

Wild InSight Basics

A Workshop on the
Fundamentals of
Wildlife & Conservation

Batch 3, 07-13 December, 2014
Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra

Organised By:



In Association With:



Eco-System, Biodiversity, & Heritage Management
Conservation Education
Community & Institutional Collaboration
Conservation Communication

birds, mammals, reptiles,
amphibians, butterflies,
plants, landscapes, rivers

habitat, classification,
identification, food chain,
behaviour

wildlife estimation, laws,
climate change,
conservation issues

research scope, scientific
data management,
documenting, reporting

Registration closes on:
15 October, 2014

field sessions, classroom
interactions, wildlife
safaris, group discussions,
seminars, wildlife films
panel discussions,
cultural events, village
tours, presentations

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Why this course?

Wildlife conservation needs intensive action today. Any action backed by thorough education is the key to the success of that particular action. Wildlife & environment education in India has so far remained un-organised, keeping aside the formal academic institutions that offer different environment and wildlife science courses. This course has been planned in order to offer the participants a rounded view of the basics of Indian flora and fauna along with various conservation issues. The course also aims at providing participants some direction towards pursuing their specific interests in the subject further.

How would we conduct the course?

The course is scheduled to be held during 07-13 December, 2014 at Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra. Conservation Consortium is organizing the course in association with Pench Forest Department. Conservation Consortium may associate with few more organisations and institutions for conducting this course.

The course as its title defines, aims at making people learn from what they visualize and observe things available in front of them. The objective of the programme is to help the participants understand the whole subject as a connected biodiversity or eco-system chain rather than just looking at individual category of species. The secondary objective of the programme is to help the participants understand the importance of research and field observation techniques.

The course is broadly divided in to the following categories:

1. Field observation techniques for studying flora and fauna
2. Identification and documentation of flora and fauna species
3. Understanding the habitats
4. Learning the food chain
5. Breeding biology and/or life cycle of species
6. Manifestation of Indian rivers and landscapes
7. Climate change and environment-The misconceptions
8. Green (Wildlife, environment, forest) laws and crime
9. Important conservation issues

The following methods would be used during the course:

1. Field visits within permitted areas in Pench Tiger Reserve
2. Theory sessions, Seminars, Group discussions
3. Community interactions
4. Audio & visual presentations
5. Panel discussions
6. Course specific reading materials



Who should attend the course?

- *eNGO employees/officials/volunteers
- *Students pursuing their graduate or post graduate degree in Humanities, Life Science, Wildlife Science, Environment Sciences, Forestry Management, and Social Studies
- *Educationists/teachers involved in teaching life science subjects
- *Individuals working on nature & wildlife conservation and/or tourism
- *Wildlife enthusiasts

What is the selection criteria?

There are no qualification restrictions for the course. Any individual as suggested in the 'who should attend the course' section can participate

However, the minimum age of the participant must be 18 years.

Will the participants receive any certificate of participation?

Yes, the certificate of participation would be issued to participants after they successfully complete the course.

What is the value of the certificate of participation?

We are neither affiliated nor associated with any formal academic institutions as of now. Hence, the certificate of participation is not an academic degree. However, the certificate is a recognition of your basic training in nature, wildlife, and conservation.

The certificate may help you getting associated with NGOs working in the similar fields. The certificate may also help you in associating with tourism industry as naturalist guide.

What is the course fee and how can I register for the course?

Please refer the 'Registration Options'.

What is the cancellation policy?

Conservation Consortium holds the right to cancel the course without mentioning any reason. However, in that case Conservation Consortium would make a 100% refund to the participants who may have registered. If the participants cancel their registration then:

Within 30 days prior to the programme: No refund
More than 30 days prior to the programme: 50% refund

* Please refer 'Registration Options' for more information.



Course Schedule:**Day 1, 2:**

Pench Tiger Reserve: An introduction
Field observation techniques
Classification, identification, & habitat of species
Important observations on species & their behaviour

Day 3:

Mammalian behaviour
Food chain
Reptiles vs reptiles
Plant intelligence
The world of butterflies
Migration behaviour & pattern
Wildlife photography: Ethics & techniques

Day 4:

Scientific data: Planning, management, and reporting
Environment and wildlife: Research scope
Status of Indian wildlife
Animals are beautiful people

Day 5:

Wildlife estimation: Stages, techniques, and assessment
Manifestation of Indian rivers and landscapes
Biodiversity: The complete chain

Day 6:

Wildlife & environmental laws, Criminal procedure
Climate change and environment: The misconceptions
Climate change: Assessments and protocols
Conservation issues

Day 7:

Presentation by participants
Valedictory

Other Attractions: Safari drive, personal presentation, cultural activities, games/quizzes, best participant award, best group award.

Note: The details on the field sessions and classroom sessions will be announced later.

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Registration Options:

1. Registration to this course is on first come first serve basis and is open to all Indian nationals.
2. **Course fee:**

Regular participants: INR 12000.00
Conservation Consortium members: INR 11500.00
Students (university recognised courses only): INR 9500.00

***The course fee is inclusive of tuition fee, lodging & boarding at Pench for 6N&7D, transportation from Nagpur to Pench and back, reading material, and safari drive in Pench Tiger Reserve.**

3. **Last date for registration: 15 October, 2014**

4. **Participants can register by paying:**

- * **Full course fee as applicable during registration.**
- * **25% (non-refundable) of the course fee during registration and remaining amount by 25 October, 2014.**

5. **Participant who register by paying the full course fee by 15 September, 2014 would be given 'Early Registration Discount' of INR 1000.00.**

6. Students won't be considered for 'Early Registration Discount'.

Volunteering Opportunity:

Send us separate application if you want to volunteer with us for this course. Volunteers will be selected from among the registered participants only, based on our requirement criteria. Selected volunteers will get further discount on course fee and certificate of volunteering. The volunteer selection process will start after 25 October, 2014.

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