

THE CORBETT FOUNDATION EQUINIVATION ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

# ANNUAL

# REPORT



2018-19



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Corbett Foundation consists of a group of dedicated men and women who are committed to the conservation of wildlife and nature and to fulfilling the ambition that man and nature must live together in harmony.

Cover photograph: Asjan Elephant, Image courtesy: Dhritiman Mukherjee  
All other images: courtesy Dr. Naveen Pandey, Devesh Gadhavi, Dr. Harendra Singh Bargali and Kedar Gore

Design and Layout: Rajas Gore

The Corbett Foundation is a charitable trust registered under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882. The donations to The Corbett Foundation are tax exempt u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. It is also registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 under registration number 231650853.

The Corbett Foundation is accredited by Credibility Alliance under the Desirable Norms prescribed for Good Governance of Voluntary Organisations.

NITI Aayog ID: UA/2017/0179126

info@corbettfoundation.org | www.corbettfoundation.org

# Message



**Dilip D. Khatau**

Founder and Chairman of The Corbett Foundation

Dear Friends ,

It gives me great pleasure to present you with The Corbett Foundation (TCF) Annual Report 2018-19.

I founded TCF on April 22, 1994 to conserve, protect and preserve wildlife and its habitat by addressing the human-wildlife conflicts in and around Corbett National Park. Since then, it has been an arduous but gratifying journey for TCF to reach where it is today. Starting from a small office near Corbett National Park, manned by a few individuals, today it operates in several important wildlife habitats across India with projects addressing the preservation of some of the most threatened species such as the Great Indian Bustard, Tiger and Elephant. We work mainly in important ecological landscapes, focusing on

a holistic approach to conservation. TCF has been closely working at the grassroots level by undertaking effective conservation projects and collaborating with the local communities, governmental agencies and other stakeholders to prevent and mitigate human-wildlife conflict. As we complete 25 years in April 2019, I am happy that TCF has reached out to over 650 villages in 22 districts of the six Indian states – Assam, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur and Uttarakhand.

There are natural landscapes that need protection not just for tigers but other species such as the Great Indian Bustard, Gangetic Dolphin, Brow-antlered Deer, Dugong that occupy landscapes and waterscapes that are different from tiger reserves. Coral reefs, sea turtles, salamanders,

butterflies, pangolins, lorises, mongooses are being poached and captured for illegal wildlife trade. Micro-habitats with honey bees, centipedes, scorpions and megapodes are in dire need of protection too along with flagship species. In these challenging landscapes, conservation problems are humongous and solutions to address these problems are anything but easy. However, landscape-level conservation projects, supported through CSR funds, will help to prevent local extinction of species and also ensure the protection of habitat along with its forests, rivers and other natural resources.

TCF has successfully collaborated with the corporate sector in several CSR projects. 'Preserving What's Precious', supported by Jet Privilege Pvt. Ltd. in Bandhavgarh and Sanjay Dubri corridor in Madhya Pradesh, is one of the finest examples of a symbiotic collaboration between us. It has made a huge difference in conservation of tigers and enhancing local community welfare. The 'Pukaar' programme supported by Axis Bank Foundation from 2012-2017 changed the lives of over 3,500 forest-dependent people from Corbett, Kanha, Bandhavgarh and Kaziranga by providing them with alternative livelihoods and vocational training. Bajaj Auto's 'Saksham Project' since 2016 is ensuring that over 50,000 people from the villages in Corbett, Kanha and Bandhavgarh receive primary healthcare facilities at their doorstep. Coca-Cola India Foundation's watershed projects have ensured that almost 600,000 cubic meter of

rainwater is harvested and stored for agriculture and other domestic use for six villages in Bandhavgarh. Corporates who are interested in supporting education, health, and livelihood sectors should consider supporting local communities from within India's Protected Area network as this will not only fulfil their CSR requirements but also indirectly support conservation efforts in various landscapes.

I look back at TCF's 25-year journey with a deep sense of satisfaction and gratitude. All that we have achieved, could not have been possible without funding, co-operation, support, encouragement and assistance from our corporate, non-governmental, governmental, institutional and philanthropic partners. Last but not the least, I express my deep sense of gratitude to our dedicated and hard-working 'green warriors' at all field locations and head office, who believed in my vision and put in their best to conserve India's wilderness.

I look forward to your continued support and encouragement. Please feel free to get in touch with us on [info@corbettfoundation.org](mailto:info@corbettfoundation.org) for partnership queries and collaborations.

Dilip D. Khatau



# The Dilip Khatau Group



In 1994, Mr Khatau established The Corbett Foundation as a tribute to the legendary Hunter/Naturalist, Jim Corbett and also to the local Kumaonis whom he had grown very fond of.

In recognition of his expertise and accomplishments in ecotourism and wildlife conservation, Mr Khatau became a Director on the Board of the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation. Later, he was also appointed on the National Board for Wildlife, Government of India. In 2017, Mr Khatau was presented with the Gallery of Legends award at East India Travel Awards for his immense contribution to wildlife conservation and responsible tourism.

The Khatau Business House was among the pioneers of the textile and cement industries in India, dating back in 1874 and 1920, respectively. Being a leader in manufacturing a wide variety of saris, the brand Khatau was synonymous and famous for its Voile sari. In 1990s, The Dilip Khatau Group further diversified extensively in India into footwear, dyes, capacitors, power cables, chemicals and shipping industry.

An ardent wildlife lover, Mr Khatau's passion took him to many Wildlife Reserves and National Parks in Africa, Asia and in particular, India. Of all the world-renowned Parks, Corbett Tiger Reserve in India impressed him the most. However, the human wildlife conflict remains a constant source of concern in wildlife conservation. He felt that wildlife tourism can bring about a win-win situation both for wildlife and the human inhabitants living around these reserves. If well managed, the economic benefits which he had seen in Africa will filter down to the villagers. That became the basic tenet of his establishing a chain of environmentally-sensitive and luxurious wildlife resorts in India in 1991 starting with the first Infinity Resorts in Corbett.

Infinity Resorts had since expanded from Corbett to various famous wilderness areas such as the Rann of Kutch (2008), Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (2009), Kanha Tiger Reserve (2011) and Kaziranga Tiger Reserve (2012). All these resorts incorporated local architectural designs, building materials and blended with the surroundings. They are also operated by local managers and staff who are continuously trained by hospitality experts.



# The Corbett Foundation



The Corbett Foundation (TCF) was established by Mr. Dilip D. Khatau, a former Member of the National Board for Wildlife in India and a Member of the Indian Wildlife Business Council of the Confederation on Indian Industry, on April 22, 1994. TCF is a charitable trust that is fully dedicated to the conservation of wildlife with active involvement of local communities.

TCF was established primarily to mitigate human-wildlife conflict and with a strong belief that humans and wildlife can co-exist. In its 25 years of existence, TCF has dedicatedly worked towards achieving the above goal by successfully demonstrating its interventions around important tiger conservation landscapes in North, Central and North-east India spreading over 10,000 sq km, and in semi-arid ecosystems of Western India where it works towards the protection of Great Indian Bustard. TCF adopts a 'holistic approach' to conservation which includes interventions such as conservation-oriented research in biodiversity conservation, sustainable livelihoods, habitat restoration, watershed development, sustainable rural development, human and veterinary health, environmental awareness and sustainable development solutions. In tune with its mission statement, TCF works towards a harmonious coexistence between human beings and wildlife across important wildlife habitats in India, namely Corbett Tiger Reserve (Uttarakhand), Kanha and Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserves (Madhya Pradesh), Kaziranga Tiger Reserve (Assam), and around the Greater Rann of Kutch (Gujarat). TCF lays more emphasis on taking up conservation work in critical wildlife landscapes of the Kanha-Pench Corridor and the Bandhavgarh-Sanjay Dubri Corridor, both in Madhya Pradesh and adjacent forest divisions of Corbett Tiger Reserve. TCF's

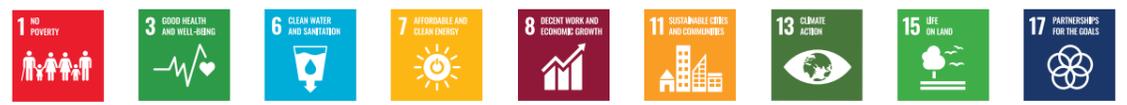
programmes have also reached the Little Rann of Kutch and other parts of Gujarat, the Western Ghats in Maharashtra, Tamenglong in Manipur and Laokhowa and Burachapori wildlife sanctuaries in Assam. With an extremely dedicated and passionate team, TCF's community-oriented holistic conservation programmes have reached over 655 villages in 22 districts in six states of India.

TCF is a Member of the IUCN, Member of IUCN-Indian National Committee, Member of Global Tiger Forum and a Stake-holder Member of India Business and Biodiversity Initiative of Confederation of Indian Industry. TCF is also a partner in Satpuda Landscape Tiger Partnership (SLTP) facilitated and funded by Born Free Foundation and an Associate of SAVE (Saving Asia's Vultures from Extinction). TCF has been accredited by Credibility Alliance under the Desirable Norms for Voluntary Organisations in India. TCF has been recognized with the WWF-PATA Tiger Conservation Award (2000), TOFT Sanctuary Wildlife Tourism Award for the best Wildlife Tourism related Community Initiative of the Year (2014), Kirloskar Vasundhara Mitra Award (2015), Best Responsible Tourism Project of Madhya Pradesh Tourism (2016), Certificate of Merit at World CSR Day (2016 and 2018).

Conservation and integrated sustainable development require the support of contributors from diverse sectors to become successful. TCF partners with various corporates, multinational companies, financial institutions and public sector units over Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and International bodies to create meaningful partnerships and implement programmes that are aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).



The Corbett Foundation supports the Sustainable Development Goals



# Board of Trustees

**Mr. Dilip D. Khatau, Chairman**  
Chairman, Conservation Corporation of India Pvt. Ltd.  
and former Member of the National Board for Wildlife, India

**Mrs. Rina D. Khatau, Co-Chair**  
Vice Chairman, Conservation Corporation of India Pvt. Ltd.

**Mr. B. K. Goswami, IAS (Retd.)**  
Former Secretary, Government of India

**Dr. M. K. Ranjitsinh, IAS (Retd.)**  
Former Secretary, Government of India

**Mr. Nirmal Ghosh**  
Former Member of the Steering Committee of Project Elephant and US Bureau  
Chief of The Straits Times, Washington DC

**Mr. Sam Mistry**  
Former Director, Adventure Lodges Pvt. Ltd.

**Mr. Sharad Sanghi**  
Chairman, Sanghi Brothers (Indore) Pvt. Ltd. and Member, Madhya Pradesh State  
Wildlife Advisory Board

**Mr. Akshobh Singh**  
Vice Chairman, Central Himalayan Environment Association and Ex-Member,  
WWF-India, Uttar Pradesh State Committee

**Mr. Darius E. Udawadia**  
Senior Partner, Udawadia & Co.

**Mr. Prabhu Rajkotia**  
Director, Conservation Corporation of India Pvt. Ltd.

**Mr. Laxmikumar N. Goculdas**  
Director, Dharamsi Morarji Chemical Co. Ltd.

**Dr. Divyabhanusinh Chavda**  
Former President, WWF-India and Member, Cat Specialist Group, Species Survival  
Commission, IUCN

# Scientific Advisors



**Dr. A. J. T. Johnsingh** is one of the leading mammal experts in India. He is a former Dean and Faculty of Wildlife Institute of India and is one of India's most respected wildlife biologists. He has been a Member of the National Board for Wildlife, Member of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, and served on wildlife boards of two states – Karnataka and Uttarakhand. He is currently associated with WWF-India, Nature Conservation Foundation and The Corbett Foundation as Scientific Advisor.



**Dr. Asad R. Rahmani** is the former Director of Bombay Natural History Society. His main work is on bustards, storks, globally threatened birds, wetlands and grasslands. He has written more than 160 scientific papers, 20 books, and numerous articles, editorials and book reviews. He believes that the conservation movement in India should involve local communities, and the benefits of conservation should be received by the local people as well.

# Key People



## Kedar Gore, Director

A conservationist with over two decades of experience in biodiversity conservation and environment education, he is a Member of the IUCN - Commission on Education and Communication, Species Survival Commission (Bustard Specialist Group) and World Commission on Protected Areas. He has worked with WWF-India and TERI, and currently works as the Director of TCF.



## Dr. Harendra Singh Bargali, Deputy Director (North India)

He completed his Doctorate in sloth bear ecology and human-bear conflicts. He is also currently Smithsonian Research Associate at the National Zoological Park, Washington DC and Co-Chair of the IUCN/BSG Sloth Bear Expert Team. He has previously worked with Wildlife Institute of India, Wildlife Policy Research Cell and WWF, and currently heads TCF's work in Uttarakhand.



## Dr. Naveen Pandey, Deputy Director and Veterinary Advisor (Northeast India)

A former vet at Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter in Kalimpong and Help In Suffering in Jaipur, he has been trained in the field of Conservation Medicine during his MVetSci at Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, University of Edinburgh. He currently heads TCF's work in Assam and Manipur.



## Devesh Gadhavi, Deputy Director (Western India)

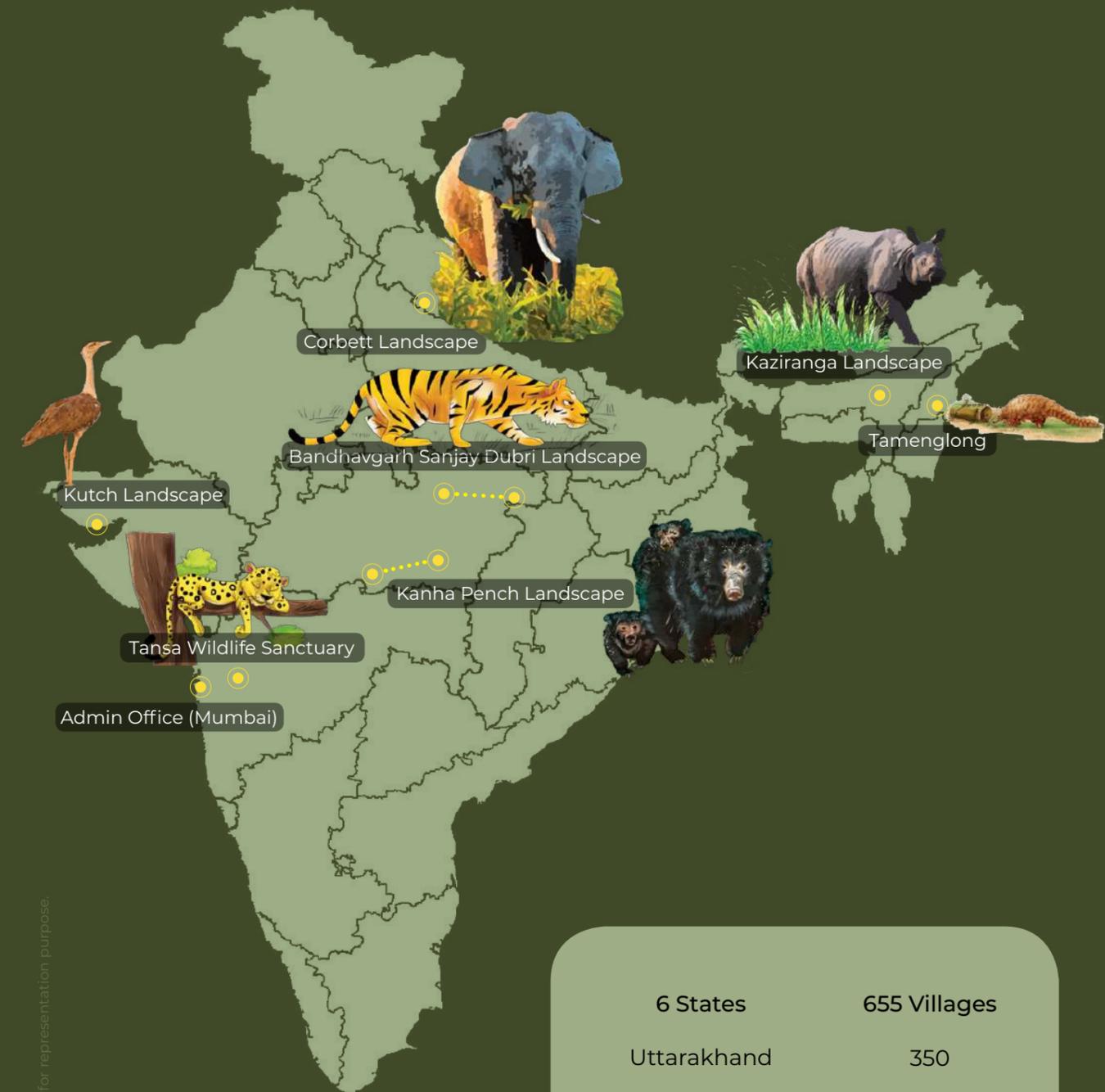
He has been associated with wildlife conservation for the last 20 years and spent a decade in conservation of the Great Indian Bustard. He is member of the IUCN SSC Bustard Specialist Group and also represents TCF in the State Wildlife Advisory Board of Gujarat. He is pursuing his PhD in the subject of wildlife and currently heads the TCF's work in Gujarat.



## Dr. Sharad Kumar, Deputy Director (Central India)

He has a PhD in Wildlife Sciences and has conducted a long-term study on the ecology of tiger in Corbett Tiger Reserve. He is passionate about the conservation of large carnivores and birds and mitigation of human-wildlife conflict. Currently, he heads TCF's work in Central Indian Landscape.

# Our Outreach



\*Map not to scale and used only for representation purpose.

6 States	655 Villages
Uttarakhand	350
Madhya Pradesh	125
Gujarat	80
Assam	65
Manipur	18
Maharashtra	17

# Conservation Interventions

TCF is dedicated to the protection of wild species and their habitats, and works in prime Bengal Tiger habitats in Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Assam. TCF has been instrumental in the conservation of some of the last remaining Great Indian Bustard habitats in Kutch, Gujarat, and the One-horned Rhinoceros habitat in Assam. TCF's ground-level staff is always at the forefront to address issues on wildlife conservation, and assists the Forest Department in several projects.

Besides helping to conserve India's flagship species, TCF works towards the conservation of crucial but lesser-known habitats and species at the landscape-level and creates awareness about their ecological importance.

Through its effective initiatives to reduce human-wildlife conflict, rescues and rehabilitation, on-ground scientific research, and collaborations with local, national and international partners, TCF works towards a future where humans and nature live in harmony.



## Interim Relief Scheme



The Interim Relief Scheme (IRS) is an initiative towards the mitigation of human-wildlife conflicts due to large carnivores in and around protected areas. TCF launched the scheme in 1995 which includes provisions for immediate 'interim relief' to villagers suffering from livestock depredation by tigers or leopards in and around Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR) in Uttarakhand. WWF-India has been a partner to this scheme since 1997. Since June 2016, the scheme has also been extended to Kanha Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh.

IRS provides immediate interim financial support to the affected communities thus minimising any possibility of revenge killings of these predators by locals. The Interim Relief Scheme helps in pacifying the aggrieved villagers until the time they receive the due full compensation from the government.

TCF has paid interim compensation amounting to over INR 1,600,000 (~ USD 21,030) towards 1169 livestock depredation cases from Corbett (680) and Kanha (489) tiger reserves during 2018-19. TCF also places camera traps over livestock kills in the buffer zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve to monitor the large cats responsible for the kills. The data collected is shared with the forest department on a regular basis.

# 1169 CASES

 Co-sponsor: WWF-India

## Conservation interventions in Bandhavgarh Sanjay Dubri Corridor

In January 2018, TCF launched 'Preserving What's Precious' a project with a holistic approach to tiger conservation in Bandhavgarh Sanjay Dubri Corridor (BSDC) in Madhya Pradesh. This ~2000 sq km corridor forms a vital link that connects Bandhavgarh and Sanjay Dubri tiger reserves and provides habitat to tigers, leopards and several other important species. This multi-dimensional project has created ecological, social and tourism impacts that are clearly measurable. BSDC ecological assessment was undertaken in around 2000 sq km of forest area in the North Shahdol Forest Division, wherein TCF recorded several resident tigers and leopards, and species such as Asiatic wildcat and Smooth-coated Otter for the first time.

BSDC is a crucial ecological link that connects Bandhavgarh and Sanjay-Dubri tiger reserves through various fragmented habitats. Unless these fragmented habitats are restored and various interventions of human-wildlife conflict are implemented (as has been done through this project), the long-term conservation of tigers in the Central Indian Landscape will remain a distant dream. TCF chose to work in this landscape due to its grassroots connect with the local communities and its past research in the buffer zone of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (BTR) that showed the potential of this region from a biodiversity conservation point of view.

 Sponsor: Jet Privilege Pvt. Ltd.





The 1257 energy-efficient stoves provided in 17 villages have the potential to reduce the firewood usage by around 40% when compared with traditional chulah used in rural households. These tailor-made energy-efficient stoves were installed along with a pipe that acts as a vent to expel smoke from the house. This is an added advantage apart from reducing the firewood requirement, as it also helps in keeping maintaining the health of the women cooking food.

Twenty-two solar-powered pumps were installed and waterholes created in BSDC for the benefit of wild animals. Camera traps were installed to monitor these water holes that were visited by tigers, leopards, sambar, bears, civets, jackals, wolves, ratels, mongooses, etc. These waterholes ensured the availability of water in summer and in restricting the movement of animals towards villages in search of water reducing the chances of human-wildlife conflict.



It is important to involve local communities in conservation by providing them with alternative livelihoods to reduce their dependence on forest-based natural resources. A total of 117 unemployed youths (including women) were provided vocational training in sewing-tailoring, bamboo handicraft making and basic hospitality. TCF not only provided training but also took efforts to provide placement to the beneficiaries.

The utility value of fencing 779 open wells in 21 villages along the forest fringe areas is immense but difficult to quantify. There have been instances of tigers, leopards, bears, deer falling in such open wells not only in Madhya Pradesh but also in other states such as Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, etc. Such accidental falls can be fatal and also result in human-wildlife conflict. This intervention thus is a preventive measure that will have a long-term conservation impact.



A total of 83 hectares of degraded forest land has been restored with the removal of invasive weeds and plantation of over 41,900 saplings of local tree species. These patches are crucial corridors between tiger habitats, and when fully restored, will act as functional corridors for long term conservation of tiger and other wildlife in human-dominated landscape outside Protected Areas (PA). Plantations are protected by chain-linked fences to prevent livestock grazing and vandalism.

BEFORE



AFTER



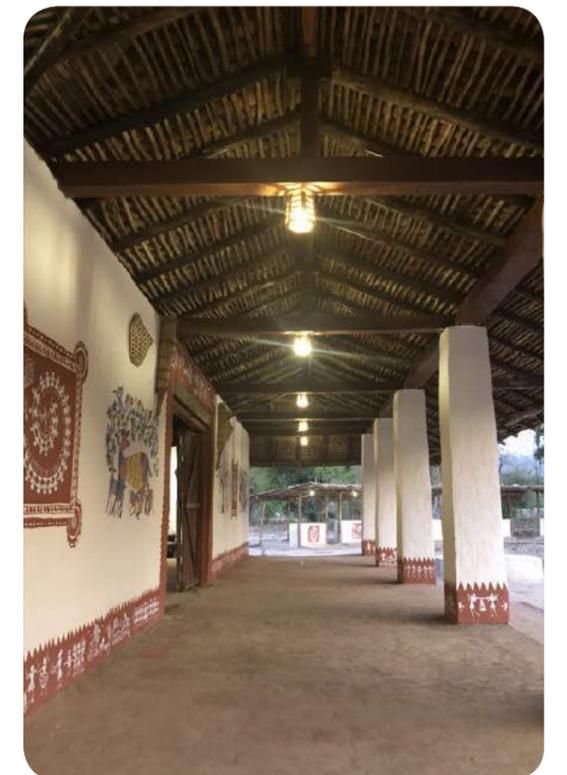


Dispersing tigers often move between tiger reserves through connecting forest divisions that are habitats with high human presence and with a possibility of incidences of poaching, hunting, deforestation, etc. Forest department staff in non-PAs are not always well equipped to deal with wildlife protection challenges, and therefore TCF invested in training 324 frontline forest department staff to bring them at par with their colleagues from tiger reserves. TCF also provided 419 sets of rainy wear and 386 winter jackets to the forest staff, who are involved in forest patrolling and protection measures in difficult weather conditions.



First-of-its-kind Tribal Museum has been constructed in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve to promote tribal culture and traditions among the tourists. The museum with well-designed displays and models is a one-of-its-kind initiative to be functional in Bandhavgarh out of all 50 tiger reserves of India

TCF provided 122 medical and first-aid kits to forest department checkpoints located deep inside forests, where access to primary healthcare is often very difficult. In addition, a total of 6196 children and community members were also involved in over 100 awareness sessions.



## Human wildlife conflict mitigation

### Modified Cattle Shed Project in Bandhavgarh

There is a high demand for wood sourced from forests for making of cattle sheds in and around Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve. TCF implemented a pilot project wherein it convinced the villagers in giving up the cutting of trees from forests to make cattle sheds and supported the villagers by providing them chain-linked fence for cattle sheds thus making it wood-free and also predator-proof. This project was implemented in Neosi village located in Manpur (buffer) Range of the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve. The forest around this village is highly degraded due to frequent collection of wood by villagers, which they mostly use to fence their cattle shed. This project has successfully demonstrated alternatives to wood for fencing thus reduce the dependency of these villagers on the adjacent forested areas to protect the tiger habitat. A total of 50 cattle sheds were modified in this village with the support of Friends of Conservation.

 Sponsor: Friends of Conservation



Villagers in and around Kanha Tiger Reserve (KTR) use bio-fencing to protect and demarcate their houses and backyard gardens. Due to the unsustainable cutting of trees by villagers for wood to make fencing, regeneration of forest around the villages is adversely affected, ultimately affecting the quality of tiger habitats. TCF, in consensus with villagers of Sarasdol and Baherakhar villages, replaced bio-fences with chain-linked fences as a long-term alternative. With the partial support of Born Free Foundation, TCF provided 9.5 km fencing covering both these villages. This initiative has curtailed tree cutting in forests thus facilitating the regeneration of up to 100,000 trees and shrubs in a year.

 Co-sponsor: Born Free Foundation

### Habitat improvement through Wadi Fencing in Kanha



### Mitigating wildlife damage to agricultural crops



Biodiversity conservation in human-dominated landscapes is a challenging task. Issues such as crop damage, livestock depredation and human casualties by wild animals impose diverse and pervasive cost on local communities living in forest fringe areas. Considering the fact that crop damage by wild animals in a particular region is a site and species specific problem, there is a need to carry out experimental trials based on locality and species involved. TCF conducted an experiment by installing chain-linked fence to protect crops in one of the remotest village namely Bageda in north periphery of Corbett Tiger Reserve. Since there is no elephant movement in the area, use of chain-linked fence has proved successful in preventing crop damage by deer species and wild boar.

### Cattle-shed improvement project in Kaziranga

To address the issue of cattle lifting by tigers in the villages at the periphery of Kaziranga National Park (KNP), TCF provided predator-proof fences to few houses in the conflict-affected villages. TCF team observed that tigers come to villages to lift cattle from poorly managed cattle shed. This intrusion results in negative attitude towards tigers amongst the community resulting in revenge killings.

Hence TCF decided to work on the modification of cattle sheds to reduce human-tiger conflict in the Goshanibor area. A detailed review of the literature suggested that community-based modified cattle sheds with chain-link fences have proved to be very effective in reducing cattle and sheep lifting by snow leopard and lions. A quick survey of the existing practice revealed that the fence around cattle shed is not secured at the base and this makes the cattle vulnerable for lifting by large cats. TCF has been raising awareness through community meetings in the villages and showing how securing the base of the fence would enhance cattle protection for the farmers. It has strengthened the conservation initiative by reducing the negative attitude of the local community.

TCF replicated the same model on an experimental basis in 11 houses of Goshanibor village at the outskirts of KNP, having previous records of conflict. The modified cattle sheds are being monitored regularly for the movement of tigers. TCF also engages with the community to sensitize them on human-wildlife conflict mitigation measures.



### Human-elephant conflict mitigation programme

Human-elephant conflict is a complex process affecting the socio-economic life of rural communities worldwide. Changes in the social life of villagers were noticed when tongi (lookout points) were strategically placed and equipped with torchlight by TCF in the villages around Kaziranga NP. Active guarding of crops, using a tongi and fire, is a traditional mitigation tool in Assam. Our project studied the weakness of existing tongi, based on its size, height, objective, location and possible close encounter with elephants. Resizing and repositioning of 40 tongi, from field-based location to the entry points for elephants, and making crop guarding a community effort, discouraged crop raiding by elephants. Replacing motor-oil based fire lighting tool (bhuta) with rechargeable torchlight, doubled the success of farmers in stopping the elephants before they entered in fields and halved the time taken to force elephants to retreat if they had already entered the rice fields. Farmers enjoyed richer social life, with one-third of them spending their time, saved due to rotational crop guarding, for educating their kids and two-third of them used it for socialization and recreation. With returns from protected crops rising, farmers reinvested part of income in improved farm machinery. They attribute these changes for their reduced fear of conflict and improved tolerance for wildlife.



 Sponsor: Hem Chand Mahindra Foundation



TCF has also provided with around 15-km solar fencing to protect fields from crop-raiding elephant in villages bordering Kaziranga National Park.

## Wildlife rescue



TCF's Wildlife Rescue team rescued 63 wild animals comprising of birds, snakes and small mammals. Most of the rescues were originated from the community. During the annual floods of Kaziranga, TCF helped the forest department to rescue wild animals that were injured on the National Highway (NH) 37. A large number of wild animals were saved by TCF's volunteers during their work-related activities in the fringe villages. TCF team also assisted Kaziranga Tiger Reserve authorities in planning and implementing flood relief measures in the landscape. The team helped the Forest Department in issuing time cards to control vehicular movement and in regulating traffic along on the critical stretches of NH 37 as wild animals crossed this road to escape the flooded park, thereby preventing deaths of several wild animals such as rhinos, hog deer and swamp deer.



## Satpuda Landscape Tiger Partnership



When a bunch of like-minded and dedicated people get together for a cause of tiger conservation with a long-term support from equally dedicated and renowned organisations, the outcome is encouraging and satisfying to say the least. Satpuda Landscape Tiger Partnership (SLTP) is an apt, and perhaps the only, example of a consortium of NGOs such as SatpudaFoundation, BNHS, TRACT, ConservationActionTrust, Nature ConservationSociety of Amravati, Baavan and The Corbett Foundation, that has been working across the large central Indian landscape for 15 years with a common goal and agenda. The SLTP today covers around 12 tiger reserves and important corridor areas in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh trying to ensure conservation of tigers and preservation of its habitat in collaboration with respective forest departments. This joint work is being undertaken with the unstinting financial support from the Born Free Foundation and drawing expertise from the WildCRU of Oxford University. This 15-year Partnership has many successes achieved by overcoming challenges at the grassroots to the policy level. The SLTP partners met in Kaziranga during its annual seminar to share their work and challenges in 2018, and to plan for 2019. TCF hosted this seminar and SLTP Partners visited some of TCF's project sites.



 Sponsor: Born Free Foundation

## Removal of lantana by maintaining plantation sites



Forest fringe villages in remote mountainous terrains in North Zone of Corbett Tiger Reserve have limited access to safe drinking water, primary health check-up facility and other livelihood opportunities. Agriculture is the main occupation and the only source of livelihood. But, crop damage by wild animals and lack of irrigation facilities leads to low agricultural production which is not enough to sustain a family. This leads to migration of people to towns and cities by leaving their houses and crop fields abandoned. Most of the abandoned crop fields have been infested by lantana weed. Unchecked lantana infestation spreads to other crop fields and provides shelter to tigers, leopards and other wildlife in close vicinity of the villages. TCF, in consultation with villagers, converted lantana infested crop fields into natural plantation sites that will cater to the future demand of fuelwood and fodder. Two sites, each covering about 3 acres of area, were cleared of lantana and protected from herbivores by erecting chain link fence. Around 1400 saplings of 13 native tree species were planted in 2017. TCF has been maintaining these plantation sites, provide easy access to grass fodder and minimise the chances of human-wildlife conflict.

## Waterfilters to forest checkposts in Kanha



TCF collaborated with COEXIST during Daan Utsav in October 2018 to raise funds for the 'foot soldiers' who guard our forests and wildlife from poachers and timber mafia just as our soldiers guard our border areas. But often the forest personnel staying in dense and remote forests have to work in extremely difficult conditions such as lack of access to clean and safe drinking water. Through this campaign, led by famous actor Alia Bhatt, we raised funds to provide water filters to 50 forest checkposts in Kanha Tiger Reserve.

In the past, TCF has provided solar lights to all forest checkposts in Kanha and Pench tiger reserves to lessen the difficulties of the forest personnel living there and risking their lives in protection of our natural treasures.

 Sponsors: COEXIST and Salt Scout

## Research work

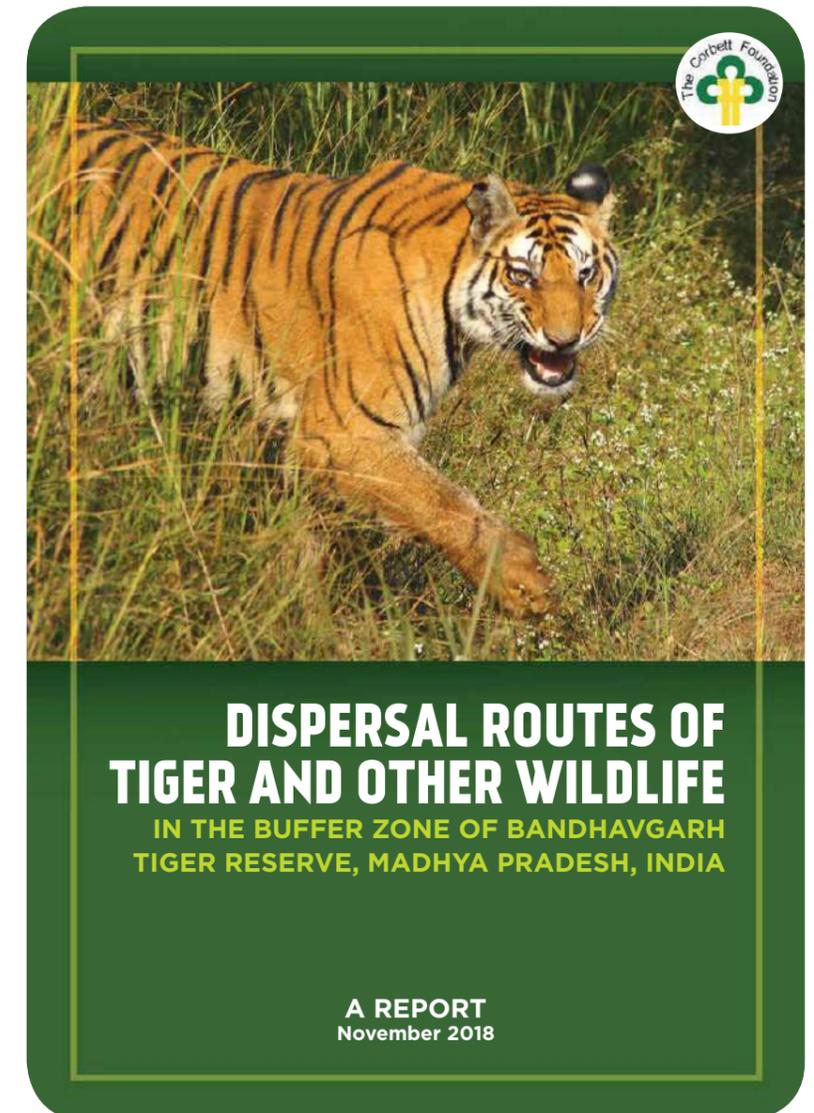
### Scientific Publications:

-  The Corbett Foundation (2018): "Dispersal routes of tiger and other wildlife in the buffer zone of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh, India" by Sharad Kumar, Kedar Gore, Tahir Ali Rather, Shaizah Tajdar.
-  IUCN CAT News (Spring 2019): "First photographic record of rusty-spotted cat at from Thane Forest Division" by ZeenalVajrinkar, Tahir Ali Rather, Jitendra Ramgaokar, Kedar Gore.
-  IUCN Otter Specialist Group Bulletin (2019): "First photographic record of smooth-coated otter in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve" by Tahir Ali Rather, Shaijah Tajdar, Sharad Kumar, Jamal A. Khan.
-  PLoS One (2018): "Delivery and evaluation of participatory education for animal keepers led by veterinarians and para-veterinarians around the Kanha Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh, India" by Andy Hopker, Naveen Pandey, Aniruddha Dhamorikar, Sophie Hopker, Pradeep Gautam, Subash Pandey, Sharad Kumar, Narendra Rahangadale, Prakash Mehta, Rebecca Marsland, Neil Sargison.
-  Indian Forester (2018): "A Check list of important Mammalian species observed in and around Chilkiya-kota Elephant (Dhangari-Sunderkhal) Corridor, an important Wildlife corridor in Corbett Landscape in Uttarakhand, India" by Kundu, S., Ansari, A.G., Mauriya, V. & Bargali, H.S.
-  PloS One (2018): "Patterns of livestock depredation by tiger (*Panthera tigris*) and leopard (*Panthera pardus*) in and around Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand, India" by H.S. Bargali & T. Ahmed.
-  Geosciences Research (2018): "Status of Wildlife Habitats in Ramnagar Forest Division, Terai Arc Landscape, Uttarakhand, India" by T. Ahmed, H.S. Bargali, N. Verma & A. Khan.



Camera trap image of a rusty-spotted cat (*Prionailurus rubiginosus*) from Thane Forest Division, Maharashtra

TCF studied the movement of tigers and other wildlife in the buffer zone of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve for over two years. This detailed report would be helpful to the forest department in planning conservation activities in BTR and the BSDC.



Camera trap image of smooth-coated otter *Lutrogale perspicillata* from Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh.

**Research Study on the status of various wildlife habitats in Ramnagar Forest Division, Uttarakhand**

Ramnagar Forest Division (RFD) located to the east of Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR) serves as a corridor for the movement of the Asian elephant, tiger and other wild animals from CTR to other forest divisions in Eastern Terai Arc Landscape (TAL). However, anthropogenic pressure due to mushrooming hotels and resorts, low-cost housing, development of new roads at the periphery of RFD is causing considerable shrinkage of agriculture land and obstructing animal movement between eastern and western TAL. TCF, in collaboration with Uttarakhand Forest Department, determined the status of various wildlife habitats in RFD classifying Landsat 8 OLI/TIRS image acquired in April 2015. Biodiversity assessment through various scientific methods revealed the presence of more than 250 birds, ten anurans, 19 snakes, four turtles and tortoises, nine lizards and 17 fish species. Camera trapping suggested RFD served as an extended habitat to CTR and supports a breeding population of tiger and its prey.



The Corbett Foundation, in collaboration with Wildlife Trust of India (WTI), carried out a project focusing on monitoring of elephant corridors between Corbett Tiger Reserve and Ramnagar Forest Division. The project was part of "Green Corridor Champion (GCC)" of WTI which in turns aims at ensuring the functionality of identified 101 elephants corridors across the country. The project in Corbett included monitoring of three corridors namely Chilkiya-Kota, Malani-Kota and Patlidun-Chilkiya. The project also included organising campaigns, awareness events and workshops for sensitizing fringe communities as well as other local stakeholders towards elephant conservation.

**Monitoring of elephant corridors in Corbett**



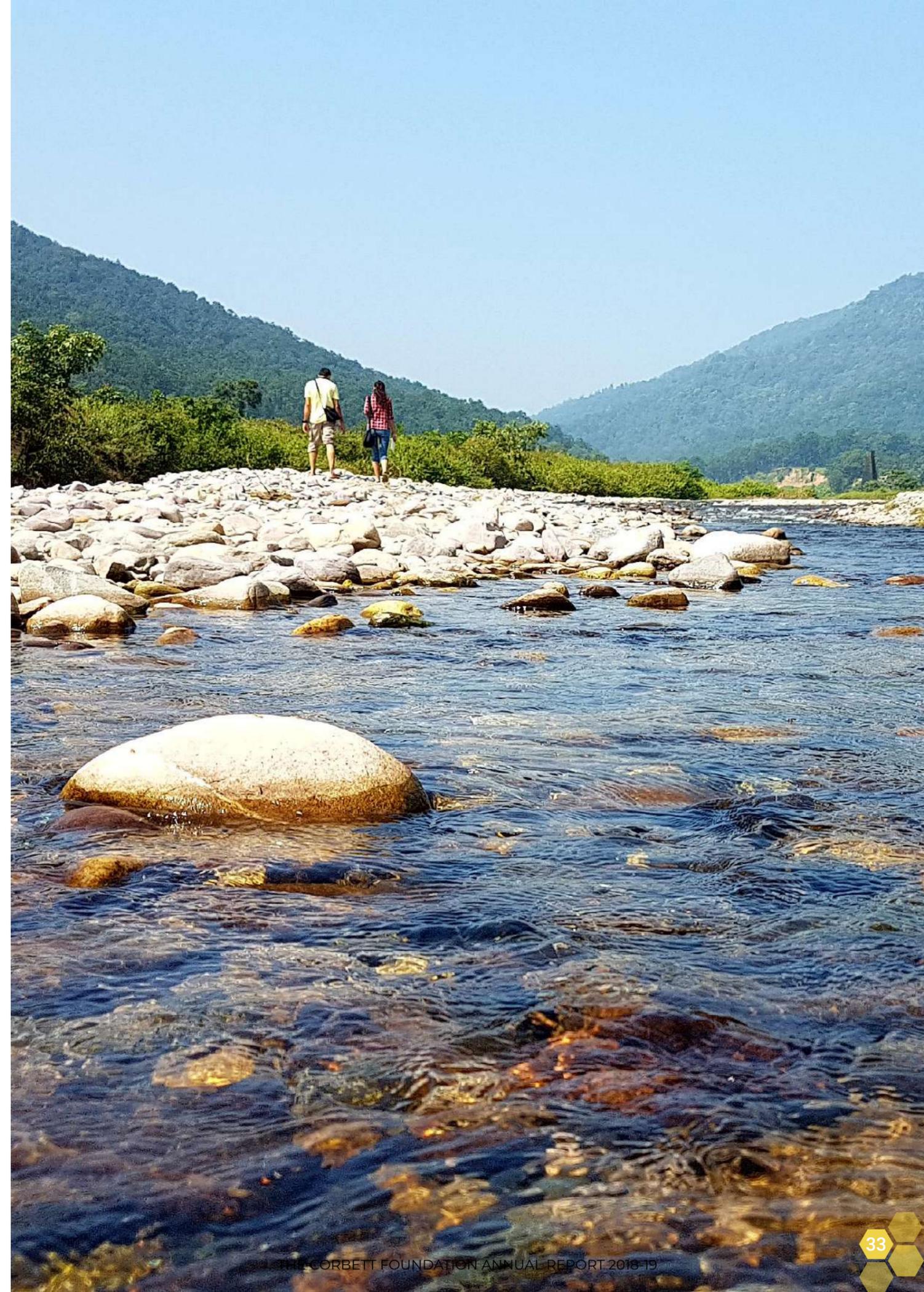
 Sponsor: Wildlife Trust of India



Scientists and conservationists have identified several corridors in the terai belt for the safe passage of large mammals such as elephants and tigers but none of these have been protected well. The Gola River corridor, which would have enabled Uttarakhand to manage its elephant and tiger habitat as one block, was lost to boulder mining, development and encroachment even after its importance was known. The stretch between Ramnagar and Mohan is crucial for the movement of elephants from CTR to RFD. However, this continuity is severely compromised due to mushrooming of resorts, hotels and other infrastructure. If this wasn't enough, there is a plan to widen the the 18-km stretch of Kandi Road that passes through critical tiger habitat of CTR. This would be an ecological disaster and this project should be shelved forever to ensure the habitat connectivity between CTR and Rajaji Tiger Reserve.

## Golden Mahseer Research and Conservation Project

TCF has been striving hard to protect Golden Mahseer *Tor putitora* and its habitat in Kosi River, Uttarakhand for almost two decades. Initially major emphasis was paid on the protection of species at local level but later on strategy included intervention at policy level to protect both the species and its habitat in the State. TCF had conceptualised innovative Mahseer Mitra (Friends of Mahseer) Programme by employing local unemployed youth as Mahseer guards. In order to prepare a comprehensive Mahseer conservation plan The Corbett Foundation, Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and Ramnagar Forest Department (Uttarakhand Forest Department) conducted detailed post winter and post monsoon surveys in Kosi river in 2018. Stretch of Kosi river (32 km) extending between Ramnagar Barrage and Kunkhet village was surveyed to assess the status of Mahseer population, document fish diversity and identify potential habitats across the seasons. A total of 25 deep pools serving as potential Mahseer habitats were identified in the survey. Twenty species of fish including *Bangana dero*, *Labeo calbasu*, *Labeo pangushia*, *Labeo rohita*, *Chagunius chagunia*, *Garra gotyla*, *Barilious bendalis*, *Barilius vagra*, etc were recorded. About 5000 adult Mahseer were estimated inhabiting various pool habitats. Moreover, information on water quality parameters such as dissolved oxygen (8.10 - 9.78 mg/l), total dissolved solids (147 - 300 ppm), electrical conductivity (220 - 471  $\mu$ S), pH (8.1 - 9.4) and temperature (21 - 28.8°C) was also collected. High level of total dissolved solids recorded near Tarika resorts and Kosi barrage which could be due to cumulative impacts of mass bathing and other nutrient load in the river system. Support from stakeholders, involving identified resorts (located along Kosi river), introducing eco-tourism activities such as 'Fish Watch' including snorkelling and underwater observation, protection of vulnerable areas (Mahseer pools) and protection of identified Mahseer nursery grounds especially during post monsoon season are some of the measures required to ensure long-term conservation of Mahseer in Kosi River.



# Awareness & Advocacy



## Save the Great Indian Bustard Campaign



On December 7, 2018, The Corbett Foundation, in collaboration with the Sanctuary Nature Foundation and Conservation India, launched an emergency campaign to save the critically endangered Great Indian Bustard (GIB). This iconic species is on the brink of extinction, with fewer than 150 individuals remaining in the wild. The most immediate threat to the survival of the GIB is collision with the overhead power lines that cut across their grassland habitat. In fact, the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) estimates that a whopping 15 per cent of the global population of the GIB succumbs to power line collisions every year! This campaign was instrumental in over 10,000 people signing the petition addressed to the Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy, Government of India stating that the power lines in vulnerable sections of GIB habitat be placed safely underground and the rest be outfitted with bird diverters.

A joint stake-holder consultation and meeting was also organized under this campaign in Delhi in January 2019 that involved representatives from the power sector apart from organizations such as TCF, WII, Bombay Natural History Society, Sanctuary Nature Foundation and WWF-India and DIG Wildlife, MoEFCC. A SOS message was highlighted through the media for urgent action to protect remaining GIBs in India from further deaths. Other issues of conservation concern such as ex-situ breeding programme of GIB, habitat loss, having a grassland conservation policy for India, etc. were also discussed and highlighted.



The death of a Great Indian Bustard due to collision with powerline in Kutch, Gujarat

## Jungle Jasoos Game

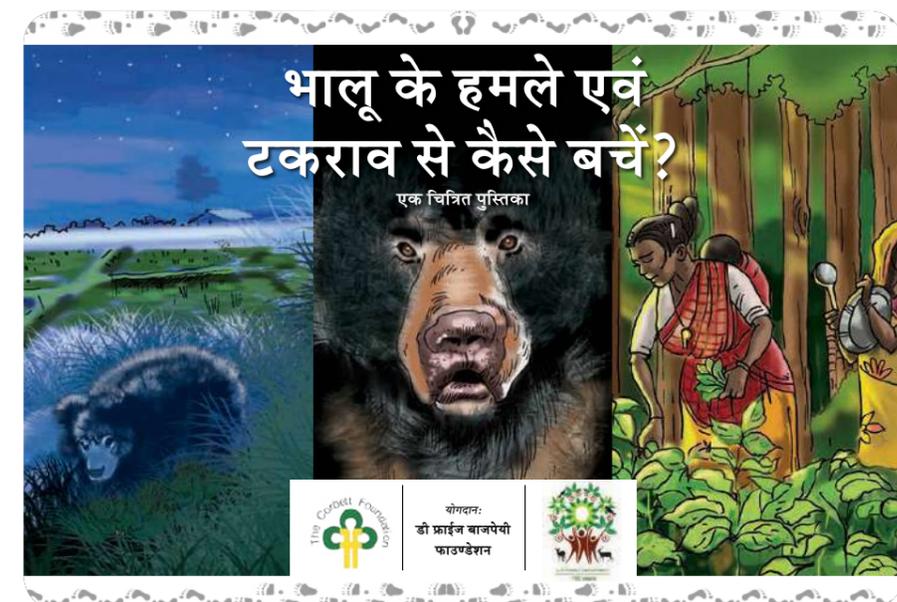
Conservation education and awareness through a board game is an innovative project being implemented by The Corbett Foundation in six tiger reserves (Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpuda and Sanjay-Dubri) of Madhya Pradesh. The project has been supported by Born Free Foundation and Hem Chand Mahindra Foundation, and endorsed by Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation Society and with permission and recommendation of the State Education Department of Madhya Pradesh. The important aspect of this project is Jungle Jasoos, an innovative and interactive board game developed by TCF to create awareness among the children of the forest-dependent communities. The game helps in easy understanding of the complex conservation issues for the school-going children. The Corbett Foundation has reached out to over 300 schools and 6000 students through this game. Game sets have been provided free of cost to the schools to ensure that more students are benefitted. Teachers have been trained to teach the students to play this game effectively.

 Sponsor: Hem Chand Mahindra Foundation



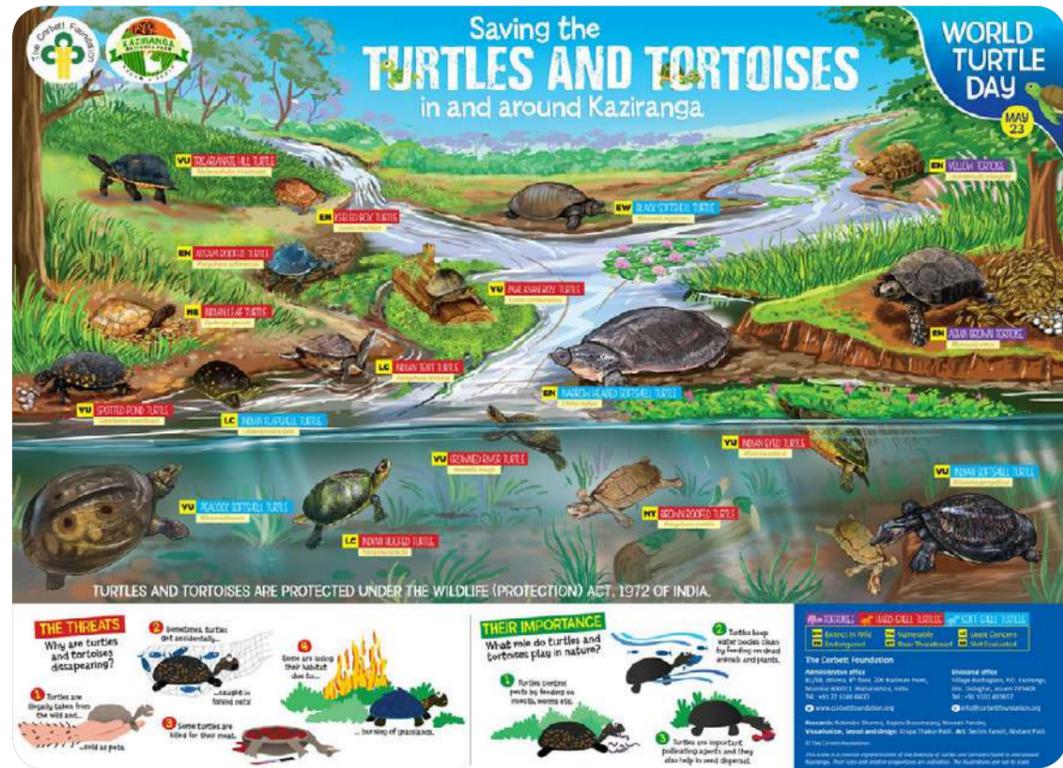
## Awareness Publications

-  TCF and Madhya Pradesh Forest Department jointly published a pictorial handbook titled **How to avoid conflict with Sloth Bears?** This pictorial handbook richly depicts illustrations on how to avoid encounters with sloth bear in the Central Indian Landscape in an easy-to-understand language (English and Hindi). The handbook is a part of TCF's study of human-sloth bear conflict in the Kanha-Pench Corridor supported by De Fries-Bajpai Foundation. Its Hindi version is being made freely available to the villagers and other NGOs for wider information dissemination.
-  TCF produced a pictorial and informative handbook titled **Hamare Van, Hamare Gaon** for local students and teachers. The book compiled in Hindi and endorsed by the State Education Department, Madhya Pradesh, educates the readers about the BSDC, its ecological importance and values, conservation challenges and ways to deal with these issues.
-  TCF launched a campaign to address the issue of hunting Amur Falcon in Manipur. Thousands of these beautiful birds reach Tamenglong during their long migration, where they are hunted in large numbers by local communities. TCF, jointly with The Rainforest Club and Manipur Forest Department, launched an awareness campaign in Tamenglong, Khongjaron, Bhalok, Puching, Guangram, Duiluan, Rengkhung and Noney areas. Posters appealing people to stop hunting Amur Falcons were displayed at many places on walls, community centers, market areas followed by awareness programmes. The campaign team interacted with the villagers and talked about the ecological importance of Amur Falcons. The campaign was very well received and several local hunters surrendered their guns to the village council and promised not to kill these birds.





The future of India lies in the hands of its youth, and there is a pressing need to spread environmental awareness among the student community to make them realize the seriousness of the conservation issues at hand. TCF actively organizes workshops, campaigns and meetings to help create environmentally-conscious populations of all ages. TCF holds a wide gamut of awareness activities like quizzes, presentations, competitions, nature walks, celebrations of international wildlife and conservation days, film screenings, and a plethora of other fun-filled educational activities for teachers, children and local communities. Through a variety of competitions and interactive sessions, students are sensitized whilst actively absorbing the information at hand. Commemorative days such as 'World Water Day' and 'World Environment Day' and 'World Forestry Day' are occasions which are celebrated with gusto.



TCF, in collaboration with Kaziranga National Park, produced a poster on the turtles and tortoises of Kaziranga on the occasion of World Turtle Day. This poster has been freely distributed in schools and villages to raise awareness about these creatures that are hunted.



# Working with communities



## Primary healthcare for forest-dependent and tribal communities - Rural Medical Outreach Programme by The Corbett Foundation

TCF believes that only healthy communities can contribute to a healthy environment. Modern medical treatment is often not easily available to communities in remote locations and TCF is working to bring about a change. To establish a relationship of mutual trust between the organisation and the people living around Protected Areas, TCF pioneered the Rural Medical Outreach Programme (RMOP) in 1995. It was felt that if the local communities were to be won over to the cause of conservation, some reciprocal benefits would have to be provided to them. TCF operates a total of five dedicated mobile medical units to cover around 350-odd villages from around the tiger reserves of Corbett, Kanha and Bandhavgarh, Kanha-Pench Corridor. Most of the villages in the above areas are remotely located and access to any medical aid is often very difficult. The people of these areas suffer from several chronic diseases and disorders as a result of malnourishment. Immediate medical and healthcare facilities, either mobile or for few village clusters, must be provided to the communities as only a healthy mind and body can appreciate and understand the need for the conservation of wildlife.

 Sponsor: Bajaj Auto Ltd.



TCF reached out to over 40000 patients in more than 250 villages across Corbett, anha and Bandhavgarh tiger reserves and the Kanha Pench Corridor by providing primary healthcare facilities. The highlight of TCF's Rural Medical Outreach Programme has been the first-ever mobile pathology lab services launched since 2017, which is a boon to the forest-dependent communities who now have access to this facility at their doorstep. TCF regularly organizes First Aid Workshops, awareness camps and special medical camps across these villages.

**30654**

PATIENTS PROVIDED TREATMENT

**2010**

TESTS DONE FOR 1809 PATIENTS

**2261**

BENEFICIARIES OF 58 AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

**2593**

BENEFICIARIES OF 54 SPECIAL MEDICAL CAMPS

## Veterinary Work of TCF

TCF has been implementing a veterinary programme in the fringe villages of the protected areas in Kaziranga, Corbett, Kanha, Bandhavgarh and grasslands of Kutch. The main objective of this programme was to minimise the negative effect of around 250,000 livestock on natural ecosystems through vaccination, treatment and breed improvement programmes. TCF's veterinary team vaccinated 107,556 animals against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Hemorrhagic Septicemia (HS) and Black Quarter (BQ) were organised by TCF jointly with the tiger reserves of Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Sanjay-Dubri and Kaziranga. Our veterinary programme treated 5895 animals in 3021 camps, artificial insemination was done in 91 animals in Kanha and 115 animals were humanely castrated. With veterinary services offered by TCF, it was possible to identify and diagnose the outbreaks of diseases like Black Quarter in cattle and Goat pox in goats in Kaziranga that helped to arrange the immunisation measures in other areas.

 Sponsor: Bombay Gow Rakshak Trust



## Kaziranga Flood Relief work



With the support of Hem Chand Mahindra Foundation TCF Kaziranga team constructed highlands at Tamulipathar and Sukkanigaon villages near the Eastern Range of Kaziranga NP. The highland has been a great support during the monsoon in flood situations. Nearly 1100 cattle were protected from the annual flooding when their owners housed them on these high lands during record flooding this year. There were instances of cattle being washed away during flood or wild animals pulling them away when the villagers were stressed and the livestock were tired. There has been a provision of water (using a tube well) on these high lands. The cattle owners can store fodder safely during the flood. For the village women, a community weaving centre has also been built on these high lands where women work on the country looms and produce clothes for themselves and their family. This support has helped generate goodwill for conservation in general. TCF's flood response team reached to various villages inundated with the flood for the safe evacuation of people and their belongings. TCF team conducted veterinary camps on highlands and distributed dry food items, candles to the affected villagers.

 Sponsor: Hem Chand Mahindra Foundation



## Watershed Project in Bandhavgarh

Agriculture around Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve is mainly rain-fed and is characterized by low inputs and low productivity. This coupled with small landholdings of local farmers, makes agriculture unsustainable. Unsustainable agriculture leads to the high dependency of local communities on forest resources for their subsistence, which has a negative impact on wildlife habitats. To address this issue through conservation and management of rainwater, TCF, in collaboration with Coca-Cola India Foundation, initiated a watershed project in Dadraudi, Kudar, Bardauhan, Majhgawan, Saraswahi and Bartarai villages near Bandhavgarh. The first phase of the project initiated in 2015 has been completed in 2018 and its second phase is being implemented.

Under the project, eight check dams and three farm ponds have been constructed while the repair and maintenance of two farm ponds and one check dam were done. The work on three more check dams will be completed before June 2020. These structures collectively store 588270 cubic meter water, which can be used by local communities for irrigation and domestic purpose during winter and summer. This enables farmers to practice the agriculture round the year.

Over 6000 people derive the benefits of this project. The project will also help recharge the groundwater level and reduce pressure on forest resources through enhanced agricultural productivity.

 Sponsor: Coca-Cola India Foundation



## Promoting Organic Farming in the Great Indian Bustard Landscape



Promoting Organic Farming in the Great Indian Bustard Landscape TCF has been striving to save the Critically Endangered Great Indian Bustard (GIB) and its habitat in Abdasa taluka of Kutch district in Gujarat. The region of Abdasa also serves as an important habitat for 22 other threatened species of birds. In addition to other threats, the uncontrolled and excessive usage of chemical fertilizers and pesticides is not only affecting the fertility of the soil but also becoming a dangerous threat to the biodiversity and health of local communities. To ensure the long-term conservation of these avian species, TCF launched the #GoOrganic Campaign with the active involvement of local farmers. TCF has so far supported seven farmers to grow around one ton each of Green Gram and Pearl Millet by using only bio-pesticides and without the use of inorganic fertilizers. TCF also ensured the marketing and sale of the harvest. The response has been quite encouraging and the entire yield has been sold out in a few days at almost double the normal market. The income generated has been directly credited to the farmers' bank accounts. Based on the success of this venture, several local farmers have come forward to join the Go Organic Campaign. Such efforts and local community participation can go a long way in conserving the threatened birds and other denizens of the ecosystem.

## Promoting sustainable livelihoods



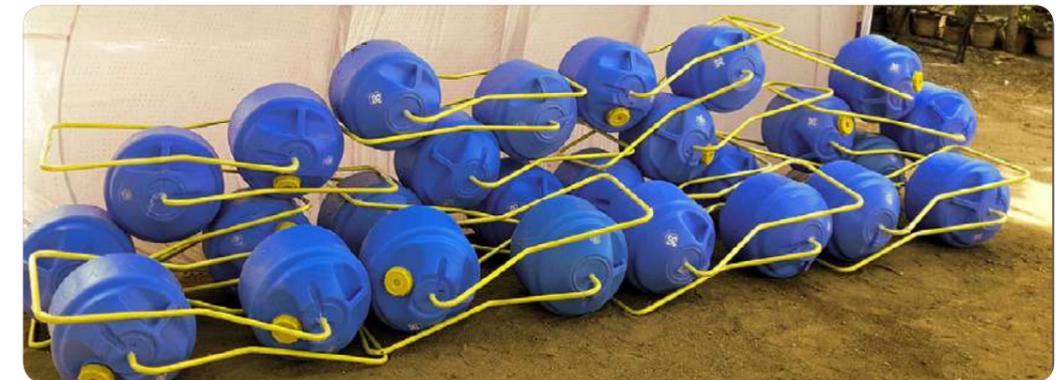
Local communities living in forest fringe villages have traditionally been dependant on the forest resources including fuelwood and fodder. On the other hand, crop damage and cattle lifting by wild animals are among the main problems faced by villagers. In such a scenario there is a need to maintain the delicate balance between conservation and development. This is possible by securing support from local communities by encouraging them to adopt alternate livelihood options and initiating measures to mitigate human-wildlife conflict. To address these issues, TCF promotes Self Help Groups (SHG) in processing and marketing locally grown spices. Agricultural products grown organically are superior in taste and aroma. TCF has supported Hariyli Krishak Utpadak Samiti based in Rathuwadhab village and comprising of villagers of nearby villages in processing, packing and marketing of organically grown products. This will not only uplift the economy of people but also reduce their dependency on forest resources.



## Water-wheels to villages in Kutch

Role of a woman in the development of her family mostly goes unrecognized. Whenever there is a drought and ponds and wells of most of the villages are dry, the village women take maximum efforts to collect water for their family. Many of these women walk long distances to collect water. They carry about 20-25 litres of water per visit and sometimes, as per the requirement they may have to make 2-3 visits. TCF initiated a programme to support them by reducing their burden and making their daily lives a bit easier.

TCF has provided water-wheels to 250 women from eight villages of Abdasa taluka in Kutch in the first phase. The water-wheel is a well-designed water drum, having the capacity to carry 45 litres of water. It is very easy to roll it, even if fully filled with water. Now, these women will be able to carry 45 litres of water in a single run. Along with the water-wheel few saplings of native plant species were given. The beneficiaries have been asked to grow the saplings from the domestic wastewater. We are thankful to The Dharamsi Morarji Chemicals Co. Ltd. for supporting this project and to the Kachchh Forest (West) Division or providing the saplings of native plant species free of cost.



Sponsor: The Dharamsi Morarji Chemical Co. Ltd.

## Sanitation Project near Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary

The communities living close to wilderness areas are exposed human wildlife conflict situations. Not having access to decent sanitation facilities is one of the reasons why people encounter wild animals and get into conflict situations. Recognising this potential threat and to ensure healthy communities and clean surroundings, TCF collaborated with ONGC Ltd. to provide 60 individual household latrines to tribal hamlets near Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary in Khardi, Ajnu and Dapur villages of Shahapur taluka of Maharashtra. TCF is happy to collaborate on this Swachh Bharat Mission of the Government of India.



Sponsor: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.

## Solar Lights to remote villages in Kanha and Phen

There are several villages close to the core zone of Kanha Tiger Reserve (KTR) and Phen Wildlife Sanctuary (part of KTR) that are without electricity. Most of these villages have Baiga tribes as the main population. TCF distributed 200 solar lights to households of Dhaniajor, Chhattarpakhna and Awrai villages. This project has immensely benefitted around 1200 people of these three villages.



Sponsor: Phoenix Distributors Pvt. Ltd.

## USHA Silai Schools near Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary



Ms. Kalpana Dnyandev, Bhekarmal



Mrs. Bharati Jadhav, Kolipada

TCF collaborated with USHA International Ltd. to establish USHA Silai Schools in 10 households of different hamlets belonging to Anjup and Dapur gram panchayats along the periphery of Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra. This project trains village women to be entrepreneurs who run their own Silai (stitching) schools. These women also receive a sewing machine under this project and guidance to establish and run these stitching schools and business from master trainers identified by USHA International.

Sponsor: USHA International Ltd.

# Auditor's Report 2018-19

**CNK & Associates LLP** Chartered Accountants  
 Mistry Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Dinshaw Vachha Road, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400 020.  
 Tel.: +91-22-6623 0600  
 Narain Chambers, 5th Floor, M. G. Road, Vile Parle (E), Mumbai - 400 057.  
 Tel.: +91-22-62507600

**FORM NO. 10B**  
 (See rule 17B)

**Audit Report under Section 12A(b) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, in the case of charitable or religious trusts or Institutions**

We have examined the balance sheet of **The Corbett Foundation** as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 and the Income & Expenditure account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of accounts maintained by the said trust.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches of the above named trust visited by us so far as appears from our examination of the books, and proper returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches not visited by us, subject to the comments given below :-

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view –

- (i) in the case of the balance-sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named trust as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019, and
- (ii) in the case of the Income & Expenditure Account, of the deficit of its accounting year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.

For **CNK & Associates LLP**  
 Chartered Accountants  
 Firm Registration No.: 101961 W / W-100036

*Manish Sampat*  
  
 Manish Sampat  
 Partner

ICAI Membership No. 101684  
 UDIN: 19101684AAAAEB8318  
 Place: Mumbai  
 Date: August 14, 2019

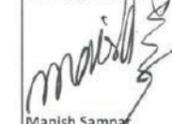


# Balance Sheet 2018-19

**THE CORBETT FOUNDATION**  
 81/88, Atlanta Building, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021  
 Balance Sheet As At March 31, 2019

Particulars	Sch. No.	As At March 31, 2019 ₹	As At March 31, 2018 ₹
<b>SOURCES OF FUND</b>			
Corpus Fund	1(a)	20,02,79,639	19,98,64,639
Surplus / (Deficit) in Income & Expenditure account	1(b)	(72,80,287)	5,38,468
Earmarked Fund	2	1,34,95,847	16,91,032
		<b>20,64,95,199</b>	<b>20,20,94,139</b>
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	3	2,94,22,661	2,73,39,824
Less: Depreciation		33,65,996	29,57,386
		<b>2,60,56,665</b>	<b>2,43,82,438</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Non Current Assets	4	4,48,869	3,01,261
Fixed Deposits with Company		9,93,50,000	10,48,50,000
Cash & Bank Balances	5	7,91,24,379	7,22,71,150
Current Assets	6	39,91,732	25,81,605
		<b>18,29,14,980</b>	<b>18,00,04,016</b>
<b>Less: LIABILITIES</b>			
Non Current Liabilities	7	18,95,545	15,01,867
Current Liabilities	8	5,80,901	7,90,449
		<b>24,76,446</b>	<b>22,92,316</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>18,04,38,534</b>	<b>17,77,11,700</b>
		<b>20,64,95,199</b>	<b>20,20,94,139</b>

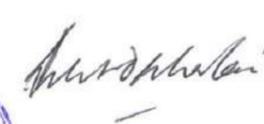
For **CNK & Associates LLP**  
 Chartered Accountants  
 Firm Registration No.: 101961 W/W-100036

*Manish Sampat*  
  
 Manish Sampat  
 Partner  
 Membership No: 101684  
 Place : Mumbai  
 Date: **14 AUG 2019**



For **The Corbett Foundation**



*Manish Sampat*  
  
 Trustee  
 Place : Mumbai  
 Date: **14 AUG 2019**

*Manish Sampat*  
  
 Trustee  
 Place : Mumbai  
 Date: **14 AUG 2019**



# Income and Expenditure 2018-19

THE CORBETT FOUNDATION  
81/88, Atlanta Building, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021  
Income and Expenditure Account For the Year Ended March 31, 2019

Particulars	Sch. No.	For the year ended	
		March 31, 2019	March 31, 2018
		₹	₹
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations and contributions - FCRA		54,26,327	65,43,332
Donations and contributions - Others		1,18,14,830	90,32,310
Interest on bank deposits and savings accounts		1,39,10,154	1,51,96,115
Donations towards Earmarked activities (including Professional Fees) - FCRA		2,60,73,475	1,22,57,977
Donations towards Earmarked activities (including Professional Fees) - Others		23,83,133	48,63,426
Miscellaneous Income - FCRA		17,20,485	1,76,998
Miscellaneous Income - Others		8,31,194	5,62,812
		<b>6,21,59,598</b>	<b>4,86,32,970</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Awareness/ Education Programme	9	18,90,220	23,79,091
Medical Programme	10	50,83,675	46,19,749
Wildlife Programmes	11	70,45,129	64,42,291
Social Welfare	12	26,91,217	18,40,687
Veterinary Programme	13	43,27,663	40,89,853
Sustainable Livelihood Programme	14	23,836	5,33,973
FCRA Projects	15	1,18,66,640	2,12,04,344
Administrative & other expenses	16	52,27,369	55,30,768
Expenditure on Earmarked Fund - FCRA	17	2,60,73,475	1,22,57,977
Expenditure on Earmarked Fund - Others	18	23,83,133	48,63,426
Depreciation	3	33,65,996	29,57,386
		<b>6,99,78,353</b>	<b>6,67,19,545</b>
Excess of Expenditure Over Income for the year		(78,18,755)	(1,80,86,574)
Balance carried over to Balance Sheet		(78,18,755)	(1,80,86,574)
For C N K & Associates LLP Chartered Accountants Firm Registration No: 101961 W/W-100036		For The Corbett Foundation	
 Manish Sampat Partner Membership No: 101684 Place : Mumbai Date: <b>14 AUG 2019</b>		 Arvind Chhalan Trustee Place : Mumbai Date: <b>14 AUG 2019</b>	
 		 	

# Receipts and Payments 2018-19

THE CORBETT FOUNDATION  
81/88, Atlanta Building, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021  
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019

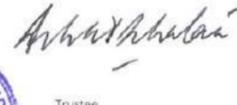
For the year ended March 31, 2018	RECEIPTS	For the year ended March 31, 2019		For the year ended March 31, 2018	PAYMENTS	For the year ended March 31, 2019	
		₹	₹			₹	₹
	<b>Opening Balance:</b>			35,12,081	Fixed Assets Purchased		52,50,010
88,16,951	Bank	95,26,791			Investments in Fixed Deposits		1,01,00,000
2,14,106	Cash	1,44,359	97,71,150	40,00,000			
	<b>Corpus Donation Received:</b>				<b>Earmarked Projects</b>		
	Corpus Fund - FCRA			1,18,46,064	FCRA Projects Expenses	2,41,54,713	
	Corpus Fund - Others	4,15,000	4,15,000	21,28,411	Non FCRA Projects Expenses	11,05,840	2,52,50,558
	<b>Donation Received:</b>			17,05,675	<b>Programmes Expenses</b>		
51,58,276	Donation - FCRA	23,45,950		2,35,624	Awareness Programme	19,53,644	
97,29,796	Donation - Others	1,10,40,458	1,33,86,408	46,39,351	Sustainable Livelihood Programme	23,836	
				62,90,612	Medical Programme	47,58,393	
				27,42,511	Social Welfare	37,79,982	
				56,85,013	Veterinary Programme	28,87,134	
				2,10,00,068	Wildlife Programme	62,41,037	
1,26,71,025	<b>Earmarked Fund</b>	3,61,41,895			FCRA Projects	1,12,14,540	3,08,98,763
61,41,409	Project Grant Received-FCRA	40,17,028	4,01,58,923		<b>Other Expenses</b>		
	Project Grant Received-Non FCRA			65,89,696	Administration Expenses	54,02,672	54,02,672
2,15,00,000	Maturity Of Fixed Deposits		55,00,000				
	<b>Interest From</b>			1,39,76,120	Duties & Taxes Paid	20,53,632	
1,52,37,862	Bank Deposits and Savings Accounts				Loans & advance	21,629	
	On IT Refund (Net of TDS)			9,05,089	Income Tax(Assets)	1,34,815	
	<b>Reimbursements</b>			74,980	Prepaid Expenses		
40,848	Non FCRA	86,821					
10,74,020	FCRA	16,51,438					
2,75,000	Sale of Vehicle	2,75,000					
1,708	Insurance Claim						
5,28,780	Training Receipt						
876	Income Tax Refund			96,26,791	<b>Closing Balance:</b>		
				1,44,359	Bank	63,37,941	
64,669	Duties and Taxes	1,05,100			Cash	1,86,436	65,74,379
5,03,069	Miscellaneous Income	3,30,492					
<b>8,23,58,396</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,56,56,453</b>	<b>8,23,58,396</b>	<b>8,23,58,396</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,56,56,453</b>

In terms of our report attached  
For C N K & Associates LLP,  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm Registration No: 101961 W/W-100036

For The Corbett Foundation

  
Manish Sampat  
Partner  
Membership No: 101684  
Place : Mumbai  
Date: **14 AUG 2019**



  
Arvind Chhalan  
Trustee  
Place : Mumbai  
Date: **14 AUG 2019**

  
Pratik  
Trustee  
Place : Mumbai  
Date: **14 AUG 2019**

# Fixed Assets 2018-19

# Staff Remuneration Details 2018-19

THE CORBETT FOUNDATION  
81/88, Atlanta Building, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021

SCHEDULE - 3 Property, Plant & Equipment

PARTICULARS	W.D.V as on 01.04.2018	ADDITION DURING THE YEAR		SALE	TOTAL AS ON 31.03.2019	DEPRECIATION FOR THE YEAR			W.D.V as on 31.03.2019
		MORE THAN 180 DAYS	LESS THAN 180 DAYS			MORE THAN 180 DAYS	LESS THAN 180 DAYS	TOTAL DEPRECIATION AS ON 31.03.2019	
Land	33,52,489	-	-	-	33,52,489	-	-	-	33,52,489
Building	80,29,155	-	-	-	80,29,155	8,02,917	-	8,02,917	72,26,238
Plant and Machinery	54,23,432	6,98,366	8,06,248	-	69,28,046	9,18,277	60,469	9,78,746	59,49,300
Computer	2,14,439	1,19,550	13,915	-	3,47,904	1,35,103	7,543	1,42,646	2,05,258
Furniture and fixtures	5,40,406	32,900	1,17,998	-	6,91,304	57,331	5,900	63,231	6,28,073
Vehicles	68,22,513	18,26,561	16,99,679	2,75,000	1,00,73,753	12,50,980	1,27,476	13,78,456	86,95,297
Earmarked Fund(Assets)	4	-	6	-	10	-	-	-	10
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>2,43,82,438</b>	<b>26,77,377</b>	<b>26,37,846</b>	<b>2,75,000</b>	<b>2,94,22,661</b>	<b>31,64,608</b>	<b>2,01,388</b>	<b>33,65,996</b>	<b>2,60,56,665</b>
Previous Year	2,41,02,743	2,61,130	32,50,951	2,75,000	2,73,39,824	26,98,294	2,59,092	29,57,386	2,43,82,438



Slab of Gross Monthly Salary (INR) + Benefits	Male Staff	Female Staff	Total Staff
< 2500	1	1	2
< 7000	8	3	11
< 15000	50	4	54
< 30000	12	5	17
< 50000	8	2	10
> 50000	5	0	5
<b>Total</b>			<b>99</b>

# Details of Governing Board Members

Sr No	Trustee	Position	Relationship
1	Mr. Dilip D Khatau	Chairman	
2	Mrs. Rina D Khatau	Co-Chair	Wife of Mr. Dilip D Khatau
3	Mr. B. K. Goswami	Trustee	NA
4	Dr. M. K. Ranjitsinh	Trustee	NA
5	Mr. Nirmal Ghosh	Trustee	NA
6	Mr. Sam Mistry	Trustee	NA
7	Mr. Sharad Sanghi	Trustee	NA
8	Mr. Akshobh Singh	Trustee	NA
9	Mr. Darius Udawadia	Trustee	NA
10	Mr. Laxmikumar Goculdas	Trustee	NA
11	Dr. Divyabhanusinh Chavda	Trustee	NA
12	Mr. P. R. Rajkotia	Trustee	NA

# Our Partners

## Corporate Partners

Axis Bank Foundation  
 Bajaj Auto Ltd.  
 Coca-Cola India Foundation  
 Conservation Corporation of India Pvt. Ltd.  
 Escalar Cart Pvt. Ltd.  
 Exodus Travels Ltd.  
 Hindustan System  
 Jet Privilege Pvt. Ltd.  
 Mahindra Susten Pvt. Ltd.  
 Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited  
 Phoenix Distributors Pvt. Ltd.  
 The Dharamsi Morarji Chemical Co. Ltd.  
 Usha International Limited

## Institutional Partners

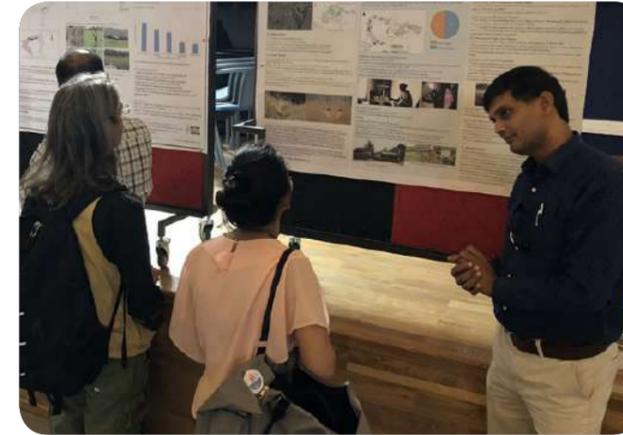
Assam Forest Department  
 Big Cat Rescue  
 Blair Drummond Safari Park  
 Bombay Gow Rakshak Trust  
 Bombay Natural History Society  
 Born Free Foundation  
 DeFries-Bajpai Foundation  
 Friends of Conservation  
 Gujarat Forest Department  
 Hem Chand Mahindra Foundation  
 International Union for Conservation of Nature  
 Madhya Pradesh Forest Department  
 Maharashtra Forest Department  
 Sanctuary Nature Foundation  
 Saving Asia's Vultures from Extinction  
 The Rufford Foundation  
 Turtle Trips Pvt. Ltd.  
 Uttarakhand Forest Department  
 Wildlife Institute of India  
 Wildlife Trust of India  
 World Wide Fund for Nature – India

The Corbett Foundation takes this opportunity to thank its institutional and corporate partners for supporting the foundation's programmes in 2018-19.

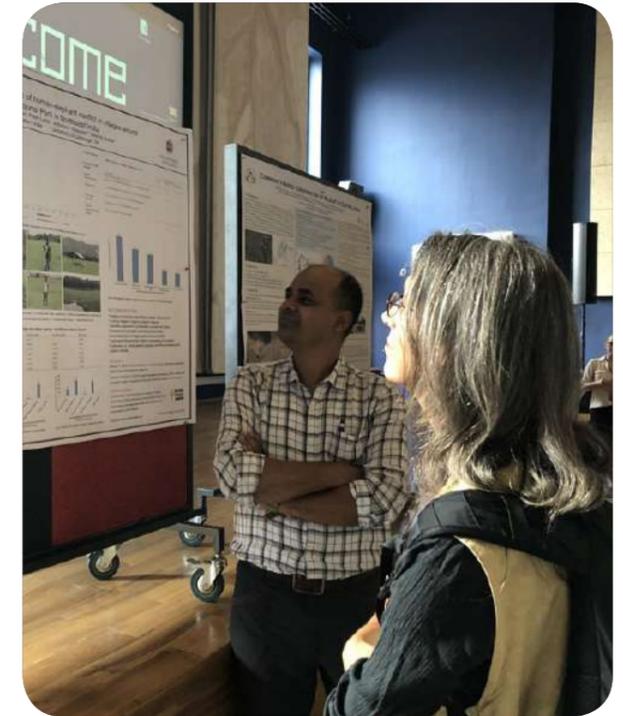
## Details of International Travel

By staff/volunteers/board members at the expense of the organization in 2018-19

Name	Designation	Purpose of Travel	Cost Incurred (INR)	Sponsored (INR)
Mr. Kedar Gore Dr. Harendra Singh Bargali Dr. Naveen Pandey Dr. Sharad Kumar	Director Deputy Director, Corbett Deputy Director, Kaziranga Deputy Director, Bandhavgarh	To attend Conservation Asia 2018 conference at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	290,000	110,323 (Hem Chand Mahindra Foundation)
Mr. Kedar Gore	Director	To attend IUCN Asia Regional Members Committee meeting in China	0	IUCN Asia Regional Office
Mr. Kedar Gore	Director	To attend SLTP Strategy Planning Meet, UK	0	Born Free Foundation
Mr. Kedar Gore Mr. Devesh Gadhavi	Director Deputy Director, Kutch	To attend A Summit for the Flyways, Abu Dhabi, UAE	0	BirdLife International



Conservation Asia 2018  
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan



A Summit for the Flyways, Abu Dhabi, UAE

IUCN Asia Regional Members Committee meeting, China

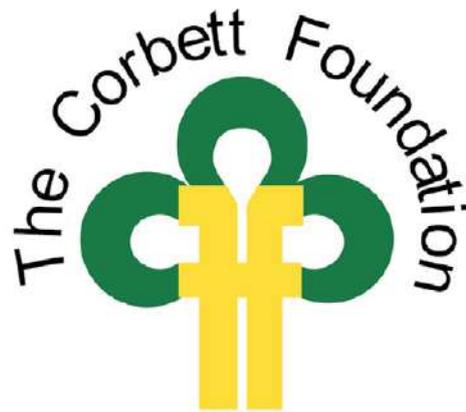


**Registered Office:**

Village & P.O. Dhikuli,  
Ramnagar, Dist. Nainital,  
Uttarakhand 244715  
India  
Tel: +91 5947 284156 / 284234

**Administrative Office:**

81 / 88, 'Atlanta' 8th floor,  
209 Nariman Point,  
Mumbai 400 021,  
Maharashtra, India.  
Tel: +91 22 6146 6400



**Corbett**

Village and P.O. Dhikuli, Ramnagar, Dist. Nainital, Uttarakhand 244715

**Bandhavgarh**

Village Bijhariya, P.O. Bandhavgarh (Tala), Dist. Umaria, Madhya Pradesh 484664

**Kanha**

Village Baherakhar, P.O. Nikkum, Tehsil Birsa, Dist. Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh 481116

**Kutch**

Kutch Ecological Research Centre, Khatau Makanji Bunglow, P.O. Tera, Taluka Abdasa, Dist. Kutch, Gujarat 370660

**Kaziranga**

Village Bochagaon, P.O. Kaziranga, Dist. Golaghat, Assam 785609