

Student Conference on Conservation Science - Bangalore

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2014 CONFERENCE REPORT



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Overview

The Student Conference on Conservation Science - Bangalore (SCCS-BNG) is a conference that aims to facilitate interaction, exchange of research ideas and methods, build contacts and capacity of young researchers in all aspects of conservation science. The SCCS-Bangalore 2014 conference was held from 25th to 28th September.

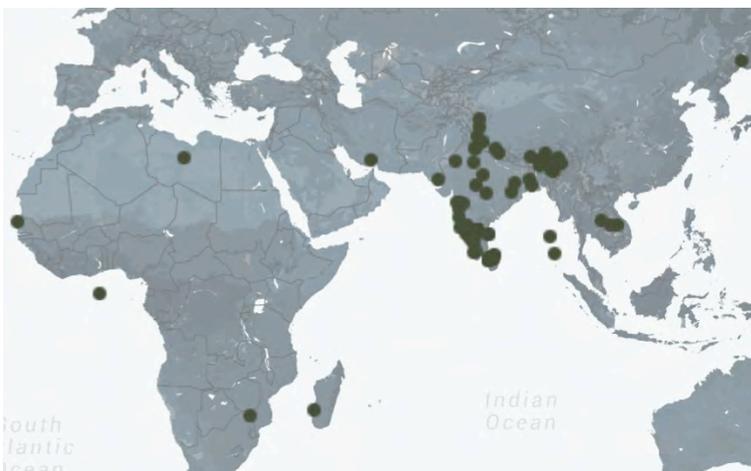
SCCS Profile

SCCS conferences originated in Cambridge (2000) and the first sister conference outside Cambridge began in Bangalore in 2010 as an annual event. Today there are additional sister SCCS conferences in New York, Brisbane, Beijing and Hungary.

The conference in Bangalore is aimed at students and early-career researchers from South, South-East Asia, and Africa. This year we had about 500 participants, with 41 foreign participants from 19 countries. The largest contingent of foreign participants was from Sri Lanka.

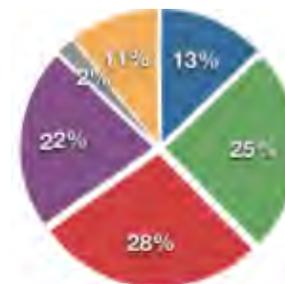
This year SCCS-Bangalore continued as a four-day conference with the first day featuring long workshops (9am to 4pm), and the third Ravi Sankaran Memorial Lecture by Dr. Goutam Narayan. The 2014 conference was inaugurated by Drs. Upinder Bhalla, Dean, National Centre for Biological Sciences and Renee Borges, Chairperson, Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc in a brief session in the afternoon of 25th September 2014. The conference included seven plenary talks, 16 student talks and 68 posters. This year close to 500 people attended the conference, with a maximum participation on 26th September of about 450 people. We received 100 abstracts, each of which was evaluated by at least three external reviewers. We selected 85 abstracts for the conference that were assessed to be of fairly good quality and selected 16 of these from diverse locations and fields to be presented as talks. We continued with the tradition of having a single

Study locations of SCCS 2014 participants



SCCS-Bangalore

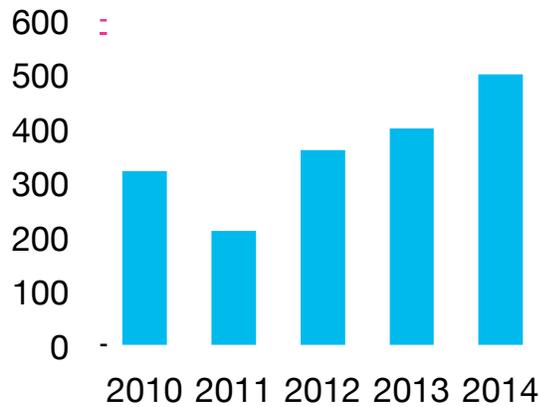
Participants' profile



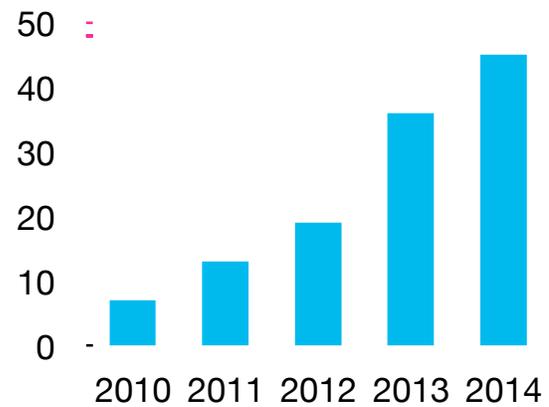
- Bachelors student
- Masters student
- Other
- Phd student
- Post-Doc
- Project Assistant

2014 Report

Number of SCCS attendees



Number of SCCS workshops



talk session (no parallel sessions) at a time with 15 minutes allotted for each student talk.

SCCS-Bangalore is unique in that it is organized by a consortium of institutions and supported by a much wider set of institutions and individuals. This model has enabled us to run the conference efficiently, to control costs and draw upon a wide and diverse range of expertise and resources.

Plenary speakers

This year we had excellent scientific plenaries by distinguished foreign and Indian speakers; Daniel Brockington, Lian Pin Koh, Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka, Goutam Narayan, M. Ananda Kumar, Sunita Narain and Suprabha Seshan. These talks covered long-term work on elephant-human conflict, conservation practices and their merits, using drones for monitoring of wildlife habitats and populations, promoting health as a support for conservation, and ecosystem restoration. All talks were very well received by students and other participants.



Sunita Narain plenary



Student talk- M.O. Anand



M Ananda Kumar plenary

Public engagement at SCCS

SCCS Bangalore believes in engaging with the public on key conservation issues. This year the evening plenaries by Sunita Narain, Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka, and Suprabha Seshan as well as the Ravi Sankaran Memorial lecture by Goutam Narayan were open to the public. They were highlighted through attractive posters put up in public spaces across the city.

Following M. Ananda Kumar's talk, a documentary titled 'Living with Elephants' was screened. It showcased the efforts of scientists from the Nature Conservation Foundation in Valparai, who attempted to mitigate human-elephant conflict in the area by using the power of a mobile phone.

Pankaj Sekhsaria had a session on Art and Conservation, where he presented an account of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands - the rich biodiversity, the mindsets and the development challenges - through 20 years of his engagement with and work in the islands. He also presented the trajectory, challenges and inspirations of how his island novel, 'The Last Wave', a story deeply embedded in the history, geography and ecology, came to be.

Highlights of select student talks

Students talks were as per select themes such as Ecology and Ecosystem Functioning; Human-Wildlife Conflict; People, Diversity and Human impacts. Within these themes, student talks were focused on various topics such as chytrid fungus in amphibians, using molecular phylogeny for assessing diversity of trees in a dry forest, lake management in metros using historic data, butterfly communities in a heterogeneous landscape, tropical rainforest fragmentation, nitrogen cycles in agricultural practices, predation and impact of feral dogs on wild herbivores, mitigating measures for human-elephant conflict. There were 4 international students giving talks, 1 from United Kingdom and 3 from Sri Lanka.

Who's Who in Conservation

Thirty-two institutions/organizations participated in the Who's Who session and this aspect of the conference was appreciated by the student participants. This platform allowed various institutions and NGOs working in the conservation field to publicize their work and potentially recruit interested students. This year there was a mix of conservation action groups, NGOs, magazines and research institutions at this session. Some had games at their stalls that were popular with students.

Who's Who Session Participants

1. Bombay Natural History Society
2. Current Conservation
3. Dakshin Foundation
4. Equations
5. Foundation for Ecological Security
6. FREELAND India Consultants Pvt Ltd.
7. German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
8. HarperCollins Publishers India Ltd.
9. India Biodiversity Portal
10. IndiaBioScience
11. Indian Bat Conservation Research Unit (IBCRU)
12. Indian Institute of Forest Management
13. INNGE
14. International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
15. International Union for Conservation of Nature
16. Kerala Veterinary and Animal Science University - Centre for Wildlife Studies
17. Laboratory for the Conservation of Endangered Species, CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology
18. Mhadei Research Center
19. Mr Worm's Journeys - Roots & Shoots Iran, Mash-



had - NGO

20. National Centre for Biological Science – Nature Conservation Foundation Citizen Science Initiative

21. Orient Blackswan Pvt Ltd

22. Ravi Sankaran Foundation

23. RSPB

24. Salim Ali Foundation

25. School of Anthropology, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK

26. School of Human Ecology, Ambedkar University, Delhi

27. Snow Leopard Conservancy India Trust

28. SPROUTS

29. Teach for India

30. Turtle Action Group

31. Wildlife Conservation Society-India Program

32. WWF-India

Workshops

This year we had 14 long workshops, and 35 short workshops of which six were repeated. These workshops were conducted by about 120 resource people from various institutions listed on page 25 of this report. We sincerely thank them and their institutions for their help and support.

LONG WORKSHOPS

TITLE	RESOURCE PEOPLE
Conservation policies and advocacy	Neha Sinha, S. Subramanya and Ravi Chellam
Social science for conservation biologists – An introduction	Sharad Lele, Seema Purushothaman, E. Somanathan & Sudha Vasani
Data Analysis consultation	Suhel Quader, Kulbhushansingh Suryawanshi, Umesh Srinivasan, Varun Varma & Geetha Ramaswami
The nitty-gritty of writing and presenting research	Yateendra Joshi
Study design in ecology and conservation	Advait Edgaonkar and Kavita Isvaran
Conservation Genetics - Advanced	Shomita Mukherjee, Subhankar Chakraborty and Vishnupriya Kolipakam
An introduction to invasion biology	Rauf Ali and Naveen Namboothri
Fundamentals of GIS for ecology and species distribution modelling	Alice Hughes
Introduction to occupancy sampling, modelling and estimation	Abishek Harihar and Rohit Naniwadekar
Bird and Mammal handling techniques	Uma Ramakrishnan, Gerry Martin, Vishnudas C. K., Vivek Ramachandran, Krishnapriya Tamma and Amruta Varudkar
Walk the wild side (with your best foot forward): forge your indispensable social and inter-personal tool-kit as a conservation scientist	Shilpi Sarkar
Introducing GIS and remote sensing using QGIS	Ravi Bhalla and Srinivas Vaidyanathan
Ecological Restoration in Shola habitat, a natural forest-grassland matrix. Active versus passive modes and implications for conservation	Robert Stewart, Tanya Balcar, Joachim Schmerbeck, Siddharth Krishnan, Suprabha Seshan, Arundhati Das and Milind Bunyan

TITLE	RESOURCE PEOPLE
Social and Ecological Dimensions of Freshwater Biodiversity Conservation	Jagdish Krishnaswamy, Nachiket Kelkar, Tarun Nair and Vidyadhar Atkore



Dan Brockington at his workshop

SHORT WORKSHOPS

Thirty-five short workshops were conducted across three regular conference days (26, 27 and 28th September).

TITLE	RESOURCE PEOPLE
How R you doing? Using the R platform for managing and analysing ecological datasets	Raman Kumar
Thinking quantitatively	Suhel Quader

TITLE	RESOURCE PEOPLE
Elements of effective study design	Advait Edgaonkar and Kavita Isvaran
Making effective presentations	Yateendra Joshi
Do we need large carnivores in human use landscapes?	Vidya Athreya, Kalyan Varma, Tiasa Adhya, Tarsh Thekaekara and Ravi Chellam
Landscape genetics	Uma Ramakrishnan, Srinivas Vaidyanathan and Prachi Thatte
Conservation Genetics - Basic	Shomita Mukherjee and Subhankar Chakraborty
Ecological Monitoring and Conservation of Tropical Insect Biodiversity	Krushnamegh Kunte
Exploring the media and conservation	Daniel Brockington
Conservation psychology: attitude and environmental decision-making	V.V. Binoy and Sindhu Radhakrishnan
Human elephant conflict in India - scale, prevention and management measures	K. K. Sharma, Sushant Chowdhury, Anupam Sarmah and Anil Kumar Singh
How to read a scientific paper?	Nandini Rajamani
Leveraging Citizen Science beyond research	Thomas Vattakaven, Vijay Barve, Yash Sondhi, KV Gururaja, Aravind Madhyasta and Gladwin Joseph
Conservation drones for dummies	Lian Pin Koh
Challenges of coordination conservation efforts – case studies: Asian vultures and bald ibis	Chris Bowden
Graphics and visualisation in R	Divya Vasudev
Language and Ecology – Communicating Nature Through Local Languages	P. Jeganathan and S. Theodore Baskaran
Applications of molecular phylogenetics in conservation biology	K. Praveen Karanth
Bioacoustics	Rohini Balakrishnan
Introduction to basic photography	Kalyan Varma
Ecotourism: a critical deconstruction	Ian Bride

TITLE	RESOURCE PEOPLE
Publication ethics	T.A. Abinandanan and Visweshha Guttal
An introduction to choice models: using people's preferences in bio-diversity conservation	Abishek Harihar and Mousumi Ghosh-Harihar
Gender relations in human-environment research: an introduction to methods, approaches and analysis	Budhaditya Das
The joys of being a conservationist	Tarsh Thekaekara
How to tell a conservation story	Pavithra Sankaran
Building support for conservation from different sectors	Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka
Science Journalism and Communicating-Positioning Research for Conservation	Ananda Banerjee
Multivariate statistics	Varun Varma and Anand M. Osuri
Researching environmental issues with human subjects: An introduction to mixed methods approaches	Asmita Kabra
Getting the Measure of Diversity: A Macro-ecological Perspective	Kartik Shanker, Navendu Page and SP Vijaykumar
Conservation biotechnology	Kartikeyan Vasudevan, G. Umopathy, Ajay Gaur, Sadanand Sontakke and B. Sambasiva Rao
Observational study of animal behaviour and its importance for animal conservation	Nishant M.S, Shreekanth Deodhar and Karpagam Chelliah
Trust, Instinct, Common sense: Managing people & teams	Gopakumar Menon and Vena Kapoor
Story telling through images	Kalyan Varma

Collaborative events at SCCS 2014

Ravi Sankaran Inlaks Fellows' Meet - 24th September 2014

A one-day meeting was organized to get the recipients of the Ravi Sankaran Inlaks fellowship since 2010 to meet each other, discuss their work and their ideas about conservation and to interact with senior conservation practitioners. This meeting was held at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore, just ahead of the Student Conference on Conservation Science-Bangalore and was attended by 14 Ravi Sankaran Inlaks fellows and five resource people.

Ravi Sankaran Memorial Lecture

This year SCCS Bangalore along with the Ravi Sankaran Foundation and Inlaks Foundation jointly hosted the third Ravi Sankaran Memorial Lecture. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Goutam Narayan.

Workshop for Kerala Veterinary and Animal Science University - Centre for Wildlife Studies

SCCS-Bangalore developed a new partnership with the KVASU-CWS masters programme in Wildlife Studies. As part of this, a two-day workshop series was designed and conducted with the SCCS workshop resource people Kavita Isvaran, Advait Edgaonkar, Suhel Quader, Nandini Rajamani and Raman Kumar for the 10 KVASU students. This was held at NCBS two days prior to the conference. The topics that were covered included study design, statistical methods, advanced statistics and how to read a scientific paper.



Student poster and evaluation



Suprabha Seshan – Plenary



Bird and Mammal Handling Workshop

Shivarama Karanth Conservation Award



Krithi Karanth introducing the Shivarama Karanth Award for Conservation

This year the Shivarama Karanth Award for Conservation has been constituted to recognize noteworthy/exceptional research at SCCS. This cash award was distributed equally amongst all awardees.

Live Streaming with IndiaBioscience

SCCS-Bangalore, in association with IndiaBioscience produced live streaming videos of plenary talks with the facility to ask live questions. The live stream was viewed by 80 people. One plenary speaker got a question from a viewer in California.

Post-conference trip to Bheemeshwari Nature & Adventure Camp – 29th September 2014

A post-conference day trip to Bheemeshwari Nature and Adventure Camp was organized on September 29, 2014, in association with Jungle Lodges & Resorts (JLR). 53 conference participants and 7 volunteers went on this trip. Activities at the nature camp included a brief introduction to the landscape and the history of the camp, an hour-long walk through the forest with forest guards during which they learnt about the diverse flora and fauna of the region, and bird watching. The highlight of the trip was a coracle ride, where participants came up close with mugger crocodiles in the Bheemeshwari River. JLR hosted this visit by SCCS participants and it included the various activities, lunch and snacks. Participants returned to Bangalore the same evening.



Participants at Bheemeshwari Nature & Adventure Camp during the post-conference trip

Student Awards

From 2014, SCCS-Bangalore modified its talk and poster evaluation process and distribution of awards. We recognise that conservation research carried out by students is dependent on a range of attributes and will therefore be diverse in scope, motivation, value and can sometimes depend on resources and institutional support. We thus recognise that a linear/hierarchical ranking system may not be the most appropriate form of evaluation.

Referees this year chose noteworthy/ exceptional talks and poster presentations. They took cognizance of different attributes of the study including academic rigour, enterprise of the researcher, novelty of the research, the background in which the research was conducted and potential impact the research may have on conservation research, practice and/or its discourse – all-important factors that go into making conservation research relevant and important in the real world. The above criteria were provided as pointers and not as a prescriptive list; referees decided among themselves what attributes they thought were important, based on the presentations they evaluated.

Additionally, referees were also requested to provide written/online feedback to each individual presenter ranging from their presentation style, the quality of their science, research and conservation recommendations, and the improvements they suggested.

All talks were evaluated by a single panel, while different groups of referees evaluated posters in different themes.

Advait Edgaonkar and TR Shankar Raman coordinated the entire process.

Talk evaluators were Abishek Harihar, Arshiya Bose, Ghazala Shahabuddin, Krithi Karanth and Sindhu Radhakrishna

Poster evaluators were Raman Kumar, Geetha Ramaswami, Karpagam Chelliah, Kulbushan Suryawanshi, Shomita Mukherjee, Sumanta Bagchi, Vivek Ramachandran, Mousumi Ghosh-Harihar, and Nandini Rajamani Robin

The award winners for best talks and posters in SCCS-Bangalore 2013 are listed below:

Exceptional talks and Shivarama Karanth Conservation Award winners:

Anand M. Osuri, Hita Unnikrishnan, Sreedhar Vijaykrishnan, Chandrima Home

Exceptional posters and Shivarama Karanth Conservation Award winners:

Rutuja Chitra Tarak, Sumithra Sankaran, Mythri S.

This year we also had an audience quiz based on information presented in different posters. The winners were Nachiket Kelkar and Shreya Sanjeev.



Student poster



Students at talk



Interactions at talks

NEW AT SCCS-BNG 2014

Name Tags depicting art by Ustad Mansur, an 18th century Mughal painter were used at SCCS 2014 to distinguish between different category of attendees at the conference.

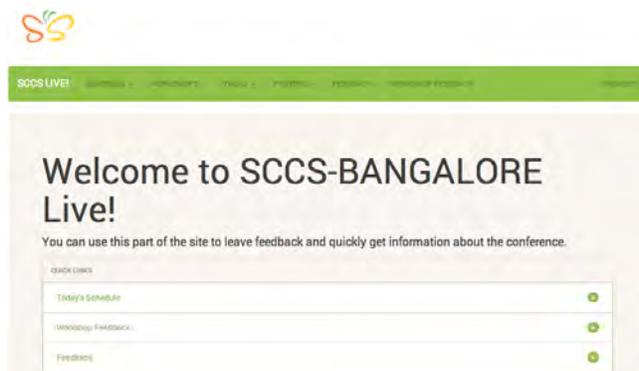


Connect resource people and students



Most SCCS participants are first-time conference attendees and in order to facilitate interaction between students and resource people, we created a new feature in our website. Student presenters could login to their website and invite resource people to be available on that day to attend their talk or visit their poster to interact with them. Almost half the student presenters (42) used this new feature to create 116 unique connections.

www.sccs-bng.org/LIVE mobile-friendly page



A light version of the SCCS website was available for quick access during the conference. The schedule and feedback to conference and workshops could be readily accessed through this.

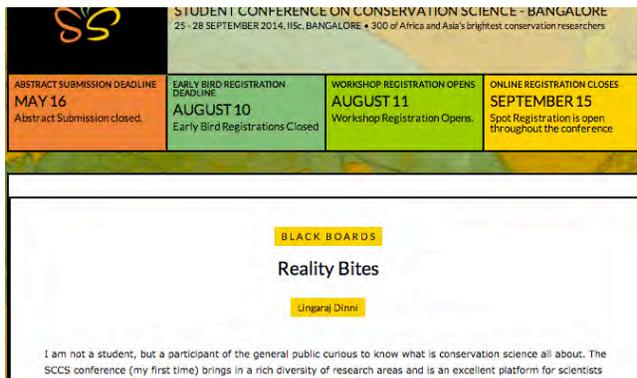
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Gladys Zikusoka's talk was viewed by 25 unique viewers including her husband and her son in Uganda.

Goutam Narayan's Ravi Sankaran Memorial Lecture was viewed by 27 unique visitors while Lian Pin Koh's and Suprabha Seshan's talk were viewed by 16 unique visitors.

Blog at SCCS



This year we also included a blog page for participants to air their views, opinions and concerns. The first blog post appeared during the conference suggesting inclusion of topical political issues in the conference and also suggesting that SCCS should engage with corporate world since they have a large impact on real-world conservation.

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Funding and sponsorships

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SCCS-Bangalore 2014 had a budget of Rs. 33,00,000/=. A pie chart below gives the break up of expenditure we had incurred to conduct the conference. We gratefully acknowledge the financial support we received from the donors listed below.

1. AMM Foundation
2. Wildlife Conservation Trust
3. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India
4. Ravi Sankaran Foundation
5. Jungle Lodges & Resorts
6. Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust
7. Foundation for Ecological Security
8. National Centre for Biological Sciences
9. Nature Conservation Foundation
10. Department of Science and Technology, Government of India
11. Wildlife Trust of India
12. Bombay Natural History Society
13. Inlaks India Foundation
14. WWF-India
15. Department of Biotechnology, Government of India
16. Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment
17. Connexios Life Sciences
18. IndiaBioScience

19. Krithi Karanth
20. Indian National Science Academy
21. Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
22. Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University
23. Wildlife Conservation Society - India
24. Centre for Wildlife Studies
25. Indian Institute of Science

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Support for post-conference trip from Jungle Lodges & Resorts

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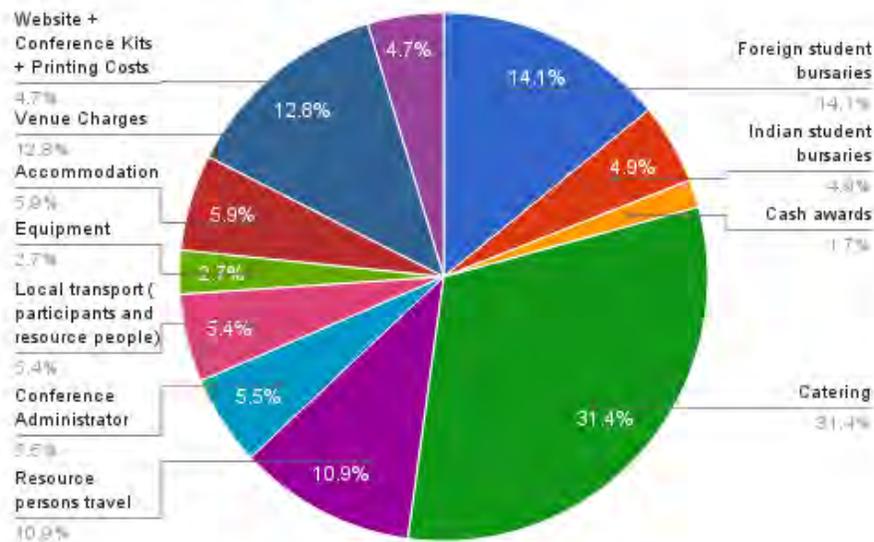
Books from Dr. Kamal Bawa

Subscriptions from Sanctuary Asia

Bursaries

With the support of our donors, the conference provided partial and full support for select students to attend the conference from their hometown. This year SCCS has supported 42 students to attend the conference.

SCCS-Bangalore 2014: Break-Up of Expenditure



People behind the conference

The 2014 edition of the conference was also successful due to excellent assistance and support of key people.

SCCS 2014 was supported by a fairly large team of volunteers (about 45) from institutions located in Bangalore and Mysore (ATREE, CES, Dakshin Foundation, NCBS, and NCF). The teams of volunteers were vital as in previous years for the efficient running of the conference and their names can be found later in this report.

Conference Team

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16. Sejal Worah (WWF-India)
17. Sarath Kotagama (University of Colombo, Sri Lanka)
18. Gopi Sundar (International Crane Foundation and Nature Conservation Foundation)
19. K.V Devi Prasad (Department of Ecology and Environmental Sciences, Pondicherry University)
20. Kamal Bawa (University of Massachusetts & Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment)
21. Shomita Mukherjee (Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History)

Resource persons for workshops

	NAME	INSTITUTION
1.	Abishek Harihar	WWF - International
2.	Advait Edgaonkar	IIFM
3.	Ajay Gaur	Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology
4.	Alice Hughes	Chinese Academy of Science
5.	Amruta Varudkar	National Centre for Biological Sciences
6.	Anand M. Osuri	National Centre for Biological Sciences
7.	Ananda Banerjee	
8.	Anil Kumar Singh	WWF-I
9.	Anupam Sarmah	WWF-I
10.	Aravind Madhyasta	ATREE
11.	Arundhati Das	ATREE

	NAME	INSTITUTION
12.	Asmita Kabra	Ambedkar University Delhi
13.	B. Sambasiva Rao	Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology
14.	Budhaditya Das	Ambedkar University Delhi
15.	Chris Bowden	RSPB
16.	Divya Vasudev	WCS- India
17.	E. Somanathan	Indian Statistical Institute
18.	G. Umapathy	Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology
19.	Geetha Ramaswami	Nature Conservation Foundation
20.	Gerry Martin	Gerry Martin Foundation
21.	Gladwin Joseph	Azim Premji University
22.	Gopakumar Menon	Navgati
23.	Ian Bride	University of Reading
24.	Jagdish Krishnaswamy	ATREE
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28.	K.V. Gururaja	CisStup
29.	Kalyan Varma	
30.	Karpagam Chelliah	Centre for Ecological Sciences
31.	Kartik Shanker	Centre for Ecological Sciences
32.	Kartikeyan Vasudevan	Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology
33.	Kavita Isvaran	Centre for Ecological Sciences
34.	Krishnapriya Tamma	National Centre for Biological Sciences
35.	Krushnamegh Kunte	National Centre for Biological Sciences
36.	Kulbhushan Suryavanshi	Nature Conservation Foundation
37.	Milind Bunyan	ATREE
38.	Mousumi Ghosh	
39.	Nachiket Kelkar	ATREE
40.	Nandini Rajamani	IndiaBioscience
41.	Naveen Namboothri	Centre for Ecological Sciences
42.	Navendu Page	Centre for Ecological Sciences
43.	Neha Sinha	Bombay Natural History Society

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44.	Nishant M.S	National Institute of Advanced Studies
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47.	Pavithra Sankaran	Nature Conservation Foundation
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57.	Sadanand Sontakke	
58.	Seema Purushothaman	Azim Premji University
59.	Sharachchandra Lele	ATREE
60.	Shilpi Sarkar	Suvro's Goodlife Tutorials
61.	Shomita Mukherjee	Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History
62.	Shreekant Deodhar	Centre for Ecological Sciences
63.	Siddharth Krishnan	ATREE
64.	Sindhu Radhakrishnan	National Institute of Advanced Studies
65.	Srinivas Vaidyanathan	FERAL
66.	Subhankar Chakraborty	Centre for Ecological Sciences
67.	Sudha Vasani	University of Delhi
68.	Suhel Quader	Nature Conservation Foundation
69.	Sushant Chowdhury	Wildlife Institute of India
70.	T.A. Abinandanan	Indian Institute of Science
71.	Tanya Balcar	Vattakanal Foundation
72.	Tarsh Thekaekara	Shola Trust
73.	Tarun Nair	
74.	Thomas Vattakaven	India Biodiversity Portal
75.	Tiasa Adhya	National Centre for Biological Sciences
76.	Uma Ramakrishnan	National Centre for Biological Sciences

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79.	Vidya Athreya	WCS- India
80.	Vidyadhar Atkore	ATREE
81.	Vijay Barve	
82.	Vishnudas C. K.	National Centre for Biological Sciences
83.	Vishnupriya Kolipakam	Wildlife Institute of India
84.	Viswesh Guttal	Centre for Ecological Sciences
85.	Vivek Ramachandran	National Centre for Biological Sciences
86.	Yash Sondhi	IISER - Trivandrum
87.	Yateendra Joshi	



Conference registration



Workshop



Who's who session

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Students at poster



Student interacting



Students at poster

Feedback From Participants

This year we made a provision to submit feedback online about workshops and the conference in general. A set of general questions were asked and below is an example of conference and workshop feedback:

a. General conference feedback

Which of the plenaries did you find particularly inspiring?

Conserving wildlife and forests in habitats of India: what is the way ahead

Saving non-charismatic indicator species: tales of success and failures

Balancing society's priorities – Can we have our cake and eat it too?

Promoting Conservation Through Health In And Around Protected Areas In Africa

Coexistence with elephants: Innovative and participatory approaches in the management of human-elephant conflict

Overall how would you rate SCCS 2014 as compared to previous conferences (general organisation, volunteer support, food, access, venue, accommodation) *Much better*

Any specific comments? *1. There was still confusion about workshop venues, with some venues being changed last minute, and people who don't know the campus getting delayed as a result. This is an issue that has been happening every year, and needs to be streamlined. 2. The schedule was very packed, and there was no time for a breather in between talks, posters, workshops and plenaries. While I understand the need to allow more and more student participants to present, and pack in as many plenaries and workshops as possible, I really think there needs to be an innovative way to manage the time better. 3. There were way too many interesting workshops and it was really difficult to choose just one every day. Could they be recorded and made available in a limited manner to registered participants later?*

Is there any specific topic you would like to see covered at future SCCS conferences? *1. I would like to see more debate and interaction (maybe in many smaller groups) on various conservation issues, particularly the role of politics and corporations. 2. We need to start talking about the entire conservation community uniting, and coming together to work against the alarming pro-development activities going on all around us, if our beloved organisms are to have a chance at surviving in the future.*

Did you like the “/live” functions available through the SCCS website? *Like*

What did you think of the barcoded name tags? *Very Cool*

How was the food during the conference and was there any specific food you liked at the conference? *Food was simple, and not too spicy but tasty. I liked it very much. But I think the estimate may have been off, because at lunch on a couple of days, I reached at 1:30, and there were no plates, or no vegetables left. Not sure if others faced similar issues, could have been a one time thing.*

b. Workshop feedback

Workshop name: Study design in ecology and conservation

Did the workshop cover all the content as in the workshop description? *Yes*

Did attending the workshop enhance your understanding of the subject/ equip you with additional skill sets? *Yes.*
I now understand how to avoid bias while preparing a study and how to choose independent sampling units which was previously not clear to me.

What aspects of the workshop did you find most useful? *I think giving small activities during the course of the workshop was very useful and it helps with further understanding the concept. The number of activities during the workshop should be increased as it increases student participation and keeps one interested.*

What aspects of the workshop did you find NOT useful at all and/or confusing or difficult to follow?

How easy was it to follow what was being covered in the workshop? *Easy*

Additional Comments: *The workshop covered all the basics with respect to study design and was easy to follow. Simple examples were given which put the theories into perspective. I think the number of activities during the workshop should be increased to enhance student participation.*

Schedule



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Day 1
25 September 2014

08:00 AM	Registration	
09:00 AM	Long Workshops	
	Conservation policies and advocacy Neha Sinha, S. Subramanya & Ritwick Dutta	Satish Dhawan Classroom
	Introducing GIS and remote sensing using QGIS Ravi Bhalla & Srinivas Vaidyanathan	CES Lotka Voltera lab
	Conservation Genetics - Advanced Shomita Mukherjee & Subhankar Chakraborty	CES Seminar Hall
	Data Analysis Consultation Suhel Quader, Kulbhushansingh Suryawanshi, Varun Varma & Geetha Ramaswami	CES Reading Room
	Social and Ecological Dimensions of Freshwater Biodiversity Conservation Jagdish Krishnaswamy, Nachiket Kelkar, Tarun Nair & Vidyadhar Atkore	JN Tata Seminar Hall B
	The nitty-gritty of writing and presenting research Yateendra Joshi	Cistup Classroom
	An Introduction to Invasion Biology Rauf Ali & Naveen Namboothri	Rauf Ali and Naveen Namboothri
	Study design in ecology and conservation Advait Edgaonkar & Kavita Isvaran	Materials Engineering
	Fundamentals of GIS for ecology, and Species distribution modelling Alice Hughes	KSCST
	Introduction to occupancy sampling, modelling and estimation Abishek Harihar & Rohit Naniwadekar	CES Seminar Hall
	Social Science for Conservation Biologists- An Introduction Sharachchandra Lele, Seema Purushothaman, E. Somanathan & Sudha Vasani	JN Tata Main Auditorium
	Bird and Mammal handling techniques Uma Ramakrishnan, Gerry Martin, Vishnudas C. K., Vivek Ramachandran, Krishnapriya Tamma & Amruta Varudkar	Gerry Martin's Farm
	Walk the wild side (with your best foot forward): forge your indispensable social and inter-personal tool-kit as a conservation scientist Shilpi Sarkar	Cistup Workshop Hall
	Ecological restoration in a changing world: Insights from a natural forest-grassland matrix in the Western Ghats Bob Stewart, Tanya Balcar, Joachim Schmerbeck, Siddharth Krishnan, Suprabha Seshan, Arundhati Das & Milind Bunyan	JN Tata Seminar Hall A
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11:50 AM	Long Workshops Continue	
01:00 PM	Lunch	
02:00 PM	Long Workshops Continue	
04:30 PM	Refreshments	
04:50 PM	Conference Inauguration	
05:20 PM	Communicating Conservation Science Using Art and Literature: The Last Wave- An Island Journey Pankaj Sekhsaria	
06:00 PM	Saving non-charismatic indicator species: tales of success and failures / Goutam Narayan	
07:00 PM	Dinner	
09:30 PM	Dinner Ends	





08:00 AM	Registration	
08:30 AM	Fortress Conservation: Eviction, Power and Conservation Visions Daniel Brockington	
09:30 AM	Refreshments	
09:50 AM	Group Photo	
10:00 AM	Ecology and Ecosystem Functioning Student Talks	
	Dry Forest Seedlings Do Not Alter Above-Ground Biomass In Response To A Pulsed Watering Regime Lalitha Krishnan	
	Amphibian Chytrid: A Test For Conservation? Guillaume Demare	
	Understanding The Effects Of Tropical Rainforest Fragmentation On Tree Communities And Carbon Storage: A Functional Traits Approach Anand Osuri	
	Local Adaptations And Distance Away From The Indian Mainland Had Contributed Towards Endemism In <i>Dinopium</i> Flamebacks In Sri Lanka Saminda Fernando	
	Seasonal Variations In Nitrogen Transformations: Comparing Organic And Conventional Agricultural Practices Manjunatha H C	
	A Phylogenetic Approach To Measuring Biodiversity In Dry Forest Tree Communities Divya B	
12:00 AM	Who's Who In Conservation	
01:00 PM	Lunch	
02:00 PM	Short Workshops	
	How R you doing? Using the R platform for managing and analyzing ecological datasets Raman Kumar	CES Lotka Volterra lab
	Making Effective Presentations Yateendra Joshi	Cistup Classroom
	Do we need large carnivores in human use landscapes? Vidya Athreya, Kalyan Varma and Tiasa Adhya	JN Tata Seminar Hall B
	Landscape genetics Uma Ramakrishnan, Srinivas Vaidyanathan and Prachi Thatte	Cistup Workshop Hall
	Conservation Genetics - Basic Shomita Mukherjee and Subhankar Chakraborty	Choksi Hall
	Exploring the media and conservation Daniel Brockington	JN Tata Seminar Hall C
	Conservation Psychology: Attitude and environmental decision-making V.V. Binoy and Sindhu Radhakrishnan	CES Seminar Hall
	Human elephant conflict in India: scale, prevention and management measures K. K. Sharma, Sushant Chowdhury, Anupam Sarmah and Anil Kumar Singh	JN Tata Seminar Hall A
	How to Read a Scientific Paper? Nandini Rajamani	IPC Classroom
	Thinking Quantitatively Suhel Quader	KSCST

	Ecological Monitoring and Conservation of Tropical Insect Biodiversity Krushnamegh Kunte	Satish Dhawan Classroom
	Elements of effective study design Advait Edgaonkar and Kavita Isvaran	Materials Engineering
	Leveraging Citizen Science beyond research Thomas Vattakaven, Vijay Barve, Yash Sondhi, K.V. Gururaja, Aravind Madhyasta and Gladwin Joseph	JN Tata Main Auditorium
04:30 PM	Refreshments	
04:50 PM	Ecology and Ecosystem Functioning Student Posters	
A01	A Comparative Study On Aquatic Insect Diversity Of Two Ponds Of Cachar District, Assam And The Role Of Ponds In Bio-diversity Conservation Arpita Dalal	
A02	Altitudinal Distribution Pattern Of Butterflies In Ne India: A Case Study In Barail Hill Range Monsoon Jyoti Gogoi	
A03	Aquatic Insect Inventory Of A Stream Of Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary, Btc Area, Western Assam, India- A Seasonal Study. Bijita Barman	
A04	Assessment Of Diversity Of Aquatic Birds In View Of Habitat Conservation At Bhadalwadi Lake, Ujjani Reservoir, Maharashtra Shraddha Karikar	
A05	Biogeographic Affinities Of The Magpie-Robins And Shamas (Copsychus) Of The Andaman Islands Nelum Wickramasinghe	
A06	Climate And Occurrence Of Small Felids: Three Species, Three Different Responses André Silva	
A07	Differences In Activity Budgets Of Migratory And Resident Members Of The Family Anatidae In Lothian, Scotland. Nisarg Chaudhari	
A08	Distribution Of A Caenophidian Snake, Xylophis Captani (Gower & Winkler, 2007) In The Western Ghats, India. Jins V J	
A09	Diversity And Habitat Utilization Of Lizards In Mulshi Tehsil Of Northern Western Ghats Vinayak Chavan	
A10	Diversity Of Aquatic And Semi-Aquatic Heteroptera (Insecta: Hemiptera) Of The Four Lotic Systems Of Cachar District Of Assam, India. Anupama Saha	
A11	Diversity, Habitat Preference And Phenology Of Odonata Community In Talangama Environmental Protection Area, Sri Lanka (Work In Progress) Amila Prasanna Sumanapala	
A12	Factors Affecting The Distribution Of The Ganges River Dolphin In Karnali River Of Nepal And India Gopal Khanal	
A13	Geography Is The Problem: On The Relevance Of Local Case Studies To Global Change And Conservation Science Jared Margulies	
A14	Home Gardens, Islands Of Habitats For Acavus In Sri Lanka Saumya Bandara	
A15	Importance Of Mid Country Wet Zone Scattered Forest Areas In Sri Lanka On Behalf Of Winter Migratory Avifauna. Buddhika Weerakoon	
A16	Phylogenetic Position And Origin Of The Capped-Golden Langur Lineage Kunal Arekar	
A17	Spatial Dynamics Of Macrophytes And Associated Macrofauna In Pambala – Chillaw Lagoon, Sri Lanka Iranga Liyanage	
A18	Species Composition And Spatial Distribution Of Odonates As A Pollution Level Indicator In A Aquatic Ecosystem Madupa Hewapathirana	
A19	Status Assessment Of Ganges River Dolphin (Platanista Gangetica Gangetica) In Kulsi River, Assam, India In Pre-Monsoon Season Shah Nawaz Jelil	

A20	Status, Distribution And Habitat Analysis Of Tokay Gecko (Gekko Gecko) In Assam University And Its Adjoining Villages Biswajit Singh
A21	Study Of Change Detection Of Mangroves Along Mundra Coast Of Gujarat Using Remote Sensing And Geoinformatics Abhinav Mehta
A22	Tree Growth Estimates Based On Diameter Change In Seasonally Dry Tropical Forest Must Account For Shrinkage Related Bias. Rutuja Chitra Tarak
A23	Water Quality Changes Odonata Assemblages: Habitat Associations And Seasonal Changes In Odonata Assemblages Across Land-Use Types Pankaj Koparde
A24	Bird-Habitat Relationships In Modified Forest Habitats Of Delhi Ridge. Munish Kumar Gupta
A25	Habitat Occupation Of Butterflies In Natural Forest Patches And Grasslands At Lower Hanthana – Sri Lanka Viyanga Ileperuma
A26	Habitat Study In Kuruka- Rangajan Beel, Golaghat, Assam, India: Study In Context Of Wetland Conservation Sajidur Rahman
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	Predation 'Dog'ma: Patterns Of Livestock Depredation By A Free Ranging Commensal In The Upper Spiti Landscape, Himachal Pradesh Chandrima Home
	Ranging Pattern Of Western Purple-Faced Langurs (<i>Semnopithecus Vetulus Nestor</i>) In Human Modified Landscapes Chathuranga Deshapriya
	Snow Leopard Population Estimation And Conflict Assessment In Eastern Ladakh, India Radhika Kothari
	The Battle Within: Behavioural And Physiological Stress In Asian Elephants In A Human-Dominated Landscape In The Western Ghats, S. India Sreedhar Vijayakrishnan
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	Challenges of coordination conservation efforts – case studies: Asian vultures and bald ibis Chris Bowden Cistup Workshop Hall
	Language and Ecology – Communicating Nature Through Local Languages P. Jeganathan and S. Theodore Baskaran Satish Dhawan Classroom
	Applications of Molecular Phylogenetics in Conservation Biology K. Praveen Karanth CES Lotka Volterra lab
	Bioacoustics Rohini Balakrishnan JN Tata Seminar Hall A
	Introduction to basic photography Kalyan Varma JN Tata Seminar Hall C
	Graphics and Visualisation in R Divya Vasudev KSCST
	Publication Ethics T.A. Abinandanan and Viswesha Guttal Materials Engineering
	An introduction to choice models: using people's preferences in biodiversity conservation Abishek Harihar and Mousumi Ghosh-Harihar Management Studies
	Gender relations in human-environment research: an introduction to methods, approaches and analysis Budhaditya Das Cistup Classroom

	Ecotourism: a critical deconstruction Ian Bride	Choksi Hall
	Understanding Decision Making in Conservation Practice Tarsh Thekaekara	JN Tata Main Auditorium
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B02	Conservation Of Critically Endangered Vulture Species Through Creation Of Vulture Safe Zone In Upper Assam Mayur Bawri	
B03	Conservation Programme Of Western Derby Eland: Is There Any Hierarchy In Mixed Herds Of This Critically Endangered Antelope? Pavla Junková Vymyslická	
B04	Conservation Status Of Bats In And Around Mt. Saramati, Nagaland, India Pilot Dovih	
B05	Dna Barcoding In Lesser Known Threatened Ichthyofauna To Augment Conservation Effort Shamim Rahman	
B06	Ecological Responses To Bark Harvesting And Development Of Elite Harvesting Techniques In Four Overexploited Medicinal Tree Species N Manika	
B07	Effect Of Selective Harvest On Micro-Habitat Shift Of An Endemic And Endangered Plant In Arid Tropical Forest Harisha Puttahariyappa	
B08	Effectiveness Of Low-Cost Deterrents To Protect The Crops From Elephants: A Case Study From North Kanara District, Karnataka, India Sangram Parida	
B09	Effects Of Agrochemicals On Early Development Of Dawkinsia Srilankensis; A Point Endemic Critically Endangered Fish Sureni Sumathipala	
B10	Environmental Income And Poverty : Livelihoods In A Central Indian Adivasi Community Affected By Conservation Induced Displacement Sakshi Aggarwal	
B11	Forests, Institutions And Rural Change: Case Study Of Two Villages In Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh Yagyashree Kumar	
B12	Gender, Work And Livelihoods. A Study Of Buksa Adivasi In The Indian Terai Karishma Sharma	
B13	Importance And Potential Areas Of Urban Landscapes For Biodiversity Conservation In Tropics; Case Study In Sri Lanka Piyal Karunaratne	
B14	Native Ornamental Fishes And Trade: Possibility For Socio Economic Upliftment For Local Fishermen Of Barak Valley, Assam Banasree Sharma	
B15	Testing The Efficacy Of Low-Cost Crop Protection Measures Against Domestic Elephants In Sakrebyle Camp, Karnataka Prasanna NS	
B16	Towards Fishing Cat Conservation In Hill Country Sri Lanka Ashan Thudugala	
B17	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Uav) As A Field Tool For Monitoring Waterfowl At Kaliveli Wetland, Tamil Nadu, India Mythri S	
B18	Use Of Predictioneer's Game Model In Predicting Indian Policy Outcomes: A Case Study Of National Water Mission And Green India Mission Shradha Shreejaya	
B19	Using A Participatory Approach To Empower Communities To Manage Coastal Forests In Southwestern Madagascar Rakotomahazo Cicelin	
B20	Why The Range Of The Sahara's Large Mammals Is Regressed? Abdullah Said	

B21	Wildlife Occupancy Study And Conservation Status Assessment In The Buffer Zone Of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve Shashikiran Hegde
B22	Population Status Of Macaca Munzala In The Nymjangchu Valley, Arunachal Pradesh, India: With Special Reference To Human-Macaque Conflict Bidyut Sarania
B23	Post-Release Monitoring Of Translocated Eastern Hoolock Gibbons In Mehao Wildlife Sanctuary, Arunachal Pradesh: A Preliminary Study Himani Nautiyal
B24	Behavioral Ecology And Threats Of Golden Langurs In Fragmented Habitats Of Assam, India Joydeep Shil
B25	Wildlife Consumption By Indigenous Communities In Kerala And Its Implications For Conservation In The Western Ghats Sethu Parvathy
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	Forest Governance In Central India: The Case Of The Tendu Leaf Trade In Madhya Pradesh Venkat Ramanujam Ramani
	Historical Contestations Around An Urban Lake: Lessons Learnt For Lake Management In Bangalore City Hita Unnikrishnan
	Do Exclusive Riverine Plants Move Away From The Riverine Forests Of Mahaweli River Basin Due To River Regulation In Sri Lanka? Shalini Rajakaruna
	Effect Of Inter-Habitat Matrix On Tropical Evergreen Forest Remnants: A Test Of Matrix –Tolerance Hypothesis On Butterflies Of Kodagu Deepak C K
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C02	An Occupancy Modeling Study To Explore The Factors Influencing The Distribution Of House Sparrow (<i>Passer Domesticus</i>) In Delhi. Nawin Tiwary
C03	Are Payments For Ecosystems Services (Pes) Alone Effective In Halting Conversion Of Forests Into Agricultural Land? Ter Yang Goh
C04	As Green As It Gets? Turfgrass Lawn Ecosystems In Bangalore Neesha Dutt
C05	Austroeupeatorium Inulifolium Invasion Favours Tree Seedling Establishment On Highly-Degraded Grasslands Nishanthi Haluwana
C06	Cameratrap Survey Of Amur Leopard In The National Park "Land Of The Leopard" (Russia, Far East) Anna Vitkalova
C07	Characterizing Patchiness And Scale Of Interactions In Semi-Arid Vegetation Patterns Sumithra Sankaran
C08	Conservation Of Otter Habitats In Goa Atul Sinai Borker
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C10	Effect Of Changing Habitat On Indian Gazelle Sunanda Sharma
C11	Exploring Inclusive Ecological Restoration: A Case Study In Mining Restoration At Bolani, Odisha Meenakshi Singh
C12	Habitat Use Of Dung Beetles In Village Ecosystem Of North Kerala Asha G
C13	Local And Landscape Level Conservation Challenges To Tiger Population In Manas Tiger Reserve, India Dipankar Lahkar

C14	Restoration Of Degraded Sites: Use Of Vegetative Propagation To Raise Nurseries Of Two Native Tree Species Anjalee Weerakoon	
C15	Seasonal Variation In Diet And Activity Budget Of The Northern Yellow-Cheeked Crested Gibbon <i>Nomascus Annamensis</i> , North-Eastern Cambodia Naven Hon	
C16	Seed Biology Of <i>Symplocos Cochinchinensis</i> , Towards Reforestation Of Degraded Submontane Forests In Sri Lanka Yasoja Athugala	
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	Trust, Instinct, Common sense: Managing people & teams Gopakumar Menon and Vena Kapoor	Management Studies
	Story-telling Through Images Kalyan Varma	JN Tata Seminar Hall C
	Observational study of animal behaviour and its importance for animal conservation Nishant M.S, Shreekant Deodhar and Karpagam Chelliah	JN Tata Seminar Hall B
	Conservation Biotechnology Kartikayan Vasudevan, G. Umopathy, Ajay Gaur, Sadanand Sontakke and B. Sambasiva Rao	JN Tata Main Auditorium
	Getting the Measure of Diversity: A Macro-ecological Perspective Kartik Shanker, Navendu Page and S.P. Vijaykumar	Satish Dhawan Classroom
	Research on the interface of environment and society: An introduction to a mixed methods toolbox Asmita Kabra	Cistup Classroom
	Multivariate Statistics Varun Varma and Anand M. Osuri	CES Lotka Voltera lab
	Science Journalism and Communicating-Positioning Research for Conservation Ananda Banerjee	Cistup Workshop Hall
	How To Tell A Conservation Story Pavithra Sankaran	IPC Classroom
	Elements of effective study design Advait Edgaonkar and Kavita Isvaran	Materials Engineering
	Building support for conservation from different sectors Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka	JN Tata Seminar Hall A
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07:00 PM	Conference Ends	



