







Day 1

Monday, September 27, 2021



Time	Segment		
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Conference Opening		
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Plenary Session - <u>Asha De Vos</u> <i>The power of being local</i>		
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	TALKS		
	Talk Title	Presenter	Institute/Affiliation
11:00 AM - 11:15AM	Factors influencing the habitat-use of owls in a mosaic landscape in Garo Hills north-east India	S Sangeeth Sailas	Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON)
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Making' Homes: Biopolitics of sharing resources in the grasslands of Manas National Park	Anasuya Borah	Samaj Pragati Sahayog
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Assessing the potential of the Eastern Ghats landscape to support global tiger (<i>Panthera tigris</i>) recovery efforts	Rohit Subhedar	Wildlife Conservation Society-India
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Dogs in the Himalaya: Management and risk of disease spillover to wildlife.	Debby Ng	Centre for Nature-based Climate Solutions National University of Singapore
12:00 PM - 1:10 PM	POSTER PRESENTATIONS		
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12:00 PM - 12:10 PM	Saving rhinos amidst ethnic conflict in Karbi Anglong	Gargi Sharma	Wildlife Conservation Society
12:10 PM - 12:20 PM	Establishing a detection framework for the Forest Owlet using Automated Recording Units	Amrutha Rajan	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Tirupati

12:20 PM - 12:30 PM	Fuelling Change: A holistic community-based conservation initiative for the people wildlife and forests	Ashritha Anoop	Nature Conservation Foundation
12:30 PM - 12:40 PM	An innovative approach for assessing habitat connectivity of a flagship species in human-dominated landscapes	Rajashekhar Niyogi	IISER Kolkata
12:40 PM - 12:50 PM	Globally vulnerable small-clawed otter in northeast Bangladesh: Activity pattern of a newly discovered population in a human-dominated riparian mixed-evergreen forest	Muntasir Akash	Department of Zoology, University of Dhaka
1:10 PM - 2:30 PM	 Lunch	 Lunch	 Lunch
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	WORKSHOPS	WORKSHOPS	WORKSHOPS
	Writing for Researchers (Karthik Ram)	Know-hows of popular qualitative data analysis software (Medha Nayak)	The nitty gritty of writing and presenting research (Yateendra Joshi)
	Bioacoustics in conservation (Anand Krishnan + Samira Agnihotri + Viral Joshi + Isha Bopardikar)	Basics of Ant Taxonomy & Ecology (Pranoy Baidya)	Language & Ecology – Communicating Nature Through Local Languages (P Jeganathan)
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Tea 	Tea 	Tea 
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Plenary Session - Paula Kahumbu - <i>Wildlife filmmaking as a conservation tool</i>		







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Day 2

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

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10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Plenary Session - Arjun Srivathsa - <i>The dog and the funny bone</i>		
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Panel Discussion - Decolonising Conservation		
12:00 PM - 1:10 PM	POSTER PRESENTATIONS		
	Poster Title	Presenter	Institute/Affiliation
12:00 PM - 12:10 PM	Does the benefit outweigh the cost of inhabiting areas close to human settlements for some wild animals?	Avantika Thapa	Zoological Survey of India
12:10 PM - 12:20 PM	Species and habitat-specific detection framework using Automated Recording Units: A case study on the Critically Endangered Jerdonâ's Courser (<i>Rhinoptilus bitorquatus</i>)	Chiti Arvind	PhD Student at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research- Tirupati
12:20 PM - 12:30 PM	Assessing poaching threats to Tigers using Spatial Monitoring And Reporting Tool (SMART) in the Kawal-Tadoba corridor, Central India	Harsh Vardhan Gujja	Wildlife conservation Society-India
12:30 PM - 12:40 PM	Estimating population density of Wayanad Dancing Frog <i>Micrixalus saxicola</i> (Jerdon 1853) by Spatial-explicit capture-recapture in Wayanad	Abhijith Vijay	Centre For Wildlife Studies Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Pookode
12:40 PM - 12:50 PM	Status of Alpine Floristic Diversity at Rohtang Pass Kullu Himachal Pradesh under COVID-19 scenario	Simran Tomar	G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment Himachal Regional Centre
12:50 PM - 1:00 PM	Identifying threats and perspectives of rural communities towards wildcat conservation at Knuckles mountain range Central highlands of Sri Lanka	Chathuranga Dharmarathne	Felidae Carnivora Project (FCP) Abimana Development Foundation




1:10 PM - 2:30 PM	 Lunch	 Lunch	 Lunch
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	WORKSHOPS	WORKSHOPS	WORKSHOPS
Writing Successful Grant Applications (Andrea Phillott)	Social Science Method in Conservation Research (Rajkamal Goswami + Ovee Thorat + Anushka Saikia)	Every object tells a story (Vikram Sridhar)	Looking beyond human-wildlife conflict (Saloni Bhatia + Pankaj Sekhsaria)
	Basics of tree identification and phenology (Sayee Girdhari + Geetha Ramaswami + Swati Sidhu)	Conservation story-telling with photography (Kalyan Varma)	The study of Animal behaviour and its applications for conservation (Samira Agnihotri + Nishant Srinivasaiah + Devica Ranade)
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Tea 	Tea 	Tea 
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Plenary Session - David Borchers - <i>Ecological inferences from sparse data</i>		

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10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Plenary Session - Radhika Govindarajan - <i>Paltu-Jungli: The fluidity of wildness in contemporary Uttarakhand</i>		
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Panel Discussion - Careers in Conservation		
12:00 PM - 1:10 PM	POSTER PRESENTATIONS		
	Poster Title	Presenter	Institute/Affiliation
12:00 PM - 12:10 PM	Where to stop-over? Identifying Amur Falcon Falco amurensis refuelling sites across Northeast India	Amarjeet Kaur	Wildlife Institute of India
12:10 PM - 12:20 PM	PREY AVAILABILITY AND PREDATION PATTERN OF TIGERS (Panthera tigris) IN SUB-OPTIMAL HABITAT OF CENTRAL INDIA	Rajasekar Rajaraman	Wildlife Institute of India
12:20 PM - 12:30 PM	The 2018 and 2019 Kerala Flood: Reportage by media and attribution to climate change.	Sahana Subramanian	Azim Premji University
12:30 PM - 12:40 PM	Pond Centric Urbanism Towards the conservation of Historical and natural Essence of Rajshahi City	Md Mashuk Alam	Urban Design and Landscape Division, Department of Architecture Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
12:40 PM - 12:50 PM	Commoning coastal Odisha - an assessment of a participatory mapping initiative on governance of commons in Purnabandha Ganjam	Vineetha Venugopal	Dakshin Foundation
12:50 PM - 1:00 PM	Ecological correlates of Blackbuck Sociality at Point Calimere Southern India	Subhasish Arandhara	AVC College Mayiladuthurai
1:10 PM - 2:30 PM	 Lunch	 Lunch	 Lunch




2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	WORKSHOPS	WORKSHOPS	WORKSHOPS
	The challenge of coordinating conservation for Asia's Critically Endangered Vultures: Lessons and application for other conservation examples (Chris Bowden)	Tips and Tricks to apply for PhD programs in ecology, wildlife biology and conservation science (Akshay Surendra + Panelists)	Bridging Animal Cognition with Conservation Biology (V.V. Binoy)
	Butterfly conservation from your backyard (Souparno Roy)	Making effective presentations (Yateendra Joshi)	New-age Mechanisms to Achieve Non-Protected Area Focused Conservation (Anand Pendharkar + Amruta Padgaonkar)
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Tea ☕	Tea ☕	Tea ☕
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	TALKS		
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5:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Understanding people's perception and attitudes towards elephants in Thadagam Valley Tamil Nadu.	Shweta Madgulkar	
5:15 PM - 5:30 PM	En-Gendering's Human-Wildlife Conflict and Implications to Conservation	Sayan Banerjee	National Institute of Advanced Studies
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM	Spatio-temporal change in distribution of large mammals and their relation with the changing land use and land cover of Guwahati.	Amlan Aditya Goswami	Cotton University
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Trade-offs in management of Tendu leaf production in community forest rights areas of Gadchiroli District Maharashtra	Anuja Date	ATREE, MAHE

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Day 4

Thursday, September 30, 2021



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10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Plenary Session - <u>Ambika Aiyadurai</u> - <i>Wildlife researchers and local communities: Politics of Encounter</i>		
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	TALKS		
	Talk Title	Presenter	Institute/Affiliation
11:00 AM - 11:15AM	Wildlife crime prosecution: Understanding why wildlife crime cases fail in court	Shubhra Sotie	Wildlife Conservation Society
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Evaluating the efficacy of metabarcoding versus hair-based microhistology to determine the diet of tigers in Ranthambore Tiger Reserve.	Sarang Mishrikotkar	National Centre for Biological Sciences
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Angling for conservation: Citizen contributions to monitoring freshwater fish	Naren	Wildlife Association of South India
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Avenue figs and associated bird communities in urban landscape of Delhi	Prakhar Rawal	Centre for Ecology Development and Research
12:00 PM - 1:10 PM	<u>Who's Who</u>		
1:10 PM - 2:30 PM	 Lunch	 Lunch	 Lunch

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	WORKSHOPS	WORKSHOPS	WORKSHOPS
	Writing grants and fellowships in ecological sciences (Sabuj Bhattacharya + Monica Kaushik)	Participatory research methods: Why and How? (Nayana Udayshankar + Bhuvana Balaji + Revati Pandya)	Building LGBTQIA+ inclusive spaces in conservation and field ecology
	Linear infrastructure development & solutions for connectivity conservation (Milind Pariwakam)	Indian Herpetology- is there anything beyond Taxonomy? (Varad Giri)	Study design in ecology and conservation (Kavita Isvaran)
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Tea ☕	Tea ☕	Tea ☕
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Closing Ceremony		

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