on the revised Coastal Management Zone notification finalised by the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF).

A detailed analysis on the the amount of official Protected Area lost for industrial and infrastructure expansion between 1991-2009 was also carried out. This process required extensive follow up with MoEF in relation to information sought through RTI. A paper was put together which was published in *Economic and Political Weekly* and widely circulated amongst researchers, academicians, media persons and activists.

4. RTI Clearing House and RTI related research and advocacy

As an attempt to carry forward the efforts around RTI which was initiated in 2005, the team members continued to use the RTI tool to gather research and advocacy related information, especially towards tracking the processes at the central government level and those related to specific people's struggles. The information was also shared with media persons and used as background material for a few legal interventions by other organisations. The idea was to use this tool for pushing the government towards greater transparency in decision making. Many of these required an appeal to the highest authorities to 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 gaps in information provided by public authorities related to forest land diversion for non forest purposes highlighted in the media as well as several civil society forums.

During 2010-11, 39 new RTIs were filed. In the case of a few others there were 2 first appeals and 4 follow up letters on RTI applications. The RTIs related to MoEF, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Ministry of Science and Technology. Some were also pursued at state levels. Broadly the subject included, mining, the proposed National Biotechnology Regulatory Authority (NBRA), Traditional Knowledge, CAMPA, Environment Clearance process, National Environment Appellate Authority (NEAA), diversion under the Forest Conservation Act, Ecological Sensitive Areas (ESAs) etc. 5 RTIs were filed on request of groups and individuals part of the larger Kalpavriksh network. In the case of the second appeal related to the NEPA a favourable order from the Central Information Commission (CIC) was also procured.

A website <http://environment-rti.org/> continued to function and was regularly updated. A collaboration with <http://mapunity.in/> was also worked out towards upgrading the website and making it more user friendly.

5. Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESA)

Following up from the Kalpavriksh study report on Ecologically Sensitive Areas (*Ecologically Sensitive Areas- The story so far...*), an extension study was thought of in early 2010. The study was

to concentrate on specific areas around the topic of ESAs like: ESAs around Protected Areas, Western Ghats as an ESA and Central Process of notification of ESAs.

The work on the study began in July 2010 with the first step being data collection. The data for the study was collected through a number RTI applications, file inspections and interviews with the concerned officials in the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF). The help of RTI clearing house was taken while filing RTI applications. The data thus collected was analysed and based on a pre- decided structure, the first draft of the report has been prepared. The report is expected to be finalized by early July 2011. The possible funding sources will be explored for printing and dissemination of the study report among the concerned groups, individuals and policy makers.

6. Research and Case Studies

- i. **Case study on industrialisation in Mundra:** Members completed the study on the environment and forest clearance issues related to the construction of the Mundra Port and SEZ Ltd. The case study was titled *"Ripping Off the Mundra Coast! Environment and Forest Clearance Violations in Mundra Port and Special Economic Zone Ltd.'s Projects"*. This was shared in the larger WWF CSO network as well as the local partners in Gujarat.
- ii. **CAMPA Study:** The team initiated a study on the legal debates around the setting up and finalisation of the Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA). This study commenced in October, 2010. First phase of study included information collection from primary and secondary sources, processing of information, and filing of RTI applications. The first draft of the preliminary findings was put together.
- iii. **PA Land Diversion Study:** The team undertook a detailed study to look at how much land under Protected Areas has been diverted (including both de-reservation and diversion) over 10 years. This was based on analysis of data received through Right to Information as well as a scrutiny of the minutes of the meeting of National Board for Wild Life. A paper based on this study was published in *Economic and Political Weekly*, which has been cited in the list of articles and papers later on in this annual report.

7. Climate Change and India's Environment Regulation

The project supported by HBF, commenced in August 2010. The study aims to look at the inter-relations between climate change discussions and actions by GoI and whether it has any implications on the current environment regulations. The work carried out during 2010-11 included a review of secondary literature around climate change negotiations, REDD and REDD+ at the international level and understanding institutions like CAMPA, Green India Mission and other forestry related regulations at the domestic scale. It also entailed filing of RTI applications and carrying out file inspections on related issues. Work was also carried out towards formulating the structure of the analysis of the final report according to which data would need to be processed and argumentation developed. This preliminary formulation was discussed within the Kalpavriksh team as well as also presented for feedback at a small meeting on climate change at University of Technology, Sydney, Australia.

In addition topics for the two specific policy briefs have also been under discussion. One of them will be on CAMPA and other on Compensatory Afforestation issues in Kinnaur, Himachal

Pradesh. Two field visits to Kutch (Gujarat) and Lohit Valley (Arunachal Pradesh) were also carried out.

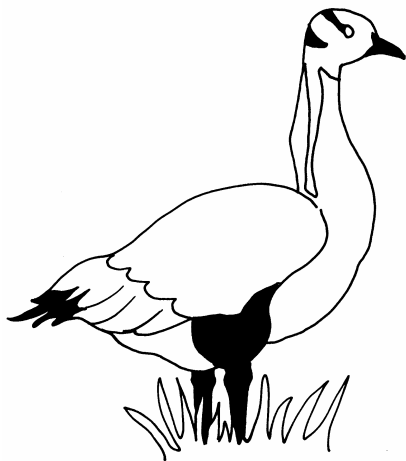
8. Northeast dams

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, co-ordinated by Neeraj, involves support to local groups on environmental and social aspects of the issue and advocacy at the regional/national levels on the same. In the current financial year fieldtrips were undertaken for investigations/training programmes on enviro-legal issues/meetings to the Northeast (different parts of Assam and eastern Arunachal Pradesh) in April 2010, July 2010, September 2010, December 2010, January 2011, February 2011 and March 2011.

In August 2010, Neeraj accompanied a joint delegation of individuals/groups from Assam and Arunachal Pradesh who met the Union Minister of Environment and Forests on the environmental and social issues associated with dams in Northeast India. On invitation from the groups from Assam and Arunachal Pradesh the Union Environment Minister visited Guwahati for a public consultation on dams in Northeast India on September 2010.

Neeraj participated in the 3rd International Meeting of Dam Affected People and their Allies held in Temacapulín, Mexico from October 1-7, 2010. He presented a case study on 'Downstream impacts of dams in Northeast India' in the workshop on downstream impacts of dams.

A briefing paper titled 'Damming Northeast India' co-authored by Neeraj Vagholikar and Partha Jyoti Das and co-published by Kalpavriksh, Aaranyak and ActionAid India was released in Guwahati on December 9, 2011 by Prof. S. Janakarajan of the Madras Institute of Development Studies at a public lecture organised by Aaranyak and the Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India.



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Part D Chronology of Events (including field trips/meetings/presentations/talks/letters)

April 2010

- 2-5: Training programme on dams and their impacts, Silchar, Assam (Neeraj)
- 12: Endorsement of Bolivian call on Climate Change and Mother Earth (Ashish)
- 17: Endorsement of CSO letter to Oxfam USA regarding its position on GMOs (Ashish)
- 19-20: Jury member for National Audit of Special Economic Zones, Delhi (Ashish)
- 22: Meeting on verification of community claims filed by Yelavali village with the talathi, gram sevak and patwari (Neema)
- 22: Meeting with Minister of State for Env. and Forests, regarding implementation of Forest Rights Act in protected areas, Delhi (Ashish, Sreetama)
- 22: Letter to MoEF regarding violation of Forest Rights Act in giving forest diversion clearances (Ashish, Sreetama)
- 23-24: Presentations at National Workshop on Community Forest Rights, organised by Vrikshamitra and Mendha-Lekha village, at Mendha-Lekha, Maharashtra (Ashish, Sreetama)
- 28: Story reading and activity session with children at Book Leaf Library (Sujatha)
- 28: Meeting with Minister of State for E&F, and NTCA Member-Secy, regarding illegal relocation from tiger reserves, Delhi (Ashish, Sreetama)
- 29-30: Participation in Chipko Mitra Milan and Beej Bachao Andolan meetings and public consultation, Khadi/Nagni, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand (Ashish)

May 2010

- 1: Visit to Jardhargaon, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand (Ashish, Anchal)
- 3: First meeting of MoEF-MoTA Committee on Forest Rights Act, Delhi (Ashish, Sreetama)
- 4: Letter to MoEF regarding Narmada Sagar and Omkareshwar dams (Ashish)
- 9-15: Participation in CBD Alliance, IUCN TILCEPA and other NGO meetings; observer at 14th meeting of CBD Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice; presentations and organizing of events and meetings of ICCA Consortium; Nairobi, Kenya (Ashish, Neema)
- 20-22: Consultation on CCAs in Colombo, Sri Lanka (Neema, Ashish)
- 28: Meeting with Minister of State for E&F regarding relocation from protected areas, and NBSAP, Delhi (Ashish, Sreetama)
- 30-31 (and 1st June): Public consultation on Forest Rights Act for Uttarakhand, by MoEF-MoTA Committee, Dehradun; visit to taungya and Gujjar settlements in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand; meetings with Chief Secretary, PCCF, other senior officials (Ashish)

June 2010

- 2: Workshop on landscape management and governance across Askot-Nandadevi region, organised by Kalpavriksh and Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun (Ashish)
- 7: Meeting of MoEF-MoTA Committee on FRA, Delhi (Ashish, Sreetama)
- 9-11: National Workshop on Community Conserved Areas in Sri Lanka, Colombo, organised by Public Interest Law Foundation and Kalpavriksh; field visit to Puttalam lagoon (Ashish, Neema)
- 12: Public consultation on Forest Rights Act for Maharashtra, by MoEF-MoTA Committee, Pune (Ashish, Neema, Pradeep)
- 19: Participation in public consultation on Green India Mission, Pune (Ashish, Neema)
- 23-24: Presentation and organizing of Workshop on Relocation from Tiger Reserves, as part of Future of Conservation Network, Delhi (Ashish, Sreetama)
- 25: Meeting of steering group of WWF – India Civil Society Organisations networking project, Delhi (Ashish, Sreetama, Kanchi)

July 2010

- 1 – 16: Fieldtrip to the Lohit and Siang valleys (Arunachal Pradesh) and Assam (Neeraj and Manju)
- 3-5: Public consultation on Forest Rights Act for Uttarakhand hills, by MoEF-MoTA Committee, Haldwani; field visits to khatta and Van Panchayat villages (Ashish)
- 4: Follow up meeting on landscape management and governance across Askot-Nandadevi region, organised by Kalpavriksh and Wildlife Institute of India, Haldwani (Ashish)
- 8th : Meeting with the Divisional Commissioner of Leh and the Chief Executive Councilor of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council to discuss the release of Ri Gyancha. (Sujatha)
- 12: Letter proposing community based tiger conservation strategy for Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Sanctuary, as alternative to Tiger Reserve (along with other organizations) (Ashish)
- 13: Public consultation on Forest Rights Act for Assam, by MoEF-MoTA Committee, Guwahati (Ashish)
- 14th : Release of Ri Gyancha- a biodiversity resource kit for educators in Ladakh by Minister of State for Environment and Forests, Shri Jairam Ramesh in Leh. (Sujatha)
- 17th : Meeting with the Chief Education Officer of Leh District for dissemination of Ri Gyancha to all government schools. (Sujatha)
- 17: Lecture on Radical Ecological Democracy to Greenpeace Resistance Academy, Bangalore (Ashish)
- 19: Letter protesting proposal to set up bear enclosures in Dachigam National Park, J&K, to Chief Wildlife Warden J&K (Ashish)
- 19th : Meeting with Salim Ul Haq, Chief Wildlife Warden, Education Councilor of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, and to SECMOL for dissemination of Ri Gyancha. (Sujatha)
- 22nd : Release of Ri Gyancha – a biodiversity resource kit for educators in Ladakh by His Holiness The Dalai Lama at Sumur village in Nubra Valley (Sujatha)
- 24nd : Meeting with members of a special committee for purchase of educational material for schools in Leh district (Sujatha)
- 22-27: Public consultation on Forest Rights Act for Orissa, by MoEF-MoTA Committee, Bhubaneshwar; field visits to Jagatsinghpur (POSCO area), Simlipal Tiger Reserve, and Mayurbhanj; meeting with Chief Secretary and senior officials, Bhubaneshwar (Ashish, Sreetama)
- 29th : An orientation programme to Ri Gyancha for teachers of private schools in Leh organized by Create Foundation held at Likir village (Sujatha)

August 2010

- 1-2: Workshop on comparison of laws relating to conservation and livelihoods, CSO networking project, Bharatpur (Ashish, Neema, Kanchi, Sreetama)
- 2: Meeting with the Chief Education Officer and the Coordinator of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan of Kargil district at Kargil (Sujatha)
- 4-5: Village discussion on CFR in Yelavali and Bhorgiri (Neema, Pradeep)
- 5th : Meetings with the Principals of Druk Padma Karpo School at Shey village and Lamdon School at Leh for dissemination of Ri Gyancha (Sujatha)
- 6: Planning meeting in IIT Powai for ISAC 2011 (Neema)
- 7: Organising and presentations at workshop on Environment and Development, for Mumbai University Civics/Politics students, Mumbai (Ashish, Neema)
- 9: Meeting of MoEF-MoTA Committee on FRA, Delhi (Ashish)
- 10: Meeting of joint delegation of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh with Union Environment Minister on Northeast dams (Neeraj)

11-12: Participation and presentation at Asia Dialogue on Community Forests and Property Rights in the Context of Climate Change, held in Kathmandu. (Sreetama)
20: Letter against proposed amendment of Wild Life (Protection) Act undermining Forest Rights Act, as part of Future of Conservation Network (Ashish)
22-24: Public consultation on Forest Rights Act for western Rajasthan, by MoEF-MoTA Committee on FRA, Udaipur; field visits to Phulwari ki Nal Sanctuary, Gogunda block, and Jhadol blocks; meeting with Divisional Commissioner and other senior officials (Ashish)
29-2nd Sep: Presentation at 4th People and Parks Conference for South Africa, University of Zululand, Kwazulu Natal, organised by Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa; visit to Hluhluwe Reserve (Ashish)

September 2010

9: Biodiversity festival in Yelavali and Bhorgiri (Neema, Pradeep, Sharmila, Anuradha, Govind, Sharnamma)
10: Public consultation on dams in Northeast India, Guwahati, organised by Ministry of Environment & Forests (Neeraj)
14: Meeting of MoEF-MoTA Committee on FRA, Delhi (Ashish)
14th-16th : An orientation programme to Ri Gyancho for Cluster and Zonal Resource Persons of Kargil District at Government Girls School, Kargil (Sujatha, Yashodara)
15: Meeting with Minister of State for E&F regarding Global Sustainability Panel (Ashish)
24-25: Kalpavriksh Annual General Meeting, Tadoba, Maharashtra
26-27: Field visit and public consultations on Forest Rights Act for Bhamragarh area, Maharashtra, by MoEF-MoTA Committee on FRA (Ashish, Neema, Pradeep)

October 2010

1-2: Meeting on conflict resolution in Bhorgiri and Yelavali (Pradeep, Neema)
4: National Consultation on Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PTGs) and Forest Rights Act, by MoEF-MoTA Committee on FRA and Vidarbha Livelihoods Forum, Nagpur (Ashish, Sreetama)
5: Meeting with Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra, regarding protected areas, FRA, critical wildlife habitats, Nagpur (Ashish, Sreetama)
13: Meeting of MoEF-MoTA Committee on FRA, Delhi (Ashish)
19-27: Participation in CBD Alliance, IUCN TILCEPA and other NGO meetings; observer at 10th meeting of CBD Conference of Parties, Nagoya, Japan; presentations and organizing of events and meetings of ICCA Consortium; participation in demonstrations of Japanese NGOs against proposed nuclear power station (Ashish, Neema)
28-30: Organising of, and presentations in, international workshop on 'Building Capacities and Generating Support for the Sustainable Future of Indigenous Peoples' Conserved Territories and Areas Conserved by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (ICCAs)', Shirakawa, Japan (Neema, Ashish)

November 2010

3-5: Presentation at workshop on 'Global Transitions: Asia in 2060', organised by Forum for the Future and Tamkang University, Taipei, Taiwan (Ashish)
6: Visit to Yilan indigenous territory and consultations with communities and officials on ICCAs, Taiwan (Ashish)
15: Presentation on 'Conservation Conundrum', St. Stephens College, Delhi (Ashish)
16: Meeting of MoEF-MoTA Committee on FRA, Delhi (Ashish)
22: Meeting with VGKK and ATREE regarding Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Sanctuary proposal as tiger reserve (Ashish, Sreetama)
24-26: Exposure visit with Bhimashankar villagers to Dhule and Ahmednagar (Pradeep, Neema)

27-29: Field visits to Dangs and Narmada districts; public consultations for Gujarat, by MoEF-MoTA Committee on FRA, Ahmedabad; meeting with Chief Secretary and other senior officials (Ashish)

29: Lecture for the ecological society students on role of people in conservation (Neema)

December 2010

10 – 11: Workshop on ‘Water Conflicts in the North East: Issues, Cases and Way Forward’, Guwahati, organised by Aaranyak and Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India (Neeraj)

13-15: Presentation at workshop on ‘Human Dimensions of Wildlife Conservation’, organised by Wildlife Institute of India and Colorado State University, Kanha National Park, Madhya Pradesh (Ashish)

10-12: Meeting of the pastoralist groups from the orans around Sariska National Park, on FRA organized by KRAPAVIS (Neema)

20: Presentation on CCAs, at workshop on ‘Conservation outside Protected Areas’, organised by UNDP, MoEF, and Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal (Ashish)

21-22: Presentations at conference on Forest Rights Act, organised by SPWD, IIFM, and Oxfam, Bhopal (Ashish)

28-30: Presentations at First Indian Biodiversity Congress, organised by CISSA and others, Thiruvananthipuram (Ashish)

31-2nd January: Visit to Koonthakulam Bird Sanctuary and Neyyar Wild Life Sanctuary (Ashish)

January 2011

9 – 25: Fieldtrip to Guwahati, Assam and Siang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh (Neeraj)

10-14: Presentations and organizing workshops at assembly of International Association for the Study of the Commons, Hyderabad (Neema, Milind, Ashish, Vanessa as an intern)

15-16: Field visit to Deccan Development Society, Zaheerabad, Andhra Pradesh (Neema, Milind, Ashish, Vanessa as an intern)

February 2011

2: Letter to MoEF against permission for further construction of Narmada canals (Ashish)

4-7: Presentations at Adivasi Academy, Tejgarh, Gujarat; field visits to Moti Sadhli and Mundhiyari CCAs, Vadodara district (Ashish, Sujatha)

4-12: Fieldtrip and workshop, Assam (Guwahati, North Lakhimpur). Visit to Lower Subansiri dam site and meeting on ‘Downstream impacts of dams’ on February 10-11 in Lakhimpur Girls College (Neeraj)

9: Response of MoEF-MoTA Committee NGO members to comments of Director-General Forests on Committee report (Ashish)

11: Letter to Deputy Director of Town Planning, Pune, raising objections to zone conversion for ARAI on Vetal Hill in Pune (Sujatha)

22: Letter protesting obstruction of bamboo sale by Mendha-Lekha village, under Forest Rights Act, to Maharashtra govt and MoEF (Neema, Ashish)

24: Telecon presentation to panchayats of Kachchh, on laws relating to development projects (Ashish)

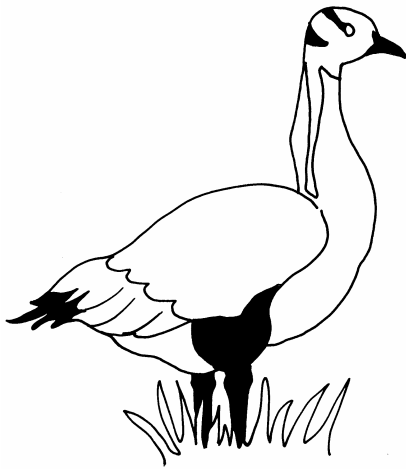
25-26: Presentation at conference on Human Rights, organised by Mumbai University, Khandala, Maharashtra (Ashish)

28: Letter against new guidelines on Critical Wildlife Habitats by MoEF, to Minister of State for E&F (collectively with others of Future of Conservation Network) (Ashish, Sreetama)

March 2011

1: Presentations at Mid-term course for IFS officers, ICFRE, Dehradun (Ashish)

- 2-3: Presentation at workshop on Forest Rights Act in Uttarakhand, organised by Van Panchayat Sangharsh Morcha and others, Dehradun (Ashish)
- 4: NGO strategy meeting, and participation in consultation on Critical Wildlife Habitats, by MoEF, Delhi (Ashish, Sreetama)
- 12: Meeting with VGKK and ATREE on alternative strategy to Tiger Reserve status for Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Sanctuary, Bengaluru (Ashish, Sreetama)
- 14-16: Presentation on CCAs and FRA at the Institute for Development Studies, Calcutta (Neema)
- 14: Presentation on meeting on Dominant Socio-economic Paradigm and Alternatives, organised by Greenpeace, Bengaluru (Ashish)
- 15 – 20: Fieldtrip to Lohit valley, Arunachal Pradesh (Manju, Kanchi and Neeraj)
- 17: Participation in workshop on Giant Squirrel conservation, Bhimashankar Sanctuary, Maharashtra (Neema, Pradeep, Sharmila, Saili, Amelie as an intern, Ashish)
- 24: Letter to Sambalpur DM on attack on Forest Rights Act activist in Badrama Sanctuary, Orissa (Ashish)
- 26-30: Presentation at National Workshop on Community Forest Rights (CFRs), organised by Kalpavriksh and Vasundhara with Oxfam; field visits to Ranpur area community forest villages and meeting with Ma Maninaga Jangal Suraksha Parishad; press conference on CFRs (Ashish, Neema, Milind, Sreetama)



Part E List of Members

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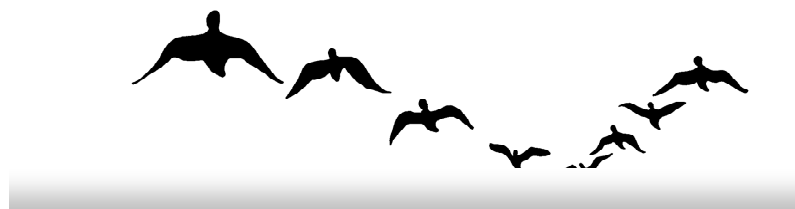
1. Anchal Sondhi
2. Anuradha Arjunwadkar
3. Arshiya Bose
4. Ashish Kothari
5. Milind Wani
6. Neema Pathak Broome
7. Neeraj Vagholikar
8. Pankaj Sekhsaria
9. Pradeep Chavan
10. Rohan Joshi
11. Saili Palande
12. Sharmila Deo
13. Shantha Bhushan
14. Sujatha Padmanabhan
15. Sunita Rao
16. Tasneem Balasinorwala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

Delhi

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

Others

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



Part F: List of Donors and Funders

Donors

a. Kalpavriksh General

1. Himani Arjunwadkar
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5. Aletha Tavares
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7. Pumori Saokar
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9. Sheel Parekh

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Funders

1. Association for India's Development – Austin, College Park
2. Concern India Foundation
3. Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)
4. Heinrich Boll Foundation
5. Snow Leopard Conservancy (SLC)
6. United Nations Development Program(UNDP)
7. International Forum on Globalization
8. MISEREOR
9. World Wide Fund for Nature India (WWF - India)
10. Foundation for Ecological Society (FES)
11. Duleep Matthai Trust
12. Rufford Small Grants Programme
13. The Christensen Fund
14. Institute of International Education
15. Japan Civil Network (JCNCBD)
16. Royal Society for Protection of Birds
17. Association for India's Development - Bay Area

Part G: Statements of Account

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KALPAVRIKSH INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH 2011

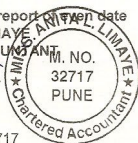
Figures in Rupees

PARTICULARS	AS AT 31.03.2011			AS AT 31.03.2010		
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL
INCOME						
Grants utilised	477,028.00	12,546,910.50	13,023,938.50	1,342,819.42	11,818,622.10	13,161,441.52
Donations received	264,901.00	249,290.00	514,191.00	158,239.00	325,672.50	483,911.50
Fees from Activities	9,500.00		9,500.00	9,500.00		9,500.00
Income from publications	-		-	49,334.00		49,334.00
Other Income						
Interest on savings and deposit accounts	64,606.00		64,606.00	54,700.00		54,700.00
Miscellaneous income						
Deferred Income (depreciation charged)	25,693.00		25,693.00	37,688.00		37,688.00
Sundry Balances w/off	-		-	147,394.10		147,394.10
	90,299.00	-	90,299.00	239,782.10	-	239,782.10
Total Income	841,728.00	12,796,200.50	13,637,928.50	1,799,674.52	12,144,294.60	13,943,969.12
EXPENDITURE						
Staff Payments and Benefits	310,667.00	99,100.00	409,767.00	365,932.00	105,433.00	471,365.00
Professional fees	39,736.00	4,003,752.00	4,043,488.00	54,500.00	3,546,179.00	3,600,679.00
Administrative and General Expenses						
Rent, rates and taxes	220,674.00	72,000.00	292,674.00	112,160.00	72,000.00	184,160.00
Communication expenses	92,452.82	163,812.00	256,264.82	31,979.23	204,939.60	236,918.83
Stationary	44,646.00	82,873.00	127,519.00	38,121.00	256,791.00	294,912.00
Electricity expenses	12,670.00	-	12,670.00	15,930.00	-	15,930.00
Travelling and conveyance expenses	7,212.00	1,918,737.50	1,925,949.50	4,864.00	705,819.50	710,683.50
Insurance charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Remuneration to Auditors	25,369.00	-	25,369.00	25,369.00	-	25,369.00
Others	161,868.00	1,267,375.00	1,429,243.00	113,436.67	2,182,289.50	2,295,726.17
Repairs and Maintenance						
Building	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office Equipment	-	-	-	1,900.00	-	1,900.00
Others	36,172.00	-	36,172.00	8,770.00	-	8,770.00
Depreciation for the year	25,693.00	-	25,693.00	37,688.00	-	37,688.00
Depreciation prior period	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenses						
Write offs and provisions	10,515.00	-	10,515.00	1,170.00	-	1,170.00
Miscellaneous expenses	65.00	-	65.00	-	-	-
CBD Alliance Expenditure	-	5,187,477.00	5,187,477.00	-	5,070,843.00	5,070,843.00
Total Expenditure	987,739.82	12,795,126.50	13,782,866.32	811,819.90	12,144,294.60	12,956,114.50
Excess of Income over expenditure	(146,011.82)	1,074.00	(144,937.82)	987,854.62		987,854.62

As per my attached report given date
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KALPAVRIKSH
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2011

Figures in Rupees

PARTICULARS	Sch No.	As At 31.03.2011	As At 31.03.2011	As At 31.03.2010	As At 31.03.2010
SOURCES OF FUNDS					
TRUST FUND			114,314.00		114,314.00
GENERAL FUND					
Opening balance (Administrative Fund)		2,265,805.00		1,277,950.88	
Opening balance (Income & Expenditure A/c)					
Add: Surplus for the year (Income & Expenditure A/c)		(144,937.82)		987,854.62	
Less: Transfer to restricted fund		-		-	
Less: Transfer to Deferred Income (Fixed Assets)		-		-	
Closing balance			2,120,867.18		2,265,805.50
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Conditional Donations and Grants	1		7,393,465.85		8,496,035.62
Deferred Income					
Transfer from General Fund		111,138.70		148,826.70	
Add: Deferred Income on Assets purchased					
Less: Transfer to Income & expenditure account-Depreciation		(25,692.00)		(37,688.00)	
Closing balance			85,446.70		111,138.70
TOTAL			9,714,093.73		10,987,293.82
APPLICATION OF FUNDS					
FIXED ASSETS	3		135,795.70		161,488.70
CURRENT ASSETS	4	9,783,095.78		10,291,279.87	
LOANS, ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS	4	212,687.25		839,313.25	
Less CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS	4	417,485.00		304,788.00	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			9,578,298.03		10,825,805.12
Notes to Accounts	5				
TOTAL			9,714,093.73		10,987,293.82

As per my attached report of even date

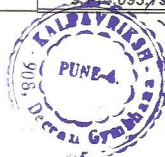
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