

# NCF Annual Academic Meeting 2011

29 – 31 July 2011, Sinnadorai Bungalow, Valparai



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Time	Program	Title	Presenter(s)
<b>29 July, Friday</b>			
<b>08:30 – 09:30</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	
9:30 – 9:45	Registration	Registration at Sinnadorai Bungalow	All
9:45 – 10:15	Program report	Overview of NCF and programs 2010 – 11	Rohan Arthur and MD Madhusudan
10:15 – 10:45	Program report	Reading the Valparai landscape: Research, restoration, and conservation in plantations and rainforests	Divya Mudappa
10:45 – 11:30	Plenary	The mammalian glory of the Western Ghats	AJT Johnsingh
<b>11:30 – 11:45</b>	<b>Tea</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	
11:45 – 12:15	Research presentation	Large mammal distributions in the Western Ghats	R Raghunath
12:15 – 12:35	Research presentation	Gaur – human conflict in the Northern Western Ghats	Atul Joshi
12:35 – 13:00	Research presentation	Impacts of tree community change in forest fragments on biomass stores in trees and soils	MO Anand
13:00 – 13:30	Research presentation	A race against time: The uncertain future of the primates in the fragmented rainforests of the upper Brahmaputra valley in Assam	Narayan Sharma
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch at Sinnadorai Bungalow</b>	
14:30 – 14:50	Ideas and reports	Coral reef structure, artisanal fishing and grouper community composition: patterns and propositions	Rucha Karkarey
14:50 – 15:40	Ideas and reports	Understanding the role of hornbills in patterns of seed dispersal in tropical forests of north-east India (and) Overview of the hornbill nest adoption programme	Rohit Naniwadekar (and) Aparajita Datta
<b>15:40 – 16:00</b>	<b>Tea</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	
16:00 – 16:30	Research presentation	Counting cats: towards a hierarchical framework for monitoring snow leopards	Koustubh Sharma
16:30 – 16:50	Ideas and reports	Relatives turned enemy? Red foxes and feral dogs in Trans Himalaya'	Abhishek Ghoshal
16:50 – 17:10	Ideas and reports	Children, green and us	DH Tanuja
<b>17:10 – 17:30</b>	<b>Tea</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	
17:30 – 17:45	Ideas and reports	Engaging citizens in citizen science	Anush Shetty
17:45 – 19:00	Breakout session	Participatory science and education	Suhel Quader, Pavithra Sankaran, DH Tanuja, MD Madhusudan, P Jeganathan, others
<b>21:00</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner at Sinnadorai Bungalow</b>	

Time	Program	Title	Presenter(s)
<b>30 July, Saturday</b>			
<b>08:30 – 09:30</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	
9:30 – 10:00	Ideas and reports	Be aware of elephants: initiating coexistence measures	M Ananda Kumar
10:00 – 10:20	Guest talk	Introduction to Elephant Family involved in Asian Elephant conservation	Dan Bucknell
10:20 – 10:40	Research presentation	Habitat use by dugongs in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Elrika D'Souza
<b>10:40 – 11:00</b>	<b>Tea</b>	<b>Tea break</b>	
11:00 – 13:00	Field trip	Field visit: Restoration Show and Tell	Anand, D&S, Jegan
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch at Anamallai Club</b>	
14:15 – 15:15	Ideas and reports	A multi-scale study of habitat use and abundance of the endangered Snow Leopard <i>Panthera uncia</i> : PhD Discussion	Rishi Kumar
<b>15:15 – 15:45</b>	<b>Felicitations</b>	<b>Honours: Valparai Field Staff and Associates</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>15:45 – 16:00</b>	<b>Tea</b>	<b>High tea at Sinnadorai Bungalow</b>	<b>All</b>
16:00 – 16:30	Ideas and reports	Ritual expense and resource regulation in the Nicobar Islands	Manish Chandi
16:30 – 16:50	Ideas and reports	Green turtles and coral reef resilience	Nachiket Kelkar
16:50 – 17:40	Invited talk	Wild India: a photographer's journey	Kalyan Varma
17:40 – 18:00	Special address	Special address by Chairman, Parry Agro	Venky Muthiah
<b>21:00</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner at Sinnadorai Bungalow</b>	
<b>31 July, Sunday</b>			
<b>08:30 – 09:30</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	
09:30 – 10:00	Research presentation	An update on the long-term phenology monitoring project in Pakke Tiger Reserve	Aparajita Datta
10:00 – 10:20	Research presentation	Lessons from a pinch of salt: <i>Mikania micrantha</i> control methods and research implications	Karthik Teegalapalli
10:20 – 10:40	Ideas and reports	Plant-pollinator interaction in a changing landscape	Amritendu Mukhopadhyay
10:40 – 11:00	Ideas and reports	Counting snow leopards, using genetics for abundance estimation	Vaibhav Chaturvedi
<b>11:00 – 11:15</b>	<b>Tea</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	
11:15 – 11:35	Ideas and reports	Drive carefully! Effects of roads on wildlife in the Anamalai hills	P Jeganathan
11:35 – 12:00	Ideas and reports	Towards a national policy on linear infrastructure intrusions in natural areas	Shankar Raman
12:00 – 12:30	Closing	Final comments and windup of meeting	All
12:30 – 13:30	Various	Executive Board Meeting/field trip/discussions	
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch at Sinnadorai Bungalow</b>	
14:30 – 18:30	Various	Field visit, meetings, hangout at bungalow	
<b>21:00</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner at Sinnadorai Bungalow</b>	