



How to Keep Elephants out of your Agricultural Fields

A Training Program on Simple, Low-Cost Crop Guarding Methods

Since 2011 WRCS is training farmers in the use of simple low-cost crop guarding techniques to reduce crop damage by elephants in North Kanara District of Karnataka. (Please see <http://wrscindia.org/?q=project/farmers-and-elephants-pilot-initiative-north-kanara>).

This project is sponsored by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and field Support is provided by the Karnataka Forest Department. Through the project WRCS is promoting the Community-Based Conflict Management (CBCM) model of managing human elephant conflict. The heart of the CBCM model is that the community should proactively take steps to protect their own crops. Through the project we are building capacity of the community for protecting their crops by using simple and low cost techniques. Elephants are discouraged from entering the fields by deterrent methods such as night guarding, trip alarm and chilly smoke. In case elephants enter the field they are driven away by effective repellent techniques.

In 2015 WRCS organized training workshops for field officers, frontline staff, researchers and field practitioners that were attended by 120 participants from Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Nepal, Nagaland and Odisha. Many of them have taken the learnings from the workshop to the implementation stage in their states.

Encouraged by this response, we are arranging CBCM workshops for the second year at the project site in Karnataka. The workshop is intended for frontline staff of the Forest Department, researchers, and community members from across the country to train them in implementing the CBCM model. The workshop will focus on demonstration and trainings in using various crop protection techniques using locally available resources.

- The workshop is arranged at Kulgi Nature Camp in Kali Tiger Reserve, Karnataka. Please visit the website to see the camp facility <http://www.kalitiger.com/kulgi-nature-camp/>
- The workshop is entirely field-based so we request participation of young (less than 35 years) and physically fit individuals who can work in the field.
- Each batch will be for 3 days. The nearest railway station is HUBLI. Please visit <http://www.distancemonk.com/hubli-to-kulgi/6327577517d445a2/> to locate your route.

The workshop module is described below:

Venue	Kulgi Nature Camp, Kali Tiger Reserve											
Dates	1 st August to 13 th August 2016.											
Duration of the workshop	3 days, with workshop batches starting dates the 1 st , 3 rd , 5 th , 7 th , 9 th and 11 th . For each batch, the workshop will start at 3 pm on the first day and end by 2 pm on the 3 rd day.											
Desirable number in each batch	15 persons per batch. From the Forest Department, please nominate young forest guards for this program.											
Training Language	Hindi, Marathi, Kannada and English											
Training Module	<p><u>Day 1:</u> Please reach Kulgi Nature Camp before 12 noon. First Session will start at 3 pm sharp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing information on current status of elephant conflict with the participants in their state. <p><u>Day 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration of various methods of crop protection • Hands on field training of the participants in CBCM techniques <p><u>Day 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback and interactions with the participants • End of program and Departure by 2 pm <p>A certificate will be provided to each participant on successful completion of the workshop.</p>											
Cost	<p>The per person workshop cost is approximately Rs 3400 for dormitory accommodation and Rs. 4450 for tent accommodation. The breakup of the cost is given below. All costs are at actuals.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Accommodation in dormitory/tent</td> <td>Rs. 450/Rs. 1500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Food (Breakfast & 2 meals for 3 days)</td> <td>Rs. 900</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vehicle Cost</td> <td>Rs. 750</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workshop Registration</td> <td>Rs. 400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Training Material (includes field material, a comprehensive manual and demonstration videos)</td> <td>Rs. 900</td> </tr> </table>		Accommodation in dormitory/tent	Rs. 450/Rs. 1500	Food (Breakfast & 2 meals for 3 days)	Rs. 900	Vehicle Cost	Rs. 750	Workshop Registration	Rs. 400	Training Material (includes field material, a comprehensive manual and demonstration videos)	Rs. 900
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Interested participants are requested to send an email to the coordinators at the addresses given below. On receiving your email we will send application forms with further workshop details.

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Thank you,

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