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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 during group meetings and based on group consensus.

FUNCTIONING

- **Core functions**, which include general administration, website administration, finance, accounts and publications. These activities are largely handled at the Pune office.
- **Projects and activities are related to the following themes:**
 - Environment Education and Awareness
 - Environment and Development
 - Conservation and Livelihoods
 - Urban Environment
 - Alternatives



Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) was held at Magic Bus Centre for Learning in Karjat between 27 and 29 September 2014. Selection of the governing body (core group), the office bearers and financial auditor was done at this meeting.

- **Core group:** Anchal Sondhi, Meenakshi Kapoor, Manju Menon, Prabhakar Rao, Kanchi Kohli, Neeraj Vagholikar, Sharmila Deo, Pradeep Chavan, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Neema Pathak, Milind Wani.
- **Secretary:** Sharmila Deo
- **Treasurer:** Pradeep Chavan
- **Auditors:** Anita Limaye, Chartered Accountant, Pune

Prevention of Sexual Harassment Committee

Kalpavriksh has an Internal Complaints Committee for its Pune and Delhi office under The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 on the 12th February 2014 and 25th October 2014. The members for Pune include Sujatha Padmanabhan (Presiding Officer), Shiba Desor, Prajakta Kulkarni, Neeraj Vagholikar and Advocate Rama Sarode as an external expert. For Delhi, the members are Meenakshi Kapoor (Presiding Officer), Anchal Sondhi, Seema Bhatt, Prabhakar Rao and Shalini Bhutani. An organisational policy on sexual harassment has also been finalised.

PART A: PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES & AWARENESS

ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION & AWARENESS



PROJECTS:

- A. Development of educational material for Kachchh
- B. Ri Gyancha Dissemination
- C. Environment Education at Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary
- D. Developing educational material on honey bees
- E. Course on Perspectives on Environment, Society and Well-being

1A. DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL FOR KACHCHH

Coordinator: Sujatha Padmanabhan

Team: Sharmila Deo, Tanya Majmudar, Sushama Durve (illustrator)

Year of commencement: 2013

Year of completion: ongoing

Total funds sanctioned: Rs.3, 61,250 (excluding direct payments made by Sahjeevan)

Funding agency: Sahjeevan

Developments

A collaboration has been on since early 2013, between local NGOs in Kachchh and Kalpavriksh to develop localized environmental education material for children in the district. In April 2014, Sahjeevan asked Kalpavriksh to help produce some more material for Kutch Nav Nirman Abhiyan's work in rural schools in Kachchh, which is supported by Reach to Teach. The MoU was signed in May for the period May to December 2014.

During this period we developed the following new material:

- 1) Five games that help children get familiar with Kachchh's wild flora and fauna: Dominoes, Who Eats What, Find a Pair, Spot It, and Fauna Bingo. Instructions for each of these were translated into Gujarati and illustrations were done by Sushama Durve and Anusha Menon.
- 2) A set of 34 reading cards which introduce children to the fascinating world of local plants and animals. Each card has very simple text on a particular species to enable children to read it, as well as an activity that children can do.
- 3) A book has been prepared for teachers with information on the 34 species that figure in the children's reading cards. This is to increase the teachers' knowledge of local wildlife, which would make the activities and educational sessions more interesting.

- 4) Two posters, one on Mammals of Kachchh and the second on Birds of Kachchh.
- 5) *Shero e Bachavyu Kachchh*, a fun story where many animals that live in Kachchh rally together to stop a developmental project that threatens their habitat. Written by Ashish Kothari, the story has been illustrated by Anusha Menon and translated into Gujarati by Rupa Majmudar.
- 6) The following material, which was developed last year, was also readied for publication.
 - (a) *Khaari Kachchhni Musafriye*: A simple story that introduces children to the different ecosystems in Kachchh. Written by Sujatha Padmanabhan and Shruthi Ramakrishna of Khamir, the story has been translated into Gujarati by Rekha Bhimani and illustrated by Kalyani Ganapathy.
 - (b) A set of five ecosystem posters on the Rann, Wetlands, Grasslands, Thorn Forests and Coast of Kachchh. All these have been illustrated and designed by Sushama Durve.

The new material was field tested in various schools in the district. Sujatha, Tanya and Sharmila visited Kachchh from August 19th to 25th 2014. Changes were made based on feedback from teachers and children.

1B. RI GYANCHA DISSEMINATION

Coordinator: Sujatha Padmanabhan

Year of commencement: 2010

Year of completion: ongoing

Total funds sanctioned: Rs. 4,95,430 (for the re-print of Ri Gyancha)

Funding agency: Panthera

Developments

Ri Gyancha, the biodiversity resource kit for educators in Ladakh was revised and re-printed this year. The revised edition was published by June 2014 and 1000 copies printed, of which 900 were sent to Ladakh.

Sujatha was invited to support a five-day workshop for college students on Ladakh's environmental issues, which was conducted by the Snow Leopard Conservancy-India Trust (SLC-IT) in Leh between June 10th to 14th. Ri Gyancha was used for some of the sessions and activities.

Sujatha also helped coordinate illustrations with Sushama Durve that SLC-IT wanted for pamphlets on birds and mammals of Ladakh.

1C. ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION AT BHIMASHANKAR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Coordinator: Sharmila Deo
Team: Purnima Phadke, Chandrakant Langhi, Subhash Dolas (local educators)
Year of commencement: 2008
Year of completion: 2013 for project phase; dissemination ongoing
Total funds sanctioned: Rs. 1,22,600/ (through donations)

An environment education handbook '*Sahyadri-Nisargacha Anmol Theva*' based on the Sahyadri region in Maharashtra was authored jointly by Purnima Phadke and Sharmila Deo. The handbook was published in December by Sakaal Publications. This was an output of a three-year programme conducted in a few schools in villages in and around the sanctuary.

This Marathi handbook focuses on the biodiversity and its threats in the said region, and conservation measures. 2000 copies were printed, out of which Kalpavriksh obtained 500 copies for sale and distribution.

1D. DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL ON HONEY BEES

Team: Tanya Majmudar, Sharmila Deo
Others involved: Pradeep Chavan, Sujatha Padmanabhan
Year of commencement: 2014
Year of completion: Ongoing
Total funds sanctioned: Rs. 85,000
Funding agency: Janssens Fund

As part of the ongoing project – *Integrating Conservation and Local Livelihoods vis-à-vis Apis cerana Honey Bees at Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra*, a children's story book on honeybees was developed for distribution in some of the villages in and around the sanctuary. Tanya Majmudar authored the story after inputs from various people. The book will be published in Marathi as well as English. Illustration work by Sushama Durve and translation work by Siddhartha Kelkar is currently on. The work is being coordinated by Sharmila Deo.

1E. COURSE ON PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENT, SOCIETY AND WELL-BEING

Coordinators: Shiba Desor, Meenal Tatpati
Other members involved: Ashish Kothari, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Neema Pathak Milind Wani, Sharmila Deo, Neeraj Vagholikar & Pradeep Chavan

Kalpavriksh organised a Monsoon School on Perspectives on Environment, Society and Well-being from 17th June to 23rd June 2014 at United World College, Mulshi. The course was an opportunity for individuals from various paths of life to interact and reflect upon conservation, development and environmental governance in India. It gave a platform for information sharing and exchange between many people involved in research, advocacy and interventions related to these issues (including

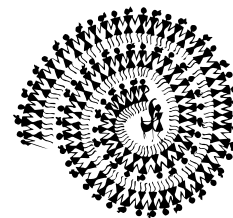
many Kalpavriksh members) and people from different paths of society (particularly youth) interested in exploring these issues.

The course comprised of a series of sessions focusing on sharing of experiences by people involved in research, advocacy and interventions related to these issues. There were discussions, readings, screenings, activities and a field trip to Hivare Bazar. The resource persons included Kalpavriksh members and also persons from outside (such as Ashwin Paranjpe, B Ramdas, Abhay Shukla, Rohan D'souza, Avinash Madhale, Lakshmi Narayan, Sujit Patwardhan, Ashok Sreenivas, Madhuvanti Ananthrajan and Kannamma Raman.

Participation was diverse and included students from various universities (Ravenshaw University, TERI University, IIT Chennai, Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University), professors (from Gujarat Vidyapith, Ravenshaw University) and persons working in NGOs (Greenpeace India, Terre De Holmes India, Hunnarshala, and Arghyam). The course, attended by 33 persons was received with enthusiasm and interest by both the participants and the resource persons and a feedback was that more of such interactions should be organised.

ADDITIONAL

- A request was made by Lok Samanvay Pratishthan (LSP), a Jalgaon based NGO for developing a supplementary education program for schools in and around Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra. Sujatha Padmanabhan, Tanya Majmudar and Neema Pathak held an initial meeting with members of LSP in order to set the goals for the program. They also visited 2 Ashramshalas in the area. Efforts to secure funding are currently on.
- A request was made by Last Wilderness Foundation (LWF) for developing localised environment material for children in villages around tiger reserves of Central India, particularly Bandhavgarh and Panna Tiger Reserves. Tanya Majmudar, Sharmila Deo and Sujatha Padmanabhan met with members of LWF to decide the material to be developed
- Crowdfunding for publication of two books: An attempt was begun to raise funds to publish English versions of the two story books developed for Kachchh. An appeal was made at a crowdfunding platform (bitgiving.com) to get individual donations.



ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

PROJECTS:

- A. Environment and Development Related Research & Advocacy
- B. Dams and Environmental Governance in Northeast India

2A. ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT RELATED RESEARCH & ADVOCACY

Coordination and Team: Kanchi Kohli (with inputs from Manju Menon)
Year or commencement and completion: Ongoing for campaign and research related activities since 2000
Total funds sanctioned: Association for India's Development (AID) College Park funds of Biodiversity and Environment Campaign (carry forward of funds received in 2013 and additional Rs. 3,90,500 approved in April 2014)
Funding agencies: AID

Developments

The ongoing research work related to 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 applied research strategy inputs. Other than the policy and legal research on various GoI circulars and orders, the campaign provided technical support on local specific issues in Bhadreswar, Kutch (Gujarat); Jagatsinghpur (Odisha).

The Campaign team also wrote popular articles on these subjects. Dissemination of KV E&D publications continued during this period in meetings, through presentations and so on.

2B. DAMS AND ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE IN NORTHEAST INDIA

Coordinator: Neeraj Vagholikar
Year of commencement and completion: Ongoing since 2001
Total funds sanctioned: Rs. 1,00,000/- (Individual donations)
Funding agencies: In 2014-15 the work received support of Rs. 1,00,000/- through individual donations

Developments

Kalpavriksh has been closely engaging with social and environmental aspects of large dams in the ecologically and culturally sensitive Northeast of India since 2001. The current engagement on the issue of dams in Northeast India 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: engagement with decision-making expert bodies on environment, forest and wildlife clearances of certain hydropower and dam projects

in the Northeast; continued focus on downstream impacts of hydropower projects on communities and sensitive ecosystems in the Brahmaputra floodplains; social and ecological impacts of certain projects on high-altitude ecosystems in the Eastern Himalayas; and provision of technical support to enviro-legal advocacy by local groups on the same.

CONSERVATION & LIVELIHOODS



PROJECTS:

National Level Advocacy:

3A. Research and Advocacy on the Forest Rights Act

State Level Advocacy of Community Forest Resources:

3B. Documentation and Advocacy through Maharashtra Level Case Study of CFRs

3C. Conservation and Development Towards Co-existence of People and Wildlife in and around Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary

3D. Documentation of Management Planning Process for CFRs in Amaravati, Yavatmal, Gondia, Nagpur, Gadchiroli Districts facilitated by Vidarbha Livelihood Forum

State and Local Level Advocacy on Protected Areas:

3E. Exploring Joint Protected Area Management in Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra

3F. Conservation and Livelihood vis-à-vis Honey bees (Bhimashankar)

Research and Advocacy on Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas:

3G. Community Conserved Areas in India

3H. Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas in South Asia

Documentation & Dissemination:

3I. Documentation and Outreach Centre for Community Based Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security

3J. Protected Area Update (PA Update)

3K. Research and Advocacy on Biodiversity Act and Campaign for Conservation and Community Control over Biodiversity

3L. Publication and Outreach on Andaman & Nicobar Islands

NATIONAL LEVEL ADVOCACY:

3A. RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY ON THE FOREST RIGHTS ACT

Team: Neema Pathak Broome and Meenal Tatpati

Others involved in this period: Pradeep Chavan, Milind Wani, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Shruti Mokakshi (as an intern), Tom Guha (as an intern)

Year of commencement: 2007

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

Total funds sanctioned in this period: Rs. Rs. 8,65,000

Funding agency: Vasundhara (as part of their agreement with Oxfam India as part of the ongoing efforts under Community Rights Learning and Advocacy of Community Forest Rights)

Developments

As the Forest Rights Act (FRA) enters the 8th year of its implementation, slowly positive examples of communities claiming CFR rights and developing conservation, management and livelihoods strategies are beginning to emerge. Some communities have asserted their rights and denied permission for forests to be diverted for development projects, while others have demonstrated their discontent to forest management strategies as practiced by the forest department or forest department's authority over their CFRs. In some cases gram sabhas have taken complete control over collection and sale of minor forest produce. However, implementation of the Act is still by no means a smooth process. Many problems identified in the first year of its implementation continue to affect the communities today. These include, hurried implementation of the individual rights provisions in most states by treating the Act as a land-distribution scheme; implementing agencies overlooking CFRs and CFRe provisions; claims pending with various committees under the Act; continued lack of awareness about CFR provisions; disinterest in settling CFR claims particularly in areas proposed for forest land diversion, protected areas, municipal areas and of communities like other traditional forest dwellers, Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups and nomadic communities. At the same time, some policy level changes are also obstructing FRA implementation. For example, MoEFCC issued many office memorandums and letters which potentially dilute or find a way around the clauses of FRA dealing with seeking consent of the gram sabhas for forest diversion. 2014-15 saw a constant strife between the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and MoEFCC on the legality of MoEFCC being able to issue such letters exempting some situations from seeking the consent. On a positive note, MoTA has issued a number of important circulars, memorandums and directions to clarify issues hampering the implementation of the Act.

As a part of the CFR-LA process, in 2014-15, there has been continued focus on advocacy and understanding of the provisions of Forest Rights Act, with a specific focus on Community Forest Rights at all levels as a part of a larger project on CFR learning and advocacy initiated by Kalpavriksh and Vasundhara with support from Oxfam in December 2011. There has also been regular advocacy with MoTA through letters and meetings on FRA related issues both at the organization level, and through the network.

A national consultation on CFR was organized in Delhi on 16-17 December 2014. The Secretary MoTA, participated in one of the sessions and responded to issues and concerns raised by the participants about lack of implementation of the Act and also the hurdles being faced on the ground. The report of the consultation was subsequently prepared and was sent to MoTA, MoEF and members of the CFRLA google group.

Annual Citizens' Report on the status of implementation of CFRs, for 2013-15 has been prepared, including all the above mentioned issues and is currently in press. In addition to the report, like the year before, in 2014-15 also a number of consultations, capacity building workshops, field investigations, case studies and policy submissions were made. Some of these activities are described below:

- In 2013, a study on FRA compliance in forest diversion cases was initiated. The study paper examines specific instances of forest diversion where the FRA compliance has been sidelined. The study is currently in the final stages of completion. FAC factsheets are being examined for collecting information on FRA compliance in different forest diversion proposals.
- Inputs and advice were provided for facilitation and better implementation of FRA to various grass root level organisations such as Sahjeevan (Kachchh), Khoj (Melghat Tiger Reserve), Lok Sangharsha Morcha (Nandurbar, Jalgaon) and Van Panchayat Sangharsha Samiti (Uttarakhand) and other individuals and local community representatives. This has been done through correspondence and through participation in meetings organized by these organisations on site-specific issues related to FRA implementation.

Consultations and Workshops Organised and Attended

- Organised a Workshop, 'Management and governance of Community Forest Resource under the Forest Rights Act: Issues and Challenges' in Nagpur on the 27th and 28th of July, 2014 on behalf of CFR-LA, (Neema Pathak, Meenal Tatapati, Pradeep Chavan).
- Organised a Consultation, 'Understanding Dilution of various Environmental Laws' with select civil society organizations, researchers and lawyers in Delhi on 21th October 2014.
- Organised a National level 'Convention on Community Forest Rights' on the 16th and 17th of December in Delhi on behalf of CFR-LA.
- Co-organised a meeting, 'Enhancing Livelihoods through Non Timber Forest Produce in Community Forest Resource areas' on the 8th and 9th of April, 2015 in Bhubaneswar, with Vasundhara and ATREE.

Policy Submissions and Letters

As given in Letters and Submissions section of the report.

STATE LEVEL ADVOCACY OF COMMUNITY FOREST RESOURCES

3B. CFR ADVOCACY IN MAHARASHTRA

Team: Neema Pathak Broome, Meenal Tatapati, Pradeep Chavan, Milind Wani
Year of commencement and completion: 2010 and ongoing
Total funds sanctioned: Voluntary

Developments

Maharashtra related information continues to be shared regularly on the state level e- group on CFRs in Maharashtra. Kalpavriksh has also been in touch with local *sangathanas* and NGOs, which are involved in implementation of the Act for regular updates. These updates have been shared with the concerned authorities as and

when need has arisen. Currently a state level consultation is being planned by a network of Maharashtra civil society groups.

3C. CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS CO-EXISTENCE OF PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE IN AND AROUND YAWAL WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Team: Neema Pathak Broome
Support: Tom Guha (as an intern) and Meenal Tatpati
Year of commencement: 2013
Total funds sanctioned: Mainly voluntary but travel and local expenses supported by Lok Sangharsha Morch and Kalpavriksh

Developments

Kalpavriksh continues to extend its support to Lok Sangharsha Morcha (LSM) based in Nandurbar and Jalgaon districts of Maharashtra in a process towards establishment of rights under FRA; development of a co-existence plan including biodiversity conservation and social (health, education, water, energy, etc) development; and actual implementation of these plans in 17 villages within and around Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary, Jalgaon, Maharashtra. This is with the overall objective of supporting and facilitating democratic conservation governance in the country.

In 2014-15, we visited Yawal for discussions with the Conservator Forests on incorporating village micro-plans in the wildlife management plan as well as working plan of the area surrounding the sanctuary. Convergence meetings of different line agencies discussing support to village development and conservation activities were attended.

3D. DOCUMENTATION OF MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS FOR CFRS IN AMARAVATI, YAVATMAL, GONDIA, NAGPUR, GADCHIROLI DISTRICTS FACILITATED BY VIDARBHA LIVELIHOOD FORUM

Coordination and team: Neema Pathak Broome, Meenal Tatpati, Shruti Mokashi (intern), Tanya Majmudar
Year of commencement: September 2014
Year of Completion: June 2015
Total Funds sanctioned: Rs. 2,75,000

Developments

KHOJ an organization based in Paratwada in Maharashtra and working on issues related to forest and forest rights - along with a few other organizations working on similar issues in Vidarbha region- together constitute Vidarbha Livelihood Forum (VLF). Members of VLF have been facilitating implementation of FRA by helping villagers claim CFR rights. They have also undertaken a project supported by UNDP-

MoTA on helping 50 villages in Vidarbha region to facilitate drafting of management plans. KHOJ as the main coordinator of the project requested Kalpavriksh to help them document the entire process of drafting management plans in 50 villages. Kalpavriksh agreed to do the report, which would not be an assessment of the project, but a description of the process based on documents provided by VLF members and field visits by team members. The report has been completed and is due for printing.

STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL ADVOCACY ON PROTECTED AREAS

3E. EXPLORING JOINT PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT IN BHIMASHANKAR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, MAHARASHTRA

Coordination and Team: Neema Pathak Broome and Pradeep Chavan
Support Team: Milind Wani, Meenal Tatpati and Vinay Nair
Others involved: Subhash Dolas,
Year of commencement: September 2006
Year of completion: Ongoing
Total funds sanctioned: From November 2011 onwards salary of one team member and a village volunteer, along with travel and local expenses is being covered under the Doc Centre project "Local Capacity Building in Bhimashankar".
 Pradeep Chavan has got a fellowship from Duleep Mathai Fellowship for two years (October 2013 to September 2015) for Honey bee conservation and livelihoods programme. This programme is also supported by Janssens funds for one year (March 2014 to Feb 2015).
Funding agency:
 Missereor for the Doc. Centre project
 Duleep Mathai Fellowship for Honey bee project – Rs.400,000 (October 2013 to September 2015)
 Janssens Funds for Honey bee project – Rs. 421,964 (March 2014 to Feb 2015)

Developments

Towards facilitating implementation of Forest Rights Act in 5 villages in and around Bhimashankar wildlife sanctuary

Liaison with Government Agencies:

Kalpavriksh continued to follow up with the Sub District Level Committees in Rajgurunagar and Ambegaon towards better implementation of FRA in these talukas.

Involving Gram Panchayat (Gram Sabhas) in FRA implementation process:

While campaigning with the concerned government agencies, we also continued our efforts to raise awareness at the village level and with panchayat members, towards this following activities were carried out:

Constant sharing, discussions & planning sessions were organized with sarpanches & gram sevaks of Kharpud, Bhorgiri & Bhomale to ensure that FRA becomes one of the agenda points to be discussed at the upcoming mandatory gramsabhas.

Subsequent to the gramsabha on the 15th August 2013, as a follow up to the decisions taken, a process of forming Forest Rights Committees' (FRCs) in Mhasewadi, Kharpud, Bhivegaon & Garbewadi (hamlet of Bhorgiri) villages was initiated. Regular hamlet meetings were organized for formation of FRCs, filing CFR claims, mapping the CFR areas, capacity building related to CFRs, among others followed by capacity building workshops for these FRCs at their request.

Facilitated process of filing claims for CFR of Yelavali, Bhivegaon and Garbewadi (Bhorgiri) villages. CFR claims of Yelavali and Garbewadi (Bhorgiri) villages were finalized and submitted to the Sub Divisional Level Committee (SDLC).

Facilitated Exposure visit for 38 community members from Kharpud, Mhasewadi, Bhorgiri, Bhivegaon, Bhomale and Yelavali villages to Paiveer, Nayakhed and Jaitadehi villages in Paratwada of Amravati where Khoj organization is working.

FRA Posters and Booklet:

4 sets of simple posters on FRA in Marathi were developed which are currently being used for village meetings and will be displayed in the villages and in panchayat offices to create greater awareness about the Act and its implementation. A simple booklet on FRA in Marathi was also prepared and widely circulated

Implementation of village ecotourism and forest conservation micro-plan in Yelavali:

Yelavali village continues to implement the Village Ecodevelopment programme, under which funds are received and villagers have been involved in various forest based livelihoods and conservation activities under the programme.

The ecolodge in the village continued to receive visitors throughout the year either directly or through Kalpavriksh. Villagers after spending on maintenance and running cost deduction the villagers earned a profit of approximately Rs. 60,000 till November 2014.

3F. CONSERVATION AND LIVELIHOOD VIS-À-VIS HONEY BEES (BHIMASHANKAR)

Coordinator: Pradeep Chavan

Support Team: Neema Pathak Broome, Subhash Dolas, Vinay Nair

Advisory Team: Milind Wani, Leo (external from Keystone Foundation, Kottagiri, TN)

Funding agency (1): Duleep Mathai Fellowship

- **Year of commencement:** October 2013
- **Year of completion:** September 2015
- **Total funds sanctioned:** INR 400,000

Funding agency (2): Janssens Funds

- **Year of commencement:** March 2014
- **Year of completion:** February 2015
- **Total funds sanctioned:** INR 420,200 (Euro 5000)

Developments

i. **Participatory study & documentation of local knowledge & harvesting practices to understand the status & threats to the *Apis cerana* honey bees:**

We are now engaged in collecting missing information and also doing the analysis of these questionnaires and making a final report.

Ms. Jui Pethe, an independent researcher in Nasik district of Maharashtra has documented the honey bee flora and its floral calendar (food availability for honey bees throughout the year) in the forest of Trimbakeshwar in Nasik. She visited Bhimashankar to see the area and to help us refine our methodology.

A methodology was developed to conduct a long term ecological study to assess the direct impact of harvesting on *A.cerana* population. 9 plots were established in Yelavali forest for regular long term monitoring. Soon we ran into some methodological problems. We are currently in the process of refining this methodology based on existing secondary literature and in consultation with other scientists working in Bhimashankar, such as Dr. Deepak Barua, an Associate Professor, Biology, in IISER, Pune. We are now planning to start data collection using the new methodology.

At the beginning of the honey season, we conducted several meetings with the honey harvesters from Bhorgiri, Yelavali, Bhivegaon, Kharpud, Mhasewadi and Bhomale (Lower and Upper) villages to understand the various aspects which affect the honey season as well as to discuss the possibility of using better harvesting practices in this season. We also developed a datasheet to get information on the honey harvest each day by individual honey harvesters to get some additional data and information about the important locations, habitats, presence of diseases, if any, habitat protective methods they used, quantity of honey etc.

ii. **Generate awareness about the bees, their importance, threats to them and steps required for their conservation.**

During our regular meetings with individual honey harvesters and villagers, we discussed the ecological as well as economic importance of honey bees, and various threats to them.

We conducted the first small session on bees at Bhorgiri primary school on 22nd August 2014. This was an initial chat with students. We are planning to conduct a full session later.

We are now in the process of designing posters and a booklet on honey bees.

iii. Networking with others involved in honey bee studies, conservation and honey marketing for continuous experience-sharing and learning.

We visited the Central Bee Research and Training Institute (CBRTI), Pune (a Government institution) to explore other research, studies or possible discussions on research methodology.

iv. Capacity building of honey harvesters through sharing information, trainings, exposure visits & discussions on bees:

Several formal and informal meetings have been organized with individual honey harvesters for discussions and information sharing on the importance of bees, threats to their habitat, un-sustainability in harvesting practices, bee behaviour, possible better harvesting practices etc. During and after the honey harvesting season, we visited some honey harvesting sites to see and understand the sustainable and unsustainable practices and methods of harvesting.

v. Ecological aspects of Honey Bees

A methodology was developed to conduct a long term ecological study to assess the direct impact of harvesting on *A.cerana* population. 9 plots were established in Yelavali forest for regular long term monitoring. Soon we ran into some methodological problems.

Regular meetings with the honey harvesters from villages to understand the various aspects which affect the honey season as well as to discuss the possibility to start using some better harvesting practices in honey season.

Conducted small sessions on importance of honey bees at Bhorgiri, Bhivegaon and Kharpud primary schools.

Small story booklet was published on Honey bees.

vi. Workshops

Organized a honey network meeting of people and organizations working in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra on 21st Jan 2015 to discuss the various issues and challenges to conservation of Honey bees and livelihoods security of local honey harvesters. Organized small workshop with local honey harvesters of BWS on conservation, sustainability of honey harvesting and quality control on 22nd Jan 2015.

Research and Advocacy on Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas:

3G. 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:

None this year

3H. INDIGENOUS AND COMMUNITY CONSERVED AREAS IN SOUTH ASIA

Coordinators: Neema Pathak Broome
Year of commencement: 2011
Year of completion: ongoing
Total funds sanctioned/remaining: US\$ 4500 per year towards coordinators salary and KV expenses (the contract came to an end in November 2014 and is in the process of being renewed. Funding will resume once contract is renewed)

Developments

CCA South Asia Google group

A google group discussion forum has now being set up for inter communication and sharing of information among the various members of ICCA Consortium in South Asia. Need based help and information dissemination continues to be carried out.

ICCAs and PAs

An international policy document on interface between PA and ICCAs in Overlapping situations is currently being finalized, along with other members of ICCA Consortium.

DOCUMENTATION & DISSEMINATION

3I. DOCUMENTATION AND OUTREACH CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY BASED BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND LIVELIHOOD SECURITY

Coordinator: Milind Wani
Support Team: Pradeep Chavan, Vikal Samdariya, Anuradha Arjunwadkar
Advisory Team: Neema Pathak Broome, Pankaj Sekhsaria, Seema Bhatt
Others involved: Shiba Desor, Meenal Tatpati, Govind Khalsode
Associates (External): Kumar Shiralkar (Rashtriya Adivasi Adhikar Manch)
Year of commencement: September 2011
Year of completion: October 2014
Total funds sanctioned: 79,100 Euros
Fund Usage (April 2014 – October 2014): 11,592 Euro (Rs. 8,88,621)

Funding agency: Misereor

Developments

1) Information and Outreach:

Publishing of Newsletter *People in Conservation*:

- Special issue on Marine Biodiversity (English version)
- Special issue on Marine Biodiversity (Hindi version)

Policy Brief:

- The final draft of the English version of the policy brief entitled *Forest Governance at the Interface of Laws Related To Forest, Wildlife And Biodiversity* (with a specific focus on conflicts with FRA) is ready and with the designer.

Other publications:

- Lizard Book - Work is in progress. At this stage the book is with printer and should be out soon.

2) Capacity Building:

(See above under section titled Exploring Joint Protected Area Management in Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra)

3) Miscellaneous:

- a. Sent proposal for renewal (for the next three years i.e. November 2014 onwards) to Misereor (Germany) for project entitled, '*Documentation and Outreach in Conservation Governance and Development Alternatives*'.

3J. PROTECTED AREA UPDATE (PA UPDATE)

Coordinator: Pankaj Sekhsaria

Year of commencement: 1994

Year of completion: Ongoing

Funding: Project Budget for April 2014 to March 31, 2015 – Rs. 6,00,000

Funds Sanctioned:

Rs. 3,00,000. by the Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust

Rs. 1,00,000 by WWF –India

Rs. 1,00,000 by IBCN, BNHS

Rs. 20,000 by Action Aid India

Approx Rs. 50,000 were raised through donations and subscriptions

Developments

1. Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XX No. 3, June 2014 (No. 109)
2. Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XX No. 4, August 2014 (No. 110)
3. Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XX No. 5, October 2014 (No. 111)
4. Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XX No. 6, December 2014 (No. 112)
5. Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XXI No. 1, February 2015 (No. 113)
6. Production and Printing of *PA Update* Vol XXI No. 2, April 2015 (No. 114)

3K. 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: Ongoing for campaign and research related activities since 2004

Total funds sanctioned: US\$: 5076 for BMC (Biodiversity Management Committee) Study by Global Green Grant Fund (received in March 2013; Association for India's Development (AID) College Park funds of Biodiversity and Environment Campaign (see Environment and Development section).

Funding agencies: Global Greengrants Fund, AID

Developments

1. **Dissemination of studies on BMC and ABS (Access and Benefit Sharing):** As part of the ongoing work, campaign members continued to carry out dissemination efforts for both "*Common Concerns*" and "*The Balancing Act*" (along with the four thematic fliers). These were through distribution in meetings attended and responding to requests for the publication including during lectures, meetings and so on.
2. **Tracking implementation and continued study on SBB and BMCs:** The campaign continued to track implementation of the Biodiversity Act (BDA). 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. Special focus of the year was understanding the issues around Access and Benefit Sharing. Efforts were also made to meet with SBBs and BMCs and also track policy processes put out by both SBBs and BMCs. Regular contact was maintained with a few SBB members. Specific trips were made to Uttar Pradesh, Telangana and

Himachal Pradesh. This and other information and analysis was regularly posted on an electronic listserve coordinated by Kalpavriksh and the campaign, BioDwatch. The Right to Information Act was used to seek new information to support advocacy and research.

3. **Regular response to queries and requests for help on the BDA as well as technical inputs on by the Campaign:** Team members regularly responded to email and telephonic queries on the BDA implementation and implications from government officials from ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research), NBPGR (National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources), civil society groups as well as State Biodiversity Boards on various subjects.
4. **Media inputs:** The team members were also responded to journalistic and media queries related to the implementation of the BDA Act and the ABS framework and gave comments. Some of these can be see at *Down to Earth* <http://www.downtoearth.org.in/content/benefit-interrupted>; *Research Europe* 22 May 2014 and German Broadcaster/ Deutsche Welle Treading a fine line between trade and conservation to fight biopiracy

3L. PUBLICATION& OUTREACH ON ANDAMAN &NICOBAR ISLANDS

Coordinator: Pankaj Sekhsaria Year of Commencement: 1998 Year of Completion: Ongoing Funding: Nil Funds Sanctioned: Nil
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Developments

Ongoing co-ordination and moderating of the yahoo group 'andamanicobar'

URBAN ENVIRONMENT

PROJECTS:

4A. Delhi Urban Greens

4A. DELHI URBAN GREENS

Developments

Kalpavriksh joined the National Green Tribunal petition on trees by Aditya, an activist environment lawyer. This petition is against the indiscriminate concretization of open soil cover in the city resulting in tree deaths in 2013. This was similar to the High Court case KV had filed long back. At his request, KV joined the petition last year. Ritwick Datta is helping us in this case.

The Urban Ministry Guidelines on Urban Greens was extended in 2013 to cover not only Delhi, but the whole country. It applies to all cities as of now. A set of new Guidelines 2014 have just been passed by the Ministry of Urban Development. Municipalities have been fined and contempt proceedings have been initiated.

The case is still going on.





ALTERNATIVES

PROJECTS:

- 5A. Alternative Practices and Visions in India: Documentation and Vikalp Sangams
- 5B. Well-being alternatives: Global Networking
- 5C. Alternatives Forum Pune

5A. ALTERNATIVE PRACTICES AND VISIONS IN INDIA: DOCUMENTATION AND VIKALP SANGAMS

Project: Alternative Practices and Visions in India: Documentation, Networking, and Advocacy

Project Coordinators: Ashish Kothari, Shiba Desor, Rashi Mishra

Project Team: Sujatha Padmanabhan, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Vinay Nair, Adam Cajka (intern)

Year of commencement: November 2013 (Phase 1), January 2015 (Phase 2)

Year of completion: October 2014 (Phase 1), December 2015 (Phase 2)

Funds sanctioned: Rs. 21,88,555 (Phase 1), Rs. 18,95,800

Funding agency: Heinrich Boll Foundation

Project: Vikalp Sangam: Documentation and Confluence of Alternatives in India

Project Coordinator: Sujatha Padmanabhan

Project Team: Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Ashish Kothari, Vinay Nair, Neema Pathak, Rashi Mishra, Adam Cajka (intern)

Year of commencement: June 2014

Year of completion: March 2015

Funds sanctioned: Rs. 17,32,500

Funding agency: Oxfam India

Developments

Case studies

Six case studies were finalized in the project period:

- Communitisation in Nagaland: visit by Neema Pathak Broome and Ashish Kothari, case study by Neema.
<http://kalpavriksh.org/images/alternatives/CaseStudies/Nagaland.pdf>
- Sustainable agriculture, animal husbandry and craft-based livelihoods in Kachchh, Gujarat: visit by Shiba Desor and Vinay Nair, case study by Shiba Desor.
<http://kalpavriksh.org/images/alternatives/CaseStudies/KachchhAlternativesReport.pdf>
- Village revitalization and self-reliance at Kuthambakkam, Tamil Nadu: visits by Adam Kajka, Praveen Singh and Ashish Kothari, case study by Adam Cajka.
<http://kalpavriksh.org/images/alternatives/CaseStudies/Kuthumbakkam1stJuly.pdf>
- Maati- Women's empowerment and conservation-based livelihoods in Munsiri, Uttarakhand: visits by Shiba Desor, Vinay Nair and Ashish Kothari, case study by

Vinay Nair and Shiba

Desor: <http://kalpavriksh.org/images/alternatives/CaseStudies/Maati.pdf>

- Kudumbashree model of local economy development: visit by Vinay Nair, Shiba Desor, Adam Cajka, Praveen Singh, and case study report by Adam Cajka, Praveen Singh and Vinay Nair.
- Sham-e-sarhad ecotourism initiative being run by a local community in Kachchh district: visit and case study by Seema Bhatt, http://vikalpsangam.org/static/media/uploads/Vikalp%20Sangam%20Case%20Studies/casestudy_shaamesarhad_seema.pdf; this case study has been translated into Gujarati by Rupa Majmudar and is under review.

All these have been or are being designed to be put on the Vikalp Sangam and KV websites. A case study finalised in the previous year, on the Timbaktu Collective of Andhra Pradesh, was designed and put up this year, at

http://www.vikalpsangam.org/static/media/uploads/Vikalp%20Sangam%20Case%20Studies/timbaktu_collective_casestudy_ak.pdf

Additionally, planning began to put some of these case studies into a book, edited by Neema Pathak.

Vikalp Sangam (Alternatives India) website

Initiated in March 2014, this period has seen the consolidation of the website www.VikalpSangam.org (or www.alternativesindia.org) through the work of Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Aletha Tavares and a number of volunteers from ThoughtWorks and the co-host organisations. A regular pace of uploading stories and perspectives, and searching for resources, has been set. As of March 2015 the site has about 250 stories and perspective pieces. Various attempts have been made to popularize the site, including on lists, 'social networking' sites, and through well-known people who are interested in the issues the website covers. The site is part-funded by Oxfam (see below).

Several stories were also commissioned or accepted specially for the website:

- Khangchendzonga Conservation Committee (Sikkim), by Arshiya Bose, at <http://VikalpSangam.org/article/conserving-sacred-spaces-kanchendzonga-conservation-committee-sikkim/#.VWI3YEYFG0>; link to video film on <http://VikalpSangam.org/article/environment-ecology-visual-audio/#.VWI3iEYFG0>
- SECMOL educational initiative (Ladakh), by Sujatha Padmanabhan, at <http://VikalpSangam.org/article/secmol/#.VWI3w0YFG0>.
- Bengaluru (Karnataka) citizens' initiative to rejuvenate Kaikondrahallilake, by Vasundhara Krishnani, at <http://VikalpSangam.org/article/rebirth-of-a-lake/#.VWI4HUYFG0>, with translation by H.N. Ananda at <http://VikalpSangam.org/article/%E0%B2%AE%E0%B2%B0%E0%B2%9C%E0%B2%A8%E0%B2%AE-%E0%B2%AA%E0%B2%A1%E0%B2%A6-%E0%B2%95%E0%B2%B0%E0%B2%AF-%E0%B2%95%E0%B2%A5-in-kannada/#.VWI390YFG0>.
- Organic Kala cotton initiative in Kachchh (Gujarat), including processes of cultivating, weaving, stitching and marketing, by Shiba Desor, at <http://VikalpSangam.org/article/reweaving-an-old-world-cotton/#.VWI4VUYFG0>; translation by Prajakta Bhav at <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/કપસ-પહેલન્ટ ફરવણટઅતયરન્ટ in-gujarati/#.VWwqFLqFIJ1>
- Sadhana Forest in Auroville, by Sangeetha Sririam, at <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/more-forests-to-grow-people/#.VQvCbVrflDk;>

- translated into Tamil by Kannan, at <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/மக்கள் ஊர்வதற்குக் கூட கவரக்கூடாது> in-tamil
- Niyamgiri, on the relationship the Dongria Kondh share with their land and forests, by Meenal Tatpati and Rashi Mishra, at <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/the-niyamgiri-story-from-resistance-to-hope-for-a-better-future/#.VOvQa1rfLdk>; translated into Malayalam by Chekkutty N.P. <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/നയംഗിര ആദിവാസിമാരുடனുള്ള நில-மலയാളம்/#.VSNZR1rfLdl> in-malayalam/#.VSNZR1rfLdl
 - Restoration work at Timbaktu by the Kalpavalli Tree Growers cooperative, by Vinay Nair, at <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/the-soil-has-veins/>; draft translation by L. Malik is being reviewed for finalisation by the staff of Timbaktu.
 - Rao Jodha Park, an inspiring example of regeneration of biodiversity near Jodhpur, Rajasthan, by Vinay Nair, at <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/carved-out-of-rock/#.VP62so7v5ac>
 - Vikalp Sangam at Timbaktu, by Rashi Mishra, at <http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/discussions-on-alternatives-over-cups-of-ragi-malt/#.VWsUC8-qoko>

Various pages on the Vikalp Sangam website are highlighted on the Facebook wall <https://www.facebook.com/alternatives.india>, which has received a few hundred 'likes'. Links to a few additional stories of similar – alternative - nature have also been posted on the wall.

Vikalp Sangams

Two Vikalp Sangams (Alternatives Confluences) were held, one at Timbaktu (Andhra Pradesh, 17-19 October 2014) hosted by the Timbaktu Collective, the second at the Centre for Experiencing Socio Cultural Interaction (CESCI), near Madurai (Tamil Nadu, 23-25 February 2015), hosted by reStore and ACCORD. There was enthusiastic participation in both, with over 100 participants each, from a wide range of sectors. The Sangams consisted of sharing of alternative initiatives and on collaborations, discussion on a conceptual framework emerging from these initiatives (see below), joint creative activities, and exhibits.

A report on the first Sangam coordinated by Rashi Mishra is available at http://www.vikalpsangam.org/static/media/uploads/Resources/timbaktu_vikalp_sangam_report.pdf (English) and http://www.kalpavriksh.org/images/alternatives/TimbaktuVikalpSangamReport_Telugu.pdf (Telugu); the second is being finalised. Media articles have also been written about the Sangams, e.g. by Mari Marcel Thekaekara in Hindu Sunday Magazine (<http://www.vikalpsangam.org/article/what-an-idea/>) and by Ashish Kothari on India Together (<http://indiatogether.org/vikalp-sangam-champions-of-alternative-sustainable-development-op-ed>).

Video documentation of both Sangams has been done by John D'Souza and his team from the Centre for Education and Documentation.

Work also began on giving a focus to food issues in the Sangams, both by integrating food as a specific theme into regional Sangams, as also organising two Sangams dedicated to food in 2016 and 2017. These are to be funded by Misereor.

Travelling exhibition

Work on a travelling exhibition on alternatives was carried out, through visits for photo-documentation made to a number of case study sites (Kachchh, Feb 2014 & Sept 2014; Maati, May 2014; Kudumbashree, July 2014; Kuthambakkam, July 2014). In addition, photographs taken through the many years of Kalpavriksh work were collated on about 20 different initiatives /case-studies.

The first version of the exhibition was put up at the first Vikalp Sangam (Timbaktu, October 2014), and an enlarged version at the second one (Madurai, February 2015). The exhibition posters (in pdf file format) are available on the page <http://www.VikalpSangam.org/resources/>.

Book on alternative futures for India

An ambitious edited book has been initiated, consisting of over 30 essays on the future of various sectors and themes in India (including democracy, human rights and social justice, conservation, food and agriculture, water, India and the world, livelihoods, learning/education, health, gender, energy, rural and urban futures, media, sexual and religious minorities, and arts/crafts). The book is being planned and edited by Ashish Kothari and KJ Joy. Essays are expected to be in by late 2015, and editing completed by early 2016.

Vikalp Sangam e-group

An e-group, vikalp-sangam-list, was initiated in September 2014, for people who have an interest in alternative initiatives to share articles/stories, perspectives, events, thoughts and opinions and points of collective advocacy. As of March 2015, there are about 165 members from varied backgrounds, including members of the Vikalp Sangam core group, participants of the first two Vikalp Sangams, and people who have read about / visited the website.

Alternatives Framework

A draft note 'The Search for Alternatives: Key Aspects and Principles', has been prepared by Ashish Kothari, and circulated for discussion at the Vikalp Sangams. It is in its 3rd avatar, incorporating comments from the first two Sangams and other comments received on the elist (this version is available at <http://www.kalpavriksh.org/index.php/alternatives/alternatives-knowledge-center>)

5B. WELL-BEING ALTERNATIVES: GLOBAL NETWORKING

Project: Well-being alternatives: global networking

Project coordinator: Ashish Kothari

Project team: Shiba Desor, Neema Pathak

Year of commencement: 2014

Year of completion: Ongoing

Funds sanctioned: Voluntary

Developments

Discussions have been initiated with a number of organisations and individuals in several countries, to work together on well-being practices and worldviews that can pose a challenge to the currently dominant paths of 'development'. These discussions are both

content-based, and process-oriented. The former are yielding greater understanding of the range of well-being approaches; the latter to come up with proposals for generating resources to take up joint actions. While much of the discussion is on email, international gatherings that are relevant are being used as occasions to meet face to face with as many groups and individuals as possible. The latter has included informal discussions or formal sessions at:

- International conference of the International Society for Ecological Economics, on Human Well-being Within Planetary Limits (Reykjavik, 13-15 August 2014)
- 4th International Conference on Degrowth (Leipzig, 3-7 September 2014)
- 12th Conference of Parties of the Biodiversity Convention (Pyeongchang, S. Korea, 7-17 October 2014).
- World Parks Congress (Sydney, 12-19 November 2014)
- World Social Forum (24-28 March 2015)

At the Leipzig conference, a decision was taken to work on a collation of well-being worldviews and concepts from around the world, and explore the possibility of mapping alternative initiatives in conjunction with Transformap, an under-evolution project of several organisations (<http://commonsblog.wordpress.com/2014/09/01/there-are-thousands-of-alternatives-we-will-make-them-visible/>). Resources for both these processes, over and above what can be done voluntarily, are to be generated.

5C. ALTERNATIVES FORUM PUNE

Project: Alternatives Forum Pune

Activity coordinators: Ashish Kothari and Sharmila Deo

Year of commencement: 2013

Year of completion: (ongoing)

Funds sanctioned: voluntary

Developments

Initiated in mid-2013, the Alternatives Forum Pune continues to be coordinated by Kalpavriksh. 7 sessions have been organized in this period (see Chronology for the details) on:

- sustainable transportation
- the work of the Kagad Kach Patra Kashtakari Panchayat and SWaCH
- alternative initiatives in South America
- alternative initiatives in central/eastern Europe
- updates on the first Vikalp Sangam get together held in Timbuktu and the 10th Biennial NAPM Convention
- discussion on organic farming in context of the GM crop trials in Maharashtra
- the Transition Towns movement

In mid-2015 the coordination of the Forum will shift to another of the members on the AFP core group.

PART B: PUBLICATIONS



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PART C: CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS



April 2014:

- 18–30: Arizona State University, U.S.A for the 15th International Conference on Maharashtra: Culture and Society- Many Dimensions of Human-Nature Interactions. Presented a paper on impact of Forest Rights Act on Human-Forest Interactions in Maharashtra (Neema)
- 28: Alternatives Forum Pune session on Sustainable Transportation, by Sujit Patwardhan, Pune (Ashish)
- 30: Presentation on desert ecosystems for schoolkids in Mumbai (Ashish)
- Attended a meeting of the Organic Farming Association of India (OFAI) on ecological agriculture held in Chandigarh in April 2014 (Kanchi)

May 2014:

- 11: Participated in workshop on 'Energy for Assam: Exploring Integrated Resource Planning' in Guwahati co-organised by Aaranyak and International Rivers (Neeraj)
- 12-23: Visit to Sarmoli/Munsiari, Uttarakhand, for bird festival co-organised by Himal Prakriti, KV, others; and forest festival (Van Kautik) (Shiba, Ashish)
- 28 – 6 June: Fieldtrip to Assam and Arunachal Pradesh (Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Lohit district, Lower Dibang Valley, East Siang, Jonai, Silapathar) (Neeraj)
- 29: Alternatives Forum Pune session on Pune waste management by KKPKP and SWaCH, by Lakshmi Narayan

June 2014:

- 3 -19 : Workshop for college students on Ladakh's environmental issues in Leh (Sujatha)
- 9: Presentation on Sustainable Consumption and Radical Ecological Democracy, at International Seminar on Sustainable Consumption and Production, Shanghai (Ashish)
- 11 – 13: Presented a paper titled "Asserting Community Forest Rights on Forest Land in India: Emerging Paradigms Under the Forest Rights Act in the Seminar on "Right to Land and its Potential for Social Transformation" organized by Indian Institute of Advance Study, Shimla. (Meenal and Neema)
- 12-14: Visit to Bazhu village ICCA, Yunnan district, China (Ashish)
- 18: Presentation on 'Dams, Development & Environmental Governance in Northeast India' as part of the Monsoon School organised by Kalpavriksh at Mahindra College, Mulshi (Neeraj)
- 21: Session at Monsoon School (Sujatha)
- 27: Presentation on India's Environment/Development crisis, at KV Monsoon School (Ashish)

- 20: Presentation on Alternatives at KV Monsoon School (Ashish)
- 23: Session on Youth, Environment and Sustainability at Mahindra College (Ashish)

July 2014:

- 1 -2: Trip to Baroda for discussions with Reach to Teach staff about Kachchh work (Sujatha)
- 2: Alternatives Forum Pune on Latin American alternatives, by Abhay Shukla, Pune (Ashish, Neema, Sharmila, Swati)
- 4: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy at ThoughtWorks, Pune (Ashish)
- 20 – 23: Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary for Convergence planning for village development (Neema)
- 21-22: Exploratory trip to Jalgaon to discuss possibilities of supporting an Education Programme with Lok Samanvay Prathisthan (Neema, Sujatha, Tanya)
- 23: Meeting at BAIF, Pune, on management planning of Community Forest Resources (Neema)
- 26: Presentation (by skype) on Radical Ecological Democracy at Symposium on Green Growth and Global Environmental Change, United Nations University Institute for Advanced Study of Sustainability (Ashish)
- 27 -28: Post CFR meeting at Nagpur (Neema, Meenal, Pradeep)
- 28: Book reading and presentation on 'Birds in Our Lives', organized by Pagdandi, KV, and others, Pune (Ashish)
- 28: Book reading at Orchid School on World Sustainability Day organized by Pagdandi, Western Routes and Sustainability Initiatives (Sujatha)
- 31: Alternatives Forum Pune session on central European alternatives, by Adam Cajka, Pune (Swati, Ashish, Sharmila)

August 2014:

- 1: Skype meeting with Argyam on FRA and Argyam work (Neema)
- 2: Meeting with SDO, Rajgurunagar on FRA implementation (Pradeep, Neema, Milind)
- 4-8: Participation in Global Environments Summer Academy, Bern, Switzerland, including presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy (Ashish)
- 7: Meeting with Pratibha Shinde on Yawal PA planning in Pune (Neema)
- 10-21: Visit in Kerala to understand a few microenterprises under Kudumbashree (Adam, Vinay as interns, Shiba)
- 11: Visit to Solheimar Ecovillage, Finland, and presentation on environmental issues in India (Ashish)
- 12: Participated in meeting on 'Strengthening Transparency and Access to Information on Transboundary Water Governance in South Asia organised by Legal Initiative for Forest & Environment in New Delhi (Neeraj)

- 13-15: Participation in seminar on Human Well-being Within Planetary Limits, organized by International Institute of Ecological Economists, Reykjavik, Finland, including presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy and co-organising session on radical alternatives (Ashish)
- 18 - 25: Field testing of environment education material in five schools in Kachchh, meetings in Sahjeevan and Kachchh Nav Nirman Abhiyan (Sujatha, Sharmila, Tanya)
- 21: Presentation on Sustainability Framework for India at conference on 'Nationalising Sustainable Development Agenda' organized by Byond Copenhagen, Landesa and other groups, Delhi (Ashish)
- 26: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy and Vikalp Sangam, organized by SADED, Delhi (Ashish)

September 2014:

- 2-5: Participation in 4th International Conference on Degrowth, Leipzig, Germany, including co-organising session on 'Buen Vivir and Radical Ecological Democracy', presentation at Panel on 'Alliance for Degrowth', and presentation in workshop on 'Convivial Conservation and Degrowth' (Ashish)
- 9-17: Visit to Kachchh for follow-up for alternatives case study on agriculture and animalhusbandry, and for Kala cotton story (Adam as an intern, Shiba)
- 12-13: Participation in seminar on 'Growth, Green Growth and Degrowth', organized by TERI University and NISTADS, Delhi; including presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy (Ashish)
- 14: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy at TERI University, Delhi (Ashish)
- 14: Participation in panel discussion on 'Reflections from Leipzig Degrowth Conference', organized by SADED and others, Delhi (Ashish)
- 14: Meeting organised by the Bombay Natural History Society in Mumbai on the review of environmental laws in the country (Neeraj)
- 18: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy to Forum for Exchange and Excellence in Design (FEED), Pune (Ashish)
- 18: Meeting with FD and NGOs on Maharashtra Village Forest Rules in Nagpur (Neema)
- 19: Meeting with Vidharba Livelihood Forum on process documentation by KV of CFR planning by VLF in 50 villages in Vidharba (Neema, Meenal, Shruti as an intern volunteer)
- 25: An Island Journey: Presentation on the A&N Islands and The Last Wave – An Island Novel, at the Student's Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS), Bangalore
- 20th and 21st September 2014: Visited four villages in Armori Tehsil, Gadchiroli for the KHOJ documentation process. (Meenal and Shruti (intern))
- 30: Meeting with Deepak Barua at IISER in Pune to discuss ecological study of Bee habitats in Bhimashankar (Pradeep, Neema, Vinay as non-KV member)
- 27-29: KV AGBM at Magic Bus Centre, Karjat

October 2014:

- 6-12: Participation in 12th Conference of Parties of Biodiversity Convention, Peongchang, S. Korea, including release of report on ICCAs and Aichi Targets, NGO meetings, organization of side events on wellbeing and biodiversity, and on ICCAs
- 17-19: First Vikalp Sangam, Timbaktu, Andhra Pradesh (Meenal, Shiba, Rashi, Sujatha, Ashish)
- 20: Consultation on environment law changes, org. by KV, Vasundhara, Greenpeace, Delhi (Meenal, Neema, Ashish, Kanchi, Manju)
- 25th – Meeting with Pratibha Shinde on Yawal planning (Neema)
- 26th-31st October 2014: Visited villages in Gadchiroli, Amravati, Yavatmal and Gondia for the KHOJ documentation process. (Meenal and Shruti (intern))
- 25: Audio conversation at SynTalk on 'Ecology-Power-Knowledge Nexus', Mumbai (Ashish)

November 2014:

- 1: Participation in annual convention of National Alliance of Peoples' Movement, Pune (Ashish)
- 3: Presentation on Environmental Justice Atlas by Daniela Del Bene, ICTA/Barcelona Autonomous University, at KV Pune
- 4th – 5th : Planning meeting for the Tamil Nadu Vikalp Sangam at ACCORD, Gudalur (Sujatha)
- 8-9: Participation in ICCA Consortium Steering Committee and General Assembly, Blue Mountains, Australia (Neema, Ashish)
- 9-11: Participation in intercontinental dialogue on 'Communities Conserving Nature and Culture', Blue Mountains, Australia (Neema, Ashish)
- 12: Presentation on Ecotourism and Radical Ecological Democracy, Griffith University, Australia (Ashish)
- 12-18: Participation in World Parks Congress, Sydney, Australia, including in Governance theme, and coordination of sessions on wellbeing, ICCAs and biodiversity (Neema, Ashish)

December 2014:

- 1st – 3rd – Jalgaon for meeting on FRA implementation, Nashik for presentation by the Governor's office on PESA, meeting with Conservator Forests and Yawal wildlife sanctuary. (Neema and Meenal)
- 1: Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture, on Ecological Swaraj at Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur (Ashish)
- 2: Participation in 'Abki Baar, Hamara Adhikar' rally of peoples' movement, Delhi (Ashish)
- 5: Alternatives Forum Pune, on NAPM Convention, Timbaktu Vikalp Sangam
- 12-14: Participation and guiding in Pawalgarh Birding Camp for bird guides, Uttarakhand (Sanjay, Anchal, Ashish)

- 16 and 17th: Organised the National Convention on Community Forest Rights, with the help of Vasundhara on behalf of CFR-LA (Meenal, Neema, Ashish)
- 19: Planning meeting for the Tamil Nadu Vikalp Sangam at Chennai (Sujatha)
- 19-22: Visit to Niyamgiri, start of study on well-being worldviews of Dongria Kondh (Meenal, Rashi, Ashish)
- 23: Presentation on Vikalp Sangam process at Vasundhara, Bhubaneswar (Ashish)
- 30th – Yelavali for meeting on ecotourism and underground water exploration (Pradeep, Neema)

January 2015:

- 1: Presentation on Environment and Development at Nusrowji Wadia College, Pune (Ashish)
- 3rd – Lecture at Ecological Society, Pune on People, Conservation Interface with the new legal, policy and political environment. (Neema)
- 6,7,16: Birding trips to wetlands in/around Pune (several Pune members)
- 14th-23rd: Visited North Bengal for understanding CFR efforts in villages of Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, Coochbehar and Darjeeling Districts as part of the CFR-LA process. (Meenal and Tom Guha-Intern)
- 22: Workshop on Community Forestry in India – Challenges and Opportunities in the light of lessons from Mexico and Nepal. Organised by SPWD, New Delhi (Neema)
- 23-24 – CFR Mapping- Experiences and Learnings. Organised by Vasundhara at ISI, New Delhi (Neema)
- 24th – 26th: Educators Network meeting at Hyderabad (Sujatha)
- 29-30: Presented at the National Consultation on "Biodiversity and Intellectual Property: Policy Options for Implementing Access and Benefit Sharing in India" on 29th and 30th January 2015. The consultation was organised by Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway and National Law University, New Delhi (Kanchi)

February 2015:

- 4-8: Presentations, birdwatching guiding, other activities at 2nd Uttarakhand Bird Festival, Pawalgarh Conservation Reserve (Sanjay, Anchal, Ashish, Meenal, and interns Shruti and Tom)
- 5th: Visited Aamdanda forest village in Nainital District of Uttarakhand as part of CFR-LA process. (Meenal).
- 11th: Meeting in Nagpur organised by Vidarbha Livelihoods Forum to discuss the process documentation of CFR implementation process being carried out by Kalpavriksh. (Neema, Shruti-intern working on the process documentation)

- 12-15: SGP Asia Meeting on UNDP-SGP activities related to ICCAs in Asia. Organised by UNDP-SGP Asia, Bangkok, Thailand. (Neema)
- 14-17: Coordination of and participation in 2nd Vikalp Sangam, CESC, Madurai, Tamil Nadu (Sujatha, Rashi, Ashish, Shiba)
- 18-19: Visit to urban sustainability initiatives (Rainbow Drive colony, Kaikondrahalli lake), Bengaluru (Ashish)
- 19: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy at Azim Premji University, Bengaluru (Ashish)
- 21: Presentation on Environment and Development, Lokayat, Pune (Ashish)
- 23: Alternatives Forum Pune, presentation on GMOs and sustainable agriculture by Ashwin Paranjpe

March 2015:

- 4: Presentation on Globalisation and Alternatives to TDH partners, Pune (Ashish)
- 9: Alternatives Forum Pune, presentation on Transition Towns movement by Naresh Giangrande
- 14: Presentations on Environment and Development at Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communications, Pune (Ashish)
- 24-27: Participation in World Social Forum, Tunis, including presentation in workshop 'Towards a World Citizens' Movement' (CIVICUS, Concorde, etc), and coordination of session on 'Radical Wellbeing Alternatives to Development' (KV, Global Diversity Foundation, Centre for Environment and Development, SADED) (Ashish)

PART D: LETTERS & SUBMISSIONS



- 30th April - Comments on Maharashtra Village Forest Rules, 2014
- 9th May 2014: Petition (to the Chief Minister, Maharashtra for immediate issuance of transit permits to Pachgaon gram sabha, Chandrapur district, Maharashtra and ensuring compliance with the FRA
- 26th June - Submission on the Draft Arunachal Pradesh Forest Act 2014
- 24th July 2014: Letter to the District Collector of Chandrapur, Maharashtra to lift the deadline for filing and receiving claims under the Forest Rights Act.
- 1st August 2014: Letter to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra. "Sub: Urgent issues related to implementation of Section 3 1(i) and section 5 of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 in Maharashtra."
- 4th August 2014: Petition to the Prime Minister and open letter of protest against violation of the FRA in the forests of Mahan and police action against Greenpeace India activists.
- 4th September 2014: Letter to the Central Ministry of Tribal Affairs. "Sub: Civil Society and Adivasi *sangathanas* concerned about contradiction of Maharashtra village forest rules 2014 with Forest Rights Act 2006 and Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas Act 1996."
- 12th September 2014: Petition and open letter to the Prime Minister against the violation of the Forest Rights Act and provision of gram sabha consent for diversion of forest land for developmental projects.
- 12th September 2014: Letter to the Prime Minister of India. "Sub: Petition against violation of the Forest Rights Act and the provision for gram sabha consent for diversion of forest land for developmental projects."
- 30th November 2014: Letter to IPR Think Tank, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) on IPR related to concerns under the Biodiversity Act.



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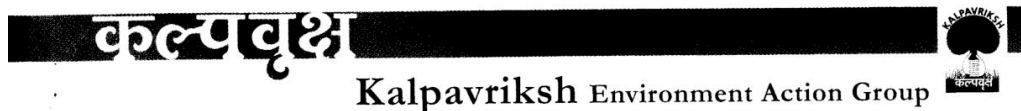
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2. Association for India's Development, College Park Chapter
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8. OXFAM India
9. Greenpeace
10. Sahjeevan
11. Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)
12. World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

PART G: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. BALANCE SHEET



KALPAVRIKSH BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2015

Figures in Rupees

PARTICULARS	Sch No.	As At 31.03.2015	As At 31.03.2015	As At 31.03.2014	As At 31.03.2014
SOURCES OF FUNDS					
TRUST FUND			226,314.00		114,314.00
GENERAL FUND					
Opening balance (Administrative Fund)		2,845,916.78		2,397,439.81	
Opening balance (Income & Expenditure A/c)		123,528.48		448,476.97	
Add: Surplus for the year (Income & Expenditure A/c)		-		-	
Less: Transfer to restricted fund		-		-	
Less: Transfer to Deferred Income (Fixed Assets)		-		-	
Closing balance			2,969,445.26		2,845,916.78
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Conditional Donations and Grants	1		2,395,973.12		4,946,829.98
Deferred Income					
Transfer from General Fund		16,163.70		37,535.70	
Add: Deferred Income on Assets purchased				(21,372.00)	
Less: Transfer to Income & expenditure account-Depreciation					
Closing balance			16,163.70		16,163.70
TOTAL			5,607,896.08		7,923,224.46
APPLICATION OF FUNDS					
FIXED ASSETS	3		130,951.30		136,518.30
CURRENT ASSETS	4	5,424,165.43		7,686,041.45	
LOANS, ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS	4	151,066.00		224,635.00	
Less CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS	4	98,286.65		123,970.29	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			5,476,944.78		7,786,706.16
Notes to Accounts	5				
TOTAL			5,607,896.08		7,923,224.46

As per my attached report of even date
ANITA LAXMAN LIMAYE
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Anita Limaye

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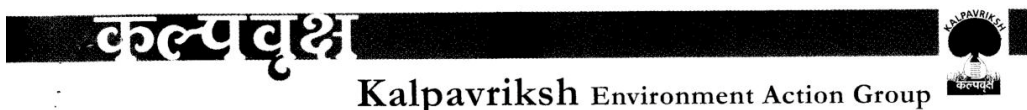
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2. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AMOUNT



KALPAVRIKSH
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH 2015

Figures in Rupees

PARTICULARS	AS AT 31.03.2015			AS AT 31.03.2014		
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL
INCOME						
Grants utilised	647,493.36	10,303,545.62	10,951,038.98	890,592.75	7,095,665.12	7,986,257.87
Donations received	88,759.00	276,240.00	364,999.00	146,250.00	15,160.47	161,410.47
Fees from Activities	95,421.50	-	95,421.50	20,625.00	-	20,625.00
Income from publications	128,575.00	-	128,575.00	103,035.75	-	103,035.75
Other Income						
Interest on savings and deposit accounts	87,534.00	-	87,534.00	63,616.00	-	63,616.00
Miscellaneous income	110.00	-	110.00	-	-	-
Deferred Income (depreciation charged)	-	-	-	21,372.00	-	21,372.00
Sundry Balances w/off	-	-	-	-	-	-
	87,644.00	-	87,644.00	84,988.00	-	84,988.00
Total Income	1,047,892.86	10,579,785.62	11,627,678.48	1,245,491.50	7,110,825.59	8,356,317.09
EXPENDITURE						
Staff Payments and Benefits	242,274.00	1,779,592.00	2,021,866.00	250,800.00	1,012,175.00	1,262,975.00
Professional fees	15,000.00	4,941,298.00	4,956,298.00	-	3,471,121.00	3,471,121.00
Administrative and General Expenses						
Rent, rates and taxes	217,614.00	127,074.00	344,688.00	217,068.00	102,208.00	319,276.00
Communication expenses	22,292.10	309,010.00	331,302.10	57,578.16	83,065.00	140,643.16
Stationary	46,821.00	102,928.00	149,749.00	44,942.00	10,103.00	55,045.00
Electricity expenses	11,931.00	1,887.00	13,818.00	12,088.00	712.00	12,800.00
Travelling and conveyance expenses	23,959.00	1,187,657.12	1,211,616.12	4,109.00	1,205,828.59	1,209,937.59
Insurance charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Remuneration to Auditors	40,500.00	-	40,500.00	-	-	-
Others	265,927.28	2,078,859.50	2,344,786.78	184,706.37	1,225,613.00	1,410,319.37
Repairs and Maintenance						
Building	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office Equipment	7,706.00	-	7,706.00	4,351.00	-	4,351.00
Others	-	40,000.00	40,000.00	-	-	-
Depreciation for the year	26,980.00	-	26,980.00	21,372.00	-	21,372.00
Depreciation prior period	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Write offs and provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expenses	3,360.00	11,480.00	14,840.00	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure	924,364.38	10,579,785.62	11,504,150.00	797,014.53	7,110,825.59	7,907,840.12
Excess of Income over expenditure	123,528.48	-	123,528.48	448,476.97	-	448,476.97

As per my attached report of even date

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