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A Rocha Field Study Centre
#13, Kaserguppe Village, Bilwardahalli (Dakle),
Bannerghatta (Post), Jigani (Hobli), Anekal (Taluk),
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Project Highlights

MARINE CONSERVATION PROGRAM

We recently conducted a two-day marine conservation programme in Kanyakumari district, engaging closely with local fishing communities to better understand shared challenges and opportunities for ocean stewardship. Led by Project Manager Priya James and Marine Consultant Dr. Anita George, and supported by Dr. Lazarus from CMFRI and local partners, the programme reached over 60 community members.

Through open dialogue, discussions focused on pressing issues such as ocean pollution, plastic waste, and unsustainable coastal development, alongside their direct impacts on marine ecosystems and fishing livelihoods. These conversations helped build trust, strengthen local networks, and reinforce the role of community knowledge in shaping effective and inclusive marine conservation efforts.



WILDLIFE MONITORING

Our team is currently conducting camera trap surveys in the southern ranges of Bannerghatta National Park as part of A Rocha India's ongoing wildlife monitoring efforts. These surveys generate critical data on terrestrial mammals, including activity patterns across day and night, individual identification of conflict-prone species such as elephants and leopards, and seasonal movement trends linked to ecological change.

The findings contribute to long-term monitoring and inform evidence-based management decisions for this important landscape. By better understanding how wildlife uses habitats at the forest-human interface, the work supports strategies that promote coexistence and strengthen the protection of Bannerghatta's biodiversity.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS 2025 – ABU DHABI

A Rocha India was part of the global A Rocha delegation at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 in Abu Dhabi, alongside A Rocha International, Kenya, and Ghana. The Congress provided an important platform to showcase our work, engage in global conservation dialogue, and contribute to motions shaping biodiversity priorities for the next four years.

As an IUCN Member, A Rocha India participated in the Members' Assembly, while our National Director, Avinash Krishnan, contributed to expert discussions on Asian elephant conservation as a member of the IUCN Asian Elephant Specialist Group. The event also marked the launch of India's Red List Roadmap, a significant step for national species conservation efforts.



GLOBAL WILDLIFE FAIR 2025 – NEW DELHI

A Rocha India participated in the Global Wildlife Fair 2025 at the Constitution Club of India, New Delhi—an engaging platform bringing together conservation practitioners, researchers, NGOs, and innovators committed to safeguarding India's wildlife.

As partners of the Wildlife Trust of India, we joined the two-day Conservation Partners Meet, where our Division Manager and Senior Research Officer, Dilip Kumar, shared updates on elephant corridor monitoring in the Bannerghatta–Hosur landscape.

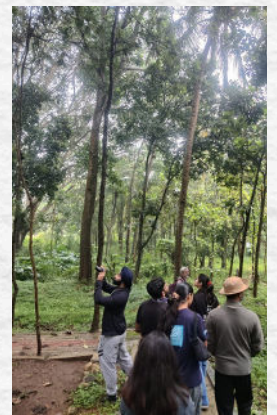
The event offered valuable opportunities to exchange knowledge, build partnerships, and strengthen collective efforts toward long-term, landscape-level conservation.



AFSC Events

WINGS AFTER DARK

In collaboration with The Greener Side Initiative and Echoes of Earth, Wings After Dark brought together participants for an immersive night of learning and exploration at A Rocha India Field Study Centre. Despite the rain, curiosity and enthusiasm prevailed as experts Lochana and Aditya introduced participants to the fascinating world of nocturnal insects, followed by an engaging session in the morning on birds and their behavior led by M.B. Krishna. The group spent the evening camping, observing, and exchanging insights amidst the natural sounds of the forest. The event highlighted how shared experiences in nature can foster deeper understanding and strengthen the connection between people and the environment — a reminder that meaningful engagement lies at the heart of effective conservation.



AFSC Events

Community Cleanup & Plogging Drive Kesaraguppe Village, Bannerghatta

AFSC organised a community clean-up and plogging drive at Kesaraguppe village in the Bannerghatta landscape on Sunday, 26 October, in partnership with Waste Impact. The initiative focused on addressing local waste accumulation in a forest-edge village while promoting responsible waste management practices and environmental stewardship through hands-on community action.

Volunteers participated in a plogging activity that combined walking with waste collection, with Waste Impact supporting waste segregation and responsible disposal. The collaboration helped ensure that collected waste was managed sustainably, while also building awareness around the importance of reducing pollution in ecologically sensitive landscapes through collective, on-ground action.

