

# Kalpavriksh

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## About Kalpavriksh

### Beginnings

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

### Philosophy

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

### Governance

Kalpavriksh is a non-hierarchical organization. One of the working principles that emanated from the philosophy of the group, was a democratic decision making process. All decisions are taken in group meetings and based on group consensus.

### Functioning

**a) Core functions**, which include general administration, website administration, finance, accounts and publications. These activities are largely handled at the Pune office.

**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

### Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) was held at Panchmarhi, Madhya Pradesh from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011. 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, Vikal Samdariya, Meenakshi Kapoor (Delhi); Sharmila Deo, Neema Pathak Broome, Neeraj Vagholikar, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Milind Wani (Pune)

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## Part A: 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>

**Issues of regional focus are:**

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

#### **Snow Leopard Conservation Education Programme (RiGyancha Dissemination)**

**Coordinator:** Sujatha Padmanabhan

**Year of commencement:** 2010

**Year of completion:** 2012

**Funding:** Rs.1,38,000 + 4,25,106

**Funding Agency:** Snow Leopard Conservancy, USA

#### **Developments:**

The focus of follow up to the Ladakh environment education programme was to disseminate the RiGyancha Biodiversity resource kit as widely as possible. The following efforts were made in different parts:

##### Spiti:

In order to facilitate the dissemination of RiGyancha in Spiti (Himachal Pradesh), Sujatha along with Tsering Angmo from Snow Leopard Conservancy – India Trust (SLC-IT) visited Spiti from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 on an invitation from Ecosphere, an NGO that works on various conservation and livelihood issues in Spiti and is based in Kaza.

Ecosphere had stated that it would like to initiate environment education programmes in select schools using RiGyancha resources, suitably modified for the region. Ecosphere identified three of its staff members for training in the education programme and selected three schools for starting the programme. During the visit, the staff of Ecosphere were familiarized with RiGyancha through some training and demonstration sessions at their office, as well as workshops over a period of five days that were conducted at JVN School and Highlander School at Kaza and Government High School at Demul village.

A refresher course for the staff of Ecosphere was held in Leh from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Five staff members attended this and the training was conducted by TseringAngmo and K.C. Namgyal of SLC-IT and Sujatha Padmanabhan.

##### Ladakh:

A decision was taken by the Chief Executive Councilor of the Hill Development Council that teacher training would take place only during winter vacation time. A meeting took place with the Principal of the District Institute of Education and Training at Leh when Sujatha was in Ladakh in August 2011. RiGyancha was shared with them and a commitment for winter training sessions made.

314 government school Resource Teachers for Leh district participated in RiGyancha training in winter in Jan 2012. The training was done by the staff of Snow Leopard Conservancy-India Trust. 170 teachers bought copies of the resource material at the workshop.

**Nepal:**

Information about RiGyancha was circulated to KV's C and L contacts in Nepal. A few copies have been sent as a follow up. A request for permission to translate Ghost of the Mountains into Nepali was received from Himalayan Nature (HN), a Kathmandu based organization. SLC-US has agreed to fund the translation. An MoU was worked out with HN and the book has been translated into Nepali.

**Bhutan:**

A sharing of the work implemented in Ladakh was done over the Internet to staff of The Tributary Fund who are coordinating production of a toolkit for monastic children in Bhutan that focuses on conservation. As a follow up, a copy of the material was sent to Bhutan.

**Programme at Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary**

**Coordinator:** Sharmila Deo

**Team:** Pradeep Chavan, Purnima Phadke (volunteer), Chandrakant Langhi, Subhash Dolas (local educators)

**Advisors:** Sujatha Padmanabhan, Neema Pathak

**Year of commencement:** April 2008

**Year of completion:** March 2012

**Total funds sanctioned (for 4 yrs):** Rs.16,97,378/-

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

**Developments:**

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

The content of the programme focuses on the geographical, ecological, and cultural aspects of Bhimashankar, along with the basic concepts of environment. A total of 15 workshops took place with the students in their respective schools, and seven with the local educators at Bhimashankar and in Pune. The main focus was on biodiversity, and the workshops had lectures, film screenings, slide shows, art and craft sessions, and two field trips.

The work on the Marathi handbook on the "Western Ghats in Maharashtra" for educators is ongoing. It is an attempt to support teaching efforts for teachers / educators working in this region and focuses on the localised inputs related to the environment in the Western Ghats in the Maharashtra region.

**Miscellaneous**

- Contributions were made to a class XI Environment text book being produced by the Maharashtra State Board of Education by Sujatha.
- Sujatha and Sunita attended a three day workshop at Kotagiri from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April

2011 to give inputs to an Environment Education module being developed by Keystone for the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

- A talk on “Working with children on environmental concerns” was delivered to the project partners of Terre des hommes in Pune on 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2011 by Sujatha.

## 2. URBAN ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

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

### Pune Tree Watch

**Coordinator:** Tasneem Balasinorwala

**Year of commencement:** 2005

**Year of completion:** 2012

**Funding:** Individual donation

**Funds Received:** Rs.2000

### Developments:

Pune Tree Watch has seen a slowdown in activities with the coordinator being out of India in this period. The listserve, however, continued as per the requirement of citizen members to keep the communication channel open. The group continued to assist and help in any way possible through the voluntary efforts and responses of members. This year we co-organised and coordinated Pune Tree Fest 2, with the Pune Municipal Corporation taking a lead for the event. The term of Tasneem Balasinorwala as member of the Pune Tree Authority in the Municipal Corporation has come to an end this year.

## 3. CONSERVATION AND LIVELIHOODS

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- Publication and outreach on Andaman and Nicobar Islands

**VIII. Documentation and Dissemination**

- Protected Area Update (PA Update)
- Documentation Centre

**IX. 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)

**X Miscellaneous**

**Team:** Arshiya Bose, Ashish Kothari, Ajay Mahajan, 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, Shiba Desor, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Vikal Samdaria.

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<b>I. National Level Advocacy</b>
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<b>Future of Conservation (FoC) network</b>
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<b>Coordinator:</b> Ashish Kothari
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<b>Team:</b> Sreetama Guptabhaya (till June 2011), Shiba Desor (July 2011 onwards)
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<b>Year of commencement:</b> 2006
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<b>Year of completion:</b> Ongoing
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<b>Total funds sanctioned:</b> None (voluntary since April 2010)
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**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, since when the coordination work has been voluntary.

In this period, we have kept up the work on Critical Wildlife Habitats (CWH) and Critical Tiger Habitats (CTHs), in particular coordinating FoC inputs to and critiques of MoEF's draft protocols on CWH and on relocation from tiger reserves (May-June 2011). It was realised, in response to a written query, that CWH guidelines are in process of finalization and had been sent to MoTA for comments. There has been an attempt to draw attention of MoTA and MoEF to FoC's comments on Draft CTH relocation protocol and Draft CWH guidelines through letters and sent to both ministries.

The FoC members agreed on the need for a national consultation on FRA and PAs but because of lack of funds it could not be organized. It was decided to organize it in 2012.



**Research and Advocacy on the Forest Rights Act****Coordinators:** Ashish Kothari and Neema Pathak Broome**Team:** Sreetama Guptabhaya (till June), Milind Wani, Shiba Desor (July onwards), Anuradha Arjunwadkar

Other project persons (non-KV): Reshma Jathar, Meenal Tatpati

**Year of commencement:** 2007**Year of completion:** Ongoing**Total funds sanctioned:** Rs.3,20,000/-**Funding agency:** Vasundhara - Oxfam; several activities voluntary**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 continued to be provided on implementation of FRA to various groups and individuals, including Khoj (for Melghat Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra), KRAPAVIS (for Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan), Sahjeevan in Kachchh(Gujarat), Lok Pashu Palak Sansthan (LPPS), Rajasthan, Himal Prakriti and several Van Panchayats (Uttarakhand), and others. The lack of progress with FRA implementation in protected areas was taken up at various forums.

Meetings have been held with MoTA Minister Shri Kishore Chandra Deo (in July, September and December 2011) for a follow-up on CFR related recommendations. A compilation of CFR related recommendations from three different reports has also been circulated and is available on the website. Apart from that, a letter has been sent to MoTA regarding FRA implementation in projects requiring diversion of forest land.

In addition, there was a meeting of some of the Joint MoEF-MoTA Committee members with MoEF minister Jayanthi Natarajan in November (which was also attended by KV C&L team member, Shiba Desor) during which issues related to MoEF regarding FRA implementation were discussed. Recommendations of the Joint MoEF-MoTA Committee on implementation of FRA continue to be taken up with both ministers.

**A key focus was on Community Forest Rights** Key issues and recommendations from the CFR workshop organised by KV and Vasundhara, in collaboration with Oxfam in March 2011 were finalized and circulated to a large number of community groups, NGOs, MoEF, MoTA and other relevant committees. Following up on this, and in order to consolidate learnings from different regions on CFRs, a project proposal has been formulated to focus on issues related to CFRs and help in advocacy.

The project undertaken in collaboration with Vasundhara, and funded primarily by Oxfam started in November. As a part of this project, a national brainstorming meeting on CFRs was organized on 17 December 2011 in Delhi in which it was decided to form a CFR Learning and Advocacy network and establish an information portal on CFRs. Since then, there has been regular interaction on CFR related information, updates and issues amongst the network members, with the network being coordinated by Kalpavriksh and Vasundhara. A national consultation with MoTA regarding CFRs was organised in New Delhi on 10th-11th March 2012 by Kalpavriksh in collaboration with Vasundhara and Oxfam as a part of this process. A national citizens' report based on the recommendations of the consultation was circulated.

Case studies on CFR issues were also initiated, to feed into the collective learning and advocacy process. Kalpavriksh undertook Maharashtra level CFR case study (through field visits), and a review of national level CFR scenario (literature review, interviews and questionnaires), apart from coordinating national CFR advocacy and networking. Through the Oxfam CFR project, Kalpavriksh

also coordinated a CFR case study on BRT, the main responsibility of writing which was given to ATREE. The national level updates on CFRs and case studies undertaken as a part of the Oxfam project have been consolidated into a National level CFR report. The report is expected to go in print by end of July 2012.

Public outreach material on FRA was also produced for widespread distribution, including legislation 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).

**Advocacy on Wild Life (Protection) Act (WLPA)**

**Team:** Ashish Kothari, Neema Pathak Broome, Shiba Desor

**Year of commencement and completion:** ongoing for several years

**Total funds sanctioned:** Voluntary

**Developments:**

As part of the continued advocacy to harmonise the WLPA and Forest Rights Act we are currently in the process of preparing a briefing note on FRA and PAs, and also preparing for a workshop on the same issue. This was after a request from a number of groups working in and around PAs, who have not being able to make a headway on FRA implementation.

Inputs continue to be provided to Sahjeevan on issues related to the Conservation Reserve in Chhari Dhund, Kachchh, Gujarat. Sahjeevan has recommended KV as one of the groups to be included as an observer, but the forest department is yet to respond to this.

A letter was written to the Chief Wildlife Warden of Karnataka regarding the issue of reintroduction of hand-raised leopards in Bandipur and Bhadra Tiger Reserve. There was an initial response by member secretary NTCA- Rajesh Gopal saying that this is a serious issue and he would be looking into the matter. A circular titled 'Learning from leopard relocation in Bandipur and Bhadra' was issued by the PCCF on 16.08.2011 in which it was 'decided to discontinue any practice of release of hand reared leopard cubs in the wild.'

**II State level Advocacy on Community Forest Resources**

**Documentation and Advocacy through Maharashtra level case study on CFRs**

**Team:** Neema Pathak Broome Reshma Jathar

**Year of commencement and completion:** January 2012 –March 2012

**Total funds sanctioned:** Rs.80,000/-

**Developments:**

As part of this study a detailed case study was undertaken in Maharashtra to understand the implementation of CFR provision, including the constraints and opportunities for local communities. Gadchiroili district in particular was taken up for a detailed study as this district has stood out as a district with maximum claims and grants of titles in the country for CFRs. In addition to this, the district was much in news because of a number of reasons including: developments related to titles claimed in the village Mendha-Lekha and village-based bamboo trade, conditional titles being received by many villages, forestry operations being carried out by the forest department without the consent of local communities in forests where titles were given or were about to be given. This was also an attempt to understand why there were a high number of titles given in this district as compared to other districts in the state.

As a consequence of this study and based on its recommendations a process was facilitated by KV to bring the forest department, revenue department, local villagers, and NGOs together to discuss some of the hurdles being faced and work out a future post CFR scenario for forests in Gadchiroli. Mr. Parveen Pardeshi, Secretary (Forests), Maharashtra, took a keen interest in the process and a meeting was organised on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March in Gadchiroli. There have been some useful and path-breaking outcome of this meeting and a subsequent visit of the Rural Development Minister, Jayaram Ramesh to the district.

A detail report on the developments on the ground as well as the meeting and its outcome has been prepared.

### III. State and Local Level Advocacy on Protected Areas

#### Community Rights and Relocation from Tiger Reserves

**Coordinators:** Sreetama Gupta Bhaya (Till June ), Neema Pathak Broome and Shiba Desor (July onwards)

**Year of commencement:** 2010

**Year of completion:** Ongoing

**Total funds sanctioned:** Voluntary; travels to sites funded occasionally by local groups

#### Developments:

Issues of forest-dwellers' rights within, and relocation from, tiger reserves, continue to get attention. A document was finalized in May and disseminated widely in coordination with the Documentation Centre as a policy brief on this issue based on the research and fieldwork undertaken in the previous months. Inputs continue to be provided to various community and grassroots organizations, as mentioned above. Also, as mentioned earlier, inputs were given to MoEF on a draft protocol on relocation from tiger reserves.

#### Community rights and participation in Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan:

Continued to provide inputs to KRPAVIS on the issue of claiming rights under the FRA, and challenging illegal/improper relocation. Multiple field visits to Sariska were undertaken to understand better the ongoing relocation scenario. The relocation is violating FRA by no prior recognition of rights before the relocation. There are many other irregularities in the relocation procedure and the land compensation package is not being offered at all any more (with the claim that there is no land availability), giving the villagers only the option of cash compensation.

#### Exploring Joint Protected Area Management in Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra

**Coordinator:** Neema Pathak Broome

**Team:** Pradeep Chavan and Amelie Wienecke (intern till August 2011)

**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

**Total funds sanctioned:** No funds from Jan-Oct 2011. From November onwards Doc Centre Capacity Building Rs.3,54,000/- (Nov 2011 - Oct 2012)

**Funding agency:** Missereor (Nov 2011 onwards)

**Developments:**

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

We continued to follow up on the claims that have been filed by Yelavali village but have not been responded to yet by the government. One of the students from M.Sc. Environment Science Pune University, Meenal Tutpati, carried out her dissertation on implementation of FRA in Bhimashankar sanctuary as a whole, under our guidance. There is still no sign of claim forms from within the sanctuary area moving ahead. In this regard we have filed an RTI application and also sent letters to the Tribal Commissioner, Nashik to intervene and help the process become more streamlined and efficient. However, there is still little progress in the matter. As a pre-requisite for entering into eco-development arrangement between the Yelavali villagers and the forest department, detailed discussions were held with the forest department on this issue. We continue to follow-up.

**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, Kanta Bai, and Vitha Bai (the fourth member changed from time to time with many villagers taking turns). Their study was guided by Dr. Aparna Watwe and the group carried out the following:

- Baseline inventory of the forest within the boundaries of Yelavali
- Assessment of the impact of human activities (both local and that of outsiders) on the diversity and composition of the forests.
- Establish long term monitoring plots in the forests following a random sampling selection method.

A preliminary report was prepared and discussed with the forest department. The final report, which will become the base for the management plan for the forests of Yelavali, is currently being finalised.

**3. *Eco-sensitive livelihoods generation activities***

There have been regular follow up and discussions with the concerned village Gramsevak and villagers regarding the job cards & about opening an account of the job cards holder in Post office under NREGS.

With the help of consulting agency OIKOS we provided some saplings of medicinal plants to the 13 families of Yelavali, which they planted on their individual land before the monsoons.

With the help of Vanashri Herbals of Ghodegaon, a training programme on making Karvanda pickle for Bhorgiri women SHGs was organised. One of the SHGs, Kamalaja Devi women self help group, made 300 kg of Karvanda pickle for sale. The SHG is currently facing a problem marketing the pickle and we are helping them explore various marketing options.

**4. *Moving towards the Joint Protected Area Management***

During the reporting period many discussions have been held in Yelavali village about the conservation & management of the forest and wildlife which falls within the Yelavali village boundaries. Yelavali villagers have shown an interest and need for it, but have asked for the forest department's (FD) help, without which they feel they will not be able to fulfill their responsibility of protecting the forests from outsiders. In the regular discussions some villagers shared that hunting of wild animals was fairly common in the sanctuary, particularly by outsiders coming from the Konkan (western) area. After much discussion, a decision was taken not to allow hunting of any kind within their forest boundaries. Subsequently, this decision and those related to protection of forests were conveyed to the neighbouring villages by participating and announcing in their village assembly meetings.

Presently the villagers are preparing to claim their forest as Community Forest Resource (CFR), a provision under the Scheduled Tribe & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. This would ensure them the legal right to conserve and manage their forests. According to villagers the management of the CFR by such a small village would not be easy and they would require adequate support from the forest department. A few meetings between the FD and the villagers were organised by us to discuss this issue.

These issues were also discussed by us with Mr. Pravin Pardeshi, Secretary (Forests), Government of Maharashtra, during correspondence on the Joint Forest Management (JFM) programme & the Forest Rights Act (FRA). Through this correspondence, we could convey our views, concerns & suggestions based on local experiences about the effectiveness & lacunae of the new JFM scheme & Government Resolution within the purview of Forest Rights Act (FRA). This led to some positive initiatives for the forest department, including a suggestion that villagers in Yelavali along with filing for CFRs could get into an agreement with the forest department towards implementing eco-development in this area.

Mr Pardeshi and Mr Rao (CCF Wildlife, Pune) visited the village on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and held discussions with the villagers. The meeting was facilitated by Kalpavriksh. Villagers expressed a desire to enter into an agreement with the forest department if certain conditions and a Terms of Reference were agreed upon. The conditions included number of issues such as: all decisions regarding the scheme to be discussed and decided in the village assembly meetings; all financial decisions should also be taken in these meetings; regular meetings would be organised and minutes maintained.

Many meetings were facilitated by KV between January and March 2012 to facilitate the process of micro-plan preparation. A detailed micro-plan was eventually prepared, mutually agreed upon and signed by the villagers and the forest department. The programme is currently under progress and some of the activities include:

*a. Livelihood generation through eco-tourism*

Villagers have been receiving some tourists and feel that regulated tourism can be a good source of income for them. They intend develop a low cost and environment friendly eco-tourism centre, with all basic amenities such as an energy efficient stove, solar electricity, energy efficient (biomass based) water boiler, tents and so on. The local youth will take the tourists for nature trails and wildlife viewing. Towards this end some meetings were organised by KV between the villagers and Peeyush Sekhsaria, an architect who helped them free of charge.

*b. Increasing fuel efficiency and reducing fire wood consumption*

Reduction in current consumption of firewood would help villagers reduce drudgery as well as reduce pressure on the surrounding forests. Each household plans to switch to chulhas (stoves developed by ARTI) and water boilers which are energy efficient and are likely to reduce fuelwood consumption by 28-30%.

*c. Office space and community hall*

Villagers feel a need for community space where official documents can be stored and meetings can be organised. This will be constructed along with the tourist centre and may also function as the village school (for which presently there is no allocated space).

*d. Documenting cultural and biological diversity in the village, using it for better management and regular social and ecological monitoring.*

A group of youth and women from the community are very keen to put together a community biodiversity and cultural document and carry out the necessarily studies that are required for the same. This they feel will help them monitor the health of their forests and hence work towards its betterment. They also want to develop a process of community biodiversity monitoring. This will be initiated under this programme.

*e. Training and capacity building*

A need for training in cultivation, processing and marketing of medicinal plants (including some which will be exclusively home grown) was felt and hence included in the micro-plan. In addition, provision was also included for training in tourism and bio-cultural documentation. It is hoped that these would lead towards widening the livelihood options for the people while reducing pressure from the surrounding forests.

*f. Plantations and developing wildlife habitat*

To improve wildlife habitat they felt a need to restrict grazing & human activities in certain parts of the forest, and also follow a rotational grazing system. They also decided to plant some local fruit & fodder trees in the forest to increase food availability for the animals.

*g. Wildlife protection & management activities*

Haven taken the decision to neither allow hunting nor support it in any manner, the villagers have been monitoring their forests regularly and have managed to stop hunting by outside groups. Hunting by villagers themselves has totally been stopped.

**5. Biodiversity awareness**

Environment education programmes have been initiated in the primary schools of Bhorgiri & Yelavali 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. Two local youths have been trained to conduct these workshops in local schools (This is in coordination with the Bhimashankar Environment Education programme).

On the 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2010 a group of 3 women and 3 men from Yelavali & gramsevakas of Bhorgiri & Bhomale villages visited Shiswad Bio-Diversity festival organized by WOTR organization in Shiswad village, in Akole Taluka of Ahmednagar District. The exposure visit helped in exchange of experience and learning, particularly linking of biodiversity conservation with local mobilisation, cultural revival and sustainable livelihoods. As an outcome, with the help of forest department, some youth from Yelavali village took part in the biodiversity exhibition held in February 2012 at Garware College, Pune, in which they displayed & sold medicinal plants & displayed a poster of their local biodiversity.

**6. Preplanning of training programme:**

In order to ensure that the efforts being taken up in Yelavali also get replicated to some extent in other surrounding villages, we realize it is important to connect with the existing political and administrative structures in Bhimashankar area. Therefore, we have been conducting meetings with the Block Development Officer (BDO - Administrative head of the Block Panchayat) and discussing the possibilities of organising a legal training workshop for members of the Panchayat Samiti, Block office, local panchayats, and other villages.

### 7. *Windmills, PA and FRA*

Andhra Wind Power Project, being developed by an Indo-German company Enercon-India, has started erecting windmills in an ecologically sensitive area within 5 km radius of Bhimashankar wildlife sanctuary. We accompanied Dr. Madhav Gadgil & other experts to investigate enviro-legal issues in this project. We have sent letters to the Ministry of Environment & Forests (Government of India), Secretary (Forests), Maharashtra, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (GoI), Tribal Commissioner of Maharashtra & other concerned authorities of Maharashtra State in this respect. The focus of our submissions has been to highlight the faulty green signal given to this project bypassing ecological and forest rights issues.

**Alternative Conservation Plan for Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Sanctuary (BRTS)**  
**Coordinators:** Ashish Kothari, Sreetama Gupta Bhaya (till June) and Shiba Desor (July onwards)  
**Year of commencement:** 2010  
**Year of completion:** ongoing  
**Total funds sanctioned:** Voluntary; travel to site funded by local groups

#### Developments:

A workshop was organized by the Ashoka Trust for Research and Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Vivekanandanan Girijana Kalyana Kendra (VGKK), Kalpavriksh, and Zilla Budakattu Girijana Abhivruddhi Sangha (ZBGAS), to facilitate formation of a community conservation plan for BRTS by the Soligas adivasi community in July 2011. KV helped initiate, design, and facilitate the workshop. Soligas in many podus have recently been granted CFRs under FRA. Using financial support from the CFR Learning and Advocacy project, a case study on the process of rights recognition and post rights scenario in BRT has been undertaken (ATREE has taken up the responsibility of preparing a draft).

### IV. 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:

Rhesus macaque behavioral studies completed, 110 hours of field work conducted over one year.

Community engagement completed, 60 households interviewed.

Analysis of field data and community engagement completed. Project findings compiled including learnings from engagement with Himachal Forest Dept.

Shared with KV internal team and Jardhargaon.

Engaged with Uttarakhand Forest Department in order to organise a workshop to discuss and decide on the next steps.

## **V. Research and Advocacy on Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas**

### **Community Conserved Areas in India**

**Coordinator:** Neema Pathak Broome

**Team:** Ashish Kothari, Milind Wani

**Year of commencement and completion:** ongoing

**Total funds sanctioned:** Voluntary

#### **Developments:**

Specific legal and other inputs were made to a few CCAs in Assam including on some specific actions that they needed to undertake.

Support was extended to Mendha-Lekha in its struggle to gain control over bamboo in their community forest. Contacts were re-established with CCAs in Nagaland, and discussions are ongoing for possible support for management planning in one of the CCA clusters.

### **Askot-Nandadevi Landscape Level Participatory Conservation**

**Team:** Neema Pathak Broome and Ashish Kothari

**Year of commencement:** 2010

**Year of completion:** ongoing

**Total funds sanctioned:** Voluntary, travel and other expenses provided by the local groups and Wildlife Institute of India

#### **Developments**

A meeting was organized at Joshimath in Uttarkhand together with the Wildlife Institute of India, Alliance for Development, and the Biosphere Reserve authorities, to discuss the possibilities of landscape level conservation between Nandadevi Biosphere Reserve and Askot sanctuary with the involvement of van panchayats located in and around these PAs. The meeting, held on 28-29<sup>th</sup> April 2011, was attended by villagers from 5 villages primarily impacted by the declaration of the national park, the forest department, the state level van panchayat network and concerned local NGOs. A number of issues were brought up, discussed and an attempt was made to resolve a few with the forest department. Among the recommendations was to implement the Forest Rights Act in the villages with help from the participating groups, to focus Biosphere Reserve and eco-development money in the most impacted villages, and other such steps. The local groups committed to take the process forward. We continue to be in touch with the groups and provide inputs as required. A report of the meeting was prepared with all the recommendations and circulated to relevant actors; required documents were also sent and an article was written about Lata village and conservation and development issues faced by it (see list of Articles). A draft note on possible institutional structures for participatory governance of the biosphere reserve, was prepared and circulated for comments.

A similar consultation was then organised for the Askot Sanctuary area, along with Himal Prakriti, the Forest Department and Wildlife Institute of India. Held on 17-18<sup>th</sup> March 2012, it was attended by Van Panchayat sarpanches and members, other community representatives, senior forest officials and ground level staff, and local civil society organizations. Frank discussions were held on the ongoing BCRLIP project, on threats from dams and other 'development' projects, and other key issues relating to the Askot landscape. Amongst the key recommendations was one to make the BCRLIP project details available in simple form and in Hindi to villagers, to set up a team to conduct consultations across the region, and to formulate strategies through this for conservation and people's livelihoods. A meeting with Van Panchayats had been organised by Himal Prakriti a day earlier, to familiarize them with the Forest Rights Act, and its implementation formed a part of the Askot consultation.



**Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas in East and South Asia****Coordinators:** Neema Pathak Broome**Team:** Ashish Kothari, Milind Wani, Seema Bhatt, Partners from the South Asian countries.**Year of commencement:** First phase 2008 to 2011 (on behalf of UNDP SGP). Second phase commenced in October 2011 (on behalf of ICCA Consortium)**Year of completion:** First phase ended in 2011. Second phase to go on till 2014**Total funds sanctioned/remaining:** Rs.5,00,000 (for a publication on CCAs in South Asia). US\$ 4800 per year for regional coordination of CCA activities in East and South Asia.**Funding agencies:** ICCA Consortium**Developments:**

Report of the project on supporting and recognizing CCAs in South Asia was finalized and submitted to UNDP along with recommendations.

Recommendations and inputs were in particular made to the recipients of and coordinators for UNDP small grants programme.

The publication on CCAs in South Asia was finalized and given for editing.

Inputs were provided for amendments in Bangladesh wildlife protection act on inclusion of CCAs in an appropriate manner. Inputs were also provided on community conservation programme in the Sundarbans to be supported by Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh. Contact was maintained with partners in Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan, for possible renewal of joint activity in the near future.

Initiated work on a case study on India for a comprehensive publication on the Recognition and Support of ICCAs, to be published by the CBD Secretariat as part of its Technical Series. Parallel to the above, a case study on India was initiated as part of a global study of Legal Recognition of ICCAs (see below for more details).

This phase focused on informing groups and individuals about ICCA Consortium and seeking membership. Invitations have been sent to about 5 groups, who are keen to become members but have not yet had time to send an introductory write up.

The regular correspondence and support to CCAs in India, Taiwan, Nepal and Bangladesh continued. Nepal process seems to be moving largely on its own because of support from other consortium members and the local ICCA network.

A plan of action as a run up towards CBD has been worked out which includes a couple of preparatory meetings and participation of CCA representatives in CoP 11; in collaboration with other members of the consortium developed a matrix of events, actions and responsibilities towards CoP 11; organised meetings with UNDP India representatives to explore possibilities of collaboration with them (minutes of the meeting attached). Held e-mail correspondence with ICSF on a joint event on Marine ICCAs during CoP11; discussions with the Ministry of Environment and Forests, GEF-SGP, WWF-India, National Biodiversity Authority in May.

## **VI. Research and Advocacy on Biodiversity Act**

### **Campaign for Conservation and Community Control over Biodiversity**

**Coordination:** Kanchi Kohli with Shalini Bhutani

**Year or commencement and completion:** Ongoing

### **Briefing Paper on ABS and Nagoya Protocol:**

Year of commencement and completion: February 2011 to June 2011

Funds Sanctioned: Rs.1,80,000

Funding agency: WWF India

### **Study on Access and Benefit Sharing**

Year of commencement and completion: January 2012-April 2012 (first phase)

Funds Sanctioned: Rs.5,30,000

Funding agency: SwissAid

### **Study on Conservation of the Commons and BMCs**

Year of commencement and completion: October 2011 to September 2012

Funds Sanctioned: Rs.3,35,000

Funding agency: Foundation for Ecological Security

### **Part funding from Biodiversity and Environment Campaign (AID College Park)**

#### **Developments:**

The period saw some continuation of existing campaign activities as well as newer research and writing possibilities. The team regularly responded to requests for information, presentations etc on the issue of Biodiversity and the implementation of the Biodiversity Act, especially in the light of the declaration of Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS) in different sites. A presentation was also made on the Biodiversity (BD) Act on request of Swissaid for their partner organisations in September 2011. Some specific activities have been elaborated below.

**Meeting on Ecologically Sensitive Areas and Biodiversity Heritage Sites** (update in Section 4: Environment and Development)

#### **Briefing note on Access and Benefit Sharing and the Nagoya Protocol**

As part of the Kalpavriksh involvement in the Indian National Forum on CBD (see next section for details), the team put together a briefing paper titled **Chasing Benefits: A post-Nagoya Protocol view on Access and Benefit Sharing**, written jointly by Kanchi Kohli and Shalini Bhutani. It talks about Issues on Access to Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge with reference to India's Biodiversity Regime. The paper was printed in both english and hindi and disseminated thereafter in May-June 2011.

#### **Participation in Indian National Forum on CBD (INFC)**

As India is hosting the next Conference of Parties (CoP) 11 on the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in October 2012, there has been an effort by some national and regional groups to come together as a forum and raise people's issues collectively prior to and during the COP-MOP. Members of the Campaign have been actively participating in the activities of the Indian National Forum on CBD (INFC). Both have also been part of conceptualising and organising of thematic meetings on marine diversity and agro biodiversity.

**Right to Information**

Right to Information applications were filed on issues on Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) and Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) under the Biological Diversity Act. These were to form part of the ongoing analysis as well as be the basis of the proposed studies on BMCs which were being envisaged for the next round of work in the year.

**Studies on Biodiversity Management Committees**

From September 2011, the campaign team has initiated a study on the status of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) in the state of Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand. While these states are being looked at for indepth analysis, they will be located in the overall context of the implementation of the BD Act, 2002 in India and the status of BMCs across the country. Additional funding has also been sought to cover other states of the country.

**Study on Access and Benefit Sharing**

From January 2012, the team members have initiated a study on the experience and scope of Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) within and outside the framework of the BD Act at the national level. As part of this study there will be several field visits undertaken and also discussions with people who have been looking closely at the ABS issues. The final outcomes will include an overall analysis, four thematic papers and an interim workshop.

**Biodwatch**

Biodwatch, the list serve on issues and updates related to the design and implementation of the BD Act continued during this period as well. [Biodwatch@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Biodwatch@yahoogroups.com)

**VII. Advocacy on Andaman and Nicobar Islands****Andaman Case**

**Coordinator:** Pankaj Sekhsaria

**Year of commencement:** 1998

**Year of completion:** Ongoing

**Funding:** Nil

**Funds Sanctioned:** Nil

**Developments:**

- Ongoing co-ordination and moderating of the andamanicobar yahooogroup
- RTI was filed in June 2011 before the Planning Commission seeking information on closure of Andaman Trunk Road as per Supreme Court orders of May 2002. Reply was received in July from the Planning Commission. The RTI had been forwarded to the A&N Admin and their reply was in turn forwarded to us
- A legal notice was also sent to the A&N Admin in June, 2011 asking why legal proceedings should not be initiated for non-implementation of SC orders for closure of the Andaman Trunk Road.

## VIII. Documentation and Dissemination

### Protected Area Update (PA Update)

**Coordinator:** Pankaj Sekhsaria

**Year of commencement:** 1994

**Year of completion:** Ongoing

**Funding:** Rs.4,00,000 (approx)

**Funds Sanctioned:**

- Rs.3,00,000 – Foundation for Ecological Security and Duleep Matthai Trust
- Rs.1,00,000 (approx) – Donations and Subscriptions

### Developments :

- Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XVII, No. 2, April 2011 (No. 90)
- Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XVII, No. 3, June 2011 (No. 91)
- Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XVII, No. 4, August 2011 (No. 92)
- Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XVII No. 5, October 2011 (No. 93)
- Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XVII No. 6, December 2011 (No. 94)
- Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XVIII No. 1, February 2012 (No. 95)

### Documentation Centre

**Coordinator:** Milind Wani

**Team:** Ujwala Nalawade, Pradeep Chavan, Subhash Dolas, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Vikal Samdariya.

**Support-team:** Neema Pathak Broome, Meenakshi Kapoor, Seema Bhatt, Pankaj Sekhsaria, Ashish Kothari.

**Year of commencement for Phase II:** May 2008

**Year of completion for Phase II:** October 2011

**Total funds sanctioned:** EUR 75,000

**Year of commencement for Phase III:** November 2011

**Year of completion for Phase III:** October 2014

**Total funds sanctioned (3 years):** EUR 80,000

**Funding agency:** Misereor (Germany)

### Developments:

1. Production and Printing of English and Hindi versions of *People In Conservation (Pastoral issue)*
2. Production and Printing of English and Hindi versions of Legislation brief - Recognition of rights and relocation.
3. Translation, Production, Printing and dissemination of Oriya versions of three legislation briefs
4. Had submitted proposal for phase III of documentation center in September 2011. This was in continuation to the earlier phase. Proposal had a component of documentation and outreach. Additionally, for phase III, a component for capacity building in relevant laws and policies in the Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary (BWLS) was also proposed. Proposal was accepted and project for phase III commenced as on November 2011.
5. Production and printing of English and Hindi versions of *People In Conservation (Agrobiodiversity issue)*
6. Production of Lizard book was delayed for various reasons. It is expected to be out in July 2012.

7. Initiation of work on capacity building of community people in 4 villages in the Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary.

## IX. Global Networking

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

**Coordinators:** Ashish Kothari and Neema Pathak Broome

**Year of commencement and completion:** ongoing since late 1990s

**Total funds sanctioned/remaining:** Rs.5,33,906

**Funding agency:** ICCA Consortium (with funds from The Christensen Fund, and UNDP/SGP)

#### **Developments:**

Over the last few years KV has been centrally involved in founding a global network of organizations working in/on Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCAs). In 2010 this was formally established as the ICCA Consortium ([www.iccaconsortium.org](http://www.iccaconsortium.org)), and registered in Switzerland.

As a founding member and with representation on its steering committee, KV actively participated in developing a proposal, action plan and strategy for the Consortium for the next few years. This includes specific actions for regional work to take the international ICCA recognition achievements to regional and national levels as also to plan for the upcoming CBD CoP11. Inputs were also made to develop an Alert Mechanism for threats to ICCAs, and the Consortium communications strategy.

KV also initiated the process of preparing a comprehensive publication on the Recognition and Support of ICCAs, to be published by the CBD Secretariat as part of its Technical Series. The work has involved preparing the study report outline, methodological notes, case study templates, and author guidelines, selection of countries and reviewers, all in consultation with a team from the ICCA Consortium; subsequently, commissioning and editing country case studies, and drafting the overview report.

Parallel to the above, KV has been involved as a partner to Natural Justice, in coordinating a global study of Legal Recognition of ICCAs. This has included help in designing the study and its methodology, choosing the case studies, and other inputs.

Preparations were made for a retreat and the AGM of the Consortium held in Indonesia in October.

Presentations and exercises were conducted at a workshop (August 23-25) in Taitung, Taiwan, on Governance of Protected Areas, Co-management, and ICCAs. This was for officials of the national protected area and forest agencies, NGOs and community members. Specific action plans were drawn for documentation, support and training for ICCAs in Taiwan and participation of representatives from Taiwan to CBD in India. The workshop was organized by the National Taiwan University, Tamkang University, Forest Bureau of Taiwan, Taipei Municipal University of Education, ICCA Consortium and IUCN/TILCEPA. A meeting was organized by Tao Foundation (a Foundation of Indigenous Communities inhabiting the island of Lanyu or Orchid Island), who want to declare their area an ICCA, during a field visit to the island by KV members. KV has continued providing inputs to plans of the Tao people on ICCA declaration and autonomy.

Initial preparations began for the Consortium's involvement in CBD-related processes leading up to the 11<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties (Hyderabad, October 2012).

In addition, KV provided inputs to

- a letter from the Consortium to James Anaya, UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples, regarding importance of ICCAs
- framing a Security Index for ICCAs
- a note on collaboration between Consortium and CBD Secretariat
- a note on collaboration between Consortium and Sacred Natural Sites Initiative
- the planning of events to be held at Rio+20

Regular contributions are being made to the Consortium newsletter

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

**Coordinator:** Ashish Kothari

**Team:** Sheetal Joshi

**Year of commencement:** 2007

**Year of completion:** 2012

**Total funds sanctioned:** SE K 500,000 (the funds received were meant exclusively for the activities of the Alliance, not for KV, other than 10% overheads)

**Funding agency:** SwedBio

**Developments:**

KV continued to play the financial and administrative host of the Alliance. It took part in a global evaluation of the Alliance. After the CBD CoP10, it has also 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 Protected Areas, Governance and Equity)**

Members involved: Neema Pathak Broome and Ashish Kothari

**Developments:**

KV continues to provide inputs to the discussions within and activities of TILCEPA, including the development of its strategic plans. A workshop on PA Governance in Taiwan was conducted on behalf of TILCEPA and other organizations (see above, Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas Globally).

**X Miscellaneous**

Inputs were provided to a number of other C&L related processes by other organizations and individuals, including:

1. Inputs to Pramod Patil for the Nanaj community-based bustard conservation process in Maharashtra (mid-2011)
2. Comments on MoEF's draft Guidelines on Leopard-Human conflicts (April 2011)
3. A discussion note for civil society groups working on the use of the Supreme Court judgement on Commons
4. Inputs on traditional knowledge and ICCAs to UNEP's Global Biodiversity Outlook
5. Comments on the Khau Ca (Vietnam) Co-management Regulations draft, to John Parr, Flora and Fauna International

6. Comments on Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh proposal on co-management of Sundarbans, Bangladesh
7. Inputs to volume on wildlife values of Protected Landscapes, as part of editorial team for series of books on Protected Landscapes, being produced by IUCN and others
8. Comments on proposed revisions to IFS syllabus (November 2011)
9. Inputs to draft Bustard Recovery Action Plan (MoEF/BNHS etc)
10. Inputs to Survival International on proposed involvement in protected area and indigenous peoples issues in India
11. Inputs to drafting policy note on access to DNA from fauna collections of Bombay Natural History Society
12. Inputs to recommendations on conservation, for BNHS book on Threatened Birds
13. Comments on draft module for participatory snow leopard conservation, by Nature Conservation Foundation
14. Comments on Florican status document, WII

#### **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>

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

#### **Funding Agencies:**

##### **Biodiversity and Environment Campaign (AID College Park)**

- Year of commencement: 2011
- Year of completion: Ongoing
- Fund sanctioned: Rs.3,13,500

##### **Saathiship for Manju Menon (AID Austin)**

- Year of commencement: 2011
- Year of completion: March, 2012
- Fund sanctioned: Rs.2,99,200

##### **RTI Clearing House (AID Bay Area)**

- Year of commencement: 2011
- Year of completion: ongoing
- Fund sanctioned: Rs.2,65,042

##### **India's Domestic Regulation and Climate Change (Heinrich Boll Foundation)**

- Year of commencement: 2010
- Year of completion: September, 2011
- Fund sanctioned: Rs.5,76,500

##### **Study on CAMPA and NPV (WWF-India)**

- Year of commencement: 2011
- Year of completion: July, 2011
- Fund sanctioned: Rs.1,45,000

**Follow up study on ESA (Duleep Mathai Nature Conservation Trust)**

- Year of commencement: 2011
- Year of completion: July, 2012
- Fund sanctioned: Rs.75,000

**Advocacy related to Important Bird Areas and development threats in Northeast India (Bombay Natural History Society and Royal Society for Protection of Birds)**

- Year of commencement: 2011
- Year of completion: March 2012
- Funds sanctioned: Rs.3,13, 906

**Advocacy related to ecological and socio-cultural impacts of dams in Northeast India (Individual donations)**

- Year of commencement: 2011
- Year of completion: March 2012
- Funds sanctioned: Rs.64,000

**Development in mentioned period:**

**I. 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 with local groups and individuals on specific queries and strategy inputs, including enviro-legal advocacy. Some specific areas of intervention and interactions are mentioned below.

- **Policy level intervention**

Kalpavriksh co-organised a meeting on 'Conserving The Eco-Cultural Landscapes Of Odisha: A Meeting to Discussion Legal Options of ESAs and Heritage Sites' in collaboration with Living Farms, an NGO working on agrobiodiversity and commons issues in Odisha. It was held on 3rd and 4th July 2011 in Bhubaneswar [Also relevant to the section on Campaign for Conservation and Community Control over Biodiversity]. Team members have also regularly written articles on environment policy matters in mainstream newspapers.

- **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), National Environment Assessment and Management Authority (NEAMA) and also on the revised Coastal Management Zone notification finalised by the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF).



- **Presentations and Lectures**

The team members regularly made presentations and lectured on request of universities and other research organizations/NGOs. These were part of training programs as well as issue based meetings organised by different organizations. The audience ranged from students to regulators/policy makers, engineers, community organisers as well as media people.

- **Regional and issue based support**

Regional support work continued at various levels. Support continued through support letters, RTI applications, appeals and legal interventions with respect to environmental issues in Himachal Pradesh, Mundra coast in Gujarat, POSCO issue in Odisha, Sikkim Dams and coastal issues for the fishworker groups.

## **II. Research Studies**

### **a) Study on India's Domestic Forest Regulation and Climate Change**

The project supported by Heinrich Boll Foundation (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 this period included an in-depth analysis of information collected through primary and secondary sources and directly from the field. The study was finalized and released during this year along with two policy briefing papers on India's Green Mission and Compensatory Afforestation. A comprehensive dissemination process was carried out after release of the report and papers in the month of September 2011. The study was titled, *"Banking on Forests: Assets for a Climate Cure"*, and around 400 copies have been disseminated at both the national and international level. An article based on 'Banking on Forests' was published in the Monthly Bulletin of the World Rainforest Movement and findings of study were cited by mainstream media (e.g. Hindustan Times, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011).

### **b) Ecological Sensitive Areas (ESA) Follow Up Study**

Following up from the Kalpavriksh study report on Ecologically Sensitive Areas (*Ecologically Sensitive Areas- The story so far...*), an extension study was initiated in early 2010. The study concentrated 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 past year has been extremely eventful for ESAs and keeping pace with the rapid developments around ESAs, the report of the study was updated from time to time. The final report, thus prepared, has been edited and is in the last stages of being printed. The report is expected to be ready for dissemination by July 2012. The printing and dissemination of the report will be carried out in 2012.

### **c) Study on CAMPA and NPV**

The team (along with Kalpavriksh member Sreetama Guptabhaya) 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 and ended on June 2011. Copies were sent out to the MoEF, State Forest Departments and several other institutions and research organisations working on forestry issues. Approximately 200 copies were sent to WWF who have further disseminated it in their network including to all DFOs from three states. During the course of the year around 450 hard copies have been disseminated.

#### **d) Briefing Papers**

As part of the ongoing work two briefing papers were also put together by team members. These are titled:

- Kalpavriksh. 2011. Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value Payments for Diversion of Forest Land in India, Kalpavriksh and Heinrich Boll Foundation (HBF), New Delhi
- Kohli K and Menon M. 2011. Loss or Gain All the Same: The National Mission for a Green India, Kalpavriksh and Heinrich Boll Foundation (HBF), New Delhi

These are available on the Kalpavriksh website.

#### **III. RTI Clearing House Project:**

Kalpavriksh's efforts to carry out its own Right to Information (RTI) related work as well as act as a support to other groups for filing RTI Applications continued this year. An updated website for the RTI Clearing House is in place (<http://environment-rti.org/>) and we have requested other organisations to use this platform for further dissemination of information they have collected through RTI.

During 2011-12, 72 RTI applications have been filed by the Environment and Development (E&D) team under Right to Information Clearing House Project. The E&D team has been working with local groups who work on environment and development issues, as a part of which 14 RTI applications have also been filed on their behalf. These applications were related to agriculture, biodiversity, hydro electric projects and mining. The team has also been assisting individuals inside and outside Kalpavriksh to file RTI applications when approached for assistance.

Specific RTIs related to implementation of specific legislations/bodies were filed: Biological Diversity Act, 2002 along with functions of State Biodiversity Board, Ecological Sensitive Areas (under Environment Protection Act, 1986), National Board on Wild Life (NBWL), Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and Compensatory Afforestation and Fund Management and planning Authority (CAMPA). A collaboration has also been initiated with <http://mapunity.in/>, who are helping make the RTI website more user-friendly and accessible.

#### **IV. Advocacy related to ecological and socio-cultural impacts of hydropower projects in Northeast India**

Kalpavriksh has been closely engaged with highlighting the social and environmental aspects of large dams in the ecologically and culturally sensitive Northeast India since 2001. The current engagement on the issue of dams in Northeast India 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 year the focus was primarily on the downstream impacts of hydropower projects on communities and sensitive ecosystems in the Brahmaputra floodplains and provision of technical support to enviro-legal advocacy by local groups on the same.

In this year (2011-12), presentations were made within the Northeast on environmental governance issues related to dams in Northeast India in June 2011, July 2011, August 2011, October 2011, November 2011, December 2011 and February 2012 (listing in Part C of Annual Report). Neeraj also authored a chapter on 'Dams and Environmental Governance in Northeast India' for the India Infrastructure Report 2011 which had a thematic focus on water.

## PART B: Publications

### 1 KV Publications:

#### i. Books:

Parbat ka pret, Hindi translation by Tultul Biswas of the book Ghost of the Mountains by Sujatha Padmanabhan, published by Eklavya, Snow Leopard Conservancy-India Trust and Kalpavriksh

#### ii. Legislation briefs:

Guptabhaya, S. and Pathak, N. 2011. *Status of Rights Recognition and Pre- Conditions for Relocation in Critical Tiger Habitat as Specified by The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act (FRA) 2006 (FRA) and Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Act (WLPA), 2006*

#### iii. Newsletters

*PA Update* Vol XVII, No. 2, April 2011 (No. 90)  
*PA Update* Vol XVII, No. 3, June 2011 (No. 91)  
*PA Update* Vol XVII, No. 4, August 2011 (No. 92)  
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*People in Conservation*, Pastoral Issue, May 2011  
*People in Conservation*, Agrobiodiversity Issue, December 2011

#### iv. Reports

Vasundhara & Kalpavriksh. 2012. A National Report on Community Forest Rights under Forest Rights Act: Status and Issues. (In Press)

### 2 Unpublished Reports:

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## Part C: Chronology of Events (including field trips/meetings/presentations/talks)

### April 2011

- 1: Tele-lecture on Forest Rights Act to students of Rajiv Gandhi School of Law, IIT Kharagpur (Ashish)
- 13: Presentation on Globalisation at Symbiosis Mass Communication Institute, Pune (Ashish)
- 20-21: Skype participation in workshop on ICCA Registry, Cambridge, UK (Ashish, Neema)
- 22: Discussion in Bhimashankar for medicinal plant conservation with Oikos and KV team (Neema and Pradeep C)
- 24: Visit to Bhimashankar Sanctuary, forest lunch and distribution of solar lamps (Ashish, Neema, Pradeep C)
- 28-29: Organising of Consultation on Nandadevi-Askot Landscape, Joshimath, Uttarakhand, with WII, Alliance for Development, and Forest Dept (Ashish and Neema)
- 29-30: Participation in 'Workshop on downstream impacts of dams in the Western Ghats region' co-organised by the Save Western Ghats Movement and International Rivers from April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. (Neeraj)

### May 2011

- 4: Public meeting on Forest Rights Act, Lata village, Uttarakhand (Ashish, Neema)
- 20: Presentation on Critical Wildlife Habitats, at BNHS, Mumbai (Ashish)
- 29-31: Implementation of Forest Rights Act and its implementation in Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary in Rajasthan. A training programme for local Panchayat members organised by Lok Pashu Palak Sansthan (LPPS). (Neema and Milind)

### June 2011

- 9-11: Participation in National Seminar on *"Development, Conflict and Democratic Governance: India's Experience in the North-East"* held in Shillong by the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), North Eastern Regional Centre, Shillong in collaboration with the Council for Social Development (CSD). A presentation was made on *'Dams and Conflicts in Northeast India'*. (Neeraj)
- 13: Field trip to Mulshi taluka of Pune district for identification of biodiversity important areas for inclusion in INTACH list of Natural Heritage Sites. Organised by INTACH (Neema, Pradeep C)
- 15-22: Fieldtrip to Sikkim for follow-up with local groups on issues related to environmental and social impacts of hydropower projects in Sikkim (Neeraj)
- 16: Meeting with Deepak Apte, BNHS, regarding CBD Alliance and Konkan power projects, Pune (several KV members)
- 24-26: Participation as a resource person in workshop on issues associated with dams in the Brahmaputra valley organised by the North East Affected Area Development Society (NEADS) in Rupai, Tinsukia district, Assam. (Neeraj)
- 28: Cultivation of medicinal plants in Yelavali village Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary (Neema and Pradeep)

### July 2011

- 6: General presentation on environmental issues and wildlife conservation and the Xavier Institute of Business Management, XIMB, Bhubaneswar (Pankaj)
- 9: Participation in panel discussion on Forest Rights Act, organised by Jividha, Pune (Ashish)
- 12-13: Organising of workshop on Community Based Conservation of Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple (BRT) Sanctuary and Tiger Reserve, at BRT, Karnataka, with ATREE, VGKK, and ZBGAS; presentation on global conservation paradigms (Ashish, Shiba)
- 13-14: Presentation in Guwahati at an orientation workshop for journalists of the English and language media in the Northeast who had been selected for a Panos South Asia media fellowship on the issue of dams and development. (Neeraj)
- 15: Presentation at a state-level workshop on dams held in Golaghat (Upper Assam) by the Assam College Teachers Associations' (DR College unit) in collaboration with two NGOs - Vox Populi and NEADS. (Neeraj)
- 21: Meeting with Minister for Tribal Affairs, re. CFRs, Delhi (Ashish)
- 21: Participation in KV meeting on forests/climate/Green India mission, Delhi (Ashish)
- 22: Presentation in civil society orientation programme on the issue of downstream impacts of dams organised by the conservation organisation, Aaranyak, in Guwahati. (Neeraj)

### August 2011

- 9-11: Participation in 'Dialogue on mainstreaming river basin planning' organised in Delhi by River Research Centre, Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment, Gomukh Environmental Trust for Sustainable Development, Manthan Adhyayan Kendra and International Rivers (South Asia). Neeraj made a presentation on '*Cumulative Impact Assessment in River Basin Planning*'. (Neeraj, Kanchi and Manju).
- 23-25: Organising Workshop on Protected Area Governance, Co-management, and ICCAs, with Taiwan Forest Bureau and others, Taitung, Taiwan (Ashish and Neema)
- 26-30: Visits to ICCA sites in Taiwan, including Duli, and Lanyu Island (Ashish and Neema)
- 30: Presentation made at a large-scale orientation programme on the impacts of dams organised by the All Assam Students Union (AASU). The programme was attended by members of 26 ethnic students unions in Assam. (Neeraj)

### September 2011

- 12: Meeting with Minister of Tribal Affairs on CFR actions, Delhi (Ashish and Shiba)
- 13-14: Northern Western Ghats network meetings, Pune (Pradeep C)
- 16-18: KV AGBM, Pachmarhi

### October 2011

- 2: Trip to Kaas plateau (Ashish)
- 2: In collaboration with Upper Assam based members of the Indian Bird Conservation Network a meeting of local conservationists was held at Dibru-Saikhowa National Park to discuss the impacts of proposed upstream dams on the Siang, Dibang and Lohit rivers on the park. (Neeraj)
- 4: Presentation on NE dams was made at Kakopathar, Tinsukia district, Assam in a meeting organised by local civil society groups - co-ordinated by the Moran Students Union. (Neeraj)
- 4-6: Participated in an environment educators' workshop organized by the Conservation Education Network in Sirsi, Karnataka (Sharmila)



- 6-11: Participation in ICCA Consortium steering committee meet, coordinators retreat, and visit to Subak agricultural system, Bali, Indonesia (Ashish and Neema)
- 12: Participation in ICCA Consortium General Assembly, Bogor, Indonesia
- 13-14: Participation in, and presentation on India ICCAs, at National Workshop on ICCAs, Indonesia (Ashish)
- 25-29: Visit to Khonoma, Tuophema, Sendenui (CCAs) in Nagaland (Ashish)

### November 2011

- 8-11: Field visit to Sariska villages undergoing relocation (Shiba)
- 16: Meeting with Minister of Environment and Forests about Joint Committee report on FRA (attended by Shiba)
- 18-20: Participation in conference on 'River Waters: Perspectives and Challenges for Asia' organised by the Foundation for Non-Violent Alternatives (FNVA) and India International Centre. Neeraj made a presentation on '*Dams and Environmental Governance in Northeast India*'. (Neeraj)
- 21-22: Participation in National Consultation on Community management of forests (organized by CSD and NFFPFW) (Shiba, Kanchi)
- 23: Talk given to project partners of Terre Des Hommes in Pune on "Working with children on environmental concerns" (Sujatha)
- 21-28: Visit to Khumbu region and CCAs (Chomolongma/Everest), Nepal (Ashish)
- 30: Meeting with Nepalese NGOs regarding environmental education collaboration possibilities, Kathmandu (Ashish)

### December 2011

- 7-10: Coordination of session on protected area governance, and participation in Asian Regional Capacity Building Workshop on CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, Dehradun (Ashish)
- 8: Presentation on biodiversity at Dolphin Institute of Biomedical and Natural Sciences, Dehradun (Ashish)
- 8: Meeting with WII scientists regarding Askot-Nandadevi landscape consultations process, Dehradun (Ashish)
- Participated in YETI (Young Ecologists Talk and Interact) conference held in IIT, Guwahati. Neeraj was part of a panel discussion on Water ecosystems and made a presentation on '*Dams and the Brahmaputra floodplains*'. (Neeraj)
- 17: Organising national brainstorming meeting on Community Forest Rights, with Vasundhara, in Delhi (Ashish, Shiba)
- 20-24: Field visit for CFR study to Odisha under CFRLA project (Shiba)
- 24: Birding trip in Pune (Ashish)

### January 2012

- 1: Birding trip to Veer Dam, near Pune (Ashish)
- 1-6: Sariska field visit (Shiba)
- 9-17: Understanding implementation of Forest Rights Act 2006 in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra. OXFAM- Vasudhara and Kalpavriksh supported. (Neema)
- 20: Lecture on globalisation and land, at St. Andrews College, Mumbai (Ashish)
- 22: Birding at CME, Pune (Ashish)
- 27-28: Trip to Bhimashankar Sanctuary, meeting at Yelavali village, birding (Ashish)

## February 2012

- 1: Trip to Yelavali village, Bhimashankar Sanctuary, with Maharashtra Forest Secretary (Neema and Ashish)
- 2-3: Participated in workshop on 'Environmental Flows in Indian Rivers: Challenges and the way forward' organised by WWF – India (Neeraj)
- 5: Birding trip to Pashan Lake, Pune
- 11-13: Participated as a Member of Scientific Programme Committee in the National Conference on Biodiversity Assessment, Conservation and Utilisation. Organised by Abasaheb Garware College, Pune (Neema)
- 11: Visit to Kushalgadh in Sariska Tiger Reserve (Shiba)
- 13-15: Visit to Timbaktu Collective, Andhra Pradesh (Ashish)
- 17: Coordination meeting of Indian NGO Forum on CBD (INFC), Chennai (Ashish)
- 17: Co-organised an informal orientation session on the National Green Tribunal in Pune by environmental lawyer Ritwick Dutta. (Neeraj)
- 18: Presentation on CBD CoP at, and participation in, consultation on Marine Biodiversity, organised by Dakshin Foundation, NFF, and INFC, Chennai (Ashish)
- 20 to 24: Ri Gyancha refresher course for staff of Ecosphere held in Leh. (Sujatha)
- 23: Presentation on agrobiodiversity at Seminar on Agrobiodiversity: Our Collective Heritage, organised by CEE, UNDP/SGP and Richharia Campaign, Pune (Ashish)
- 27-28: Presentation on community forest rights at, and participation in, workshop on Natural Resource Management, organised by Oxfam, Delhi (Ashish, Shiba)

## March 2012

- 1,2: Participation in workshop on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas, organised by ICSF, Delhi (Shiba)
- 2: Presentation on PA governance, at workshop on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas, organised by ICSF, Delhi (Ashish)
- 3,4: Presentation and talk on People in Conservation for students of Ecological Society, Pune. (Neema)
- 8: Meeting in Gadchiroli between village representatives from villages which have claimed Community Forestry Rights under Forest Rights Act 2006, Forest Department Gadchiroli District, Forest Secretary Maharashtra, District Administration Gadchiroli and civil society representatives. (Neema)
- 9: Meeting with Kishore Chandra Deo, Minister for Tribal Affairs, Delhi (Ashish)
- 10-11: Presentation at, and organizing of, National Consultation on Community Forest Rights, with Vasundhar, Oxfam, and FES (Ashish, Shiba, Neema)
- 16: Organising consultation on FRA with Van Panchayat members and sarpanches, with Himal Prakriti, Munsiri, Uttarakhand (Ashish, Neema)
- 17-18: Organising consultation on Askot Landscape Conservation, with Forest Department, Himal Prakriti, WII (Ashish, Neema)
- 26-27: Participation in Northern Western Ghats network meetings held at Nasik (Pradeep)

## Part D: Letters

- 11 Apr: Letter to MoEF regarding Forest Dept refusal to give Mendha-Lekha bamboo permit (Ashish, Neema)
- 9 May: Letters of concern regarding proposed Auli Ski resort cable car extension (Ashish)
- 13 May: Letter to the commissioner of tribal affair in Nashik on lack of progress on FRA on Bhimashankar area (Neema, Pradeep)
- 20 July: Letter to Chief wildlife warden, Karnataka regarding attacks due to reintroduction of hand raised leopards in Bhadra and Bandipur (Shiba)
- 6 Sept: Letter and note on CFR actions to Minister of Tribal Affairs (Ashish, Shiba)
- 19 Sept: Letters to MoEF, MoTA, Tribal Commissioner Maharashtra, and Collector Pune District on 'Permission granted to Andhra Wind Power Project Enercon-India, Maharashtra, based on misrepresented facts and in violation of provisions of the Forest Rights Act 2006' (Neema, Saili, Pradeep).
- 23 Sept: Letter to Minister of Tribal Affairs regarding written certificates for forest diversion (Ashish, Shiba).

## Part E: List of Members

### Pune

Anchal Sondhi  
Anuradha Arjunwadkar  
Arshiya Bose  
Ashish Kothari  
Milind Wani  
Neema Pathak Broome  
Neeraj Vagholikar  
Pankaj Sekhsaria  
Pradeep Chavan  
Saili Palande  
Sharmila Deo  
Shantha Bhushan  
Sujatha Padmanabhan  
Sunita Rao  
Tasneem Balasinorwala  
Tejaswini Apte  
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### Delhi

Ajay Mahajan  
Divya Badami Rao  
Kanchi Kohli  
Krishnendu Bose  
Manju Menon  
Mashqura Fareedi  
Meenakshi Kapoor  
Nidhi Agarwal  
Prabhakar Rao  
Pratibha Pandey  
Pradeep Malhotra  
Rahul Priyadarshi  
Sanjay Sondhi  
Seema Bhatt  
Sreetama Guptabhaya  
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Vipul Sangoi  
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2. Maithili Erande
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Yogesh Wadadekar

#### c. Education

Sharmila Deo

#### d. North East Dams

1. Shantha Bhushan
2. Rahul Bapat
3. Sujatha Padmanabhan
4. Milind Badkundri
5. Shantha Bhushan
6. Rahul Bapat
7. Sujatha Padmanabhan
8. Milind Badkundri
9. Shantha Bhushan

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Amitav Ghosh

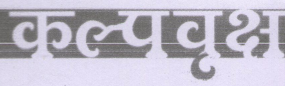

#### f. PA Update

1. Prachi Mehta
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12. Natural Justice
13. WWF
14. Snow Leopard Conservancy USA
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## Part G: Statement of Accounts

## Kalpavriksh Environment Action Group

**KALPAVRIKSH**  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH 2012



Figures in Rupees

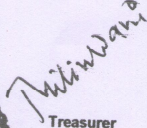
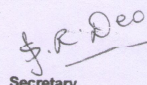
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	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>						
Grants utilised	709,608.64	8,035,012.70	8,744,621.34	477,028.00	12,556,351.50	13,033,379.50
Donations received	51,711.00	80,958.80	132,669.80	264,901.00	249,290.00	514,191.00
Fees from Activities	8,250.00		8,250.00	9,500.00		9,500.00
Income from publications	76,861.00		76,861.00			
Other Income						
Interest on savings and deposit accounts	80,487.00		80,487.00	64,606.00		64,606.00
Miscellaneous income						
Deferred Income (depreciation charged)	23,843.00		23,843.00	25,693.00		25,693.00
Sundry Balances w/off						
	104,330.00		104,330.00	90,209.00		90,209.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>950,760.64</b>	<b>8,115,971.50</b>	<b>9,066,732.14</b>	<b>841,728.00</b>	<b>12,805,641.50</b>	<b>13,647,369.50</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Staff Payments and Benefits	238,350.00	785,700.00	1,024,050.00	310,667.00	99,100.00	409,767.00
Professional fees	29,500.00	4,022,489.00	4,051,989.00	39,736.00	4,003,752.00	4,043,488.00
Administrative and General Expenses:						
Rent, rates and taxes	329,689.00	120,500.00	450,189.00	220,674.00	72,000.00	292,674.00
Communication expenses	76,661.21	129,148.00	205,809.21	92,452.82	163,812.00	256,264.82
Stationary	32,792.50	299,585.00	332,377.50	44,646.00	82,873.00	127,519.00
Electricity expenses	15,636.00		15,636.00	12,670.00		12,670.00
Travelling and conveyance expenses	6,569.00	445,808.00	452,377.00	7,212.00	1,918,737.50	1,925,949.50
Insurance charges						
Remuneration to Auditors	44,631.00	13,380.00	58,011.00	25,369.00		25,369.00
Others	138,857.52	2,293,525.50	2,432,383.02	161,868.00	1,267,375.00	1,429,243.00
Repairs and Maintenance						
Building						
Office Equipment		5,836.00	5,836.00			
Others	6,930.00		6,930.00	36,172.00		36,172.00
Depreciation for the year	23,843.00		23,843.00	25,693.00		25,693.00
Depreciation prior period						
Other expenses						
Write offs and provisions	3,661.75		3,661.75			
Miscellaneous expenses				65.00		65.00
CBD Alliance Expenditure					5,197,992.00	5,197,992.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>947,120.98</b>	<b>8,115,971.50</b>	<b>9,063,092.48</b>	<b>977,224.82</b>	<b>12,805,641.50</b>	<b>13,782,866.32</b>
<b>Excess of Income over expenditure</b>	<b>3,639.66</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,639.66</b>	<b>(135,496.82)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(135,496.82)</b>

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KALPAVRIKSH BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2012					
Figures in Rupees					
PARTICULARS	Sch No.	As At 31.03.2012	As At 31.03.2012	As At 31.03.2011	As At 31.03.2011
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>					
TRUST FUND			114,314.00		114,314.00
GENERAL FUND					
Opening balance (Administrative Fund)		2,130,308.68		2,265,805.00	
Opening balance (Income & Expenditure A/c)					
Add: Surplus for the year (Income & Expenditure A/c)		3,639.66		(135,496.82)	
Less: Transfer to restricted fund		-		-	
Less: Transfer to Deferred Income (Fixed Assets)		-		-	
Closing balance			2,133,948.34		2,130,308.18
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Conditional Donations and Grants	1		3,317,947.79		7,384,024.85
Deferred Income					
Transfer from General Fund		85,445.70		111,138.70	
Add: Deferred Income on Assets purchased					
Less: Transfer to Income & expenditure account-Depreciation		(23,843.00)		(25,692.00)	
Closing balance			61,602.70		85,446.70
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>5,627,812.83</b>		<b>9,714,093.73</b>
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>					
FIXED ASSETS	3		174,556.70		135,795.70
CURRENT ASSETS	4	5,810,617.98		9,703,095.70	
LOANS, ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS	4	168,412.75		212,687.25	
Less CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS	4	525,774.60		417,485.00	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			5,453,256.13		9,578,298.03
Notes to Accounts	5				
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>5,627,812.83</b>		<b>9,714,093.73</b>

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