

Animal Ecology Research Division

Completed Project

1. Title of the Project:- Capacity Building of Frontline Forest Staff of Madhya Pradesh for 5th cycle of All India Tiger Estimation Programme-2021-22

Why this Project:-

- With an aim to collect accurate field data and also to fill the previous gaps on data collection process, a comprehensive plan had been undertaken by the wildlife wing of Madhya Pradesh Forest during 4th cycle of All India Tiger Estimation programme on 2017-2018. It resulted very well for this state and comprehensive gap was fulfilled due to the series of capacity building programmes for frontline forest staff of all forest units (Territorial/Protected Areas/FDCs)
- Madhya Pradesh State Forest Research Institute is considered once again the knowledge partner of Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and series of field based capacity building trainings have been proposed to upgrade the skill of frontline forest staff for 5th cycle of AITE-2022 to create master trainers for Phase I and Phase III data collection.

Objectives of Research:-

1. To create a cadre of master trainers on advanced wildlife population monitoring techniques who can further transfer their knowledge to frontline forest staff of their respective forest divisions/PAs
2. To train all frontline forest staff of tiger bearing beats of this state

Activities Undertaken:-

- Phase I training have been conducted in 11 different training venues i.e. 1) Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary, 2) Kheoni Wildlife Sanctuary, 3) Madhav National Park, 4) Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary, 5) Satpura Tiger Reserve, 6) Pench Tiger Reserve, 7) Kanha Tiger Reserve, 8) Noradehi Wildlife Sanctuary, 9) Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, 10) Panna Tiger Reserve, 11) Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve. In total 308 frontline forest staff have been trained by Officials and Scientific team of SFRI, Scientific team of Wildlife Institute of India-Dehradun, Programme Officers from World Wildlife Fund-India and Senior Officials from Madhya Pradesh Forest Department.
- In addition to Phase I training, capacity building workshops on Camera Trap based Phase III data collection protocol have been organised in SFRI between 21-22 and 23-24 October 2021.
- One day workshop have been organised at e-daksh center at Collectorate on 29-11-2021 for computer operators of 83 forest divisions. Training on Phase I data entry process have been taught during this workshop.





Cost of the Project:- Rs.18.65 lakh (15.25 lakh+3.40 lakh)

Outcome of Research:-

- Total 302 Master trainers have been created from 83 forest divisions for Phase I data collection protocol from 17th August to 3rd September 2021
- Total 59 master trainers have been created from 22 divisions for Phase III data collection protocol from 21st October to 24th October 2021