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DAY ONE 24th September 2009		
8:00–9:00	***REGISTRATION***	
9:00–9:05	***WELCOME NOTE***	
9:05–10:05	***PLENARY TALK*** ***Interrogating an insect society***	*Raghavendra Gadagkar*
10:05-10:10	***GUIDELINES FOR TALKS AND POSTERS***	
	TALK SESSION 1 Animal Behaviour	
10:10-10:25	A study of vigilance behaviour of Chital (*Axis axis*) 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 Diversity in human-dominated landscapes	
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 Direct human impacts on wildlife	
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 (*Passer domesticus*) 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*** ***Advice to a young ecologist***	*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*** ***Tentative title: Birds of northeast India***	*Shashank Dalvi*

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DAY TWO 25th September 2009		
8:00–8:30	***REGISTRATION***	
8:30-9:30	***PLENARY TALK*** ***Why are beetles abundant? Answer lies in the organization of diversity of life?***	*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 *Humboldtia brunonis* and its invertebrate associates	*Joyshree Chanam*
10:15-10:30	Shift in major pollinators and variation in productive traits of Cardamom (*Elettaria cardamomum*) 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 (*Elephas maximus*) 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 Munsi*
11:50-11:55	***BREAK***	
	TALK SESSION 6 Resource and habitat use	
11:55-12:10	Resource tracking by Oriental pied hornbills (*Anthracoceros albirostris*) in a deciduous forest habitat	*Rekha Warrier*
12:10-12:25	A study of Water Monitor Lizard (*Varanus salvator*) 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*** ***Study design in ecology***	*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*** ***Mermaids of the Indian waters***	*Vardhan Patankar & Elrika D'souza*

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DAY THREE 26th September 2009		
8:00–8:30	***REGISTRATION***	
8:30-9:30	***PLENARY TALK*** ***Tentative title: Conservation in the Trans-Himalaya***	*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*** ***Communicating Science: Frameworks are your Friends***	*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*** Tentative title: ***King Cobras***	*P Gowri Shankar*
17:40-18:00	***WRAPPING UP***	

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SPEED TALK-CUM-POSTER-SESSION 24th September 2009		
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 *Lantana camara* in a permanent dry forest plot of mudumalai, south India	*Geetha Ramaswami*
Speed talk + Poster	Diversity systematics and ecology of *Sarcophaga* 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 (*Uromastyx hardwickii*) 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 *A. lunulatum* Burm.from Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra (India)	*Shakil D Shaikh*
Speed talk + Poster	Evolution and population genetics of house mouse (*Mus castaneus*, but also *Mus musculus* and *Mus domesticus*)	*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 (*Tectona grandis* L. and *Dendrocalamus strictus* 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 *Lantana camara*	*Karishma Lamba*
Speed talk + Poster	The water quality and various habitat variables, influencing the returning population of Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*) 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 *Achatina fulica* 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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SPEED TALK-CUM-POSTER-SESSION 26th September 2009		
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 *Mangifera indica* (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, *Sitana ponticeriana* jn 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 (*Pseudibis papillosa*) 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, *Crocodylus palustris* 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*