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Welcome to this edition of A Rocha India e news!!!

News from the A Rocha Field Study Centre

April 3rd: The A Rocha India Field Study Centre was visited by Andrew B. Taber PhD who works as the Executive President for Programs with WILDLIFE TRUST, New York. Dr Andrew was on an official visit to the Asian Nature Conservation Foundation (ANCF) in Bangalore. Dr. Andrew along with the A Rocha team and Mr. Surendra Varma (ANCF staff and A Rocha India Research Advisor) visited the Chillie-tobacco barrier test site and the Bannerghatta National park. We thank Dr. Andrew for his visit and for the valuable discussions we had with him.



The research team continued the dung count and vegetation studies through establishment of transect lines in Bannerghatta National Park during the month of April. Team members Nishant M. S and Ashok have left the Centre and Senior Researcher GopalaKrishna continues the work by himself. The number of visitors to the Centre has drastically come down due to vacation of schools and colleges. We do hope to welcome visitors again from June.

Dissertation work: Research Student Mr. Ashok Kumar from A V C College Myladuthurai, Tamil Nadu, successfully submitted his dissertation titled '*Assessing the efficacy of farmers and watchers as one of the conflict mitigative measures in and around the Bannerghatta National Park*' in partial fulfillment for the award of Masters degree in Wildlife Biology.

News from Office



April 16th: One of the colleges that participated in the Conservation Education program at the A Rocha Centre recently was the V. V. S. First Grade College for Women, Bangalore. In continuation to the visit the students had organized several activities and Dr. Vijay D. Anand was the Chief Guest to the college's eco-club valedictory when he gave away the prizes for the winners and also spoke on the impact of Climate Change. The college management has expressed their desire to work closely with A Rocha on environment related issues.

April 22nd: A Rocha India Chairman Rev. Prem Mitra has always believed in action. To commemorate the World Earth Day, he had organized a rally promoting better environmental care for the earth. The participants of the rally were the children of the Sunday School of Wesley English Church, Bangalore where he was ministering until recently. He has now taken charge as Presbyter-in-charge of St. Andrews Church, Cubbon Road Bangalore. The A Rocha team wishes him God blessings as he takes up this new position at St. Andrews.



Staff news

Dr. Vijay D. Anand was recently inducted as Member of the Managing Committee of the Bannerghatta Rehabilitation Centre, popularly known as BRC. The BRC is jointly run by Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRC) and the Karnataka Forest Department. The BRC at Bannerghatta spreads on a seven-acre land belonging to the State Forest Dept for the purposes of rescue and rehabilitation of wild animals.

Ms. Annie Jayaraj, sister of our Program Director Danny Sukumar has kindly offered to help in the office on a part time basis. We welcome her to our team. She brings with her many years of experience in administration; having worked in several organisations in Bangalore city.



Ms. Henrietta Riea, a potential volunteer recently visited the A Rocha Field Study Centre and is now keen to support the work of A Rocha both in the field and office.

Riea provides Information Admin Support with a software company in Bangalore. She is a science graduate and hails from the state of Nagaland. We welcome her to our team.