

Adding Science to Conservation

# WILDLIFE & CONSERVATION BIOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION

## PROFILE



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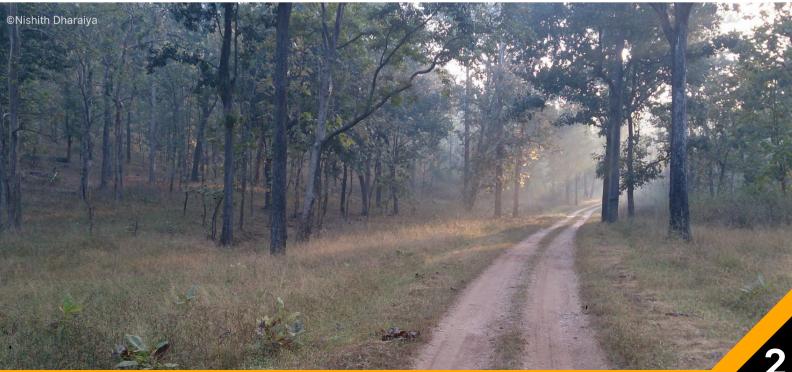
जो सब प्राणी को स्वयं की भाँति (आत्मवत्) देखता है वही पंडित है। The one who sees every creature of nature as his own (self-self) is the real scholar.



To conserve the wildlife and natural resources through science-based research and to create the community of practice by enhancing capacity of conservation professionals.

# **OBJECTIVES**

- Conservation education and awareness
- Wildlife and habitat research
- Assisting policy makers and wildlife managers
- Implementing innovative conservation actions on ground
- Capacity building through professional training and scientific gathering



# **ABOUT US**

## DIRECTORS



DR NISHITH DHARAIYA FOUNDER; HON. DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH



MR PRATIKKUMAR DESAI CO-FOUNDER; DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

### **STEERING COMMITTEE**

- Dr Julia Bevins
- Mr Sarthak Chaudhary
- Ms Sakhi Dabhi
- Mr Pratikkumar Desai
- Dr Nishith Dharaiya

- Dr Archana Gajjar
- Mr Mayank Judal
- Dr Rushika Patel
- Mr Harnishsinh Rathod

### **ESTEEMED ADVISORS**

- Mr Marcel Alaze, EEP Coordinator Sloth Bear, Allwetterzoo Münster, Germany
- Dr Julia Bevins, BVSC, PhD, Homer, Alaska, USA
- Dr Anthony Giordano, Founder & Director, S.P.E.C.I.E.S., USA
- Mr Bhushan Pandya, Ex Member, State Board for Wildlife Gujarat State
- Dr Nuria Selva, Associate Scientist, Institute of Nature Conservation PAN, Krakow, Poland
- Mr Thomas Sharp, Director of Research, Wildlife SOS, USA
- Dr Hitesh Solanki, Professor & Head, Department of Botany, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad
- Dr Vinod C. Soni, Retd. Professor, Biosciences Department, Saurashtra University, Rajkot
- Dr Prachi Thatte, Coordinator, Coalition for Wildlife Corridors, India

# **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

## **ONGIONG**

- Sloth bear conservation project
  - Conservation education and community outreach
  - Conservation actions on ground

Project Coordinator : Nishith Dharaiya

Sloth bear habitat evaluation and corridor analysis Project Investigator : Pratikkumar Desai

Conserving leopards through scientific research Project Leader : Pratikkumar Desai

- Sloth bear microbiology project Project Leader : Sakhi Dabhi
- Ecological study on scavengers Project Leader : Mayank Judal
- Sloth bear range mapping project
  Project Leader : Nishith Dharaiya and Thomas Sharp

## COMPLETED

- Economic evaluation of Vadhwana wetlands (2022-2023)
- Conserving sloth bears through community education (2020-2023)
- Monitoring of wetlands of Patan district (2020-2021)

#### **OUR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES & SERVICES**

- Helping the local community to mitigate humanwildlife conflicts
- Assisting the forest department in habitat management and capacity building for field staff
- Awareness programmes & community outreach
- Plantations, urban greening and habitat restoration
- Green audit services
- Building Skilled Human Resources through
  - Internships
  - Hands-on training
  - Workshops
  - Mentoring students for research and dissertation

#### **OUR CLIENTS**

- K N S B L Arts and Commerce College, Kheralu
- C N Arts and B D Commerce College, Kadi
- Maniben M P Shah Mahila Arts College, Kadi
- Shri V R Patel College of Commerce, Mehsana
- Smt Savitaben Panalal Kothari College of Secondary Education, Vidyamandir Trust, Palanpur
- Vadodara Wildlife Division, Gujarat Forest Department
- APM Terminals, Pipavav Port

# INTERNSHIP

#### **THRUST AREAS**

#### **TEAM OF MENTORS**

Mammalian ecology and behaviour Habitat assessment and evaluation Human-wildlife conflicts mitigations and action Conservation education Remote sensing and ecological modelling	Dr Nishith Dharaiya Mr Pratikkumar Desai Mr Sarthak Chaudhary Dr Archana Gajjar
Plant ecology and taxonomy	Dr Rohit Patel
Ethnobotanical study	Ms Bhagyashri Dangar
Monitoring and Assessment of Biodiversity (MAB) Avian ecology Wetland biology	Mr Mayank Judal Dr Jagruti Rathod Dr Rajesh Senma Dr Archana Gajjar
Conservation microbiology	Dr Rushika Patel
Conservation genetics and bio-informatics	Ms Sakhi Dabhi

Ms Neelu Soni





#### **OUR OFFICIAL PUBLICATION**

## **WORK WITH US**

#### PRITHIVYA (ISSN: 2583 2220)

An Official Newsletter of WCB Research Foundation

#### ABOUT

Prithivya is a tri-annual official newsletter of the WCB Research publishes Foundation that original manuscripts on wildlife, conservation biology, and its allied areas. We do not charge any publication or article processing fees



#### **TYPES OF CONTRIBUTION**

- Short Research Article: 2000 to 2500 words
- Semi Scientific research notes: 1500 words
- Important sightings: 250-350 words with proper GPS location & photographic evidence
- Important findings: 250-500 words with proper GPS location and image
- Full-length Research paper: Up to 10000 words
- Short reports or Letters to the foundation
- **Review Articles, Other announcements**

#### MEMBERSHIP

- **TRI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**
- STUDENT MEMBERSHIP (1 YEAR)

#### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

A member can ...

- Use Fellow of WCBRF as their affiliation
- · Write their own research project
- · Get help in scientific writing and fundraising
- Get technical and academic support
- Take student for internship and graduate research
- Special discount (10%) on WCB products and events
- Student members can get free internship, dissertation and also eligible for WCB Small **Grants Program**

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

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- Student Member (UG and PG students)
- Volunteer

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  - Rs 10,000 per intern
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   - Rs 50,000
- Sponsor for current research and conservation Activities
   - Rs. 1,00,000 onwards

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