

Sahyadri Nisarga Mitra Maharashtra

Background of the organisation:

Sahyadri Nisarga Mitra (SNM) was established in the year 1992 by a small group of people from Chiplun, Maharashtra interested in undertaking conservation work. Mr. Bhau Katdare took the lead and announced a meeting to discuss nature conservation work and in the same meeting, the constitution and mandate of SNM was decided. Immediately afterwards, SNM was registered as a non-governmental organisation, and began its activities.

In the beginning we were engaged mostly in awareness programmes, which included nature trails, exhibitions, and contests in schools and colleges. Slowly we moved towards study and research of

endangered species – and the Konkan region has a rich biodiversity. In little time we understood that this work is not sufficient; many individuals and organisations carry out research, but very little is actually done towards conservation. Hence, we decided to focus our activities on conservation oriented interventions.

Our Mission is “*Nature conservation through field protection, awareness, education and scientific base action.*”

Where we work:

SNM works throughout India but a major portion of our activities is focused along the Maharashtra coastline.



Activities:

We work towards conservation, research and awareness of the region's biodiversity. Some of our important projects include:

- Conservation of marine turtles
- Conservation of white-rumped vultures
- Conservation of Indian swiftlet

- Conservation of white-bellied sea-eagle
- Project Mangrove
- Study of birds

Support for the organisation:

Our organisation is supported by donations and contributions from citizens, private companies, trusts, and other non-governmental organisations

in the country, some of whom work actively in the same area. As a policy, we regularly communicate with our donors and supporters, and ensure that we regularly send them annual reports, financial reports and information regarding our activities.

Role within the network:

With help from other members of the network, we will strengthen our efforts in conservation, research and awareness of marine turtles, and hope in return to contribute in our capacity to the best possible extent in each of the network's activities. As the network is constituted of groups from all over the country with support from international organisations, we will certainly be benefited as an individual organisation and as a network.

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Action for Protection of Wild Animals

Orissa

Background of the organisation:

Action for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA) was established on 20th April 1999 and registered under the Society Registration Act XXI of 1860. It is a non-profit organisation dedicated to animal welfare and nature conservation programmes in coastal Orissa. It is accredited by the Animal Welfare Board of India, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India.

APOWA believes in finding solutions to animal welfare and conservation challenges that provide lasting benefits for animals and community. The organisation was founded with a mission of:

“building a community of people to support...[the] welfare of animals and [the] environment and [to] improve relationships between man, animal and environment.”

We focus on species that are endangered today.

Their ecosystems or habitat as a whole are a crucial component of our conservation strategy.

APOWA has had 10 years of experience in sea turtle conservation in Orissa. We protect sea turtles through research, education and action. We have the skills, knowledge and experience to be Orissa's sea turtle champion. They are flagship species; protecting important flagship species and preserving their habitat helps to protect a number of other species that depend on the same habitat.

Objectives:

- To conserve nature, especially endangered species and threatened habitats, in partnership with communities.
- To work with partners with emphasis on protection and management of biologically significant places so that wildlife populations can recover.