



20-21<sup>st</sup> January, 2023  
**BHOPAL**

## THEME 2023

**Conservation Efforts & Management Challenges  
of Lesser-known Faunal Diversity**

### DATE

**20 & 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2023**

### VENUE

**EPCO Conference Hall, Paryavaran Parisar,  
E-5, Arera Colony, Bhopal**

### ORGANISING AGENCY

**SNHC India**  
(Society of Nature Healers, Conservators and  
Local Tourism Development) Bhopal

### COLLABORATIVE AGENCY

**Madhya Pradesh State Biodiversity Board**



## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Madhya Pradesh harbours more than 45 species of mammalian fauna (Wroughton 1913, Harshey and Chandra, 2001) which is about 10% of India's wild mammals (Menon 2014). It broadly lies in the Deccan Plateau, the largest biogeographic zone of India. Madhya Pradesh is the second largest state in India with an area of 3,08,245 km<sup>2</sup>, covering almost 9.38% of geographical area of the country of which 25.13% is forested. It has the largest forest cover (77,462 km) among all the Indian states. It has 11 National Parks including 06 Tiger Reserves and 24 Wildlife Sanctuaries as Protected Areas which constitutes 3.25% of total geographical area.

In Madhya Pradesh other than known species of Fauna such as Tiger, Leopards, Bison, Black Bucks, Peafowls, Parakeets, Mynas, Fruit bats, Rat Snakes, Indian Rock Python etc. Some lesser-known species such as Mouse Deer, Lesser Florican, Black bellied Tern, Indian Skimmer, Pangolin, Indian Wolf, Fishing Cat, Wild Dog, River Dolphin etc. are also found in Madhya Pradesh.

With the view of faunal biodiversity conservation **SNHC India** with collaboration of **MP State Biodiversity Board** decided to organise 02 day conference on lesser known faunal species of Madhya Pradesh to highlight the conservation efforts and management challenges of these species.



### ABOUT MPSBB

Madhya Pradesh State Biodiversity Board has been constituted by the State Government as per the provisions of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 notified by the Government of India. Objectives of the Board being Conservation of biodiversity, Sustainable use of its components and Equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of biological resources and associated traditional knowledge. Board has an advisory role in promoting biodiversity concerns among various stakeholders. One of the focus areas of the board includes promotion of research and advocacy of policy in gap areas. The lesser known faunal species is one such gap area which needs focus and action.

### OUTCOME

- To Highlight lesser-known species of Madhya Pradesh.
- To give platform to the National experts of these species.
- To make conservation action plan and management strategies for these species.
- To highlight the conservation efforts for these species
- To highlight Fauna of Madhya Pradesh in National scenario through these species.







## ABOUT BHOPAL CITY

Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, is a fascinating amalgam of scenic beauty, old historic city and modern urban planning. It is the 11th century city Bhojpal, founded by Raja Bhoj, but the present city was established by an Afghan soldier, Dost Mohammed (1707-1740). His descendants built Bhopal into a beautiful city.

The two lakes of Bhopal still dominate the city, and are indeed its nucleus. Bordered along their shores stand silent sentinels that testify to the growth of the city.

Bhopal today presents a multi-faceted profile; the old city with its marketplaces and fine old mosques and palaces still bears the aristocratic imprint of its former rulers, among them the succession of powerful Begums who ruled Bhopal from 1819 to 1926. Equally impressive is the new city with its verdant, exquisitely laid out parks and gardens, broad avenues and streamlined modern edifices. It is greener and cleaner than most cities in the country.

Bhopal has enacted the concept of unity in diversity. Here, people of all religions and communities live by mutual goodwill and brotherhood.

The main centres of rural and urban culture in the city are Bharat Bhawan, Museum of Mankind, Swaraj Bhawan and Ravindra Cultural Bhawan. Van Vihar has also been developed for conservation of wild animals, in which there are rare wild animals of different species. Surrounded by lakes and hills, this district is famous for its natural shade.



## PROGRAMME COORDINATORS

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# SCHEDULE

## DAY-1

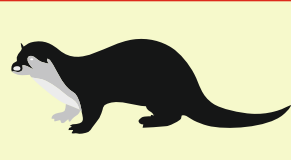
Time	Topics/Details and Speakers
9:15-10:00	Registration
10:00-11:15	INAUGURAL
10:00-10:15	Introduction by Organizers
10:15-10:20	Lighting the lamp
10:20-11:00	Introductory remarks by the speaker, including the Key note address by <b>Shri Jasbir Singh Chouhan, IFS, Chief Wildlife Warden, MP</b>
11:00-11:10	Memento distribution to dignitaries and Group Photo
11:10-11:30	Tea Break
	TECHNICAL SESSION -1
11:30-12:10	Skimming Chambal- Status, distribution, threats and conservation of Indian Skimmer at National Chambal Sanctuary <b>Ms. Parveen Shaikh</b> Scientist C, Conservation Department, BNHS Mumbai <i>Chaired by : Dr. Rishikesh Sharma, Former Research Range Officer, Chambal</i>
12:10-12:50	Issues In Lessor Florican Conservation - Present Status, How to Revive <b>Dr. Sujit Narwade</b> Assistant Director, BNHS, Mumbai & Coordinator Great Indian Bustard & Lesser Florican Program <i>Chaired by : Shri Ajay Gadikar, State Coordinator, Lesser Florican Surveys, MP</i>
12:50-13:30	Small Cats of Madhya Pradesh , Present Status, Conservation Challenges <b>Dr. Shomita Mukherjee</b> Senior Principal Scientist, SACON, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu <i>Chaired by : Dr. Suhas Kumar, IFS (Retd.), Former PCCF, MP</i>
13:30-14:15	Lunch Break
	TECHNICAL SESSION -2
14:15-14:55	Fresh Water Otter, Conservation Challenges, Present Status - How to Revive <b>K. Narasimmarajan</b> , Conservation Biologist, Project Manager, Nature Environment and wildlife Society Kolkata, WB <i>Chaired by : Shri Shubhramanjan Sen, IFS, APCCF Wildlife, MP</i>
14:55-15:15	Recovery of Species- Gharial (Gavialis Gangeticus) in Historical Natural Habitat of Son Gharial Scantuary, Sidhi <b>Dr. Abhay Sengar</b> , Wildlife Veterinary Officer Sanjay TR, Sidhi, M.P. <b>Dr. Amol Rokde</b> , Astt. Prof. Wildlife Forensic & Health NDVASU, Jabalpur
15:15-15:50	Stories from the lives of mysterious reptiles of MP – <b>Mr. David Raju</b> , Naturalist, Kerala <i>Chaired by : Shri Aseem Shrivastava, IFS, PCCF, MP</i>
15:50-16:25	Issues In Conservation of Indian Wolf - Present Status, Conservation Challenges - <b>Mr. Sewaram Malik</b> , ACF, Nauradehi WLS, MP <b>Mr. Prafull Choudhary</b> , Sr. Project Officer, Central India Landscape (CIL), WWF-India <i>Chaired by : R. Sreenivasa Murthy, IFS (Retd.)</i>
16:25-17:10	“WILD Madhya Pradesh” A Pictorial Journey to heart of India <b>Dr. Nirmalya Chakraborty</b> Founder President & Editor Jungle Rhythms, Pune MH
17:10-17:30	Hi Tea



# SCHEDULE

## DAY-2

Time	Topics/Details and Speakers
6:45 to 8:45	Field Visit to Van Vihar National Park Bird Watching (Winter Migrants) and Nature Trail
09:15-10:00	Registration
	TECHNICAL SESSION - 3
10:00-10:40	Issues In Dolphin Conservation- Present Status, How to Revive – <b>Mr. Sanjeev Yadav</b> Coordinator Aquatic Biodiversity, WWF-India <i>Chaired by : Prof. R J Rao, Former VC, BU, Bhopal</i>
10:40 - 11:20	Raptor conservation with special mention on vultures - <b>Mr. Sunny Joshi</b> Senior Project Officer, Raptor Conservation, WWF-India <i>Chaired by : Shri Dilsher Khan, Vulture Conservationist, MP</i>
11.20 -11.40	Tea Break
	TECHNICAL SESSION -4
11:40 -12:15	Diversity of Scorpions in Madhya Pradesh <b>Sudheer Kumar Jena</b> Project Fellow, ZSI, Central Zone, Jabalpur <i>Chaired by : Mr. David Raju, Naturalist, Kerala</i>
12:15-12:50	Further Insight into the Ecology and Conservation of Endangered Forest Owlet in Madhya Pradesh <b>Mr. Dhiraj Das</b> Research Biologist, WRCS, Pune <i>Chaired by : Dr. Sangeeta Rajgir, Founder &amp; Member Secretary, Bhopal Birds</i>
12:50 - 13:30	Issues In Caracal Conservation - Present Status, How to Revive - <b>Dr. Dharmendra Khandal</b> Conservation Biologist, Tiger Watch NGO, Ranthambore, Rajasthan <i>Chaired by : Shri Randeep Singh, AMITY University, Delhi</i>
13:30-14:15	Lunch Break
	TECHNICAL SESSION - 5
14:15 -15:00	The Amazing Insect World-"Joy at fingertips" <b>Alok Govind Sheode</b> Lecturer, Prabodhan Jr. College Buldhana, MH <i>Chaired by : Sudhir Jena, Research Biologist, ZSI</i>
15:00 -15:40	Wildlife Crime/ Trafficking of Lesser known Animal Species of MP and its mitigation - <b>Koushik Mondal</b> Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Jabalpur, MP <i>Chaired by : Shri Vipin Maheshwari, IPS, ADG STF, Bhopal, MP</i>
15:40 -16:15	Status of small carnivore conservation in Madhya Pradesh: Threats and survival strategies - <b>Mr. Manpreet Singh</b> Research Scholar, IIFM Bhopal MP <i>Chaired by : Dr. Shomita Mukherjee, Sr. Principal Scientist, SACON, TN</i>
16:15-17:10	Valedictory Session Adoption of Workshop Recommendations
17:10-17:30	Hi Tea



## KEY SPEAKERS



**Jasbir Singh Chouhan, IFS**  
PCCF Wildlife &  
CWLW, MP



**Dr. Sujit Narwade,**  
Asst. Director, BNHS,  
Mumbai



**Parveen Shaikh**  
Scientist C, Conservation  
Department, BNHS, Mumbai



**Dr. Shomita Mukherjee**  
Senior Principal Scientist  
SACON, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu



**Dr. Dharmendra Khandal**  
Conservation Biologist,  
Tiger Watch, Ranthambore, Raj.



**Sudheer Kumar Jena**  
Project Fellow, ZSI,  
Central Zone, Jabalpur



**K. Narasimmarajan**  
Conservation biologist,  
Project manager, Nature environment  
and wildlife society Kolkata, WB



**Alok Govind Sheode**  
Lecturer, Prabodhan  
Jr. College buldhana



**Mr. David Raju**  
Naturalist, Kerala



**Mr. Manpreet Singh**  
Research Scholar,  
IIFM Bhopal



**Dr. Nirmalya Chakraborty**  
Founder President &  
Editor Jungle Rhythms, Pune MH



**Mr. Sanjeev Yadav**  
Coordinator Aquatic  
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**Mr. Sunny Joshi**  
Senior Project Officer,  
Raptor Conservation, WWF-India



**Mr. Dhiraj Das**  
Research Biologist, WRCS,  
Pune





## REGISTRATION

Faculty and Academician: ₹ 1500/-      Research Scholars: ₹ 1100/-  
Student: ₹ 600/-      Educational Institution: ₹ 5000/-  
Business / Industrial Institution: ₹ 6000/-  
Accompanying Person: ₹ 600/-

Registration fees includes the Registration Kit (Folder, Writing Pad, Pen & Other Reading Materials), Participation/ Presentation Certificate, Breakfast - Lunch - Hi Tea of both the conference days.

### Registration Link:

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### BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS :

**Name of the Account :** Society of Nature Healers, Conservators and Local Tourism Development Bhopal (SNHC and LTD Bhopal)

**Bank and Branch :** Bank of Baroda, Arera Colony, Bhopal

**Account No. :** 29210100012345

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