

# Student Conference on Conservation Science - Bangalore

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## 2012 REPORT

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# Final Report

## Overview

Student Conference on Conservation Science - Bangalore (SCCS) 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 2012 conference was held from 2nd-4th Aug.

SCCS conferences originated in Cambridge (2000) and the sister conference in Bangalore started in 2010 as an annual event, with the last two editions in Bangalore becoming hugely successful and popular. Today there are additional sister SCCS conferences in New York and Brisbane.

SCCS-Bangalore started in 2010 with a focus on South and South-East Asia over the last two years, but this year the scope was expanded to include students studying conservation in Africa as well. This year about 360 people attended the conference, with 25 foreign participants from 14 countries. There were about 20 student talks and 70 poster presentations. We had a stringent quality



control process such that only good studies were presented at the conference. We received 200 abstracts that were evaluated by at least two external reviewers and two internal reviewers. We selected about 90 abstracts that were assessed to be of fairly good quality and selected the 20 best abstracts to be presented as talks. We continued with the tradition of having a single talk session (no parallel sessions) at

a time with 15 minutes for each talk.



## Highlights of Select talks

Students talked about various conservation issues including ranging of elephants in Africa, problems faced by turtle conservationists in Sri Lanka, problems with hunting and logging in



North East India and several aspects of fisheries. Other students have assessed perception of people to conservation issues, some looked at demographic patterns of frogs and birds in different parts of India, looked at human-animal conflict and examined wildlife corridors in different parts of the world. All student abstracts are now available for download from the [SCCS website](#).

## Plenary speakers

This year we had three excellent scientific plenaries by Vidya Athreya, Aaron Lobo and David Wescott. All three talks were very well received by students and other participants.



Aaron Lobo (Left) and David Quammen (Right) delivering their plenary lectures

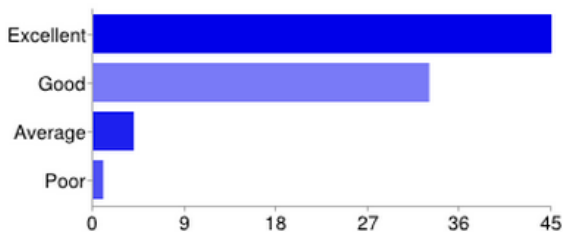
## *Public engagement at SCCS:*

SCCS Bangalore believes in engaging with the public on key conservation issues. Towards this SCCS organized several events that were open to the public. These include talks, discussions and workshops.

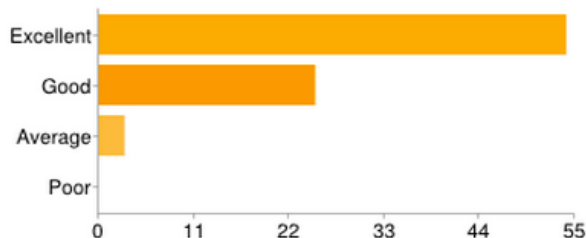


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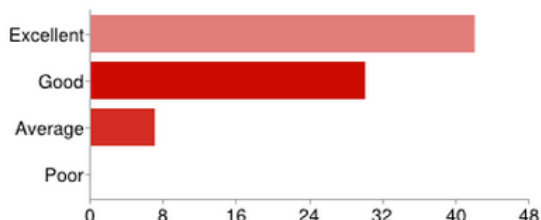
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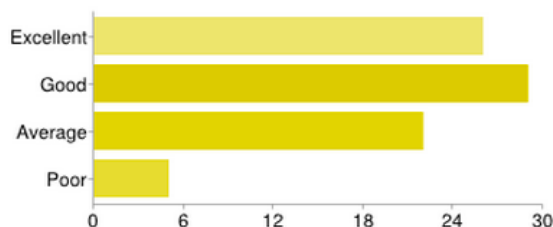
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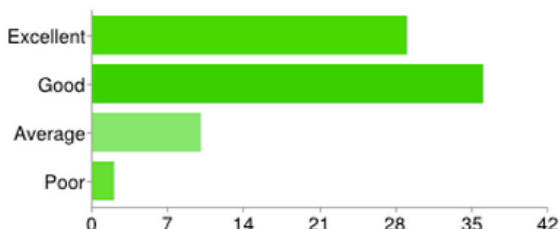
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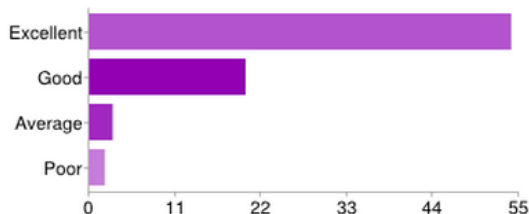
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How would you rate the plenary talk of David Wescott -



How would you rate the plenary talk of Bittu Sahgal -



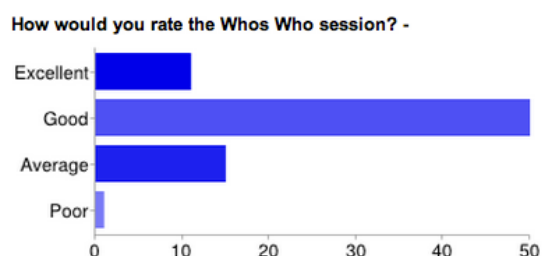
There were public plenaries on all the three evenings of the conference. The first Ravi Sankaran Memorial Lecture was held in collaboration with the Ravi Sankaran Foundation and was delivered by noted historian and conservationist Dr. Mahesh Rangarajan. This talk was held in memory of Dr. Ravi Sankaran, one of India's prominent conservation biologists.

The renowned science writer David Quammen, author of landmark books like *Song of the Dodo*, spoke about conservation and science from tigers to viruses, taking the students on a tour of his explorations with various scientists across remote parts of the globe. Quammen, is the recipient of awards like the John Burroughs Medal, the New York Public Library/Helen Bernstein

Award, and (in Britain) the BP Natural World Book Prize. His book has been on the top of New York Times Book Review. Mr. Quammen also interacted with students separately on popular science writing through two SCCS workshops. Bittu Sahgal from Sanctuary Asia spoke to students about his experiences with India's foremost conservation magazine - Sanctuary Asia.

## Who's Who Session

This year the Who's Who session to facilitate interaction between students and conservation



practitioners elicited good response. Twenty eight institutions/organizations registered for the Who's Who session and was appreciated by the students.

## Workshops

This year we had 19 workshops, with five of them being repeated and three panel discussions (Beyond Science sessions):

Title	Conducted By
Introduction to ArcGIS and modelling: introductory pack	Alice Hughes
Science as story: communicating scientific material to a general audience	David Quammen
The craft of compelling communication	Geoff Hyde
Introduction to GIS with quantum GIS	Ravi Bhalla and V. Srinivas
Elements of good study design in ecology and conservation	Kavita Isvaran and Advait Edgaonkar
How R you doing? Using the R platform for managing and analyzing ecological datasets	Raman Kumar and Geetha Ramaswami
Basic statistics	Suhel Quader
Conservation photography	Kalyan Varma

Conservation genetics	Shomita Mukherjee , Uma Ramakrishnan and Subhankar Chakraborty
Network analysis	Ferenc Jordán
How to take the best of a research article – reading and summarizing	R. Nandini and Muralidharan M.
Advanced R and advanced statistics	Umesh Srinivasan
Ecological restoration	Divya Mudappa and T.R. Shankar Raman
Rapid rural appraisal techniques for conservation-livelihood research: an introduction	Asmita Kabra

#### BEYOND SCIENCE:

Wildlife research ethics and compassionate conservation	Moderated by: T. R. Shankar Raman and Divya Mudappa
Preventing and handling ethical problems in research	Moderated by: Rahul Siddharthan
Tourism in wildlife areas: debating practice and policy	Moderated by: Aditi Chanchani

We had workshops on a range of hard and soft skills including study design, three levels of data analysis workshops and three software-tools based workshops. We also had scientific reading, writing and presenting skills workshops along with a popular writing workshop. There were three panel discussions, one of this on the role of eco-tourism which also discussed the recent Supreme Court stay order on tourism in core areas of Tiger Reserves. The other two panel discussions were on ethics of research - one on academic ethics (publications, citing previous work and the like) and another on handling/ capture, collection of animals and the ethics related to these which also engages with the field of compassionate conservation. Details at [http://www.sccs-bng.org/?page\\_id=1040](http://www.sccs-bng.org/?page_id=1040). These panels were organized by other academicians from diverse backgrounds and institutions.





## **Collaborative events with Ravi Sankaran Foundation and Inlaks India Foundation**

### **Ravi Sankaran Inlaks Fellows' Meet - 1 August 2012**

This one-day meeting was organized to get Ravi Sankaran Inlaks fellows together to meet each other, discuss their work and their ideas about conservation; and to interact with senior conservation practitioners. The meeting was held at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, just ahead of the Student Conference on Conservation Science-Bangalore (SCCS-Bangalore).

Of the 19 Ravi Sankaran Inlaks fellows, 13 attending the meeting and were joined by seven resource people.

#### **Ravi Sankaran Inlaks Fellows**

Venu Kapoor  
Ranjani Murali  
Karthik Teegalapalli  
Divya Karnad  
Girish Jathar  
Radhika Timbadia  
Elrika D'Souza  
Nachiket Kelkar  
Swapnil Appa Chaudhari  
Anant Pande  
Anusree AS  
Vardhan Patankar  
Vidyadhar Atkore

#### **Resource persons**

Ajith Kumar (Wildlife Conservation Society)  
Kartik Shanker (Indian Institute of Science)  
Divya Mudappa (Nature Conservation Foundation)  
MD Madhusudan (Nature Conservation Foundation)  
Romulus Whitaker (Madras Crocodile Bank Trust)  
Vidya Athreya (Wildlife Conservation Society)  
Anish Andheria (Wildlife Conservation Trust)  
Suhel Quader (NCF/NCBS)

Each fellow spoke briefly (10-15 minutes) about the work they had done (or, in some cases, were planning to do), as part of their fellowships; and they also described how their perspective on conservation had changed over the course of their fellowships. The resource people spoke about their thinking about conservation, and how this had changed over the years. After each person spoke there was a question-answer discussion session; so that by the end of the day, a large amount of ground had been covered. This included both more detailed (specified research

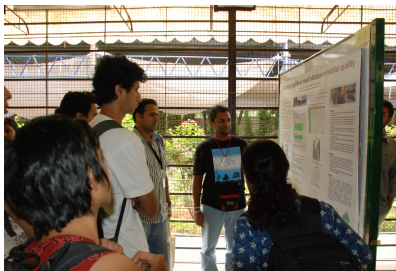
methods and results) and more broad (why do conservation? what are our motivations and goals?) aspects of conservation.

Given the number of people attending, and the limited time, presentations and discussions were rather compressed. Despite this, subsequent feedback from fellows and resource people indicated that this had been a very useful event, which should be continued. There was a suggestion from several resource people that fellows should be encouraged to intern with ongoing conservation projects within the country so that they gain an idea of the complexities of doing conservation in the real world. The fellows also suggested that we: have more time for each person to talk about his/her work; give more detailed feedback on their work; use this forum to devise a plan for concrete action on the ground.

Travel and accommodation expenses of all fellows (and one out-of-station resource person) were covered by the Inlaks grant to SCCS. All fellows attended SCCS-Bangalore, which started the next day; with all costs, including registration, were taken care of.



Students at their posters



### **Ravi Sankaran Memorial Lecture**

This year SCCS Bangalore with the Ravi Sankaran Foundation and Inlaks Foundation, jointly hosted the first Ravi Sankaran Memorial Lecture. The lecture was delivered by Dr, Mahesh Rangarajan and the video of this talk is available on our website.

## **Collaborative workshop at SCCS**

This year we organized the first collaborative workshop at SCCS. The all-night Datathon, attended by approximately 30 people was a data visualization workshop in association with the Western Ghats Portal and Current Conservation magazine. The workshop involved the very vibrant Bangalore-based geek community who worked together with conservation students to use open source data to produce visualizations on conservation and ecology. The workshop showcased several speakers who covered a spectrum of topics before the audience broke off into smaller groups to explore the provided datasets.

## **Funding and sponsorships**

With a total budget of about 30 lakhs, we had financial support from Aroon Raman and Afried Raman, Conservation India, EldecSel, Indian Institute of Science, Mr. Azad Shivdasani of the Inlaks India Foundation, Jungle Lodges, Ravi Sankaran Foundation, The Great Eastern Shipping Company, The Gerry Martin Project, Wildlife Conservation Trust, Western Ghats Portal, WWF-India, and sponsorships in kind from Current Conservation, David Quammen, Orient Blackswan, Raptor Research and Conservation Foundation, SAEVUS and Sanctuary Asia. We have ventured to form longer term commitments with many of these organizations and where possible, developed content in collaboration with them. Most of this money has been routed through Centre for Ecological Sciences, Madras Crocodile Bank Trust and Nature Conservation Foundation.

## **Bursaries**

With the support of its donors, the conference provided partial and full support for select students to attend the conference from their home town. This year SCCS has supported about 50 students to attend the conference.

We have worked largely with google docs and wiki to document most of the organizing process such that we should be more efficient in the future.



## **Student awards**

SCCS had invited external referees to evaluate all student talks and posters. All talks were evaluated by a single panel while different groups of referees evaluated posters in different themes.

The awards for this years best talks and posters are listed below:

Best poster award: Nicholas Murray

Best poster runner-up: Vanjulavalli Sridhar

Best poster second runner-up: (shared) Ashwin Vishwanathan, Arjun Srivathsa, Trishanth Simlai and Mahi Puri

Best talk award: Umesh Srinivasan

Best talk runner-up: Bhanu Sridharan

Best talk second runner-up: Jeanetta Selier

Award materials were kindly supported by numerous sources listed below:

1. Seven books from David Quammen
2. Three books from Raptor Research and Conservation Foundation
3. Ten books from Universities Press
4. Four Conservation Biology books - Meera Oomen and Orient Blackswan
5. Nine three-year subscriptions from Current Conservation
6. Six annual subscriptions from SAEVUS
7. Six annual subscriptions from Sanctuary

## **Challenges faced this year and plans for the next conference**

After a rather long wait we received the Nodal Ministry clearance for SCCS-Bangalore 2012 from MoEF only on 23rd July 2012. This delay has posed challenges for foreign participants with their visa applications and made it tough for Chinese students to participate. We may have to work at this differently next year. Next year we plan to have earlier registrations and selection of foreign participants so that we may be able to obtain the Government of India clearances in time.

## Conference Organisation and Support

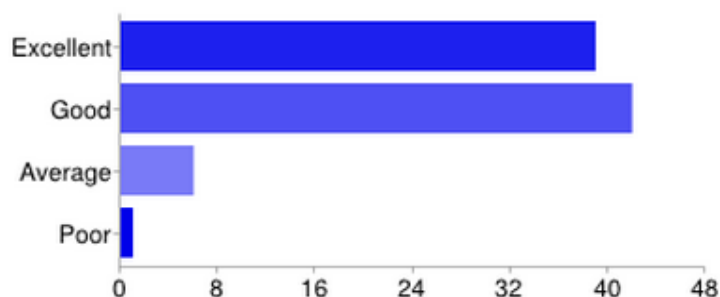
### Logistical support:

We have been fortunate to get tremendous logistical support from Geetha Gadagkar and Nirmala from CES, Smita Prabhakar and Naveen from NCF, Gowri Mallapur and Mohan from MCBT and Nidhi Srivastava from NCBS. Milesworth Travels did all the travel arrangements and ticket bookings, also waiving a large part of their commission to partner with SCCS - Bangalore on various travel logistics.

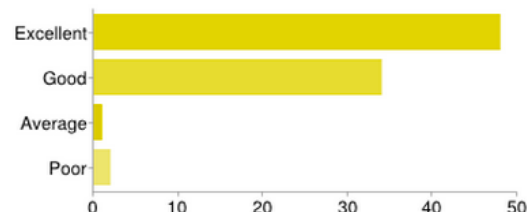
Pavithra Sankaran and Anush Shetty put up an exciting new and youthful website ([www.sccs-bng.org](http://www.sccs-bng.org)) with various features including online payments that were well received by the participants. Adhith Swaminathan joined SCCS Bangalore as Conference Administrator in May and played a major part in the conference organization. We ensured that all emails were replied to within a 24-hour period - something that was also appreciated by the participants.

SCCS 2012 was supported a fairly large team of volunteers (about 30) from institutions located in Bangalore and Mysore (ATREE, CES, Dakshin Foundation, NCBS, NCF and NIAS). The team of volunteers were vital as in previous years for the efficient running of the conference and are listed on page 15.

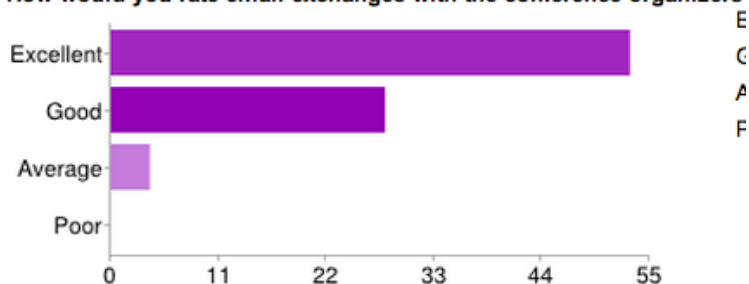
How would you rate the conference website? -



What did you think about the online registration mode of registration and payment -



How would you rate email exchanges with the conference organizers?



**Conference Administrator:** Adhith Swaminathan

**Organising Committee**

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### Resource persons (Including Talk and Poster Judges)

1. Vidya Athreya
2. Mahesh Rangarajan
3. Aaron Lobo
4. David Quammen
5. David Westcott
6. Bittu Sahgal
7. T. R. Shankar Raman
8. Divya Mudappa
9. Sneha Vijaykumar
10. Anindya Sinha
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27. Kavita Isvaran
28. Advait Edgaonkar
29. Raman Kumar
30. Geetha Ramaswami
31. Kalyan Varma
32. Subhankar Chakraborty
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35. Umesh Srinivasan
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45. Karthik Vasudevan
46. Praveen Karanth
47. Mahesh Sankaran
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49. Deepa Agashe
50. Renee Borges
51. Rohini Balakrishnan

### **Conference volunteers**

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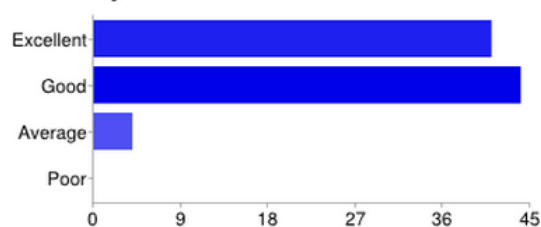
## Programme

TIME	02 AUG 2012	03 AUG 2012	04 AUG 2012
0800 – 0830	Registration (1 hour)	Registration (30 min)	Registration (30 min)
0830 – 0900		Plenary – Aaron Lobo: “What The Catch Brought In: On By-catch And Other Incidental Matters”	Plenary – David Westcott: “Movement Matters in Ecology and Conservation Management”
0900 – 0930	Inauguration (30 min)		
0930 – 1030	Plenary – Vidya Athreya: “You Ain’t Nothing But A Sugarcane Cat: Conservation Of Leopards In A Human Dominated Landscape”	Student talks (Human-Animal Conflict – 4 talks) (15 min each) 0930-0945 Rohit Naniwadekar: Synergistic effects of hunting and logging on seed dispersal cycle in north-east India. 0945-1000 Abhijeet Bayani: Crop raiding by wild herbivores at TATR 1000-1015 Gajaba Ellepola: Turtle conservation in East Sri Lanka 1015-1030 Jeanetta Selier: Range shifts in an elephant population	Student talks (Conservation Policy – 4 Talks) (15 min each) 0930-0945 Vena Kapoor: Exploring the phenomenon of geographical clustering and collaboration in the biodiversity and conservation sector 0945-1000 Divya Karnad: Perceptions affect sustainable fisheries 1000-1015 Muralidharan Manoharakrishnan: How much research is required before giving an alarm bell for conservation? 1015-1030 Sapna Jayaraman: Measuring the effectiveness of Marine No-take reserves in protecting fish populations
1030 – 1050	Refreshments (20 min)	Refreshments (20 min)	Refreshments (20 min)
1050 – 1200	Student talks (Demography and behaviour – 4 talks) (15 mins each) 1050 – 1105 Anne Heloise Theo: Mixed Species Foraging By Reef Fish 1105 – 1120 Binoy V. V.: Impact of an exotic invasive piscine species on the shoaling decisions of a freshwater fish, the climbing perch 1120-1135 Umesh Srinivasan: Demographic responses of understorey birds to logging-induced habitat degradation 1135-1150 Julien Fattebert: Conservation restores natal dispersal behaviour and population linkage in a large carnivore	Student talks (Landscape conservation – 3 talks) (15 min each) 1050 – 1105 Odbayar Tumen-derel: Gobi bear genetic analysis 1105 – 1120 Alolika Sinha: Assessing the importance of corridors in Kaziranga- Karbi Anglong Landscape, Assam, India. 1120-1135 Tharanga Aluthwattha: Impact of spatial and temporal variations of water chemistry on plankton, invertebrate and wetland bird distribution.	Student talks (Diversity – 4 Talks) (15 min each) 1050 – 1105 Sneha Dharwadkar: Comparing Species composition of amphibians in the natural and human-dominated landscapes in southern Western Ghats 1105 – 1120 Roshmi Rekha Sarma: Assessing geographical distribution patterns of anurans of the Western Ghats 1120-1135 Bhanu Sridharan: Tracking the tides 1135-1150 Danah Marie Purificacion: Faunal diversity in Luzon, Philippines
1140 – 1200		Who’s who (60 mins)	
1200 – 1240	Posters (Session: Ecology – 40 mins) (12 posters)		Posters (Session: Diversity and distribution – 60 mins) (18 posters)
1240 – 1310	Lunch (50 min)	Lunch (50 min)	

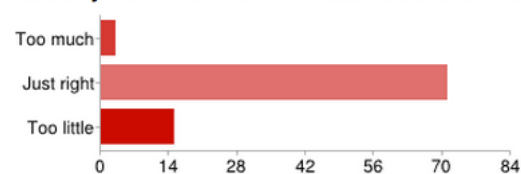
1300 – 1330			Lunch (30 min)
1330 – 1600	<p>1.Geoff Hyde: The Craft Of Compelling Communication (Venue: JN Tata Seminar Hall A)</p> <p>2.Kavita Isvaran &amp; Advait Edgaonkar: Elements Of Good Study In Ecology And Conservation (Venue: Lecture Hall 7)</p> <p>3.David Quammen: Science as Story: Communicating Scientific Material to a General Audience (Venue: JN Tata Seminar Hall B)</p> <p>4.Ravi Bhalla &amp; V.Srinivas: Introduction To GIS With Quantum GIS (Venue: KSCST)</p> <p>5.Raman Kumar &amp; Geetha R: How R U Doing? Using The R Platform For Managing And Analyzing Ecological Datasets (Venue: Lecture Hall 5)</p> <p>6.Alice Hughes: Introduction to ArcGis and modelling workshop (Venue: JN Tata Seminar Hall C)</p> <p>Panel Discussion: Wildlife Research Ethics And Compassionate Conservation Moderated by T. R. Shankar Raman (on stage) and Divya Mudappa (audience) (JN Tata Main Hall)</p>	<p>1.Kalyan Varma: Conservation Photography (Venue: JN Tata Seminar Hall A)</p> <p>2.Shomita Mukherjee, Subhankar Chakraborty &amp; Uma Ramakrishnan: Conservation Genetics (Venue: Lecture Hall 7)</p> <p>3.Ferenc Jordan: Network Analysis (Venue: JN Tata Seminar Hall C)</p> <p>4.R. Nandini: How To Take The Best Of A Research Article: Reading And Summarizing (Venue: Lecture Hall 6)</p> <p>5.Umesh Srinivasan: Advanced R And Advanced Statistics (Venue: KSCST)</p> <p>6.Divya Mudappa &amp; TR Shankar Raman: Ecological Reforestation (Venue: JN Tata Seminar Hall B)</p> <p>7.Suhel Quader: Basic Statistics (Venue: Lecture Hall 5)</p> <p>Panel Discussion: Preventing And Handling Ethical Problems In Research Moderated by Rahul Siddharthan (JN Tata Main Hall)</p>	<p>1.Asmita Kabra: Rapid Rural Appraisal Techniques For Conservation – Livelihood Research: An Introduction (Venue: JN Tata Seminar Hall C)</p> <p>2.Suhel Quader: Basic Statistics (Venue: Lecture Hall 5)</p> <p>3.David Quammen: Science as Story: Communicating Scientific Material to a General Audience (Venue: JN Tata Seminar Hall B)</p> <p>4.Geoff Hyde: The Craft Of Compelling Communication (Venue: JN Tata Seminar Hall A)</p> <p>5.Ravi Bhalla &amp; V.Srinivas: Introduction To GIS With Quantum GIS (Venue: KSCST)</p> <p>6. Advait Edgaonkar: Elements Of Good Study In Ecology And Conservation (Venue: Lecture Hall 7)</p> <p>Panel Discussion: Tourism in Wildlife Areas: Debating Practice and Policy Moderated by Aditi Chanchani (JN Tata Main Hall)</p>
1600 – 1620	Refreshments (20 min)	Refreshments (20 min)	Refreshments (20 min)
1620 – 1700	Posters (Session: Habitat, landscape conservation, invasives, carbon storage and taxonomy -40 mins) (14 posters)	Posters (Session: Behaviour, tradition, perception, human impacts, data sharing and community conservation – 70 minutes) (25 posters)	Plenary (open to public) – Bittu Sahgal: “Seeking Sanctuary: Three Decades Of Protecting Paradise”
1700 – 1730	Who’s who session (30 mins)		
1730 – 1800	Plenary (open to public) – Ravi Sankaran Memorial Lecture: Mahesh Rangarajan: “Conservation as if democracy mattered”		Prize distribution and closing remarks
1800 – 1900		Plenary (open to public) – David Quammen: “Virus To Tiger: The Conservation Challenges Of Inconvenient Beasts”	
1900 – 2100	Dinner	Dinner	Datathon: Visualisations with open source data (until 12 midnight)

## Feedback from participants

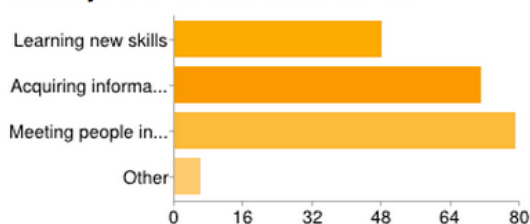
How would you rate the Conference overall -



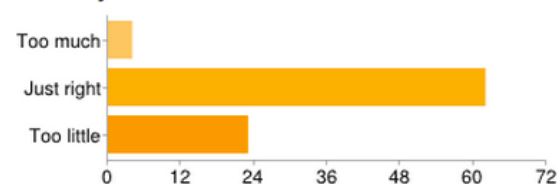
What did you think about the time allocated to the student talks? -



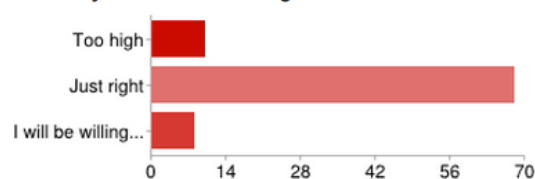
What did you find useful about the conference?



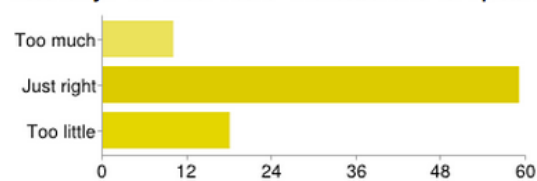
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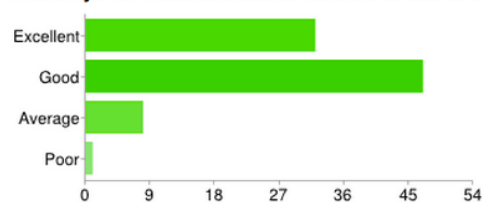
What did you think about the registration fee? -



What did you think about the time allocated to student posters? -



What did you think about the food served at the conference overall?



What do you think about the organisation of the poster session? -

