

# IUCN/SSC Re-Introduction Specialist Group - South Asia

## RSG - SA

### DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS



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## **RSG South Asia Network Directory**

The Reintroduction Specialist Group of the IUCN Species Survival Commission is was set up to maintain the integrity and effectiveness of the technique of reintroduction in all of its manifestations, e.g. translocation, release, rehabilitation, etc. for the purpose of saving species and, more to the point, populations.

RSG has set up regional nodes or networks to promote RSG and its excellent publications and guidelines at the regional and national level. RSG South Asia is one of these. RSG South Asia has its own “members”, some of whom are members of RSG SSC IUCN and others who are, nonetheless, reintroduction enthusiasts, experts, etc.

RSG South Asia conducts one meeting per year, each time in a different country of South Asia. While we publicise the meeting to the best of our ability, not many people can come due workaday and to financial constraints. At the time of the meeting we bring out a newsletter which we circulate to members and others whom we know to be interested.

There are many people out there who would call themselves reintroduction practitioners who are not actually conducting good reintroductions. RSG South Asia also tries to keep up with these “wrong releases” and flawed reintroductions, or translocations and send literature as helpful information in the hope that they might be more careful in planning their activities and also might stick more closely to the excellent Guidelines of the Reintroduction Specialist Group.

We do not reach all of the people who release animals to the wild, or even into cities and towns where they very likely either do a lot of damage or have a lot of damage done to them. Releasing wild animals is not a trivial exercise ... it is complicated unless one doesn't care what happens to the animals, their wildlife colleagues, and the habitat. We care and therefore we would like more people to take advantage of the literature available from the Reintroduction Specialist Group. In creating and circulating this Directory we request Members of RSG South Asia listed in the Directory to forward this to friends and colleagues who are in the wildlife field or who might be responsible (or irresponsible) for releasing wild animals, either captive for a long time or just for a few days.

The RSG website <<http://www.iucnsscrsg.org>> is undergoing a refresher just now and the links do not work but in a few days, they will be back on line with their lovely new home page art work (see above) and their links to their many valuable publications. RSG SSC IUCN will also bring out a newsletter in just days which we will circulate.

Along with this directory is a form to fill to become a member of RSG South Asia. The mandate of the regional groups as defined by us ! is to get more people interested in reintroduction in all its aspects for the purpose of monitoring the releases they read about in the press, or hear about, or are doing themselves – perhaps incorrectly. We can tolerate any number of members for the sake of passing this message.

Thanking you,

Sanjay Molur and Sally Walker  
RSG and RSG South Asia

### **Quoting from the RSG website**

IUCN/SSC Re-introduction Specialist Group

*Day after day, an increasing number of animal and plant species are becoming rare, or even extinct, in the wild. In an attempt to re-establish these populations, species can – in some instances – be re-introduced into viable habitat. The Re-introduction Specialist Group (RSG) manages a Secretariat and network of global voluntary members and aims to provide re-introduction practitioners with tools such as re-introduction guidelines, networking resources and publications to provide a means for distributing information on re-introduction projects.*

### *Our mission*

*To combat the ongoing and massive loss of biodiversity by using re-introductions as a responsible tool for the management and restoration of biodiversity through actively developing and promoting sound inter-disciplinary scientific information, policy, and practice to establish viable wild populations in their natural habitats.*

Click here \*\* for a copy of the most recent version of

[the RSG Guidelines and](#)

[the original IUCN Position Statement on Translocation of Living Organisms.](#)

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# **Alphabetical Name list of *RSG-SA* Network Members**

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# Alphabetical Name List of RSG-SA Members

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Gupta, Brij Kishor

Gupta, Leena Mahendrakumar

Hussain, Shaik

Ingle, Mukesh

Jayson, E.A.

Kalaichelvan, Thulasingam

Kar, Sudhakar

Khanna, Vinod

Kumar, Narayan Krishna

Lakra, W.S.

Lenin, Janaki

Majumdar, B.K.

Mathew, George

Mehra, Satya Prakash

Menon, Vivek

Misra, Manoj Kumar

Molur, Sanjay

Mukherjee, Shomita

Muthuandavan, Latchoumanan

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Pillai, K.G. Mohanan

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Rao, R.J.

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Sharma, Krishna kumar  
Sharma, Narayan  
Shetye, S.R.  
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Sinha, Satya Priya

Thosre, Prakash  
Umapathy, Govindhaswamy  
Vyas, Raju Vajubhai  
Walker, Sally  
Whitaker, Romulus  
Yalakki, C.S.

## Nepal

Thapa, Sanjan Bahadur

## Pakistan

Hassan, Muhammad Mahmood-ul

Shafique, Chaudhry Muhammad

## Sri Lanka

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Nahallage, Charmalie Anuradhie

## Iran

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## UAE

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*Chair, RSG*

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# **PROFILE OF RSG SOUTH ASIA MEMBERS**

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Status Survey of the Marco Polo Argali in Pamirs for two summers.

Presently engaged in project on food habit & dietary overlap between Marco Polo Argali & Yak in Big Pamir Reserve.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Mammal specific researches for conservation.

**Species of special interest:** Ecology, Status and Conservation of Marco Polo Argali, Cheetah, Wild Ass Snow Leopard, Brown bear, and public awareness and participation in conservation.

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** As I am completing my Master's degree in just a few days, I haven't got any opportunity to participate in any re-introduction program yet. But I have rescued many small animals in my village from the villagers such as porcupine, snakes, birds, hedgehogs and even one red fox.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Produce video documentary "Life and Living" 56 episodes for Channel I (Bangladesh) featuring biodiversity, Developing project on Chittagong hill biome conservation.

**Species of special interest:** Elephant, Common Langur, Leaf Monkey, Sherow, Shorebirds and Falcons

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** Mountain gazelle, Ethiopian hedgehog, Spiny-tailed Lizard, Skink gecko and 12 other desert dwelling reptiles during 2005-09 under the programme of the Environment Dept. of Govt. of Dubai as staff scientist.

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Ganges River Dolphin Conservation in Buriganga.

Impact of Climate Change on biodiversity in costal areas.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Conservation breeding of several coastal fish species, Reintroduction of Gavials

**Species of special interest:** Turtles, Lizards, Crocodiles, Aquatic Invertebrates, Fish and Climate Change

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** No

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Management of Cordyceps, Management of Aquatic lives, Habitat management of White bellied herons.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Keep heron's habitat untouched and refrain any developments in and around the habitat.

**Species of special interest:** White bellied herons and small mammals.

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** The 2 wild monkeys (*Presbytis geii*) capture by rural farmers of Punakha District on dated 9th September 2009 is released back to Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Park on 2nd December 2010.

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Conserving Birdlife of J&K, Involved as state coordinator of an Indian Bird Conservation Network (IBCN) of BNHS-RSPB International Programme.

Undertaking Research on various aspects of Wildlife such as phylogenetics of endangered wildlife species in J&K, Disease monitoring and Surveillance of captive and free range wildlife of Kashmir, wetlands and waterfowl ecology and disease monitoring and surveillance studies.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Undertaking extensive research on various aspects of Wildlife such as phylogenetics of endangered wildlife species in J&K, disease monitoring and surveillance of captive and free range wildlife of Kashmir, wetlands and waterfowl ecology, migration and disease monitoring and surveillance studies in Kashmir and Ladakh.

Conservation breeding and reintroduction of Hangul or Kashmir Red deer to its erstwhile stronghold areas of Kashmir Mountains.

Conservation Breeding of Tibetan Antelope or Chiru for Live combing of Shahtoosh fiber and conservation breeding of Musk deer to extract musk.

International conference on wildlife & biodiversity conservation viz-a- viz climate change being organised in 3-5 June 2010.

**Species of special interest:** Hangul or Kashmir deer, Markhor, Tibetan antelope or chiru, Musk deer, Himalayan wolf, Migratory wet fowl, Vulture conservation.

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** No not yet, but underway to reintroduce Hangul or Kashmir deer to its erstwhile strong hold areas in Kashmir mountains where from it has viped out.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Worked as Research Associate in Wildlife Institute of India in its project on "Wildlife damage assessment and control".

Working as Scientific Officer in the Central Zoo Authority for last two year and dealing issues related to research, training & workshops for zoo official and issues related to conservation breeding in the zoos.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Research, training & workshop and conservation breeding.

**Species of special interest:** Sloth bear. Many parts of the central India are losing sloth bear population and sloth bear has been locally extinct from many hours. I am looking for the possibilities to re-introduce the sloth bear in its previous habitats.

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** I would facilitate concerned parties in re-introduction and translocation of the species.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** I started my work on phylogeography of freshwater turtles of genus *Pangshura* for PhD program and currently conducting several studies to solve important biogeography questions towards the conservation of freshwater turtle diversity in India. Under Turtle Survival Alliance (freshwater turtle conservation task force of IUCN) India program, instituted a modest "Chelonian Conservation Research Program" (CCRP) in Assam to initiate freshwater turtle conservation research. Being a member of IUCN/SSC TFTSG and Turtle Survival Alliance, I have initiated Rescue and Rehabilitation, Conservation education, community awareness and capacity building programmes including *insitu* egg protection of endangered freshwater turtle species.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Research studies on Conservation breeding, Head-starting, Rescue and Rehabilitation of endangered Turtle species in Northeast India.

**Species of special interest:** Turtles & Tortoises; Varanus

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** Endangered Freshwater turtle (*Chitra indica*, *Pangshura sylhetensis*, *Nilssonina nigricans*) in Northeast India, since 2007.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** I would like to contribute my highest possible efforts for conservation breeding of four species selected by the CZA in the zoo and for subsequent release in the field.

**Species of special interest:** Clouded leopard, Spectacled langur, Binturong, Hoolock gibbon, Pig-tailed macaque.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Been involved in wildlife conservation since 1982.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** My commitment to conservation is - Capacity building in nature conservation, natural history, species conservation and biodiversity conservation. Closely involved with several forest departments and other government departments, universities and non-governmental organisations. Several research projects.

**Species of special interest:** Birds of the oriental region, Mammals of Western Ghats-Eastern Ghats-Satpuras and Deccan. Conservation of endangered species, especially endemics.

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** Jerdon's Courser - 1986, Golden Gecko - Calodactylodes aureus - 1985 and 1986 = both in Chittoor and Cuddapah districts, Andhra Pradesh. Mainly as releases. Not as reintroductions. Not as translocations.

Studied wild elephants in Andhra Pradesh in 1985-1986 to determine if the herd had been forcibly translocated.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Trace out the biodiversity of Kotumsar & Dandak cave of Kanger valley National Park, C.G., Raise voice to protect subterranean biodiversity of Meghalaya from unscientific quarrying and mining

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Trace out the biodiversity of subterranean caves of Chhattisgarh/Meghalaya/Uttarakhand

**Species of special interest:** Cave Fish and Cave bats

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** Under process.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** I will be continuing vulture and bats conservation not only North West Rajasthan, should be throughout Rajasthan.

I am also exploring remaining protected areas of other part of Rajasthan and establishing a good communicational base line with wildlife research policy and forest department with special concern to remove all threats for wild animals.

**Species of special interest:** Vulture conservation with open more vulture restaurants, Bat protection and protection of natural habitats.

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** For bats, especially to cave to removing natural place from urbanization work in recently years. So we also approaching shifting methods all bats by translocations.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Since 1995

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Assist in Invertebrate conservation activities in South Asia

**Species of special interest:** Invertebrates

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** No

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Conservation and sustainable livelihood

**Species of special interest:** Turtle

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** Till now no

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Would like to help the zoos to prepare a documents for long term planned *ex situ* conservation efforts and its implementation.

**Species of special interest:** Sloth bear (*Melursus ursinus*), *Varanus bengalensis*, *Varanus flavescens*, *Varanus griseus*, Gyps species and species of Amphibians from Western Ghats.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Doing research on changing patterns in ecology, important to understand the status of flora and fauna species in WLS and PA's. Conservation and management plan dev., research on genetic resources including flora and fauna, food web analysis for the status of energy flow in the forest

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Lion, Sea turtle, Mangroves, Grass ecosystem

**Species of special interest:** Sea turtle, Lion, Wild ass, Plant genetic resources, Dragonflies, Butterflies

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** Sighting guano marks in wild areas of southern Rajasthan and Gujarat, where there is no population of vultures existing, conduction dialogs with local communities about the reason of the local extinction of the species and how to rehabilitate vultures in the same areas.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** To do research on wild animals to protect their habitats for their survival.

**Species of special interest:** Habitat conservation, Faunal and Floral i.e., Biodiversity studies and research, to explore & study much more on rehabilitation of animals into wild, molecular & biotechnological studies of wild animals etc.

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** No not much but had done some rescue of Snakes, Parakeets, Black naped hares, etc in Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and rehabilitated and left in to wild after their health was regained.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** I have done some field projects on herpetofaunal diversity in Central India i.e. Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh and established the Reptile Conservation & Research Centre at Ujjain to promote the herpetological activities and established a Transit Centre for Urban Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation and working as an educator for public awareness.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Since 1990, I am associated with wildlife and it will continue till end of the life. I am trying to establish a Rescue Centre for the conservation of urban wildlife so that their proper rescue and rehabilitation may be possible.

**Species of special interest:** I am interested in reptiles with an emphasis on snakes. The species of my interest are: *Geochelone elegans*, *Lissemys punctata*, *Uromastyx hardwickii*, *Varanus bengalensis*, *Python molurus* and *Naja oxiana*.

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** I haven't got any opportunity to participate in any re-introduction program yet. But I have rescued many small animals in and around Malwa Region of Madhya Pradesh such as snake, birds, hyena, sloth bear etc.. Many parts of the central India are losing sloth bear population and sloth bear has been locally extinct from many areas. I am looking for the possibilities to re-introduce the sloth bear in its previous habitats. Similarly I am planning to re-introduce the *Uromastyx hardwickii* in its previous habitat in Central India. I have rescued thousands of snakes from the residential areas of Ujjain district and its surrounding areas of Malwa Region and release them in the wild.



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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Interest to do biodiversity of Bhilai with special reference to the invertebrate and flora

**Species of special interest:** Lion-tailed macaque, Royal Bengal Tiger, Leopard, Hyena, Rosy Pelican, Species of butterfly and Chrysomeliade

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**Species of special interest:** Mainly working on soil animals, I am also responsible for making inventory of many biogeographic zones in India

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** No

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Involved in conservation activities pertaining to butterflies. Developed a strategy for insitu conservation of butterflies by setting up butterflies which was widely popularised in the state. In the Butterfly Garden set up in Peechi and Nilambur, over 70 species of butterflies have been sustained which is a tremendous achievement considering that initially only a dozen species were located in the area. Also popularised the concept of Ecological Theme Parks and Bio-parks which are also being set up in schools/colleges and public places. Such parks have been already set up at Thenmala and Pathiramanal as ecotourism ventures. Such parks are also being set up by private enterpreneurs in Hotels and Resorts in the country. The parks that are set up have provisions to provide environmental education of the public.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Involvement in biodiversity conservation and popularisation programmes

**Species of special interest:** The southern birdwing butterfly, *Troides minos* Cramer

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** Not yet. However, I have supervised a project on the effect of habitat enrichment on the conservation of the southern Birdwing butterfly.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Formation of local youth and nature lover groups in every district of southern part of Rajasthan to protect the habitat of interest in their vicinity. Further, youth has been encouraged to conserve the habitats of species. Priority is given to the sites which harbors species of global interest. For eg. Green Munia (*Amandava formosa*) in Abu hills (Sirohi, Rajasthan). The feeding ground of the species are now protected from encroachments and population is monitored by the group members. Similarly, group in Bhilwara (Rajasthan) is monitoring the sites of vultures. The rural/urban youth of Udaipur, Dungarpur & Chittorgarh are monitoring the water birds and conserving the sites and species specially of global interest.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Preparation to get all the groups registered and to engage the youth self employment through nature conservation. Initiative is already taken for the rural nature lovers of village Gol (Sirohi, Rajasthan) to get them registered in government scheme of forming Van Suraksha Samiti (Forest Protection Society) and involving the local mass in conservation works.

**Species of special interest:** Broadly the group of species interested: Arthropods, Anurans and Avifauna all anuran and arthropod species, all birds but specially Green Munia, Vulture, Lesser Florican, Flamingos and all Cranes and Storks. In mammals specially Sloth bear, Leopard, Flying squirrel and Bats. Issue: Protection and conservation of their habitats through mass awareness using popular articles, advocacy, activism etc.

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** Here I will state two major releases related with big mammals of the area:

1. Sloth bear in Abu hills in 2006-07. The bear fallen in the well was taken out by Dept. of Forests and the local youth. The team work has successfully rescued and released in the wild.
2. Leopard in Pratapgarh in 2005. The leopards were killing humans in the rural areas of this district. I was involved in the team of rescue and relocation of trapped leopards along with the team of experts from Tiger Watch Society (Ranthambhore, Swai Madhopore, Rajasthan) and Department of Forests. Other than these work I am involved in networking and coordinating the rescue & reintroduction operations of injured animals in any of the southern and north-eastern parts of Rajasthan.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** The population of Indian pangolin is rapidly declining in nature. There is very scanty information available on biology and behaviour of this secretive animal. A research project is formulated to fill this information gap. The conservation breeding center is equipped with infrared cameras to capture the activities of this animal after nightfall in complete dark. At the moment 10 wild caught pangolin constitute as founder. The enclosure is also designed to reduce the human imprint to the maximum possible extent and to stimulate natural behaviour through enrichment. I am the principal investigator of the research project funded by the CZA. The outcome of the project would be useful for developing a husbandry protocol for conservation breeding of Indian Pangolin. There have been two births. The future plan is to release them in to nature following the protocol.

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Research studies conducted in proposed Lion reintroduction site at Kuno Palpur sanctuary, Madhya Pradesh, India

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Research studies on Captive breeding of gharial and mugger in the Gandhi Zoological Park, Gwalior, M.P., India.

Research studies on captive management of zoo bred Asiatic lions in the proposed released site in Kuno Wildlife Sanctuary

**Species of special interest:** Crocodiles, turtles, Birds, Dolphins, Lions

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** Indian Gharial, Freshwater turtles in National Chambal Sanctuary since 1983 to present.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Would like to help the zoos to prepare their master plan for the long term development of zoos and setting up of a conservation breeding centre and its implementation.

**Species of special interest:** Red panda and *ex-situ* conservation of endangered wild animals of India.

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** Yes, Red panda (*Ailurus fulgens*) (0:2) in Singhalila National Park located in the north-western part of Darjeeling district in West Bengal, India on 14th November, 2003.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Awareness campaign, sensitisation on the need of the conservation including bioresource

**Species of special interest:** *Apis dorsata*, Turtle and Tortoises, Varanus

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** Endangered Freshwater turtle (*Chitra indica*, *Pangshura sylhetensis*, *Nilssonina nigricans*) in Northeast India, since 2007.

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2. Searching alternatives particularly the digital alternatives of dissections so that their over exploitation can be checked.

3. Developing awareness about the reptilian fauna among the students so that these are not killed because of myths and fear.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** 1. Insitu conservation of anurans and lizards by various means

2. Digital alternatives to dissection

3. DNA sequencing of particularly highly conserved sequences to look for homologies, molecular clock, evolutionary trends and designation to a particular

**Species of special interest:** *Uperodon systoma*, *Kalula taprobanica*, *Micro hylaornata*, *Spaerotheca species*, *Euphlyctis sps.* *Sara hardwicki*, *Hemidactylus tridrus*, *Cryodactylus madarensis*, *Varanus grisu*, *V. bendalensis*, *Chameleo zeylanicus*

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:**

1. Reintroduced *Uperodon systoma* and *Microhyla ornata* in the nearby wild areas near Ajmer town because urbanization have taken their habitats.

2. Plantation of xerophytic plants near Nimod (Distt. Nagaur) where *Chameleo zeylanicus* population is sharply declining due to habiata loss and predators and re-introducing the species from the nearby areas where these are unsafe.

3. *Hemidactylus tridrus* which lost suitable breeding and feeding grounds due to urbanization near Aravalli hills of Ajmer have been shifted to the nearby safe habitats (crevices of Aravalli foot hills).

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Being a doctoral student, I have limited opportunities to involve myself actively in the conservation work. Nevertheless, I used this period to understand the philosophy of conservation principles and practices. My extensive study on some of the endangered primate species in the upper Brahmaputra valley highlighted their precarious condition their not so bright future in this tattered landscape. Moreover, for the last two years, I have been conducting research on the primate community of Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary. The study focus on understanding the behavioural mechanisms of five primate species that allow them to co-exist in this small fragment despite of acute shortage of resources. Few of them hardly been studied in the wild and there was very little information available on them. The result will be instrumental in conserving and managing primate species in similar forest patches of the upper Brahmaputra valley.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** I intend to continue my work on the primates species and their conservation issues in the northeastern India. This region is one of the biologically diverse region of the world but at the same time facing tremendous threat from various destructive activities. I will initiate projects intend to identify these problems and try to formulate conservation strategies for the better management of these species and their habitats. People participation in the conservation will determine the ultimate failure and success of any conservation effort. With this philosophy I will in this region for the conservation of primates.



**Species of special interest:** All northeastern primate species particularly the stump-tailed Macaque and Hoolock gibbon. I am interested in community ecology, primate conservation biology, ecological history, primates in culture and folklore, re-introduction etc.,

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Since 1980 associated with wildlife it will continue till end of the life

**Species of special interest:** Great Indian One-horned Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*)

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** Associated with the Rhino reintroduction programme since 1987 and for 5 years (1987-92) worked on regular basis to monitor the Rhinos in Dudhwa NP.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** I have been involved for development of various assisted reproductive techniques in birds and mammals, including a study genetic reproductive variations in isolated Lion-tailed macaque population in rainforest fragments of Western Ghats

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** I would like to involve in both *insitu* and *exsitu* conservation of small populations which are facing extinction threats.

**Species of special interest:** Lion-tailed macaque, Hoolock gibbon, Vultures and Great Indian Bustard

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** I have involved rescue and rehabilitation of Vultures in Maharashtra and successfully released them into wild.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Recently described a new species of Gecko. Presently I am working on city crocodile problems.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** I am exploring remaining protected areas of Gujarat and establishing a base line data on herpetofauna.

Recently my city Vadodara has mugger Crocodile conflict problem, every year locals rescue 30-40 animals. Therefore we are planning to translocate some of the animals from the city area, especially from Vishwamitri river

**Species of special interest:** Herpetofauna, Captive Breeding and conservation

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** Enclosed a recent paper on mugger of Vadodara city.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** I have been working on research of bats (Taxonomy, ecology and genetics, etc.) and conservation (Education, awareness, outreach, etc.) in different parts of Nepal.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** I will be continuing conservation and research of bats in Nepal not only for next three years but throughout my life. I am determined to change the negative attitude and misconception to bats in public of Nepal.

**Species of special interest:** I am specially interested with conservation and research of bats in Nepal.

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** I couldn't get such opportunities till now.

# PAKISTAN

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** For the last three years, I am actively involved in bat conservation in Pakistan. I have established a small set up with a few M.Phil. and Ph.D. students working on various aspects of bat's biology and ecology.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** I shall continue my efforts to expand my bat studies putting more effort to breed those bats that face threat of endangerment and then reintroducing them in the wild.

**Species of special interest:** I have interest in conservation and management of both volant and non-volant small mammals and birds of prey.

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** I have worked with owls during my Ph.D. field work, I used to check their reproductive performance in my study area. Once I examined a nest where two orphan chicks were present. I brought them to my home and fed them with mice three months. Within the aviary in my home they were able to move freely. Once they able to fly indepently, I reintroduced them in the wild.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Working on trophy-hunting programme: Community based conservation-sustainable use of Ungulate species through trophy hunting programme.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Population status, dist. & conservation measures of Ungulate species

**Species of special interest:** Ungulates, carnivores and rodent species

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:**

Immobilization and transportation of Black bucks *Antelope cervicapra* in LSNP, Cholistan, 1991.

Capture and release of Carnivores: *Martes* spp, *Viverricula indica*, *Paguma larvata* and *Herpestes* spp captured for research and study, and later released (between 1991-2009).

Capture and release of Rodents, Insectivore, Lagomorphs and Chiropterans: Captured and released about one hundred animals of Flying squirrel species *Eoglaucomys fimbriatus* and *Petaurista petaurista* as well as hundreds of other rodent species (between 1991-2009).

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** During last three years period, I volunteered more than 20 educational and awareness programs on biodiversity conservation. Also contributed as a resource person in government and non-government activities (demarcating forest boundaries and policy making etc.)

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** I'm confident followed training courses and teaching experience will help me to do some conservation related works in Sri Lanka. Also meet other experts from all over the world to initiate link to share my knowledge and learn from them as well.

**Species of special interest:** Breeding biology and ecology studies of Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds and butterflies.

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** 1. Done animal rescue and research programme in Holcim Lanka Pvt. Ltd. (a cement factory) Quarry site in Eluwankulama, Sri Lanka (August to December 2009).

2. Done Crop wild relatives' conservation in Puttalama and declare the sites with Ministry of Environment and Natural Recourses, and Agricultural Department (January to June 2009).

3. Done random rescue and translocation activities of Amphibians, Reptiles "specially snakes", Mammals, Fishes and Birds (2000 to 2010).

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Have been conducting research on human primate interaction and collecting data on people's perception of these primates in order to help their conservation process.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Hope to continue taking population density data for these endangered animals and collect more data on human primate interaction and identify the problematic areas that need to be urgently addressed.

**Species of special interest:** *Macaca sinica* (Toque Monkey), *Trachypithecus vetulus* (Purple-faced leaf langur), *Semnopithecus priam* (Sri Lanka Gray Langur), conservation and reintroduction of these three species.

**Conducted release of wild animals back to the wild considered as reintroductions, translocations, etc.:** No

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** I have done some field projects and worked as an educator for public awareness

**Species of special interest:** Ornithology and Botany- studies and conservation of birds and plants

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Designation		Title:	Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of birth: dd/mm/yy		Sex:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> , Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Institution and Address:			
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Address other than above if you prefer us to use it.			
What term best describes you-your interest, skills, and expertise?	Academic <input type="checkbox"/> ; Animal Welfare Activist <input type="checkbox"/> ; Animal Welfare Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> ; Conservation Biologist <input type="checkbox"/> ; Educator <input type="checkbox"/> ; Field biologist <input type="checkbox"/> ; Environmental Activist <input type="checkbox"/> ; Forester <input type="checkbox"/> ; NGO <input type="checkbox"/> ; Researcher <input type="checkbox"/> ; Rescue & rehabilitator <input type="checkbox"/> ; Veterinarian <input type="checkbox"/> ; Wildlife Activist <input type="checkbox"/> ; Zoo Biologist <input type="checkbox"/> ; Zoo Manager <input type="checkbox"/> ; Other		
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Contributions to wildlife conservation since last three years.			
Commitments to conservation for next three years.			
List species and issues in which you have a special interest.			
Membership in RSG, South Asia. Briefly explain how you wish to contribute to the activities of the group.	I would like to be a member of RSG South Asia <input type="checkbox"/>		
Have you conducted any releases of wild animals back to the wild that you consider to be reintroductions, translocations, etc. List them and describe them separately providing the species name/s, place and date of such an exercise. Use additional pages if required, but please provide details.			