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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

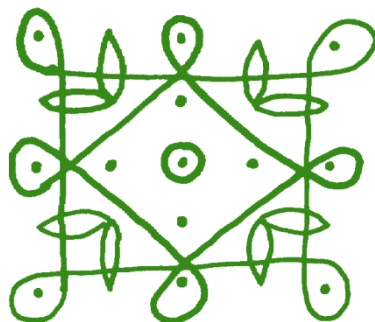
Kalpavriksh believes that a country can develop meaningfully only when ecological sustainability and social equity are guaranteed, and a sense of respect for, and oneness with nature and fellow humans is achieved.

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

- **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 Semadoh, in Melghat Tiger Reserve on 21st to 23rd September 2013. Selection of the governing body (core group), the office bearers and financial auditor was done at this meeting.

Secretary: Milind Wani

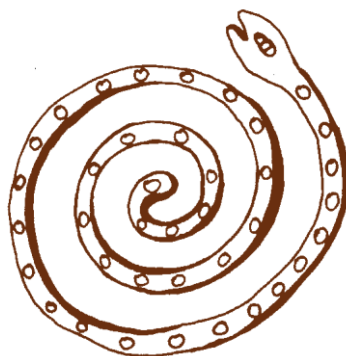
Treasurer: Pradeep Chavan

Core group: Vikal Samdariya, Prabhakar Rao, Meenakshi Kapoor, Anchal Sondhi, Neema Pathak Broome, Milind Wani, Sujatha Padmanabhan, Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Neeraj Vagholikar, Sharmila Deo, Shiba Desor, Pradeep Chavan

Auditors: Anita Limaye, Chartered Accountant, Pune

SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMMITTEE

Kalpavriksh has constituted an Internal Complaints Committee for its Pune office under The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 on the 12th of February 2014. The members include Sujatha Padmanabhan (Presiding Officer), Shiba Desor, Prajakta Kulkarni, Neeraj Vagholikar and Advocate Rama Sarode as an external expert. Before the committee was constituted, Advocate Rama Sarode was invited to orient the staff and members on the 18th of December 2013 about the Act and its provisions, Vishakha Guidelines and the overall issues related to prevention of sexual harassment. The policy of the organization on the prevention of sexual harassment is currently being worked out.



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Part A: Projects, Activities and Campaigns

1. ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Projects:

- A. Environment Education in Kachchh
- B. Dissemination of Biodiversity Resource Kit "Ri Gyancha"

1A | Environment Education in Kachchh

Team: Sujatha Padmanabhan with others from Sahjeevan (local NGO) and Khamir (local NGO) in Kachchh

Funds Sanctioned: Rs. 38,000. Costs of travel and stay were borne by Sahjeevan

Funder: Sahjeevan

A collaboration is on between Sahjeevan, Khamir and Kalpavriksh to develop localized environmental education material for children in Kachchh. The first outputs decided upon were a booklet and a set of posters for children based on the ecosystems in Kachchh.

Sujatha worked with Shruthi Ramakrishna of Khamir to finalise the text for the booklet after feedback from various people. Sujatha visited Kachchh from 30th July to 7th August 2013 along with Kalyani Ganapati who was identified to do the illustrations for the booklet. A few pages of the booklet were field tested in some schools for content, layout etc. Feedback was taken from children and from staff of these schools. A translator was contacted and work on rendering the story in Gujarati is on.

Sushama Durve worked on a set of six posters and also finalized a set of about 80 individual species illustrations.

1B | Dissemination of Biodiversity Resource Kit "Ri Gyancha"

Co-ordinator: Sujatha Padmanabhan

Year of Dissemination Commencement: 2010-ongoing

Year of Re-print: 2013-2014

Funds Sanctioned: 4,95,430/- (for the re-print of Ri Gyancha)

Funding Agency: Panthera

Sujatha visited Ladakh from September 1st to 12th to discuss the revisions to be made since copies of Ri Gyancha are almost sold out and Snow Leopard Conservancy-India Trust (SLC-IT) requested a re-print with some revisions and additional information. Over the two weeks she collected the required new information and photographs. The text revisions were done by February, and Sujatha worked with the designer in March to start the revisions to the document.

A proposal was sent to Panthera, a funding organisation, to fund the reprint of the resource kit which was accepted.

There was also a request for the two posters (Birds of Ladakh and Mammals of Ladakh) to be printed for sale since there is a demand from teachers for these. It was decided to add some more species to each poster. Sujatha coordinated this with the designer, artist, SLC-IT and the printer. 1000 posters of each design were printed and sent to Ladakh.

Sujatha also supported an EVS teacher training programme for Ladakh school teachers held in New Delhi on 2nd December. This was organized by Sampark Foundation.

1C | Other Meetings, Workshops and Lectures

- A nature-based series that we have been contributing to the Schools Students Newspaper Edition of Deccan Herald continued with two pieces a month. Since schools were closed in April and May, the series re-started in June and continued till March 2014. This series is being coordinated by Sujatha.
- A presentation on Ladakh and a story reading session was done by Sujatha on 2nd May 2013 at Paljor Namgyal Senior Secondary School in Gangtok.
- A two hour session was conducted by Sujatha and Neema for the partners of Terre Des Hommes from Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Chhatisgarh on 4th July in Khandala. A quiz format was used to highlight some facts about each State's biodiversity.
- Meenal and Sharmila facilitated a State Level workshop on Ecological Rights of Children / Youth organized by Terre Des Hommes (TDH) along with Ugam from the 27th – 29th Aug 2013 at Hingoli district in Maharashtra. Along with presentations and discussions on Biodiversity, there were activities conducted to help the participants come up with project ideas that they could undertake in their respective villages with the guidance of the local NGOs which are part of the TDH network. There was a half day field trip undertaken to see the work done in the village by Ugam.



2. ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Projects/Activities

- A. Environment and Development Related Research and Advocacy
- B. Dams and Environmental Governance in Northeast India
- C. Capacity-building on Environment and Legal Issues for Youth/Student Groups

2A | Environment and Development Related Research and Advocacy

Coordinator: Kanchi Kohli, Manju Menon, Meenakshi Kapoor

Year of 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.3,90,000 approved in March 2013)

Funding Agencies: AID

DeveLopments

The ongoing support and advocacy on development and environment concerns continued during this period. Members of the team regularly coordinated on telephone and email with local groups and individuals on specific queries and strategy inputs. Other than the policy and legal research on various GoI circulars and orders, the campaign provided technical and legal support in local specific issues in Bhadreswar, Kutch (Gujarat); Jagatsinghpur (Odisha) and Raoghat (Chhattisgarh).

The Campaign team also wrote popular articles on these subjects and signed on to specific letters and petitions on various issues of concern related to environment and development in India.

2B | Dams and Environmental Governance in Northeast India

Coordinator: Neeraj Vagholikar

Year of Commencement and Completion: Ongoing since 2001

Total Funds Sanctioned: N.A. in 2013-14

Funding Agencies: N.A. in 2013-14

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.

2C | Capacity Building on Environment and Legal Issues for Youth/Student Groups in Northeast India

Coordinator: Neeraj Vagholikar

Year of Commencement and Completion: 2013-14 and 2014-15

Total Funds Sanctioned: Rs. 2,37,030

Funding Agencies: GGF

Developments

Since 2003 Kalpavriksh members have either co-organised or participated as resource persons in various workshops/trainings/capacity building programmes on environment and legal issues by local groups in Northeast India.

In the current phase, the focus is on co-organising with local youth/student groups a series of workshops for capacity building on environment and legal issues, spread over 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Due to unavoidable local circumstances, the workshop scheduled for February 2014 had to be cancelled. Three workshops were subsequently planned for May and June 2014.



3. CONSERVATION AND LIVELIHOODS

Projects/Activities/Campaigns:

- A. National Level Advocacy
- B. State Level Advocacy of Community Forest Resources Forest Rights Act
- C. Research and Advocacy on Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas
- D. Research and Advocacy on Biodiversity Act and Campaign for Conservation and Community Control over Biodiversity
- E. Advocacy on Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- F. Documentation and Dissemination
- G. Global Networking

3A | National Level Advocacy

3A.1 | Future of Conservation (FoC), Wildlife Protection Act and Protected Area Governance Issues

Team: Ashish Kothari, Neema Pathak Broome, Shiba Desor and Meenal Tatpati

Year of Commencement: 2006

Year of Completion: Ongoing

Total Funds Sanctioned: Rs. 10 lakhs (for February to December 2013)

Funding Agency: Part of the funding from the above amount by Action Aid was used for some activities while other activities were voluntary

Developments

To support the intervention filed by KV in the matter of Ajay Dubey vs. NTCA and Others, case studies in Melghat and Tadoba Tiger Reserve were initiated to understand the ground level process followed in notification of Tiger Reserves. A national consultation on FRA and Protected Areas was held on 11-12 November 2013. KV continued networking with other organizations in trying to ensure and understand possibilities of co-existence in protected areas. A study on local institutions for conservation in the post CFR scenario in Protected Areas and beyond was undertaken and the report is currently under preparation. The section on FRA in PAs in the PA update continues to give regular information to readers.

A note on conflicts and complementarities at the interface of forest laws (IFA, FCA, FRA, WLPA, BDA), with respect to FRA has been finalized and is in process of being disseminated as a policy brief by the documentation centre. The preparation of the note was supported by Action Aid India 2012 project. The note tried to take forward discussions on contradictions in forest laws which had been initiated by WWF India in Bharatpur in 2010. Advocacy for FRA implementation and local involvement in PAs continued through letters and submissions especially in case of the draft WLPA amendment being discussed in the Rajya Sabha.

3A.2 | Research and Advocacy on the Forest Rights Act

Team: Neema Pathak Broome, Shiba Desor, Meenal Tatpati

Others Involved in this Period: Milind Wani, Anuradha Arjunwadkar

Year of Commencement: 2007

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

Total Funds Sanctioned: Rs. 6,34,000 (Vasundhara), Rs 1,50,000 (Greenpeace)

Funding Agency: Vasundhara; Action Aid India (work on FRA-PA interface, funds mentioned in the earlier header), Greenpeace India and several activities voluntary

Developments

There has been continued focus on advocacy and understanding of the provisions of Forest Rights Act, with a specific focus on Community Forest Rights. The Community Forest Rights Learning and Advocacy (CFRLA) Process has 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. As a follow up to the national level CFR consultation in Delhi organized on 16-17 March 2013, the report was circulated among the Ministries and the members of the CFRLA google group. The Citizen's Report on CFRs 2013 has been printed and widely disseminated. For the 2013 Citizen's report, KV was responsible for overall compilation and a national review on implementation of CFRs as well as coordination and contribution to case studies (Baiga Chak in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and BRT Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka).

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 leading to some negative social and environmental impacts. It also plans to analyse the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) and Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF)'s role in forest diversion (through factsheets) and court cases/judgements based on such diversions. A policy brief on applicability of FRA in forest diversion was also prepared with the documentation centre.

As a follow up to the study titled 'Countering Coal' with Greenpeace India, a more in-depth study on 'Assertion of CFRs for a more democratic forest governance' was initiated in February 2013 with Greenpeace India and Vasundhara to document cases from Odisha, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh. The draft report has been internally circulated for comments. A submission has also been made on the draft amendment to the Forest Conservation Act rules as these rules do not sufficiently acknowledge prior recognition of rights and gram sabha consent for forest clearance as required under FRA.

Kalpavriksh in association with the Community Forest Rights-Learning and Advocacy Process (CFRLA) organised a consultation on the relevance of the provisions of the FRA in forest diversion on the 5th and 6th of March at XISA in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. People involved in the struggle against Polavaram dam in Andhra Pradesh, BALCO and Dainik Bhaskar Power coal mines in Chhattisgarh, Thoubal Multipurpose project in Manipur, POSCO and Niyamgiri struggles, Astaranga port struggle in Odisha and Karo mine struggle from Jharkhand presented their testimonies and gave a record of violations that had taken place in these states. Discussions were held on the stage of forest clearance process of each project, status of claims under FRA, violations in process of FRA

compliance as per provisions of the 2009 circular and the communities' response towards these violations.

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) and Himal Prakriti (Uttarakhand), Lok Sangharsha Morcha (Maharashtra) 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.

A project was also initiated, with Moving Images and Vasundhara, for a three part video-documentation of FRA issues wrt. Conservation, livelihoods and development. A small film titled "Pakkhe Nu Chhadnu Nai-[My Nomad Soul] has been made with inputs from Kalpavriksh on the FRA process in the Banni Grasslands of Kutch, Gujarat.

3B | State Level Advocacy of Community Forest Resources under Forest Rights Act

3B.1 | Documentation and Advocacy through Maharashtra Level Case Study of CFRs

Team: Neema Pathak Broome, Meenal Tatpati, Pradeep Chavan, Milind Wani

Year of Commencement and Completion: 2010 and ongoing

Total Funds Sanctioned: Voluntary

Developments

A state-level e-mail group was created for sharing information on developments related to CFRs in the state. Information is being regularly shared on this group. Kalpavriksh has also been in touch with local sangathanas and NGOs, which are involved in implementation of the Act for regular updates. These updates were shared with the concerned authorities as and when the need arose. Currently a follow up state consultation is being planned by network of Maharashtra civil society groups, preferably before Maharashtra Assembly elections.

3B.2 | Conservation and Development Micro-planning for 15 Villages towards Co-existence of Humans and Wildlife in Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary

Team: Neema Pathak Broome

Year of Commencement: 2013

Total Funds Sanctioned: Travel and local expenses supported by Lok Sangharsha Morcha and Kalpavriksh

Developments

Kalpavriksh has been assisting Lok Sangharsha Morcha (LSM) and Lok Samanvay Pratishthan (LSP) based in Nadurbar and Jalgaon in a process towards establishment of Community Forest Rights (CFRs) under FRA; and in drafting conservation and development plans in 17 villages in and around Yawal wildlife sanctuary in Jalgaon district of Maharashtra. Our engagement with LSM and Yawal began in a voluntary capacity in February 2013 with training programme for the local tribal youth on

biodiversity conservation and FRA. Our role has mainly been to bring in the concerns of biodiversity and conservation in the discussions and activities of this political movement which has focused largely on ensuring land and resource rights to local tribal population (given a strong history of dispossession and oppression of tribals in this belt).

After much debate and discussion about deteriorating ecological and social situation in Yawal wildlife sanctuary, a decision was taken to undertake micro planning in 17 villages in and around the sanctuary in a joint meeting between LSM and Principle Secretary of Forests in Maharashtra, Shri. Praveen Singh Pardeshi on 30th May 2013. The objective of the micro-planning was to ensure local development while achieving wildlife conservation in the sanctuary.

Local youth, local forest staff and MSW students from Jalgaon and other parts of Maharashtra were trained with help from YASHADA to collect village level data using a diversity of participatory tools. An awareness programme was organized for all local elected representatives; local government functionaries; NGOs and others to explain the micro-planning process; its importance; and to seek their participation in the process.

The trained teams along with village volunteers from each village used PRA techniques, focus group discussions, forest transect walks, village land-use transects, and specially designed games to bring out serious social and ecological issues. GPS machines were used to develop CFR maps for these villages, which would be used to file CFR claims. Kalpavriksh helped develop the formats and facilitated the data collection, and analysis for ecological and conservation related information; and participated in in-depth interactions with thousands of people informally and also through formal gram sabhas. Through the process data at following levels was created:

- 1) Family level information on social issues and concerns, reach of tribal welfare schemes, livelihood and income sources, interface with forest, among others.
- 2) Village level information on village level facilities, presence and/or absence of government line agencies, quality of public services and needs for future, among others
- 3) Panchayat level information, including on participation in governance
- 4) Social maps were prepared with the help of the villagers
- 5) Forest resource maps were prepared with the local people, which included good forest areas, degraded forests, areas of particular ecological significance, socio-culturally important areas , village boundaries, , among others.
- 6) Forest transect walks were conducted to gain an understanding of traditional knowledge, current status of forest, people and forest interface data.

This data, along with notes from numerous informal and focus group meetings with men, women and youth was compiled and main emerging issues were distilled. These issues were discussed and notes were prepared for gram sabha resolutions in mahila sabhas, and gaon sabhas (at the level of the revenue village as the associated hamlets were very small and could join these meetings). Draft gram sabha resolutions were prepared based on these discussions by a group of villagers, including village elders (from all concerned villages and hamlets), in a meeting also attended by local activists of LSM, members of LSP, and representative of Kalpavriksh, and were presented by village representatives in the gram sabha on the final day.

The process led to a renewed interest among the people towards the gram sabhas. In the memory of the oldest people in the village (as often mentioned by few in the gram sabhas) they had never seen crowds of this kind turning up for gram sabhas. In almost all gram sabhas unanimous decision were taken on asserting rights under FRA following appropriate legal process; against fresh occupation of forest land; and taking steps towards forest conservation. Micro-plans were finalized in the subsequent months and an Advisory Committee was constituted to ensure guidance to the process. Since then a number of meetings have been organized with the local government functionaries and village representatives to ensure convergence of various government schemes towards implementation of village micro-plans. CFR claims have also been filed in all villages, the titles however are still awaited.

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

Coordination and Team: Neema Pathak Broome and Pradeep Chavan

Support Team: Milind Wani and Meenal Tatpati; and Vinay Nair, Sanjana Singh and Vasundhara Krishnani (interns).

Others Involved: Subhash Dolas (Yelavali village)

Year of Commencement: September 2006

Year of Completion: Ongoing

Total Funds Sanctioned: Rs.141,858/- from the Documentation Project; Rs. 4,00,000 from Duleep Mathai; (October 2013 to September 2015); Rs. 421,964 (March 2014 to Feb 2015) from Janssens Fund

Funding Agency: Misereor for the Doc. Centre project; Duleep Mathai Fellowship; Janssens Funds

DevelOpments

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

a) Liaison with Government Agencies

An NGO network (of Kalpavriksh, Shashwat & Adivasi Adhikar Rashtriy Manch), formed to lobby for FRA implementation in Bhimashankar area has sent several letters to the District collector, Pune; Sub Divisional Officer (SDO), Rajgurunagar and Project Officer of Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) office, Ghodegaon raising concerns about the slow progress of FRA implementation in and around Bhimashankar wildlife sanctuary, several meetings were also held with these officials to initiate a joint campaign towards raising awareness and filing claims in these villages.

b) Capacity Building Workshops

On 13th February 2014, KV conducted a detailed training on FRA and processes of claiming and vesting rights for concerned staff members from Forest department, Revenue and tribal departments, the SDO and Tahasildar of Ambegaon taluka, along with some members of other local civil society organizations.

A workshop, specifically focused on building the capacity of activists working in and around BWLS on the issue of on Community Forest Resource (CFRs), Critical Wildlife Habitat (CWH) and Ecological Sensitive Areas (ESA), was organized on the 26th of Dec 2013 at Dimbe, Tal: Ambegaon, Dist: Pune.

c) 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:

- Meetings in individual villages sharing with the provisions of the law and discussion on its implication for people.
- Simple posters and other awareness material were created in Marathi on FRA for distribution to individuals as reference and putting up in the panchayat offices.
- House to house campaigns were conducted several times to educate people about the FRA & also to encourage them to attend upcoming gramsabhas.
- 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.
- Lobbied with sub divisional committee members and tribal department in particular to attend the gramsabhas
- KV team members also attended 15th August & 2nd October Gram Sabhas and facilitated sessions on FRA in Bhorgiri, Bhomale & Kharpud Gram Panchayats.

d) Formation of FRCs, Capacity Building Workshops, and Filing CFR Claims:

Subsequent to the gram sabha on the 15th August 2013 and 2nd October 2013, as a follow up to the decisions taken at the gram sabha, Forest Rights Committees'(FRCs) were formed in Mhasewadi, Kharpud, Bhivegaon & Garbewadi (hamlet of Bhorgiri) villages. KV organized capacity building workshops for these FRCs at their request. A plan of action was chalked out for each of the villages to start mapping and filing of CFR claims in November and December 2013. Till March 2013, Yelavali and Bhivegaon had filed their claims while other hamlets were still at the stage of collecting evidences and preparing CFR maps.

e) Implementation of Village Forest Conservation Micro-Plan and Eco-Tourism in Yelavali

Heavy rains till much later in the season in 2013, prevented from conducting too many activities, in the village, including ecotourism during this period. As and when was possible village level meetings were organized to discuss any emerging issues. In the meanwhile we also continued to lobby with the forest department about stream lining the accounting process under the scheme. Villagers received further funding, which they have decided to use for de-silting one of the village wells, to ensure water security in summer months. FD has also provided honey bee boxes and LPG gas under the scheme to the villagers.

The ecolodge in Yelavali village received about 6 camping groups between January 2014-March 2014. Villagers have worked out a rotation system to manage the camps. All the camps provided the village as well as KV feedback on scope for improvement. A team consisting of KV members and outside KV members is currently being considered to coordinate promotion of eco-tourism in

Yelavali, a couple of interns are also helping in the effort. A brochure explaining the village initiative has been prepared and uploaded on KV website.

f) Honey Bee Conservation and Livelihood Programme

The Honey bee project was initiated in Bhimashankar with the primary goal of understanding threats to the population of Apis cerana honey bee and devised locally suitable and participatory strategies for conservation of bees in the CFR forests in and around the sanctuary. The project also aims to help improve local livelihoods through sustainable honey harvesting and bee-keeping practices. The project was initiated in October 2013, following activities have been conducted under the project till March 2013:

- Development of interview questionnaires for: (1) Honey harvesters 2) Honey buyers and 3) Focused Group discussion) in Marathi language to carry out the survey and study.
- Collection of data on honey harvesters their harvesting techniques and other socio-economic parameters.
- Establishing a group of honey harvesters for the participatory study and future livelihoods activities
- Networking with others involved in honey bee studies, conservation and honey marketing for constant experience sharing and learning.
- Capacity building of honey harvesters through sharing information, trainings, exposure visits & discussions on bees
- Ecological study of Apis cerana habitat with help from Vinay Nair, who is helping in developing a methodology for the study of A.cerana habitat and long term monitoring of their population and impact on population.

3C | Research and Advocacy on Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas

3C.1 | 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

Helped four communities file their nomination for UNDP Biodiversity awards, namely Baripada (Maharashtra), Payvihi (Maharashtra), Manglajodi (Odisha), and Sendenyu (Nagaland). Of these first three were awarded under various categories. A national consultation on follow up on ICCA support policies in India post CoP 11 of Convention on Biological Diversity is currently being explored. Other activities are reported below.

3C.2 | Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas in South Asia

Coordinators: Neema Pathak Broome

Support Team: Aurelie Neumann (Intern till July 2013), Mariam Abazeri (Intern August-September 2013)

Year of Commencement: 2011

Year of Completion: 2014

Total Funds Sanctioned/Remaining: US\$ 4500 per year towards coordinators salary and KV expenses

Developments

a) Photostory

Kalpavriksh, along with ICCA Consortium and Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) facilitated a Photo Story prepared by the villagers of Longsa and Ungma villages of Mokokchung district of Nagaland. The photo story is about an initiative started in 2010 by the two villages to conserve an area stretching over 16km along the Tzüla (Dikhu) river, one of main tributaries of Doyang. The Tzüla (Dikhu) Green Zone as the local Ao tribe calls it, is protected through a decision passed in the Village Council meetings of the two villages towards restricting fishing, hunting and other harmful activities such as illegal logging in this stretch of land and water. About 30 Sema villages upstream of the river are now in the process of expanding this to their area.

The methodology of the photo story was discussed with the local community representatives through FES. The management committee of the green zone appointed a core team to work on this along with Kalpavriksh, ICCA consortium and FES representatives. Through a series of meetings with the village council members, women's groups, youth groups, school children and church groups the story was put together. Photography training was organized for the local children and women, local songs and cultural activities was recorded, photos were taken by the local people, particularly children of their village and their community conserved area (CCA). The appointed team recorded, edited, and screened the story to the villagers for feedback and the photostory was finalized based on these feedback. (http://www.iccaconsortium.org/?page_id=52)

b) 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.

c) Asian Parks Congress November 2013

KV as a member of ICCA Consortium was actively involved in preparations towards organizing events on ICCAs in the first Asia Parks Congress in Japan, in November 2013. From KV, Ashish Kothari and Seema Bhatt attended. KV collaborated in the organization of a side event on 'Protected Areas and ICCAs', along with the ICCA Consortium.

It was observed that during the Congress, there was a strong focus on traditional knowledge and practices. Sacred natural sites were much in focus during the discussions. Landscape levels approaches received some attention, primarily through Satoyama and Satoumi examples from Japan. However, there was not much focus on issues related to governance of biodiversity. What was originally supposed to be a Governance Working Group, became a co-management one. In

general there was a heavy focus on government PAs and co-management; at many places ICCAs were mentioned as being co-management or joint management initiatives. Overall there were very few ICCA presentations.

There was an overwhelming participation of government officials and international organizations, and almost no participation of indigenous peoples and local communities. Corridor discussions were held on an Asian PA Partnership, but a meeting on this was closed, and an attempt by one delegate to bring in ICCA Consortium participation was rejected!

d) ICCAs and PAs

Contributions were made into a global document on interface between PA and ICCAs in overlapping situations. The document is currently being finalized.

3D | Research and Advocacy on Biodiversity Act

3D.1 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 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

a) Dissemination of Studies on BMC and ABS

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.

b) Tracking Implementation and Continued Study on SBB and BMCs

The team members in collaboration with GRAIN and other members of the campaign continued tracking 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. 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. This and other information and analysis was regularly posted on an electronic listserve coordinated by Kalpavriksh, BioDwatch. The Right to Information Act was used to seek new information to support advocacy and research.

c) Responses to the Policy and Implementation Process of the NBA and SBBs

Comments sent on the draft Access and Benefit Sharing Guidelines of the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) sent to the NBA on 13th April 2013. Comments were given to media persons on the draft ABS guidelines of February 2014 which were published in Down to Earth, Research Fortnight and other publications. RTIs have been filed to get more details on the process followed to draft NBA's ABS guidelines. We also published analytical papers on the subject and circulated to the wider official and NGO network.

d) Regular Response to Queries and Requests for Help on the BDA as well as Technical Inputs by the Campaign

Team members regularly responded to email and telephonic queries on the BDA implementation and implications from government officials of ICAR, NBPGR, civil society groups as well as State Biodiversity Boards on various subjects.

3E | Advocacy on Andaman and Nicobar Islands

3E.1 | Publication and Outreach on Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Coordinator: Pankaj Sekhsaria

Year of Commencement: 1998

Year of Completion: Ongoing

Funding: Nil

Funds Sanctioned: Nil

Developments

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

3F | Documentation and Dissemination

3F.1 | Protected Area Update (PA Update)

Coordinator: Pankaj Sekhsaria

Team: Reshma Jathar

Year of Commencement: 1994

Year of Completion: Ongoing

Funding: Project Budget for April 2013 to March 31, 2014 – Rs. 7,00,000

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. 90,000 by Action Aid India; Rs. 70,000 were raised through donations and subscriptions.

Developments

- Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XIX No. 3, June 2013 (No. 103)
- Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XIX No. 4, August 2013 (No. 104)
- Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XIX No. 5, October 2013 (No. 105)

- Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XIX No. 6, December 2013 (No. 106)
- Production and Printing of PA Update Vol XX No. 1, February 2014 (No. 107)

3F.2 | Documentation and Outreach Centre for Community Based Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security

Coordination: Milind Wani

Support Team: Pradeep Chavan, Subhash Dolas, 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: Ongoing

Total Funds Sanctioned: 79,100 Euros

Fund Usage (April 2013 – March 2014): 18000 Euro (INR 14,82,877.50)

Funding Agency: Misereor

Developments

The following tasks were undertaken during the reporting period.

a) Information and Outreach

- Publishing of Newsletter People in Conservation and Policy Brief
 - Special issue on CFR (Hindi Version)
 - Special issue on Agrobiodiversity (English and Hindi)
 - Work in progress for special issue on Marine Biodiversity (English version)
- Publishing of Newsletter Policy Brief
 - Hindi version of policy brief entitled Exploring the role of FRA within the process of Forest Diversion under FCA
 - Work in progress on english version of policy brief entitled Forest Governance At The Interface of Laws Related To Forest, Wildlife And Biodiversity (with a specific focus on conflicts with FRA)
- A book on lizards and amphibians - Work is in progress. At this stage the book is with printer and should be out by October 2014.
- Published analytical piece on agroecology in Himal entitled "Sowing revolution"

b) Capacity Building Programme

(as reported in section on Bhimashankar above)

3G | Global Networking

3G.1 | ICCA Consortium

Coordinators: Ashish Kothari, Neema Pathak Broome

Year of Commencement: 2008

Year of Completion: Ongoing (except ICCA and Aichi paper, 2014)

Funds Sanctioned: Mostly voluntary; Euro 1000 for ICCA and Aichi paper.

Developments

a) ICCA and Aichi Targets

A paper is being prepared on the relevance of ICCAs to the 20 targets that are part of the Global Strategy for Biodiversity 2011-20, called the Aichi Targets. A first draft was put out for comments, and is now under finalisation for distribution at the CBD COP12 (October 2014).

b) ICCA Extent

A paper on the extent of coverage of ICCAs in various countries is under preparation. A first draft was put out for comments; given continued uncertainty and lack of information from most countries, it will remain a discussion document.

c) Steering Committee

Ashish continued on the ICCA Consortium Steering Committee, including attending its meeting on 1st August in Rolle, Switzerland, and several skype or tele-meetings.

d) World Parks Congress

The ICCA Consortium is one of the key partners in organizing the Governance Stream of the World Parks Congress (November 2014), and Ashish is on the organizing committee for this. Planning of the sessions, objectives, and outcomes of this Stream began in mid-2013.

3G.6 | CBD Alliance

Coordinator: Neema Pathak Broome

Others: Sheetal Joshi (accounts in-charge), Prajakta Kulkarni

Year of Commencement: 2007

Year of Completion: ongoing

Total Funds Sanctioned (2013): 400,000 SEK were sanctioned (37,10,635 INR). All the funds received were meant exclusively for the activities of the Alliance, with only 10% being earmarked for KV as overheads

Developments

The CBD Alliance (www.cbdalliance.org) is implementing a project known as "Democracy, civil society and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)". The goal of the project is to ensure more diverse, coordinated and effective civil society participation at the United Nations (UN) Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) meetings and to promote the implementation of CBD. The main

project activities include, coordinating communication and support capacity building of civil society at the various CBD inter-sessional and sessional meetings and negotiations. To produce the newsletter, ECO, at the CBD meetings; and to facilitate civil society coordination and communication in preparation for the inter-sessional and sessional meetings.

Kalpavriksh is the fiscal agent of the CBD Alliance and is authorized under an MOU with the CBD Alliance to act as the host organization for the project, responsible for the fiscal management of the project, on behalf of CBD Alliance. Usual accounting, fund transfer, and other activities relevant to KV being the financial host of the CBD Alliance, were carried out in the year 2013-14.

3G.7 | Miscellaneous

- Inputs were provided as a member of the Expert Committee to guide the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) and Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) on their work on legal approaches for Aichi Biodiversity Targets. (Ashish)
- Inputs were provided to the RRI Report 'What Future for Reform?-Progress and slowdown in forest tenure reform since 2002' (Ashish, Shiba)



4. URBAN ENVIRONMENT

Projects

A. Urban Greens

4A | Urban Greens

Coordinator: Prabhakar Rao

Funds Sanctioned: No funds received

There is an ongoing case in NGT Delhi regarding trees. Kalpavriksh is joining the case after vacations.

There have been significant developments in the case that is based on our Delhi High Court case on trees. Prabhakar attended some hearings. The significant points are:

- For the first time fine was imposed on MCD for not implementing the order. This was challenged by MCD but rejected by the NGT.
- The Court appointed a commissioner to see the implementation of the it's order. Prabhakar had accompanied the team that verified the ground situation in three colonies of Delhi.
- All municipalities in Delhi have considerably freed the trees from concrete.
- Directions were issued to make the Urban Ministry Guidelines applicable to the whole of the country.
- Similar cases have been filed in other cities in India.
- A booklet is under preparation based on the Delhi Urban Green project.



5. ALTERNATIVES

Projects

- A. Documentation through Case Studies and Website Stories
- B. Alternatives Forum Pune
- C. Vikalp Sangam / Alternative Confluences
- D. Websites
- E. Miscellaneous

Coordinator: Ashish Kothari

Team: Anuradha Arjunwadkar, Shiba Desor, Sharmila Deo, Aurelie Neumann, Vinay Nair

Year of Commencement: 2013

Year of Completion: ongoing

Funds Sanctioned: Rs. 3 lakhs from Action Aid for Oct-Dec 2013; 21.88 lakhs from Heinrich Böll Foundation for December 2013 to October 2014; substantial volunteer input.

5A | Documentation through Case Studies and Website Stories

Documentation of the various alternative initiatives is seriously lacking and is felt to be a crucial part of this process. Field work was carried out on the sustainable agriculture and producer cooperative initiative of Timbaktu Collective (<http://www.timbaktu.org/>), the forest governance and forest-based livelihoods initiative in Nayakheda, Amravati (Maharashtra), and the women's empowerment and livelihoods work of Maati Sangathan in Uttarakhand.

Case studies have been written up on these, the last one (Maati) being preliminary (<http://www.sruti.org.in/?q=sangathan/maati-sangathan>). Additional case studies on communitisation of basic services in Nagaland, and initiatives by Kachchh Nav Nirman Abhiyan (<http://www.kutchabhiyan.org/>), have also commenced.

At the same time, people engaged or interested in alternative initiatives are being encouraged to write shorter stories and perspectives for the Vikalp Sangam website.

5B | Alternatives Forum Pune

KV initiated, with involvement of Pune-based civil society organisations Parisar (<http://www.parisar.org/>), Manthan, SOPPECOM (<http://soppecom.org/>), Prayas (<http://www.prayaspune.org/>), and CEE (<http://www.ceeindia.org/cee/index.html>), an Alternatives Forum Pune (AFP) in April 2013 (<http://www.kalpavriksh.org/index.php/alternatives/alternative-forum-pune.html>).

The aim of AFP is to discuss, understand, and build on practical and policy initiatives as alternatives to the currently dominant model of 'development'. Regular sessions are currently being coordinated by KV and an e-list has been formed for keeping members informed about such sessions and for encouraging discussions. AFP also organised two public talks, one (with Indradhanush) on Urban Setu by Bhavesh Bhatt and Aslam Juneja of Kachchh Nav Nirman Abhiyan (19 November 2013),

another (with Fergusson College) on India's Language Diversity by Ganesh Devy of BHASHA (<http://www.bhasharesearch.org/Introduction.aspx>) (12 February 2014). It also helped CEE organize a workshop on Participatory Urban Governance (20-21 November 2013).

5C | Vikalp Sangam / Alternatives Confluences

KV has mooted the idea of organizing regional gatherings called Vikalp Sangam/ Alternatives Confluences, as platforms for groups and individuals working on alternatives to exchange ideas and information. In particular, the aim would be to foster interactions across various interests and kinds of alternative initiatives, including conservation, livelihoods, education, crafts, media, governance, justice, etc. A planning meeting for taking this idea forward was organized on 31st January 2014 in Pune, a Vikalp Sangam Core Group was formed, and there are plans for the first such confluence to be hosted by Timbaktu Collective, Andhra Pradesh, in September 2014.

5D | Websites

A website called Vikalp Sangam (www.vikalpsangam.org, or www.alternativesindia.org) was initiated in association with Shikshantar (<http://www.swaraj.org/shikshantar/>) (Udaipur), Bhoomi College (<http://www.bhoomicollege.org/>) (Bengaluru) and Deccan Development Society (<http://ddsindia.com/www/default.asp>) (Pastapur), and with technical support from ThoughtWorks Technologies (India) Pvt. Ltd (<http://www.thoughtworks.com/>). The website was launched at the Economics of Happiness Conference (Bengaluru) on 15 March 2014, accompanied by a lively flash mob dance (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uatEizBTOVv>). Financial support for the website was initially received from Action Aid, and then from Heinrich Böll Foundation (<http://in.boell.org/contact>); however most of the work on it is voluntary.

At a more global level, the blog on the global Radical Ecological Democracy Peoples' Sustainability Treaty (<http://radicalecologicaldemocracy.wordpress.com>) that was started in early 2013, was kept going, though as a purely voluntary effort; updates and new materials are uploaded only occasionally.

5E | Miscellaneous

5E.1 | Post-2015 Development Agenda Process

Inputs are being provided to various forums deliberating on the proposed 'sustainable development' goals for the post-2015 period (when the current Millennium Development Goals end). This included organizing a national workshop around a paper proposing a sustainability framework for India with a global perspective (http://kalpavriksh.org/images/EnvironmentandDevelopment/Post-2015%20framework%20for%20India_%20Final%20version_20Feb2013.pdf), and inputs to UN forums including the UN Non-Government Liaison Service.

5E.2 | South Asia Hub on Green Economy of Development Alternatives

On invitation, inputs are being provided to Development Alternatives (<http://www.devalt.org/>) for a South Asia Hub of the Great Transition Initiative, on 'Green Economy' (part of our inputs is to question whether the green economy is a genuine transformation or more of a greenwash), with one of us on the Advisory Committee.

5E.3 | Internships and Volunteers

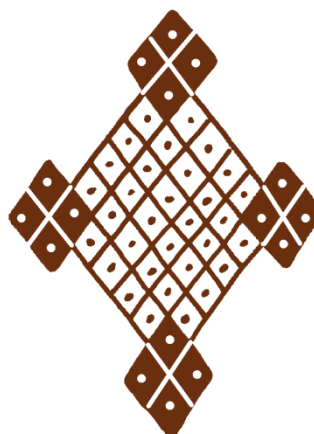
A number of interns and volunteers have worked on or are considering working on alternatives. Two interns, Aateka Shashank and Madhura Sawant, were guided in July-August 2013 to work on producer cooperatives and companies (their report is under finalisation). An intern from Belgium, Aurelie Neumann, was guided to develop a blog and a listserve on radical ecological democracy (mentioned above), along with volunteer Siddharth Sarada. An intern from USA, Desneige Hallbert, helped with website stories for Vikalp Sangam, and is taking over the radical ecological democracy blog and listserve management from Aurelie. A volunteer, Prarthana Gupta, put together a briefing paper on 'Indicators, Indices and Tools for Assessing Sustainability as Relevant for India' (http://www.vikalpsangam.org/static/media/uploads/Resources/sustainability_indicators,_indices_and_tools,_prarthana_gupta.pdf), and another on 'Gross National Happiness' (http://www.vikalpsangam.org/static/media/uploads/Resources/gross_national_happiness_prarthana_gupta.pdf); these have been uploaded on Vikalp Sangam website as reference material.

5E.4 | Aam Aadmi Party, Policy Group

Inputs were provided to the Aam Aadmi Party, Policy Group on its request, to help develop its policy positions on a number of themes related to Ecology and Economics, including Regenerating Rural India, and Natural Resources and Environment. (Ashish, Shiba, Neema)

5E.5 | The 7th Biennial Conference of Indian Society for Ecological Economics

Inputs were provided as part of the Scientific Advisory Committee for the 7th Biennial Conference of Indian Society for Ecological Economics, to be held in Tezpur University on December 5-8, 2013, on the theme "Global Change, Ecosystems and Sustainability". This included review of shortlisted papers for presentation. (Ashish)



Part B: Publications

1. KALPAVRIKSH PUBLICATIONS

1A | Policy Briefs

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1B | Published Reports/Papers

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Part C: Chronology of Events

April 2013

- 1: Presentation (by skype) to WWF South and South-East Asia conference on Green Economy, Jakarta (Ashish)
- 7: Lecture on conservation laws and policies and their impact on ground for Ecological Society Mumbai (Neema)
- 8: Participation (by skype) in conference on World Conservation Monitoring Centre's ICCA Registry, Cambridge (Ashish)
- 9-10: Discussion Meet on UNEP-GEF- MoEF Access and Benefit Sharing Project and Biodiversity Management Committees organised by Himachal State Biodiversity Board (Kanchi)
- 10: Preliminary meeting of Alternatives Forum Pune (several Pune members)
- 17: Visit to EcoExist, Pune (several Pune members)
- 25: Presentation on globalisation and alternatives to partners of Terre des Hommes, Indore (Ashish)
- 29: Presentation on conservation and equity to IFS probationers, TISS, Mumbai (Ashish)

May 2013

- 31-1: Participated in meeting on 'Water Beyond Borders' looking at transboundary water governance issues organised by LIFE in New Delhi (Neeraj).
- 1-8: Visit to Sikkim - interactions with Affected Citizens of Teesta and Sikkim Organic Mission (Gangtok), presentations on globalisation and alternatives at Sikkim University and Rachna Books, visit to Khangchendzonga Conservation Committee, Yuksam, visit to Khechuperi lake protection committee (Ashish and Sujatha)
- 2: Story reading and presentation on Ladakh at Paljor Namgyal Senior Secondary School in Gangtok. (Sujatha)
- 13: 1st meeting of Alternatives Forum Pune (several Pune members)
- 16: First meeting of civil society groups working in Bhimashankar for coordinated action and advocacy on issues of inclusive conservation policies and implementation of Forest Rights Act (Milind, Neema, Pradeep)
- 24: Presentation on globalisation and alternatives as R. Satheesh Memorial Lecture, MG University, Kottayam (Ashish)
- 21-31: Developing a photostory on Dikhu Green Zone, Mokokchung, Nagaland (Neema, Aurelie)

June 2013

- 6: Participated as a resource person in a one-day orientation workshop on the National Green Tribunal held in Bangalore and co-organised by the Nature Conservation Foundation and the EIA Resource and Response Centre (Neeraj)
- 7: Participation in INGO/donor and networks meeting on Forest Rights Act, Oxfam, Delhi (Ashish, Shiba)
- 11: Participated in BNHS workshop on 'Strategies for saving Sites' in Guwahati as a resource person (Neeraj).
- 11: Meeting with Planning team in Yashada regarding microplanning process in Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary (Neema)
- 12: Participated as a resource person in orientation workshop on National Green Tribunal organised by Federation of Khasi, Jaintia and Garo People (FKJGP) in Shillong (Neeraj)
- 13: Meeting with eco-tourism groups in Pune for promoting Yalavali ecolodge in Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary (Neema, Pradeep, Milind)
- 13: Meeting with Lok Sangharsha Morcha members and Yashada planning team about microplanning process in Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary (Neema)
- 14: 2nd meeting of Alternatives Forum Pune (several Pune members)
- 16-17: Sessions at Learning Societies Unconference, Pune, on radical ecological democracy, and urban sustainability, co-organised by KV and Shikshantar (Ashish, Anuradha)
- 17: Second meeting of civil society groups working in Bhimashankar for coordinated action and advocacy on issues of inclusive conservation policies and implementation of Forest Rights Act (Pradeep, Neema, Milind)
- 19: Meeting with Forest Secretary Maharashtra at Mantralaya, Mumbai to discuss microplanning process in Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary (Neema)
- 21-22: Participated in the workshop on 'Water Conflicts in Northeast India' in Guwahati organised by Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India and Aaranyak (Neeraj)
- 21-23: Presentation at the Manifestations of History in the Andaman Islands – International Conference (Pankaj)
- 23-25: Presentations on globalisation and alternatives at Aalap-Riyaaz course, Sambhavana, Palampur (Ashish)
- 27-29: First training programme for local team on microplanning process in Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary (Neema)

July 2013

- 2: Participation in Narmada Bachao Andolan submission to Maharashtra Chief Minister against raising of Sardar Sarovar Project dam height, Pune (Ashish)
- 4: Presentation on globalisation and alternatives as Sanjoy Ghose Peace Chair lecture, URMUL Trust and Bikaner Adult Education Association, Bikaner (Ashish)
- 4: Session with partner organizations of Terre Des Hommes at Khandala. (Sujatha and Neema)
- 5-15: Facilitating microplanning process in Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary (Neema)
- 5-7: Visit to URMUL activities on pasture conservation, craft-based livelihoods, women's empowerment, Bikaner district (Ashish, Shiba)
- 10: Participation in teleconference on Post-2015 development goals by United Nations Non-Govt Liaison Service (Ashish)
- 20: Presentation at and organising consultation on 'Politics of Water: Dams, Drought and Decentralisation', organised by KV, Parisar, CEE, SOPPECOM, Manthan (several Pune members)
- 20: Presentation on 'Hydroelectric projects in Northeast India' during the workshop on 'Politics of Water: Dams, drought and de-centralisation' co-organised by Kalpavriksh, Manthan, SOPPECOM, Parisar, Centre for Environment Education and SANDRP in Pune (Neeraj)
- 24-31: Data compilation with volunteers for microplanning process in Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary (Neema)
- 26: 3rd meeting of Alternatives Forum Pune (several KV members)
- 30: Meeting in Vidya Valley school to for students visit to Yelavali ecolodge in Bhimashankar WS (Neema)

August 2013

- 30-7: Visited Kachchh for various tasks related to preparation of booklet for children (Sujatha)
- 1: Field testing of booklet at Government School, Bhuj Police Headquarters. (Sujatha)
- 1: Participation in ICCA Consortium Steering Committee meeting, Rolle, Switzerland (Ashish)
- 2: Field testing of booklet at Devpar Government School, Devpar, Nakatrana (Sujatha)
- 3: Field testing of booklet at Banni Government School, Village Gorevalli, Banni (Sujatha)
- 2-3: Participation in planning meeting of Governance Stream of World Parks Congress 6, Gland, Switzerland (Ashish)
- 5: Field testing of booklet at Sinchan School, Bhuj (Sujatha)

5-9: Presentations and panel discussions on ICCAs, globalisation and alternatives, indigenous knowledge, and biofuels at Global Environment Summer Academy organised by Global Diversity Foundation, Berne, Switzerland (Ashish)

5-10: field visit to study process of notification and modification of rights for the Melghat tiger reserve study (Shiba, Meenal)

8-9: Participated in meeting on 'Rivers, disasters and environmental governance' organised by LIFE in New Delhi (Neeraj)

20: 4th meeting of Alternatives Forum Pune (several Pune members)

22: Presentation on sustainability framework for India, to Indian Network on Ethics and Climate Change, Pune (Ashish)

24: Introductory presentation at BD Borker Memorial Lecture by Madhav Gadgil, Delhi (Ashish)

26: Participation in meeting on South Asian Hub on Green Economy at Development Alternatives, Delhi (Ashish)

27: Presentation on alternatives to development, at Trialogue 2047, organised by Development Alternatives, Delhi (Ashish)

September 2013

2: Presentation on sustainability framework for India at international course on Environment Audit, organised by International Centre for Information Systems and Audit of the CAG, Delhi (Ashish)

2-13: Visit to Leh for revisions and additional information related to the proposed re-print of Ri Gyancha. (Sujatha)

4-7: Meeting in Jalgaon with Lok Sangharsha Morcha on Yawal microplanning (Neema)

6: Attended the State Consultation on CFR, Mangroves and Way Forward in Sanjay Gandhi National Park (Pradeep, Meenal).

7: Participated as a resource person in training workshop on National Green Tribunal held in Imphal and co-organised by the Citizens Concern for Dams and Development (CCDD), the Committee on the Protection of Natural Resources in Manipur, the United NGO's Mission, Manipur, the Mapithel Dam Affected Villagers Organization and the All Loktak Lake Fishermen's Union (Neeraj)

8: Field visit to the affected areas of the Thoubal Multipurpose project (Mapithel dam) and Loktak lake (Neeraj)

8-9: Participated in meeting on 'Rivers, disasters and environmental governance' organised by LIFE in New Delhi (Neeraj)

13: 5th meeting of Alternatives Forum Pune (several Pune members)

14: Meeting with groups in Pune on village-level microplanning at Yawal Sanctuary (Neema, Ashish, Meenal)

15: Trip to Kaas plateau (several Pune members)

21-23: KV AGBM at Semadoh, Melghat Tiger Reserve. (Many members)

23-24: Visit to Community Forest Resource rights villages (Payvhir, Nayakheda) with Khoj (Meenal, Neema, Shiba, Ashish)

26: Meeting with Collector Jalgaon and government line agencies from Yaval, Raver and Chopda talukas of Jalgaon district towards convergence of all government schemes to facilitate implementation of the village microplans in village in and around Yaval WS (Neema)

27-29: Coordination, presentations, field trips at 15th Birdwatching Camp, Sarmoli, Uttarakhand, organised by Forest Dept, KV, Titli Trust and Himal Prakriti (Sanjay, Anchal, Ashish, Sujatha)

28: Presentation on EIA and NGT at Symbiosis Law School (Neeraj)

30-1: Visit to Maati office and homestays, Sarmoli, Uttarakhand (Ashish, Sujatha)

October 2013

3: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy to World Learning/School of International Training, Delhi (Ashish)

3-5: Attended International Conference on Ecosystem Conservation, Climate Change and Sustainable Development (ECOCASD 2013) organized by Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. (Meenakshi Kapoor).

5: Lecture on conservation laws and policies and their impact on ground for Ecological Society Pune (Neema)

11: Alternatives Forum Pune meeting, presentation by Rainer Hoerig on European alternatives

27-30: Field visit to Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve for study on process of notification and recognition of forest rights (Shiba, Meenal)

November 2013

1-2: Convergence meeting with all government line agencies in Jalgaon District and Forest Secretary Maharashtra on implementation of village microplans in Yawal (Neema)

4: Presentation on Globalisation and Alternatives to University of Chicago students, Pune (Ashish)

8-9: Sessions on Globalisation and Alternatives at Bhoomi College, Bengaluru (Ashish)

11-12: Co-organised and participated in National Consultation on FRA-PA organized by Future of Conservation Network (Ashish, Neema, Shiba, Pradeep)

13-15: Participation and organizing side events (KV/ICCA Consortium) at Asian Parks Congress, Sendai, Japan (Ashish, Seema)

15-20: Field visit for study on Maati Sangathan to homestays in Sarmoli, Munsiri (Shiba, Vinay)

16: Yelavali EDC meeting (Pradeep, Neema)

19: Public event organised by Alternatives Forum Pune, on Urban SETU by Bhavesh Bhatt and Aslam Juneja

20-21: Participation in workshop on Participatory Urban Governance, organised by CEE with Alternatives Forum Pune and Yashada (Milind, Ashish)

25: Visit to SELCO field sites, Karnataka (Ashish)

26: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy at ThoughtWorks, Bengaluru (Ashish)

26: Presentation on Globalisation and Alternatives at Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Bengaluru (Ashish)

27-29: Visit to Timbaktu Collective, Andhra Pradesh, including presentation on Globalisation and Alternatives to Timbaktu Panchayati (Ashish)

29-30: Participated in the workshop Traditional Knowledge and Access & Benefit Sharing – a National Dialogue” at Hyderabad organised by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) (Kanchi)

December 2013

2: EVS training for Ladakhi school teachers organized by Sampark Foundation at New Delhi. (Sujatha)

2-6: Presented at Two sessions related to Biopiracy and Access and Benefit Sharing on 3rd December 2013 as part of the ONE WEEK TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR OFFICERS OF INDIAN FOREST SERVICE ON “INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL ISSUES AND MITIGATION MEASURES”, at National Law School of India University (NLSIU) BY COMMONS CELL (Kanchi)

6-8: Participation in and presentations at Biennial Conference of Indian Society for Ecological Economics, Tezpur, Assam (Ashish)

6: Presentation on media and Environment for 100 school students from various schools in Pune in an event organized by TERI (Neema)

14: Co-organised, participated in, made overview presentation at National Public hearing on FRA in Delhi (Ashish, Meenal, Shiba)

15: Meeting of CFR-LA on Way ahead for CFRs (Ashish, Meenal, Shiba)

17-18: KV C&L retreat to take stock of current projects and plan for future activities within C&L theme (Pune C&L members)

January 2014

3: Yelavali EDC meeting (Pradeep, Neema)

5-9: Visit to four Jeevanshalas, and canal/industry affected areas in the Narmada valley, facilitated by Narmada Bachao Andolan (Ashish, Sujatha, Meenal, Shiba)

18-22: Visit to two villages in Nandurbar to study CFR filing process in Narmada affected villages (Meenal)

19-24: Visit to Nagaland for case study on communitisation, including village visits and interviews with officials and NGOs (Neema, Ashish)

31: Planning meeting with civil society representatives, for Vikalp Sangam or Alternatives Confluences, Pune (Ashish, Shiba, Sujatha, Meenal, Vinay)

February 2014

2: Birding trip to Bhigwan wetland, near Pune (Swati, Sujatha, Shiba, Vinay, Ashish)

3: Press conference on environmental clearance flurry by new Environment minister, organised by KV and Greenpeace India, Delhi (Ashish, Kanchi, Manju)

3-27: Field visit to Kutch for case study on alternatives (Vinay, Shiba)

5-9: Uttarakhand bird festival, Asan Barrage, Uttarakhand, including conducting birding sessions, presentations at seminar, etc (Sanjay, Anchal, Ashish)

10-11: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy at conference on Pathways to Sustainability, JNU, Delhi (Ashish)

12: Public event organised by Alternatives Forum Pune (with Fergusson College), presentation by Ganesh Devy on Language Diversity of India, Pune

13: FRA presentation for the Sub Divisional level committee, Ambegaon and Junnar (Pune) and concern staff of SDO office, Tahsildar, Ambegaon office, Range forest office, Ambegaon and Integrated Tribal Development Project, Ghodegaon, Pune. (Pradeep, Neema, Milind)

17: Panelist at meeting on state climate action plans, organised by Centre for Policy Research, Delhi (Ashish)

17: Participation in meeting on environmental governance crisis, organised by several groups, Delhi (Prabhakar, Ashish, Ajay)

18: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy to Chintan staff, Delhi (Ashish)

20: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy and participation in International Conference on International Relations at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Odisha (Ashish)

21-22: Visit to Mangalajodi CCA, participation in meeting on Way Ahead for Mangalajodi organised by Wild Orissa and others (Ashish)

28: Panelist at release of report 'Down the Rabbit Hole' on banking scams and environmental/social issues, by Programme for Social Action (Ashish)

March 2014

- 3: Presentation at panel discussion on Sustainable Consumption and Futures, organised by KV and Greenpeace India (Ashish)
- 4: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy at Winter School of Indo-German society, IIT Chennai (Ashish)
- 5: Visit to Kuthambakkam village, discussions with Elango Ramaswamy (Ashish)
- 5-6: Organised the National Level Consultation on relevance of forest rights act in forest diversion (Meenal)
- 7-14: Visit to select villages in Keonjhar, Angul and Puri districts of Odisha to study FRA compliance in forest diversion (Meenal)
- 7: Participation in teleconference on Sustainable Development indicators draft by Sustainable Development Solutions Network (Ashish)
- 13: Presentation on Radical Ecological Democracy at ATREE, and at Indian Institute of Science organised by Bharat Jana Vigyan Jatha (Ashish)
- 14-16: Presentations at and participation in Economics of Happiness conference, Bengaluru (Arshiya, Ashish, Shantha)
- 15: Launch of Vikalp Sangam website at Economics of Happiness conference, Bengaluru
- 20-21: Participate in the workshop organized by Grampari at Panchgani on the "Stream conservation" (Pradeep)
- 22: Birding trip to Pashan lake (Sujatha, Neema, Shiba, Ashish)
- 24: Panelist at discussion on Environment and Economy: Parallel Domains?, organised by JNU School of Social Sciences (Ashish)
- 25-27: Presentations on Globalisation and Radical Ecological Democracy to students of School of International Studies, Jaipur (Ashish)
- 25: Book release and presentation on Globalisation and Alternatives, at Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur (Ashish)



Part D: Letters

1. April 13, 2013: Comments on Access and Benefit Sharing Guidelines of National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) sent to the NBA.
2. April 15, 2013: letter to MoEF to withdraw 5 feb circular exempting forest clearance linear projects from FRA compliance.
3. April 15, 2013: Letter to MoTA re. 5 feb circular exempting forest clearance linear projects from FRA compliance.
4. May 16, 2013: letter to MoTA drawing attention to some specific points for meeting on FRA with state officers.
5. July 1, 2013: letter of protest against diversion of more funds, particularly under CAMPA for relocation,
6. July 26, 2103: Endorsement of civil society petition against proposed amendments in RTI Act
7. July 2, 2013: Submission to NAC regarding draft recommendations on PVTGs,
8. July 15, 2103: KV comments on Forest clearance draft policy,
9. Sept 14, 2013: Submission to the standing committee on the WLPA 2013 amendment bill
10. October 16, 2013: Comments on Examination of the Wind Power Project in Ahmednagar District by the FAC for forest clearance
11. Dec 14, 2013: Submission to MoTA for compliance of FRA in case of Thoubal Multipurpose Project
12. Dec 30, 2013: Submission to MoTA about amendment to the draft Forest Conservation Act Rules
13. January 16, 2014: Comments on Examination of the proposal for diversion of forest land in favour of ArcelorMittal India Limited for mining of Iron Ore and Manganese in Saranda forest of Jharkhand, by the FAC.
14. February 28, 2014: Comments on PESA Rules Maharashtra
15. March 31, 2014: Comments on Village Forest Rules Maharashtra



Part E: List of Members

1. Ajay Mahajan
2. Anchal Sondhi
3. Anuradha Arjunwadkar
4. Arshiya Bose
5. Ashish Kothari
6. Farhad Vania
7. Kanchi Kohli
8. Manju Menon
9. Meenakshi Kapoor
10. Meenal Tatpati
11. Milind Wani
12. Neema Pathak
13. Neeraj Vagholikar
14. Nidhi Agarwal
15. Pallav Das
16. Pankaj Sekhsaria
17. Prabhakar Rao
18. Pradeep Chavan
19. Pradeep Malhotra
20. Pratibha Pande
21. Saili Palande
22. Sanjay Sondhi
23. Seema Bhatt
24. Shantha Bhushan
25. Sharmila Deo
26. Shiba Desor
27. Sujatha Padmanabhan
28. Sunita Rao
29. Tejeswini Apte
30. Vikal Samdariya
31. Yashodara Kundaji



Part F: Donors and Funders

1. DONORS

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1. Pallav Das
2. Farhad Vania
3. M S Padmanabhan
4. Sachin Vaidya
5. Yash Vaidya

1B | Education

1. M S Padmanabhan

1C | PA Update

1. Gopu Kumar
2. Richa Kumar

2. FUNDERS

1. The ICCA Consortium
2. Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)
3. SWEDBIO
4. MISEREOR
5. World Wide Funds for Nature (WWF)
6. Duleep Matthai Trust
7. Janssens Fund
8. Vasundhara
9. Greenpeace
10. Action AID
11. AID College Park
12. Heinrich Boll Foundation
13. Okland Institute
14. Global Green Grants
15. Panthera



Part G: Financial Statements

1. BALANCE SHEET



KALPAVRIKSH BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2014

Figures in Rupees

PARTICULARS	Sch No.	As At 31.03.2014	As At 31.03.2014	As At 31.03.2013	As At 31.03.2013
SOURCES OF FUNDS					
TRUST FUND			114,314.00		114,314.00
GENERAL FUND					
Opening balance (Administrative Fund)		2,397,439.81		2,131,282.84	
Opening balance (Income & Expenditure A/c)		448,476.97		266,156.97	
Add: Surplus for the year (Income & Expenditure A/c)		-		-	
Less: Transfer to restricted fund		-		-	
Less: Transfer to Deferred Income (Fixed Assets)		-		-	
Closing balance			2,845,916.78		2,397,439.81
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Conditional Donations and Grants	1		4,946,829.98		3,231,978.93
Deferred Income					
Transfer from General Fund		37,535.70		61,602.70	
Add: Deferred Income on Assets purchased		(21,372.00)		(24,067.00)	
Less: Transfer to Income & expenditure account-Depreciation					
Closing balance			16,163.70		37,535.70
TOTAL			7,923,224.46		5,781,268.44
APPLICATION OF FUNDS					
FIXED ASSETS	3		136,518.30		150,489.70
CURRENT ASSETS	4	7,686,041.45		5,696,900.99	
LOANS, ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS	4	224,635.00		90,088.75	
Less CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS	4	123,970.29		156,211.00	
CURRENT ASSETS			7,786,706.16		5,630,778.74
Notes to Accounts	5				
TOTAL			7,923,224.46		5,781,268.44

As per my attached report of even date

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2. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

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Kalpavriksh Environment Action Group

KALPAVRIKSH
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH 2014

Figures in Rupees

PARTICULARS	AS AT 31.03.2014			AS AT 31.03.2013		
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL
INCOME						
Grants utilised	890,592.75	7,095,665.12	7,986,257.87	711,172.50	9,321,261.00	10,032,433.50
Donations received	146,250.00	15,160.47	161,410.47	65,718.00	72,054.00	137,772.00
Fees from Activities	20,625.00	-	20,625.00	23,850.00	-	23,850.00
Income from publications	103,035.75	-	103,035.75	116,521.00	-	116,521.00
Other Income						
Interest on savings and deposit accounts	63,616.00	-	63,616.00	79,333.00	-	79,333.00
Miscellaneous income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Income (depreciation charged)	21,372.00	-	21,372.00	24,067.00	-	24,067.00
Sundry Balances w/off	-	-	-	-	-	-
	84,988.00	-	84,988.00	103,400.00	-	103,400.00
Total Income	1,245,491.50	7,110,825.59	8,356,317.09	1,020,661.50	9,393,315.00	10,413,976.50
EXPENDITURE						
Staff Payments and Benefits	250,800.00	1,012,175.00	1,262,975.00	125,150.00	2,691,989.00	2,817,139.00
Professional fees	-	3,471,121.00	3,471,121.00	12,000.00	2,856,557.00	2,868,557.00
Administrative and General Expenses						
Rent, rates and taxes	217,068.00	102,208.00	319,276.00	215,339.00	248,000.00	463,339.00
Communication expenses	57,578.16	83,065.00	140,643.16	85,742.83	120,263.63	206,006.46
Stationary	44,942.00	10,103.00	55,045.00	32,166.00	67,803.00	99,969.00
Electricity expenses	12,088.00	712.00	12,800.00	21,419.80	-	21,419.80
Travelling and conveyance expenses	4,109.00	1,205,828.59	1,209,937.59	9,124.00	1,067,918.37	1,077,042.37
Insurance charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Remuneration to Auditors	-	-	-	-	25,000.00	25,000.00
Others	184,706.37	1,225,613.00	1,410,319.37	226,682.90	2,315,784.00	2,542,466.90
Repairs and Maintenance						
Building	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office Equipment	4,351.00	-	4,351.00	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	2,813.00	-	2,813.00
Depreciation for the year	21,372.00	-	21,372.00	24,067.00	-	24,067.00
Depreciation prior period	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenses						
Write offs and provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure	797,014.53	7,110,825.59	7,907,840.12	754,504.53	9,393,315.00	10,147,819.53
Excess of Income over expenditure	448,476.97	-	448,476.97	266,156.97	-	266,156.97

As per my attached report of even date
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