



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY ONE 24th September 2009		
8:00–9:00	REGISTRATION	
9:00–9:05	WELCOME NOTE	
9:05–10:05	PLENARY TALK <i>Interrogating an insect society</i>	Raghavendra Gadagkar
10:05–10:10	GUIDELINES FOR TALKS AND POSTERS	
TALK SESSION 1 <i>Animal Behaviour</i>		
10:10–10:25	A study of vigilance behaviour of Chital (<i>Axis axis</i>) in Pench Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh	Sartaj Ghuman
10:25–10:40	The nuclear question: rethinking species importance in multi-species animal groups	Umesh Srinivasan
10:40–10:55	Genetic polymorphisms, behavioural strategies and ecological success in macaques: Hypotheses, results, speculations and beyond	Subhankar Chakraborty
10:55–11:15	TEA BREAK	
TALK SESSION 2 <i>Diversity in human-dominated landscapes</i>		
11:15–11:30	Role of human-dominated semi-natural and agro-ecosystems in biodiversity conservation in the Western Ghats Biodiversity Hotspot, southern India	MO Anand
11:30–11:45	Structure and composition of 'man-modified forests' in the Nelliampathy Hills, Western Ghats	VS Ramachandran
11:45–12:00	Conservation significance of ant diversity along the forest types of southern Western Ghats, India	M Jamshi
12:00–12:15	Biodiversity conservation in coffee based agroforestry systems and livelihood enhancement: A novel approach from Western Ghats.	BN Sathish
12:15–12:20	BREAK	
TALK SESSION 3 <i>Direct human impacts on wildlife</i>		
12:20–12:35	Effects of anthropogenic changes to the Rushikulya Nesting Beach on Olive Ridley Sea Turtles, Orissa.	M Muralidharan
12:35–12:50	Impact of a cultural event on House Sparrow (<i>Passer domesticus</i>) nesting	R Dhanya
12:50–13:05	Faunal road mortality and pilgrimage - A case study from KMTR, south Western Ghats, India.	KS Seshadri
13:05–13:20	Ecological consequences of road mortality of herpetofauna in Durgapur, West Bengal, India	Sachinandan Dutta
13:20–15:00	LUNCH BREAK	
15:00–16:00	WORKSHOP <i>Advice to a young ecologist</i>	Raghavendra Gadagkar
	SPEED-TALK-CUM-POSTER SESSION (details on Page 4)	
16:00–17:00	Speed talks	
17:00–18:00	Tea + poster session	
18:00–18:40	NON-TECHNICAL TALK <i>Tentative title: Birds of northeast India</i>	Shashank Dalvi



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DAY TWO 25th September 2009		
8:00–8:30	REGISTRATION	
8:30-9:30	PLENARY TALK <i>Why are beetles abundant? Answer lies in the organization of diversity of life?</i>	KN Ganeshaiah
TALK SESSION 4 Evolutionary Ecology		
9:30-9:45	Singing in the sky: Bird song structure and individual variation on “sky-islands” of southern India	VV Robin
9:45-10:00	Size matters among sexes of squirrels: An investigation of female-biased dimorphism in the Family Sciuridae	Nandini Rajamani
10:00-10:15	Trophic-interactions between the ant-plant <i>Humboldtia brunonis</i> and its invertebrate associates	Joyshree Chanam
10:15-10:30	Shift in major pollinators and variation in productive traits of Cardamom (<i>Elettaria cardamomum</i>) during domestication in the Western Ghats, India	Giby Kuriakose
10:30-10:50	TEA BREAK	
TALK SESSION 5 Techniques in ecology and conservation		
10:50-11:05	Monitoring tiger and its prey in Manas National Park, Assam, northeast india	Rajkamal Goswami
11:05-11:20	Diagnosis of Tuberculosis in Asian elephants at the interface of Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.	Shalu Verma-Kumar
11:20-11:35	Understanding the reproductive biology of Asian elephants (<i>Elephas maximus</i>) through non-invasive sampling	Ratna Ghosal
11:35-11:50	Assessing the anthropogenic impacts on forest cover: Modeling spatio-temporal change pattern at landscape level	Madhushree Munsri
11:50-11:55	BREAK	
TALK SESSION 6 Resource and habitat use		
11:55-12:10	Resource tracking by Oriental pied hornbills (<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>) in a deciduous forest habitat	Rekha Warriar
12:10-12:25	A study of Water Monitor Lizard (<i>Varanus salvator</i>) in rural habitat of North Bawali, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India	Arijit Chatterjee
12:25-12:40	Foraging habits and habitat requirements of the Edible-Nest Swiftlet and the Glossy Swiftlet in the Andaman Islands, India	Shirish Manchi
12:40-14:00	LUNCH BREAK	
14:00-15:00	WORKSHOP <i>Study design in ecology</i>	Kavita Isvaran
	SPEED-TALK-CUM-POSTER SESSION (details on Page 5)	
15:00-16:00	Speed talks	
16:00-17:00	Tea + poster session	
17:00-18:10	Narendra Babu Memorial Lecture	K Ullas Karanth
18:10-18:50	NON-TECHNICAL TALK <i>Mermaids of the Indian waters</i>	Vardhan Patankar & Erika D'souza



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DAY THREE 26th September 2009		
8:00–8:30	REGISTRATION	
8:30-9:30	PLENARY TALK <i>Tentative title: Conservation in the Trans-Himalaya</i>	Charudutt Mishra
TALK SESSION 7 Conservation status surveys		
9:30-9:45	Losing ground? Recent historical changes in large mammal distribution in the southern Western Ghats, India	Rajeev Pillay
9:45-10:00	Urbanization selectively eliminates native biodiversity: The case of Chennai, India	Utpal Smart
10:00-10:15	Conservation of the threatened fishes of the Western Himalaya	Vidyadhar Atkore
10:15-10:30	Swamp Deer: A step to bring back the lost glory of Manas National Park, Assam	Alolika Sinha
10:30-10:50	BREAK	
TALK SESSION 8 Conservation intervention		
10:50-11:05	Landscape scale management plan for wildlife conservation in the Indian Trans-Himalayas: A case study from the Upper Spiti Landscape	Kulbhushansingh Suryawanshi
11:05-11:20	Revisiting the 'successful' Integrated Conservation and Development Project (ICDP) in KMTR, Southern India	Allwin Jesudasan
11:20-11:35	A study to assess the impacts of the community forestry programme of CHIRAG using permanent forestry plots	Manish Kumar
11:35-11:50	Restoration of the degraded landscape in the semi-arid area with a view to conserve and enhance biodiversity and sustainable use through rejuvenation of grassland ecology	Girija Punde
11:50-11:55	BREAK	
TALK SESSION 9 Community Ecology		
11:55-12:10	Comparison of ecological and behavioral diversity in Common myna and Bank myna through wide bio-geographical range.	Nikhil Modak
12:10-12:25	Responses of the butterflies to the natural tree fall gaps in a tropical evergreen forest in Western Ghats, India.	Anoop Das
12:25-12:40	Ecology and distribution of macrolichens in Bhadra sanctuary, central Western Ghats, Karnataka, India	KS Vinayaka
12:40-14:00	LUNCH BREAK	
14:00-15:00	WORKSHOP <i>Communicating Science: Frameworks are your Friends</i>	Geoff Hyde
	SPEED-TALK-CUM-POSTER SESSION (details on Page 6)	
15:00-16:00	Speed talks	
16:00-17:00	Tea + poster session	
17:00-17:40	NON-TECHNICAL TALK <i>Tentative title: King Cobras</i>	P Gowri Shankar
17:40-18:00	WRAPPING UP	



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16:00-17:00	Speed talks	
17:00-18:00	Tea + poster session	
Speed talk + Poster	It's raining invasives: Environmental processes affect the spread of <i>Lantana camara</i> in a permanent dry forest plot of mudumalai, south India	Geetha Ramaswami
Speed talk + Poster	Diversity systematics and ecology of <i>Sarcophaga</i> species (Flesh fly) of Pune city	Pracheta Rana
Speed talk + Poster	Preliminary survey of birds associated with wetlands along the eastern buffer zone of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu	K Abhisheka
Speed talk + Poster	Did we start the fire or was it always burning? Reconstructing the evolution of Shola habitat and the role of fire through comparative phylogeography and paleoecology.	VV Robin
Speed talk + Poster	Patterns of mortality in snakes of a tropical countryside, peninsular India	Peroth Balakrishnan
Speed talk + Poster	Status and distribution of Indian Spiny Tailed Lizard (<i>Uromastix hardwickii</i>) in different habitat types in Banni Grassland, Kachchh district, Gujarat.	Karthik Thamizharasu
Speed talk + Poster	The pattern of road kills in the southern part of Western Ghats.	Divin Murugesh
Speed talk + Poster	Understanding payoffs of individual reproductive strategies	Kritika Garg
Speed talk + Poster	Habitat heterogeneity and birds in paddy-field ecosystem	Vinayak Patil
Speed talk + Poster	Seasonal variations in the population characteristics of <i>A. lunulatum</i> Burm. from Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra (India)	Shakil D Shaikh
Speed talk + Poster	Evolution and population genetics of house mouse (<i>Mus castaneus</i> , but also <i>Mus musculus</i> and <i>Mus domesticus</i>)	Anagh Purandare
Speed talk + Poster	Changes in fire intensity with progression in the dry season in a tropical dry forest	Nandita Mondal
Poster only	Assessment of a gaur-human conflict in Sahyadris, India	Atul Joshi
Poster only	Tribes and tigers: A participatory paradigm from Manas Tiger Reserve	Rakesh Soud



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SPEED TALK-CUM-POSTER-SESSION 25th September 2009

15:00-16:00	Speed talks	
16:00-17:00	Tea + poster session	
Speed talk + Poster	How 'eco' is eco-tourism on the fringes of Kanha & Bandhavgarh National Parks	Peeyush Sekhsaria
Speed talk + Poster	Ecological investigation on insects as bio-indicators of water quality in Narmada river at Jabalpur	Bazgha Akhtar
Speed talk + Poster	Littoral benthic macro invertebrates as indicators of impact in four typical lakes of Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India.	KA Nishadh
Speed talk + Poster	Comparative study of bird diversity in rural and urban areas of North and South 24 Parganas, West Bengal	Shruti Sengupta
Speed talk + Poster	A post-tsunami survey on distribution pattern of seagrasses of Andaman group of islands	Dilipan Elangovan
Speed talk + Poster	Ecological vulnerability assessment in Ranchi area through geoinformatics-based approach	Anoop Aravind
Speed talk + Poster	Diversity of butterfly fauna and their conservation in proposed Ripu-Chirang Reserve Forest of Manas Biosphere Reserve Assam, India	Kushal Choudhury
Speed talk + Poster	Dispersal in butterflies: The effect of morphological, life history and ecological traits	Sandhya Sekar
Speed talk + Poster	Estimation of Leaf Area Index (LAI) for two important tropical species (<i>Tectona grandis</i> L. and <i>Dendrocalamus strictus</i> Nees.) with the use of space borne hyperspectral data.	Dhaval Vyas
Speed talk + Poster	Study of cheating in nectarless flowers: spatial patterns of distribution within the inflorescence of <i>Lantana camara</i>	Karishma Lamba
Speed talk + Poster	The water quality and various habitat variables, influencing the returning population of Atlantic Salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>) in Avon water, tributary of River Clyde, Scotland.	KVK Sabitha
Speed talk + Poster	Changing community structure along environmental gradients in the tropical dry deciduous forests in the Godavari Valley of Andhra Pradesh	Sateesh Suthari
Poster only	Some ecological and biochemical studies on <i>Achatina fulica</i> Bowdich	Khushali Pandya
Poster only	Environmental education for sustainable development	Ramadoss Alexandar
Poster only	Regeneration dynamics of Amla (Indian gooseberry) trees in Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple (BRT) Wildlife Sanctuary, Western Ghats, India.	Paramesha Mallegowda



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15:00-16:00	Speed talks	
16:00-17:00	Tea + poster session	
Speed talk + Poster	Effect of light intensity on canopy architecture and productivity of <i>Mangifera indica</i> (Linn.) - a preliminary study	Vinod Kumar
Speed talk + Poster	Distribution of bird communities in Purna Wildlife Sanctuary, Gujarat.	Aniruddh Vasava
Speed talk + Poster	Study of courtship behavior of Fan Throated Lizard, <i>Sitana ponticeriana</i> in scrublands of Sindhrot village, Vadodara, Gujarat.	Jignesh Trivedi
Speed talk + Poster	Butterflies – Displaying climate change to compare relative measures of climate change to that with adaptability index and fitness of butterfly population in Pune city.	Sohini Vanjari
Speed talk + Poster	An assessment of the current status of critically endangered Bengal Florican and its habitat in North Bank Landscape, Assam.	Namita Brahma
Speed talk + Poster	Survey of bamboo species in south Meghalaya and its contribution to the livelihood of the rural poor	Batriti Nongbri
Speed talk + Poster	Biodiversity of butterflies in Sirumalai	Joy Sharmila
Speed talk + Poster	Study of avian diversity in coffee plantations of Cauvery watershed area in Kodagu with respect to their shade management.	Vidya Rao
Speed talk + Poster	Evaluating the population status and density of leopards in Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Western Ghats, Kerala	Pushkal Bagchie
Speed talk + Poster	Study of bioaccumulation of heavy metals in crabs of Sewri mudflats.	Anthony D'souza
Speed talk + Poster	Carbon balance in different types of land cover of Gujarat	J Dinakaran
Speed talk + Poster	The roosting ecology of the Indian Black Ibis (<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>) at Rajkot, Gujarat, India.	Dhawal Mehta
Speed talk + Poster	Bird Community structure in different habitats of Banni Grasslands in Bhuj, Kachchh	Mukesh K Koladiya
Speed talk + Poster	Demography of Fresh water crocodile, <i>Crocodylus palustris</i> in River Vishwamitri in Vadodara City, Gujarat.	Abhijeet Bayani
Poster only	If you want to log, log, don't shoot: Responses of hornbills to hunting and logging in eastern Arunachal Pradesh, India	Rohit Naniwadekar