

Name of the Centre : **ENVIS Center on “Wildlife & Protected Area Management”**

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About Host Organisation

Wildlife Institute of India (WII) at Dehra Dun was set up in 1982 with the aims and objectives to: (i) Build capacity and develop human resources in Wildlife Science, (ii) Develop as a centre of excellence in Wildlife Science, (iii) Provide consultancy and advisory services in Wildlife Conservation, (iv) Advocate issues relevant to Wildlife Science and Conservation, (v) Develop as a regional centre for South Asia and South -East Asia for training and research in Wildlife Conservation and (vi) Develop as a deemed University in Wildlife Science. The prime concern of the Institute is to build capacity and develop skills for providing solutions to problems of wildlife conservation in general and protected area management in particular. The dissemination of the skills to ground level for use by wildlife managers is the ultimate goal of the institute. The Institute also maintains a number of databases viz. (i) National Wildlife Database (NWD) on species, habitats and protected areas (ii) Zoo database; (iii) Officer trainee database; (iv) Research project database and (v) Bibliographic database



Activities of the Center

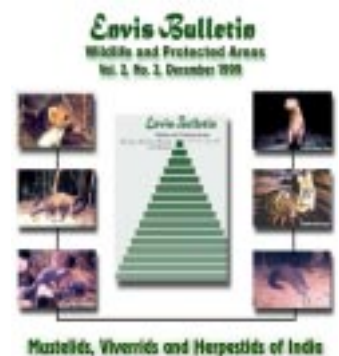
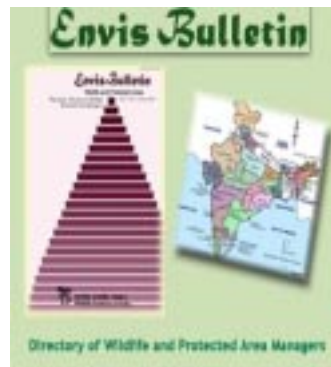
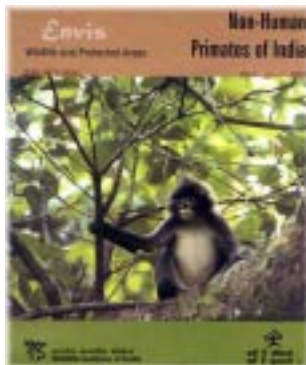
- Compiled 400 bibliographic references on Indian elephant with state wise elephant population and total population, management issues relating to long term conservation of elephants and prepared a map showing distribution of elephants in Protected Areas of India
- Information about 11 small cats found in India with description of each species, the problems in identifying them, their distribution in India have been collected. Also information from status survey of small cats in the states of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa has been compiled. More than 300 references were compiled on small cats of India. The distribution of small cats in different biogeographic zones of India has been represented through a map.
- About 1000 references on Indian crocodiles from various sources about the Status of Indian Crocodiles dealing with the profile of three Indian species of crocodiles and the history of crocodile conservation project, followed by its significance and achievements were compiled. The information also collected ex-situ conservation of Indian crocodiles along with the details of Breeding Centres and their status, steps taken for conservation and management in different states of India like Orissa, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Andaman archipelago, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and in the neighboring country of Nepal and pros and cons of sustainable use of India's crocodile resource for the future. The maps of all the above states showing crocodile distribution were prepared.
- More than 400 references were compiled on "Mustelids, Viverrids and Herpestids of India" which includes martens, weasels, otters, civets and mongoose. The information on 32 species of small carnivores belonging to the families of Mustelidae, Viveridae and Herpestidae that are found in India has been provided. Description, behaviour and conservation status of each species and Status report from Himalayas, northeastern India, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, West Bengal, Orissa, Western Ghats and southern India were compiled. Also their range maps were prepared on a GIS domain., were also compiled.
- Directory of Wildlife Protected Areas in India containing the contact addresses of 89 National Parks and 482 Wildlife Sanctuaries with individual states and their Pas, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, and the Chief Wildlife Wardens along with details on the area, date of establishment, the district and the contact address and also details of Tiger Reserves and Biosphere Reserves in the country have been compiled.
- The information on Non-Human Primates of India, their status and distribution of all 15 non-human primate species including information on Species profiles on 5 non-human primate species (*viz.* The Bonnet Macaque, The Lion-tailed Macaque, Nilgiri Langur, Hoolock Gibbon and the Indian Rhesus Macaque), the Distribution, Conservation Status and Priorities reports from Northeast India, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa were compiled. The problems of primate human conflict wherein issues and the means of resolving the problem, essential information on trade, utilization and trapping techniques of primates in India were also compiled. was presented in the penultimate section.
- Other Activities of the Centre

- ◆ Developed and maintains the National Wildlife Database.
- ◆ Established linkages with all information sources in wildlife conservation and management in the country and abroad for increasing the information content.
- ◆ Responded to queries by supplying substantive information in the form of original or photocopies of published reports, documents, extracts, research papers etc., and other unpublished and analysed information as far as possible.
- ◆ Maintaining links with other ENVIS Centres with the ultimate objectives of identification of data and knowledge gaps in specified subject areas and taking action towards filling these gaps by bringing out of news letter/reports in the concerned subject areas.
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ENVIS Publications

○ ENVIS Bulletin

- ◆ The center has been publishing biannual ENVIS bulletin since March 1998, which covers different area in each issue on “Conservation Status of elephants in India” in March 1998, “Small Cats of India”, in October 1998, “Status of Indian Crocodiles”, “Mustelids, Viverrids and Herpestids of India”, “National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in the country” and “Non-Human Primates of India”,



○ Publications

- ◆ Published a directory on Protected Area in India.

Services

○ Query Answer Services

- ◆ The service is being provided and continues. Average numbers of queries handled by the Centre per year are 320.

WII Website (<http://www.wii.gov.in/envis>)

- The website give details of the objectives and activities. Links with Computer and GIS Cell of the Institute, National Wildlife Database and Library and Documentation Centre. The website also contains ENVIS Bulletin and archives containing back issues from 1998.

