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projects and other research outputs to disseminate among local ethnic
communities, Forest Departments and other key stakeholders in the
Anamalai part of Western Ghats**

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INTRODUCTION

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE PROJECT

Organization Legal Name:	Centre for Environment and Development (CED)
Project Title:	Produce local-language materials on biodiversity conservation using results of ongoing and completed CEPF projects and other research outputs to disseminate among local ethnic communities, Forest Departments and other key stakeholders in the Anamalai part of Western Ghats
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Grant Amount: \$ 18500

Project Dates: 1st November 2011 to 28th February 2013

ABSTRACT

The project envisaged to pool an essence of CEPF supported conservation projects in the Anamalai to produce local language based material supporting biodiversity conservation. This was envisaged to achieve through following steps. 1. Identify partners/contributors from CEPF-Anamalai Grantees, 2. Pool an essence of Biodiversity Related information, 3. Prepare matter-make translation into local language, 4. Designing and preparation of soft copy ready print material, 5. Establish partnership for publication, 6. Publish in hardcopy 7. Distribute Among Various Stakeholders.

About 11 events ranging from community meetings, workshops and book release functions were conducted as part of the programme apart from personnel and group interactions with stakeholders. A total of 33 individuals directly contributed to these publications these includes CEPF-Anamalai Grantee organizations, Members from other organizations, Govt. departments, etc.

A total of 21 publications under seven categories for public awareness were planned during the initial stage of the project. 27 publications were finalized based on the requirement from the stakeholders and fruitful collaborations evolved during the project period. Hence the final 27 publications include 15 from the previously planned ones and new 12 themes apart from the five envisaged for future publication. Total of eleven publications were brought out with fruitful collaboration with various organizations and departments and few are under discussion. All the publications were produced ensuring free distribution of half the published materials into the real stakeholders such as tribal kids, tribal people, forest officials and conservationists etc.



METHODS ADOPTED

The project envisaged to pool an essence of CEPF supported conservation projects in the Anamalai to produce local language based material supporting biodiversity conservation. This was envisaged to achieve through following steps. 1. Identify partners/contributors from CEPF-Anamalai Grantees, 2. Pool an essence of Biodiversity Related information, 3. Prepare matter-make translation into local language, 4. Designing and preparation of soft copy ready print material, 5. Establish partnership for publication, 6. Publish in hardcopy 7. Distribute Among Various Stakeholders.

The publications envisaged were categorized into seven different major categories based on the need and suitability to various kinds of stakeholders.

1. *Kids Books (Highly illustrated story book)*
2. *Partly illustrated readable story books*
3. *Nature Education Series Books*
4. *Field Guides*
5. *Hand Books for Tribesmen, Social activists, Naturalists, conservationists*
6. *Natural History series/reports and*
7. *Posters, pamphlets, stickers, puzzles, cards etc for public awareness*

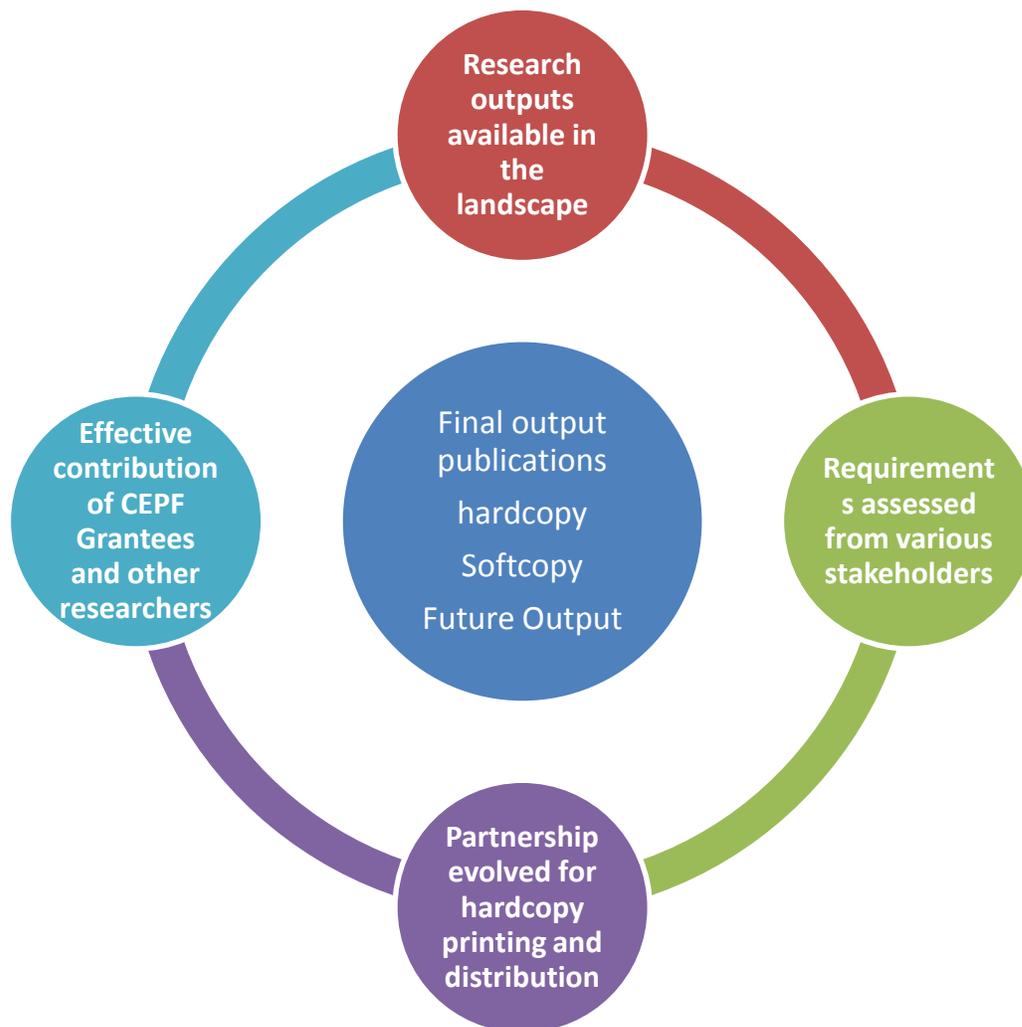
Pooling of information and finalization of themes for publication

All the information produced as part of CEPF grantees research outputs from the Anamalai landscape were pooled along with other major research works suitable to the above identified categories. These were made into various potential themes under the seven categories (Table 1).



Consultations with major stakeholders such as ethnic community groups, naturalists, field level forest officials, teachers, students were conducted through a series of interactions with individuals as well as through stake holder workshops. Potential contributors were also identified from CEPF grantees and other researchers, naturalists and experts (Table 4). Workshops were conducted for contributors and stakeholders (Table 2).

The final output materials were prioritized based on these four factors 1. Research outputs available in the landscape, 2. Requirements assessed from various stakeholders through consultation and meetings under the envisaged categories, 3. Potential contribution of CEPF Grantees and other researchers, 4. Partnership evolved for hardcopy printing and distribution. (Table 3).





RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1.a. Identification of Major themes for publication

A total of 21 themes were finalized as proposed output/ publications of the project under the seven different categories. Which included

Table 1. Major themes envisaged in the project

	Category 1. Kids Books (Highly illustrated story book)
1	Story book for the kid (Category 1)
	Category 2. Partly illustrated readable story books
2	Story book (category 2)
3	Story book (Category 2)
4	English translations of story book (2)
	Category 3. Nature Education Series Books
5	Book for Anganwadi children
6	Nature education series- hornbill
7	Nature education series - Rainforests
8	Nature education series (Birds, Mammals, Rivers & fishes)
	Category 4- Field Guides
9	Field guide- Forest types in Anamalais
10	Field Guide- Birds of Anamalais
11	Field guide – wild flowers
12	Field guide- trees and seeds
13	Field guide- Reptiles and Amphibians
	Category 5. Hand Books for Tribesmen, Social activists, conservationists
14	Handbook on ‘Community based species monitoring’
15	Handbook for Social workers
16	Handbook for teachers
17	Handbook on riparian/seed collection
	Category 6. Natural History series/reports
18	Natural History series - Kadar, Hornbill and the Anamalai
19	Story book based on tribal stories from different tribes of the region
20	Story book – natural history based- on the experiences of people involved
	Category 7. Posters, pamphlets, stickers, cards etc for public awareness
21	Flash Cards for Kids, Calendar, Poster

All these were discussed among various stakeholders through personnel interaction, meetings and workshops initiated by the research team.



1.b. Contributors- stakeholder meetings and workshops

Apart from personnel interactions and group gatherings about 11 events (community meetings, workshops and book release functions) were conducted as part of the programme. Of which four gathering were for the tribal community meetings, one training for pre-primary (Anganwadi) teachers, three workshops, two for tribal and other children for preparation of drawings and materials and one for CEPF Grantees and three were book release functions (table-2).

a. Meetings with Tribal people and Anganwadi workers

The preparatory works started with visits to the Anganwadis and interaction with tribal community members in the region for polling and verification of information gathered. The project team visited Sholayar Anganwadi on 5 November 2011, Adichilthotty Muthuvan settlement on 19th and 20th November 2011 and Villunni Kadar settlement on 4 December 2011.



Sholayar Anganwadi on 5 November 2011



Interaction with elders in the Villoony Kadar Tribal Settlement



Meeting and Interaction at Adichilthotty Muthuvan Settlement

b. Workshops for the Tribal Children and Anganwadi teachers

A workshop was conducted for tribal children and children of Vayali Folklore Group, Arangottukara on 26th and 27th Dec 2011 at Vazhachal with the support of ICDS (integrated Child Development Scheme) and CDS (Kudumbasree) of Athirapilly Grama Panchayath.

34 Children and six Anganwadi teachers from the area were participated in the programme. Tribal children from Thavalakuzhipara, Sholayar, Puliylapara, Vazhachal, Vachumaram, Poringalkuth and 10 children from Vayali Folklore Group, Arangottukara were the important participants. Prameela, a tribal girl from Vazhachal welcomed the gathering. Ms. Preethi, CDS chair person Athirappilly Gram Panchayath inaugurated the camp. ICDS Chair person PV GeethaLakshmi presided over the inaugural session. The objectives and vision of the programme were described by Dr.KH Amitha Bachan, Director Research, Hornbill Foundation.



The program was started with grouping of the children to share and express their perception about nature in to poems, stories, songs and write ups. Mr. Banesh, Ms. Anitha and Ms. Sreesha moderated the session and inputs were provided by the Anganwadi teachers and other elders. Their expression through paintings using cryons and water color was felicitated by Mr. Vishnu, Mr. Ali



Akbar and Mr. Aneesh in the afternoon and that was turned into a creative and most expressive sessions.



Tribal kids drawing pictures



Workshop for Tribal Children to prepare calendar 26th & 27th Dec 2011

c. One day workshop for Anganwadi Teachers

An interaction with Anganwadi teachers was conducted at Government Higher Secondary School, Vettilapara on 14 January 2012. The tribal teachers of Athirapilly gram Panchayath were enthusiastic to participate in the continuous training and preparation of educational materials for the Anganwadi tribal children. We selected following teachers to contribute to the educational package. Sandhya (Pokalapara), Ajitha.G (Vachumaram) Lissy.M. (Kannankuzhy), Geetha.V.K (Puliyilapara), Rathnamma (Thavalakuzhypara), Sheeba.Damodharan (Anakkayam), Ambika.K.V (Vazhachal), Soudamini.C.V (Pillapara), Girija.K.M (Poringalkuth), Rama (Villooni), Seetha (Adichilthotti) and Sharanya (Sholayar).

d. CEPF-ATREE Anamalai grantees meeting on local language material publication supporting conservation

A workshop of the CEPF-ATREE Western Ghats Anamalai Grantees and other interested conservation organizations on “Local Language Material Publication Supporting Conservation“ was organized by the Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation and CEPF-ATREE Western Ghats Small Grants programme on 24th October, 2012 at Sirthuli foundation, Coimbatore. Time frame of the programme was from 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Meeting was presided by Mr. Jack Tordoff, Grant Director CEPF (Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund), Dr. Valerie Hickey, Biodiversity Specialist (World Bank) & Ms. Elisabeth Mealey, Senior Communication Officer (World Bank) served as donor representatives Dr. Bhaskar Acharya, Coordinator CEPF-ATREE Western Ghats Program, and Dr. Jagdish Krishnaswamy, Senior Fellow & Team Leader were representatives from the ATREE. Fifteen other members from various CEPF grantee organizations participated in the workshop and have given valuable inputs.



Morning Session: presentations Chaired by Mr. Jack Tordoff, Grant Director CEPF

The meeting began with an introductory session. The delegates introduced themselves on behalf of their organization. Soon after this session, Jack, Elisabeth and Vsrerie joined the meeting. A presentation on “Local language material publication: supporting conservation mission, progress and thoughts for future” was delivered by Dr. Amitha Bachan, the PI of the project and Research Director of Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation. Six categories of publications ranging from Kids book, preprimary curriculum material, field guides, guidelines, story books and natural history series envisaged in the programme, were presented in detail. Inputs from other grantees, time frame for completion, method of distribution to the public and the stakeholders were discussed. Both hard and soft copies of the finalized publications ranges from field guides, story books and curriculum materials were presented in a detailed manner. The venue was also a platform for open discussion, discussions on the strategies adopted for distribution of publications and the tasks to be achieved in future. The work, especially the quality of the books, documentation of the tribal knowledge and



language, its application as a curriculum material to the tribal children and teachers and the method of distribution to all the preprimary schools with proper collaboration with Govt Departments and Panchayath were demonstrated to the delegates from the CEPF, ATREE and others.



Main presentation by Dr. K.H. Amitha Bachan

Need of the indigenous education materials, replicability of the model presented there, strategies to influence existing curriculum, need for teachers' guidelines were the one major points of discussion initiated by Ms. Valerie and followed on by Priyasree Mani (ACCORD), Mr. Ashok Raja (Act India Foundation), Priyanka P Iyer (Zoo outreach), BharathiDasan (Arulagam). Good contribution regarding the nature, need and possible collaboration for the field guides were pointed out by Dr. P. Jegannathan (NCF), Dr. B.A. Daniel, Keerthy Krutha, Mr. R. Bravin Kumar and Mr. Kalai Mani of Zoo outreach. NCF contribution to the mammals field guide, story and material on road kill were also mentioned. Use of the preprimary education material in various landscapes and its translation to Tamil and distribution into various schools was initiated by Mr.



Ashok Raja and culminated in fruitful collaboration between the grantees. Strategies required for the Western Ghats Portal for bringing such knowledge into the Western Ghats Portal was elaborated on by Thomas Vattekkavan (Western Ghats Portal Team), Bhaskar Acharya, Rakesh Shejwal and P. Jegannathan.



Presentation by other grantees and discussion



Afternoon Session : Discussion Lead by Dr. Bhaskar Acharya, Coordinator CEPF-ATREE Western Ghats Small Grants



In the afternoon session, a group-wise discussion on the future action plan was carried out. Strategies for actual implementation of FRA and its use as a conservation tool in human dominated areas was one serious discussion initiated by Mr. Arun Kanagavel, Revathy Pandya, (WILD), Priyanka P Iyer and Ashok Raja and it was seriously contributed by experience of the Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation and Dr. Amitha Bachan in the process of CFR declaration for the Kadars in the Vazhachal Forest Division in Kerala. Discussion on the implementation of Forests Rights Act among the forest dwelling scheduled tribes and translation of the Act into concerned local languages, strategies for overcoming the obstacles and means to influence the government officials were made in a deliberate manner. A guideline in local languages with real experience from the field was stressed unanimously by all the participants. Ensuring a coordination of activities relating to conservation between all grantees, the meeting wound up by 5:00 pm.

Table 2. List Major meetings and events

SI No	Programme	Participants	Location	Date
1.	Stakeholder meeting	Anganwadi Teachers	Seminar Hall, Athirapilly Grama Panchayath	14 th Jan 2012
2.	Stakeholder meeting	Members, Sholayar Kadar Settlement	Anganwadi, Sholayar	28 th Jan 2012
3.	Stakeholder meeting	Members, Malakkapara Kadar Settlement	Anganwadi Malakkapara	29 th Jan 2012
4.	Stakeholder meeting	Members, Anakkayam Kadar Settlement	Anganwadi Anakkayam	5 th Nov 2011
5.	Stakeholder meeting	Members, Adichilthotty Muthuvan Settlement	Community Hall, Adichilthotty	19-20 Nov 2011
6.	Workshop for Tribal Children to prepare calendar	Tribal Children from 10 settlements of Vazhachal	Forest Dormitory, Vazhachal	26-27 Dec 2011
7.	Calendar Release	CDS, members Athirapilly Grama Panchayath and tribal children Vettilappara School	Seminar Hall, Higher Secondary School, Vettilappara	14 th Jan 2012
8.	Workshop for Tribal Kids	Tribal Children from 12 settlements of Vazhachal and 11 Anganwadi teachers of the area	Forest Dormitory, Vazhachal	18-19 Feb 2012



9.	Contributors Workshop	CEPF Anamalai Grantees , 24 members from 10 organisations	Sirthuly Foundation, Coimbatore	24 th October 2012
10.	Book release for tribal children	Ms. P.K. Jayalakshmi, Minister of Tribal Welfare, Kerala State all departments, Panchayths and members from 13 tribal settlements	Tribal School, Vazhachal	21 st July 2012
11.	Book release on FRA	Prof. M.K Prasad, at Kerala Environment Congress, Thiruvananthapuram	CED, Thiruvananthapuram	9 th October 2012

1b. Final collaborations and publications achieved

A total of 21 publications under seven categories such as 1. Kids Books (Highly illustrated story book), Category 2. Partly illustrated readable story books, Category 3. Nature Education Series Books, Category 4- Field Guides, Category 5. Hand Books for Tribesmen, 6. Natural History series/reports and 7. Posters, pamphlets, stickers, puzzles, cards etc for public awareness were planned during the initial stage of the project. 27 publications were finalized based on the requirement from the stakeholders and fruitful collaborations evolved during the project period.

From the planned 21 themes, one was cancelled, five were either merged with other outputs or augmented into new and five have been initiated already hence envisaged as a future sustainable output. At the same time twelve extra publications under various themes have been added as a success. Hence the final 27 publications include 15 from the previously planned ones and new 12 themes apart from the five envisaged for future publication. Details provided in the table 3.



Table 3. Final Set of publications developed

SI No	PUBLICATIONS PROMISED in Approved Work plan	SI No	PUBLICATIONS DEVELOPED AND ACHIVED	REMARKS
Category 1. Kids Books (Highly illustrated story book)				
1	Story book for the kid (Category 1)	1	Kuttiyum Vezhambalum (Hornbill and the Kid) English & Malayalam	Softcopy
Category 2. Partly illustrated readable story books				
2	Story book (category 2)	2	The Elephant Calf and Wild Jackfruit Tree	Softcopy
3	Story book (Category 2)	3	Hornbill and Black Dammar seed	Softcopy
4	English translations of story book (2)		The Elephant Calf and Wild Jackfruit Tree & Hornbill and Black Dammar seed	Future Sustainable output
Category 3. Nature Education Series Books				
5	Book for Anganwadi children	4	My Home	Softcopy & Hardcopy
6	Nature education series- hornbill	5	Hornbill Floor Puzzle for Kids	Softcopy & Hardcopy
7	Nature education series - Rainforests	6	Merged with Forest my land book for Kids	Softcopy & Hardcopy
8	Nature education series (Birds, Mammals, Rivers & fishes)		Merged with Flash cards below	Softcopy & Hardcopy
		7	Flash Cards for kids based on biodiversity – Malayalam Alphabets	Softcopy & Hardcopy
		8	Flash Cards for kids based on biodiversity – English Alphabets	Softcopy & Hardcopy
Softcopy		9	Flash Cards for kids based on	Softcopy & Hardcopy



& Hardcopy			biodiversity – Number, Colors,	
		10	Flash Cards for kids based on biodiversity – Shapes and Opposites	Softcopy & Hardcopy
Category 4- Field Guides				
9	Field guide- Forest types in Anamalais	11	Merged with Forest Trees of Anamalais	Softcopy
10	Field Guide- Mammals of Anamalais	12	there are many local language material available on birds, hence decided to bring field guide on Mammals in collaboration with NCF another Anamalai CEPF grantee	Softcopy
11	Field guide – wild flowers			cancelled
12	Field guide- Forest Trees of Anamalais		Merged with Forest Trees of Anamalais	softcopy
13	Field guide- Freshwater Fishes of Anamalais	13	Took preference for CEPF Anamalai grantees contribution, hence provided preference to Fishes.	softcopy
Category 5. Hand Books for Tribesmen, Social activists, conservationists				
14	Handbook on ‘Community based species monitoring’	14	Community Based Ecological monitoring protocol for rainforest species and habitat	Soft copy
15	Handbook for Social workers	15	Forest Right Act and CFR	Softcopy and Hardcopy
16	Handbook for teachers	16	Learn from Nature- Activity book	Softcopy and Hardcopy
17	Handbook on riparian/seed collection			Future sustainable output
		17	Booklet on CFR, CR and Community Reserve	Softcopy



		18	Booklet on Procedures for CFR (Mapping, claiming and declaration)	Softcopy
Category 6. Natural History series/reports				
18	Natural History series - Kadar, Hornbill and the Anamalais		A decade of community based conservation of hornbills and their habitat	Future sustainable output
19	Story book based on tribal stories from different tribes of the region			Future sustainable output
20	Story book – natural history based- on the experiences of people involved			Future sustainable output
Category 7. Posters, pamphlets, stickers, cards etc for public awareness				
21	Poster on Hornbill Conservation	19	Hornbills Guards of Future Rainforests	Softcopy and Hardcopy
		20	Calendar using pictures drawn by Tribal Kids	Softcopy and Hardcopy
		21	Sticker/Banner - stop road kill	Softcopy
		22	Sticker/Banner - stop Littering	softcopy
		23	Sticker/Banner - Save Rainforest/ Hornbill	softcopy
		24	Sticker/Banner - Save Animals	Softcopy
		25	Poster-Stop Road Kill	Softcopy
		26	Poster- Save our animals	Softcopy
		27	Pamphlet – Stop Road kills	Softcopy



c. Collaborators and Contributors

A total of 33 individuals directly contributed to these publications which includes CEPF-Anamalai Grantee organizations such as Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF), Conservation Research Group (CRG), French Institute, Pondichery, WILDS etc. Members from other organizations such as Indian Association of Angiosperm Taxonomy (IAAT), Christ University Bangalore, govt departments such as Kerala Tribal Department, Kerala Forest Department, FDA Vazhachal Forest Division, Forest Training School Walayar, ICDS Athirapilly Grama Panchayath etc. A detailed list provided in the table 4

Table 4. List of Major collaborators and contributors

Divya Mudappa,	<i>Nature Conservation Foundation, NCF</i>
P. Jeganathan,	<i>Nature Conservation Foundation, NCF</i>
Kalyan Varma,	<i>Wildlife Photographer</i>
C.P. Shaji,	<i>Fish Taxonomist</i>
Rajeev Raghavan,	<i>Conservation Research Group, CRG</i>
B.R. Ramesh,	<i>Western Ghats Biodiversity Portal Team, French Institute Pondicherry</i>
A. K. Pradeep,	<i>Indian Association of Angiosperm Taxonomy, Department of Botany, University of Calicut</i>
Arun Kanagavel,	<i>WILDS</i>
T.R. Vinod,	<i>CED, Thiruvananthapuram</i>
K.H. Amitha Bachan,	<i>Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation</i>
Neha K.A.	<i>1st standard student, St. Mary's L.P. School Mathilakam</i>
Dr. Maya Mohan,	<i>Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation & Assistant prof. Christ University Bangalore</i>
Shajan M.P,	<i>Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation</i>
Tintu Kurian,	<i>Research Fellow, Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation</i>
P.C. Rashmi,	<i>Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation</i>
K.T. Anitha,	<i>Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation</i>
T.S. Banesh	<i>Volunteer, Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation</i>
P.K. Fasila,	<i>Teacher, Higher secondary & trustee Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation</i>
Geetha Laksmi,	<i>Supervisor ICDS, Athirapilly Grama Panchayath</i>



Sheik Hyder Hussain,	principal, Forest Training School Walayar & Working Plan ACF
Abdul Nazar Kunju,	DFO, Vazhachal Forest Division
Vijayananth IFS,	Deputy Director, Parambikulam Tiger Reserve
Sanjyan Kumar IFS,	Deputy Director, Peryar Tiger Reserve
Tomy,	Range Officer, Vazhachal Forest Division
Stephen Stanely,	Range Officer, Vazhachal Forest Division
Veena Devi,	Range Officer, Vazhachal Forest Division
Senthil Kumar,	member Kadar Tribe Malakkappara & Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation
Manikkaraj,	member Kadar Tribe Malakkappara & Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation
Rama,	member Kadar Tribe Malakkappara & Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation
Geetha,	member Kadar Tribe Malakkappara & Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation
	Art & Designing
C.S. Aneesh,	Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation
Ali Akbar,	Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation
P.V. Vishnu,	independent Artist & Volunteer Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation
	Photographic Contribution
K.H. Amitha Bachan,	Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation
B.R. Ramesh,	French Institute Pondichery
Pierre Grard,	French Institute Pondichery
Kalyan Varma,	Wild life Photographer
Divya Mudappa,	Nature Conservation Foundation, NCF
Sankar Raman,	Nature Conservation Foundation, NCF
P. Jeganathan,	Nature Conservation Foundation, NCF
C.P. Shaji,	Fish Taxonomist
Rajeev Raghavan,	Conservation Research Group, CRG
Claire Wordley,	Nature Conservation Foundation, NCF



2. Hardcopy Publication, Release and Distribution

a. Collaboration for hard copy publications

Total of eleven publications were brought out in hardcopy with fruitful collaboration with various organizations and departments and few are under discussion. All the publications were produced ensuring free distribution of half the published materials into the real stakeholders such as tribal kids, tribal people, forest officials and conservationists etc. Major collaborators for publications were Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation, Centre for Environment and Development, Thiruvananthapuram, ICDS, Athirapilly Grama Panchayath, Vazhachal Forest Division, Kerala Forest Department etc. and few are under discussion. Details provided in the table 5.

<i>Table 5. Collaborating Institutions for Hard copy publications and distribution to stakeholders</i>
<i>Collaboration Established</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Centre for Environment and Development</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>ICDS Athirapilly Grama Panchayath</i>
<i>* Kudumbasree (CDS) Athirapilly Grama Panchayath</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Kerala Forest Department, Vazhachal Forest Division</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Forest Development Agency (FDA) Vazhachal</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Kerala Forest Training School, Walayar</i>
<i>Collaboration in progress</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>FDA Periyar Tiger Reserve</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>FDA Parambikulam Tiger Reserve</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Periyar Foundation</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Parambikulam Foundation</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Kerala State Tribal Department</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Tata Coffee Ltd, Malakkappara</i>



b. Hard copy release Functions

i. Calendar release

With the support of Kudumbasree, Athirappilli Gram Panchayath Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation printed 1000 copies of the calendar designed using the pictures drawn by Tribal Kids. The calendar was released on 14 January 2012 at Vettilapara Government Higher secondary School.



Mr. Baby K. Thomas, President, Athirappilly Gram Panchayath Releasing the Calendar – 14th Jan 2012





Mr. Baby K. Thomas, President Athirappilly Gram Panchayath presided over the meeting and released the calendar. The function was attended by Mr. Jaimon, Block Panchyath member, Ms. P.V GeethaLakshmi, ICDS Chair person, Ms. Preethi, CDS chair person, Athirappilly Gram Panchayath, Sobha, Principal Vettilappara Govt. HSS, the members of Athirapilly Gram Panchayath, Balasaba members and tribal teachers.

ii. Distribution and Release and distribution of Poster

The poster on Hornbill conservation was released on 21st March 2012 by Mr. Jupidi Prasad IFS, Conservator of Forests, Central Forest Circle of the Kerala Forest Department at the two days training for forest guards conducted jointly by Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation and Forest Department, Vazhachal Forest Division. The poster distributed freely to participants and general public later on.



Release and distribution of the Poster “Great Hornbills – Guards of Future Rainforests”

iii. Release of Educational Package for Tribal Kids

Total eight publications including three books (My home, Forest My Land, Learning from our surroundings), hornbill floor puzzle and four sets of flash cards were released as a package to the Tribal pre-primary children. The package was released by Ms. Jayalakshmi, Hon. Minister of Tribal Affairs, Kerala at Tribal School Vazhachal. The programme was organised by Athirapilly Grama Panchatyath. Mr. B.D. Devassy MLA Chalakkudy presided over the function, Ms Geethalkshmi P.V., ICDS Supervisor felicitated the gathering. Mr. Abdul Nasar Kunju, DFO, Vazhachal Forest Division, Mr. Jaimon, Block Panchayath Member, Mr. Sreenivasan, TDO, Chalakkudy, Dr. K.H. Amitha Bachan, Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation and Mr. Priyadarshan, ATREE felicitated the function. 300 copies of the packages were distributed to all the Anganwadis of the Athriapilly Grama Panchayath.



Ms. P.K. Jayalakshmi, Hon. Minister of Tribal Affairs, Releasing the Books



Distribution of the books to Anganwadi Teachers

iv. Book release – Book on FRA and CFR

The book on Forest Right Act and Community Forest Resource brought into hardcopy publication by Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation with the support from Centre for Environment and Development, Thiruvananthapuram. The book was released by prof. M.K. Prasad, famous environmentalist on the inaugural session of Kerala Environment Congress organized by CED at Thiruvananthapuram in the auspicious presence of Dr. Babu Ambat, Director CED, Dr. Oommen V. Oommen, Chairman, Kerala State Biodiversity Board.





Book release “Forest Right Act and Community Forest Resource” by Prof. M.K. Prasad

Published copies of the books were distributed to various stakeholders through a series of functions such as two day Training on FRA and CFR to all the tribal promoters of the Thrissur district, held at Vazhachal on 19-20th November 2013, one day training session on FRA and CFR for social activists and conservationists held at Sahithya Academy Hall, Thrissur on 15th March 2014 and Kadar Oorumoopans meeting held at Malakkapara. Few books were distributed to forest staff through Forest Training College, Walayar and to SDLC members (Range Forest Officers), Tribal Officers, Revenue District Officers and Grama Panchayath Secretaries of Thrissur District.



Training for Tribal promoters 19-20th November 2013, Vazhachal



Training for Social Activists and Conservationists 15th March 2014, Thrissur



Oorumoopans of the Kadar Primitive tribal group, May 2014, Malakkappara

3. Lessons learned, success and challenges

The project goal to bring partnerships and prepare different (nearly 21) publications in a year itself was a big challenge. But we succeeded in developing materials for nearly 27 publications including 14 books/booklets of which four already produced in hardcopy and ten in softcopies. Also nearly 13 materials like calendars, posters, stickers etc were successfully produced and distributed to public. The major reason for the success being collaborated efforts of the implementation team The CED, WGHF and CEPF-ATREE Team along with Kadar Tribal communities of Vazhachal, Kerala Forest Department, Tribal Department, Local Grama Panchayath and other major contributors chiefly the CEPF-Anamalai Grantees.

Aspects of the project design that contributed to its success/shortcomings

- Inclusion of local language and also being multilingual
- Inclusion of content and material from the life, nature and biodiversity of the landscape
- Collaborated effort bringing partnership of wide range of experts, contributors and stake holders
- Integration of science, local knowledge and natural history

Aspects of the project execution that contributed to its success/shortcomings)

- Expertise and contribution for contents from various people with due credits
- Collaboration of various organizations, Govt. departments and local self governments in publication
- Free distribution of the published materials to various stakeholders chiefly indigenous community groups, schools and field level conservationists including officials through workshops and empowerment

Voluntary inputs from many persons because of the project's inclusive approach to bring people and organizations together providing proper credits, role played by the CEPF-ATREE team to bring people together and commitment of all the partners, contributors for conservation outputs were the major reason for its success. More than a decade of field level experience of the PI and



implementation team in working with indigenous communities, forest and other Govt department, local self governments and general public also helped to achieve its goal in time.

Sustainability or replicability

11 hard copy publications out of the 25 ready to print materials itself provided a platform for sustainability of the 'local language based publication' beyond the project period. Hard copies are being distributed to various stakeholders through various workshops and awareness programs still now. The remaining 16 materials including story books and field guides provide an opportunity for future fruitful collaborations for publication and distribution among various stake holders in and outside the Anamalai corridor. Fund raising through sale of materials published (50% of the hardcopy, 50% distributed free to the immediate stakeholders) provide opportunity for future replicability and sustainability of the process.

Some publications such as tribal language based nature education series/ education package created a great demand from other indigenous communities of the state to get translated into other indigenous languages. The process is under discussion to translate the books into seven other tribal languages in the Wayanad and Periyar Agasthyamala landscape.

The book on FRA and CFR got attention all over the state as well as in national level as an important resource material. Other ready to print materials also provides similar possibilities in an increased magnitude in the sustainability and replicability of the process beyond the project period.

Content of many books including field guides were being used by Tribal people, Forest officials and other officials for proper functioning of various conservation programs such as FRA implementation, CFR declaration, Ecological monitoring, identification of Flora and Fauna and effective survey and natural forest enumeration for Working Plan Preparations.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION



The project envisaged to pool an essence of CEPF supported conservation projects in the Anamalai to produce local language based material supporting biodiversity conservation. This was envisaged to achieve through following steps. 1. Identify partners/contributors from CEPF-Anamalai Grantees, 2. Pool an essence of Biodiversity Related information, 3. Prepare matter-make translation into local language, 4. Designing and preparation of soft copy ready print material, 5. Establish partnership for publication, 6. Publish in hardcopy 7. Distribute Among Various Stakeholders.

The publications were categorized into seven in the approved proposal and work plan. Category 1. Kids Books (Highly illustrated story book), Category 2. Partly illustrated readable story books, Category 3. Nature Education Series Books, Category 4- Field Guides, Category 5. Hand Books for Tribesmen, 6. Natural History series/reports and 7. Posters, pamphlets, stickers, puzzles, cards etc for public awareness.

In a broader assessment nearly 21 different themes were identified under the seven categories initially looking at nine different CEPF supported conservation projects and 10 other conservation/research outputs of the implementation organizations. 33 potential contributors were also identified from the area based on their expertise and involvement in conservation research in the Anamalai corridor of the Western Ghats.

Total 27 publications were finalized of which 14 are books or booklets and 13 are posters, puzzles, calendars, stickers flash cards etc. One book in Category I (illustrated Kids book) 1. Kuttiyum Vezhambalum (The Kid and the Hornbill), Two books in category II (Partly illustrated readable story books) 2. The Elephant Calf and Wild Jackfruit Tree (Anakkuttiyum Kattuplavum), 3. Hornbill and Black Dammar seed (Vezhambalum Thellivithum), Three books under Category III (Nature Education Series Books) 3. My Home (Ente Veedu), 4. Forest My Land (Kadu Ente Nadu), 5. Learn from Nature- Activity book



(Nammude Prakrithiyil Ninnulla Padanam), Three Books under Category IV. (Field Guides) 6. Mammals of Anamalais (Anamalaile Sasthanikal), 7. Fishes of Anamalais (Anamalaile Matshyanagl), 8. Forest Trees of Anamalais (Anamalai Vanavrikshangal), One book and two booklets under category V (Hand Books for Tribesmen), 9. Book on Forest Right Act and CFR, 10. Booklet on CFR, CR and Community Reserve, 11. Booklet on Procedures for CFR (Mapping, claiming and declaration), One book in Category VI Natural History series/reports (12. A decade with Kadar, Hornbills and the rainforests of Anamalais). And 12 different publications under category VII (Posters, pamphlets, stickers, puzzles, cards etc for public awareness).

Out of the 27 materials (13 books/ booklets) developed, 11 materials (Four books, one poster, one calendar, one floor puzzles, and four different sets of flash cards) were published in hard copies and distributed to various stake holders. Three books and four stickers are soft copy ready, four books including field guides are soft copies on final stage and one book under the natural history series materials are on final stage.



Appendix -1. Budget summary including additional funding obtained

SUMMARY BUDGET BY COST CATEGORY								
COST CATEGORY	\$	TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED	Rs	TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED	Rs	TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED	Rs	TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE
Professional Services	\$	10,971.00	Rs.	4,85,466.75	Rs.	4,85,830.00	Rs.	-363.25
Field Expenses	\$	1,229.00	Rs.	54,383.25	Rs.	54,393.00	Rs.	-9.75
Office Expenses	\$	700.00	Rs.	30,975.00	Rs.	32,109.50	Rs.	-1,134.50
Equipment and Maintenance	\$	400.00	Rs.	17,700.00	Rs.	18,500.00	Rs.	-800.00
Workshops, Meetings etc	\$	700.00	Rs.	30,975.00	Rs.	31,546.99	Rs.	-571.99
Communications	\$	400.00	Rs.	17,700.00	Rs.	18,038.00	Rs.	-338.00
Report Preparation and Publication	\$	4,100.00	Rs.	1,81,425.00	Rs.	1,81,580.00	Rs.	-155.00
Miscellaneous	\$	-	Rs.	-	Rs.	-	Rs.	-
Total Costs	\$	18,500.00	Rs.	8,18,625.00	Rs.	8,21,997.49	Rs.	-3,372.49
Total USD	\$	18,500.00	\$	18,500.00	\$	18,576.21	\$	-76.21

Additional donors who supported this project and any funding secured for the project as a result of the CEPF grant or success of the project.

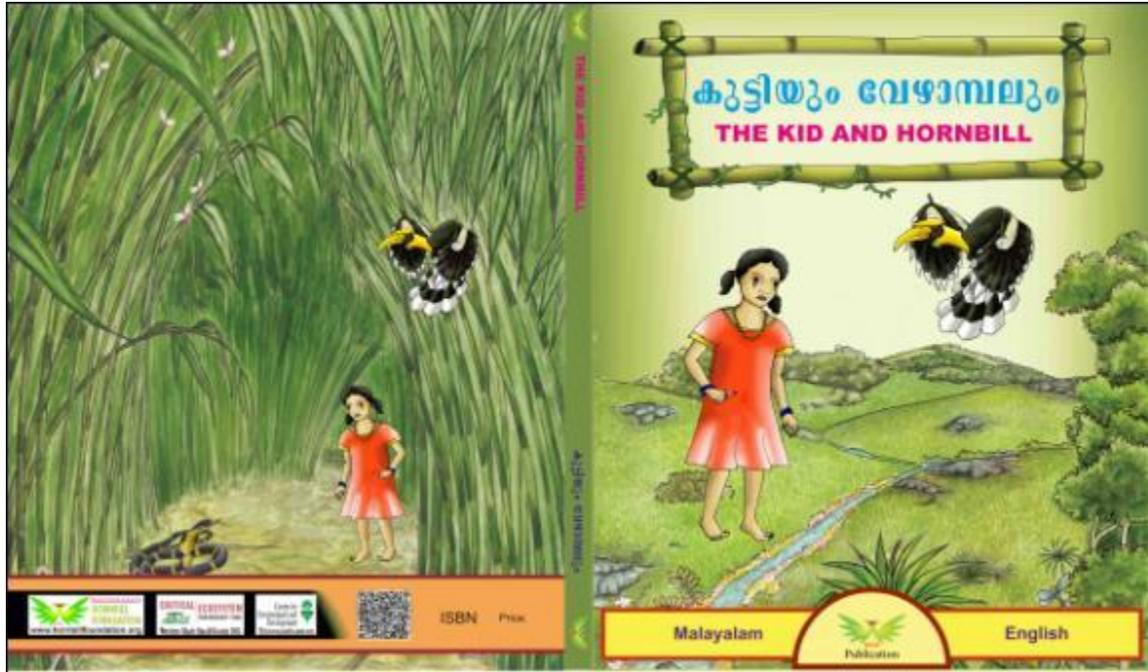
Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes*
CDS, Athirapilly Grama Panchayath	Publication of Calendar using pictures drawn by Tribal Kids	Rs. 9,900.00	B
Kerala Forest Department, Vazhachal Forest Division	Poster on hornbill	Rs. 4,000.00	
ICDS, Athirapilly Grama Panchayath	For Publication of Tribal Language based Education Package	Rs. 100,000.00	
Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation	For Publication of Tribal Language based Education Package	Rs. 3,50,000.00	
Centre For Environment and Development	Publication of Book on FRA and CFR	Rs. 49,000.00	



Appendix-1. Cover pages of various publications produced

Category 1. Kids Books (Highly illustrated story book)

1. Kuttium Vezhambalum (Hornbill and the Kid) English & Malayalam

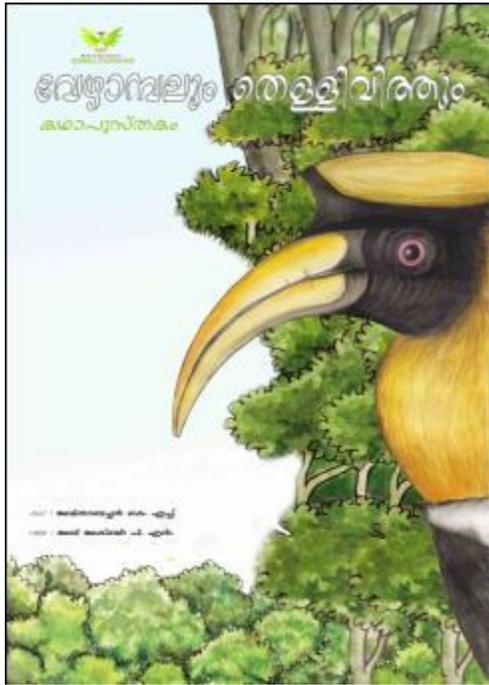


Category 2. Partly illustrated readable story books

2. The Elephant Calf and Wild Jackfruit Tree

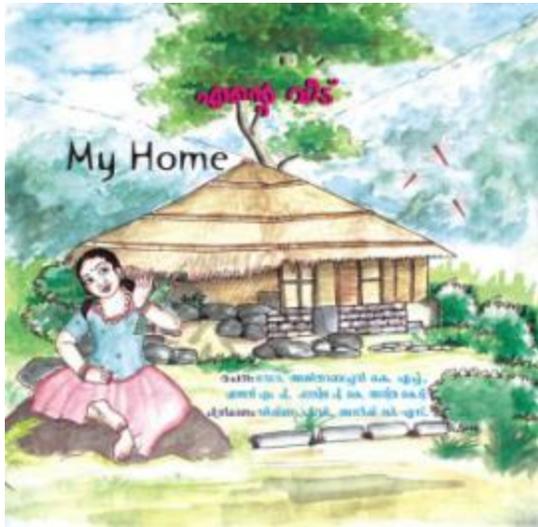


3. Hornbill and Black Dammar seed



Category 3. Nature Education Series Books

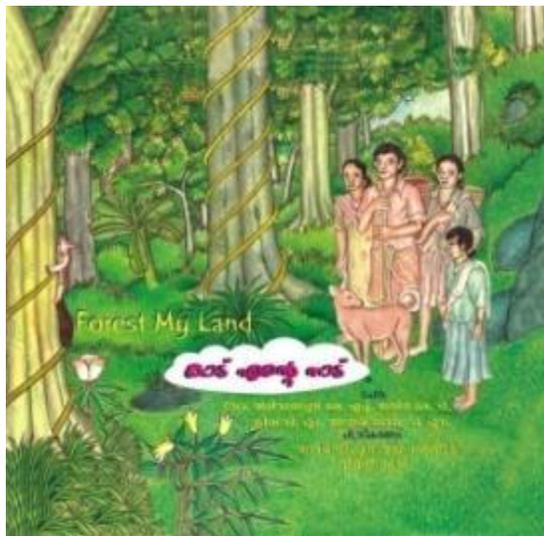
4. My Home



5. Hornbill Floor Puzzle for Kids



6. Forest my land book for Kids



7. Flash Cards for kids based on biodiversity – Malayalam Alphabets



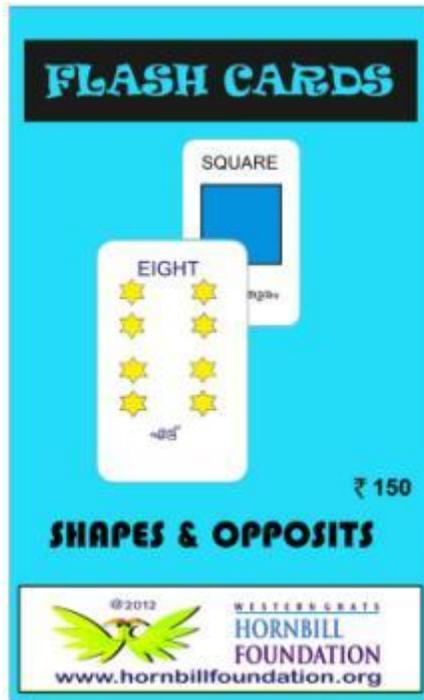
7. Malayalam Alphabets



8. English Alphabet



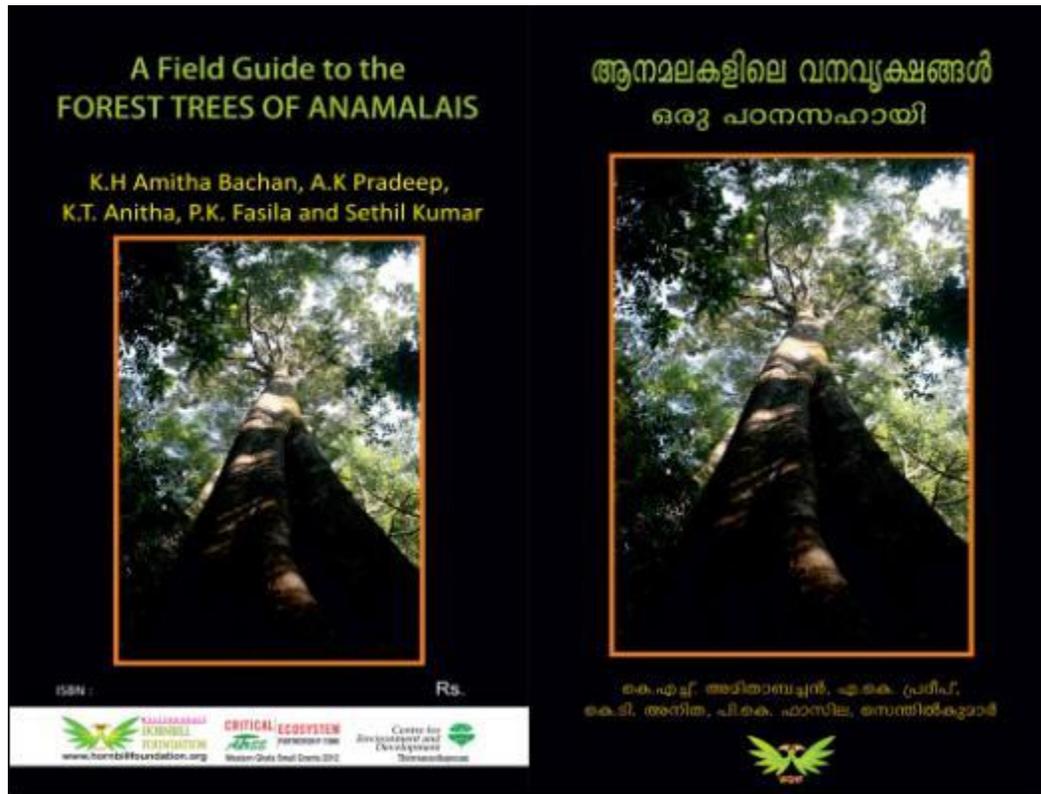
9. Number, Colors,



10. Shapes and Opposites

Category 4- Field Guides

11. Forest Trees of Anamalais



12. Mammals of Anamalais

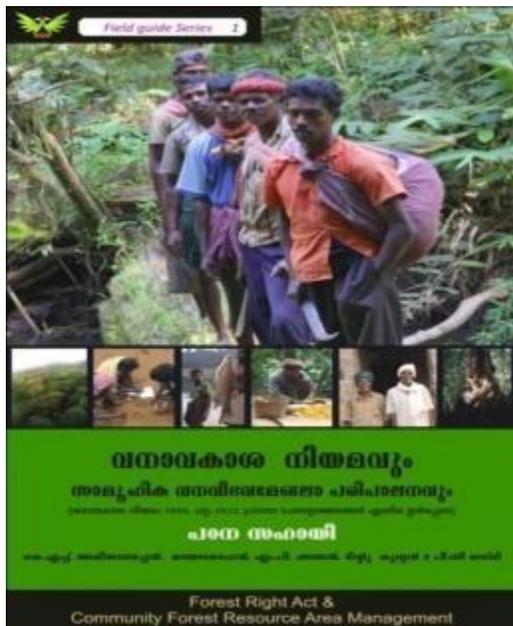


13. Fishes of Anamalais



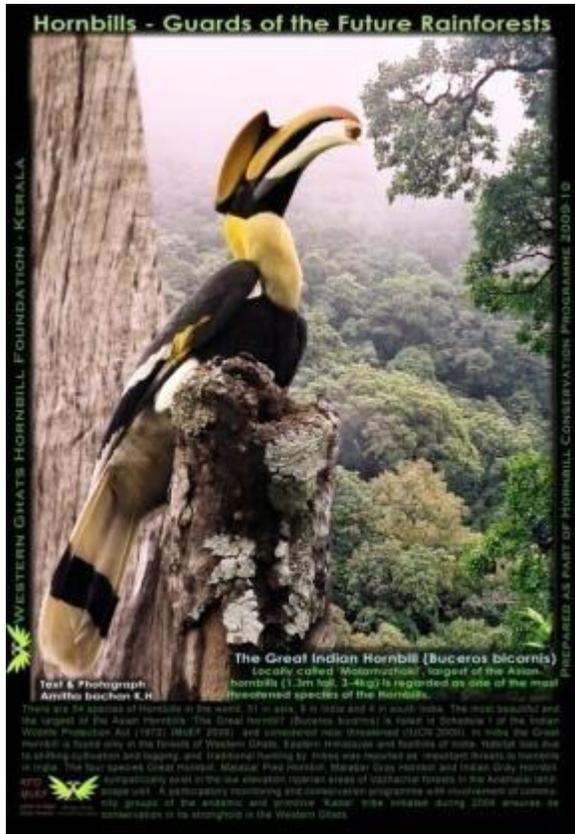
Category 5. Hand Books for Tribesmen, Social activists, conservationists

15. Forest Right Act and CFR



Category 7. Posters, pamphlets, stickers, cards etc for public awareness

19. Poster- Hornbills Guards of Future Rainforests



20. Calendar using pictures drawn by Tribal Kids

21. Sticker/Banner - stop road kill



22. Sticker/Banner - stop Littering



23. Sticker/Banner - Save Rainforest/ Hornbill



24. Sticker/Banner - Save Animals



Appendix 2. News in media



Hindu Report on Education Package

ആദിവാസി ഭാഷ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയുള്ള അംഗൻവാടി പുസ്തകമൊരുങ്ങി

ചാവക്കുടി: ആദിവാസി ഭാഷ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയുള്ള അംഗൻവാടി പുസ്തകമൊരുങ്ങി. ആനമലകളിൽ മാത്രം വസിക്കുന്ന കേരളത്തിലെ പ്രാകൃത ഗോത്ര വർഗ്ഗങ്ങളിൽ ഒന്നായ കാടർ സമുദായത്തിന്റെ ഭാഷയിലാണ് അംഗൻവാടി പുസ്തകം രചിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്. പ്രകൃതി സംരക്ഷണത്തിനും ആദിവാസി ഉന്നമനത്തിനുമായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന കൂട്ടായ്മയായ പശ്ചിമഘട്ട വേദാന്തർ ഹൗസേഷന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിലാണ് ആദിവാസി കുട്ടികൾക്കായുള്ള പുസ്തകം തയ്യാറാക്കിയത്.

അമ്പാതാളം പേരുകളുള്ള രണ്ടു മൾട്ടി കളർ പുസ്തകങ്ങൾക്കു പുറമെ കാട്ടിലെ വിശേഷങ്ങൾ കോർത്തിണ

ക്കിക്കൊണ്ടുള്ള ഒരു വർക്ക് ബുക്കും ഇതൊടൊപ്പമുണ്ട്. ആദിവാസി കുട്ടികൾക്കുപുറമെ, പഴയൊട്ടനൂറ്റുകൾ, പൊതുവിലുണ്ടാകാറുള്ള എന്തിനും ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയാണ് രചന. ആദിവാസി ഭാഷയുടെ മലയാളം, ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് പരിഭാഷയും ഇതിലുണ്ട്. അതു കൊണ്ടു തന്നെ ഒരേ സമയത്ത് ആദിവാസി കുട്ടികൾക്ക് മറ്റു രണ്ടു ഭാഷകളിലും പ്രാവീണ്യം മെടിക്കാനും അവസരമുണ്ട്. ആദിവാസി വാക്കുകളുടെ മലയാള പരിഭാഷയും ഇതിലെ പ്രത്യേകതയാണ്.

ആദിവാസി കുട്ടികളെ അവരുടെ ഭാഷയുടെ സഹായത്തോടെ സാധാരണ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിലേക്കെത്തിക്കുന്നതാണ് ഇതുകൊണ്ടുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നതെന്ന് രചിതാക്കൾ പറയുന്നു.

സംഗോത്രവർഗ്ഗത്തിന്റെ അറിവിനേയും ഭാഷയേയും മുൻനിർത്തി അംഗൻവാടി തലത്തിൽ ശാസ്ത്രീയമായി തയ്യാറാക്കുന്ന പഠനപോക്കുക്കളും ഒരു പരക്ഷ ഇതാദ്യമായായിരിക്കും.

ഡോ.അമ്മാബച്ചൻ, ടി.എസ്.ബനേനടി, ഷാജൻ എം.പി, പി.കെ.ഹാസില, കെ.ടി.അമീൻ എന്നിവരുടെ ഏറ്റെടുക്കലാലാണ് ഇത്തരത്തിലുള്ളൊരു പഠനപോക്കുക്കൾ തയ്യാറായത്. ഇന്ന് അതിരപ്പിള്ളിയിൽ നടക്കുന്ന ചടങ്ങിൽ വച്ച് പട്ടികവർഗ്ഗ-യുവജനകാര്യ രക്ഷമന്ത്രിയുടെ കീഴിൽ വച്ച് പട്ടികവർഗ്ഗ-യുവജനകാര്യ രക്ഷമന്ത്രിയുടെ കീഴിൽ വച്ച് പുസ്തക പ്രകാശനം നടത്തും.

Mangalam Daily

വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ പാക്കേജ് ഉദ്ഘാടനം

ചാലക്കുടി: അതിരപ്പള്ളി പഞ്ചായത്ത്, ഐ.സി.ഡി.എസ്, പശ്ചിമഘട്ട വേഴാമ്പൽ ഫൗണ്ടേഷൻ എന്നിവ സംയുക്തമായി സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച അംഗൻ വാടി കുട്ടികൾക്കുള്ള വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ പാക്കേജിന്റെ ഉദ്ഘാടനം മന്ത്രി പി. കെ. ജയലക്ഷ്മി നിർവ്വഹിച്ചു. ബി.ഡി.ദേവസ്സി എം.എൽ.എ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷനായിരുന്നു. സുപ്പർവൈസർ ഗീതാലക്ഷ്മി, ഡോ: പ്രിയദർശൻ ധർമ്മരാജൻ, വേഴാമ്പൽ ഫൗണ്ടേഷൻ ഡയറക്ടർ ഡോ: കെ.എച്ച്. അമിതാബച്ചൻ എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു. വെറ്റിലപ്പാറ ഗവ: ഹയർ സെക്കന്ററി സ്കൂളിന്റെ വിജയോത്സവം ചടങ്ങും പി.കെ.ജയലക്ഷ്മി ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. ബി.ഡി.ദേവസ്സി എം.എൽ.എ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷനായിരുന്നു. കെ.പി.ധനപാലൻ എം.പി മുഖ്യ പ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. ജില്ലാ പഞ്ചായത്ത് പ്രസിഡന്റ് കെ.വി.ദാസൻ, പഞ്ചായത്ത് പ്രസിഡന്റ് ബേബി കെ.തോമസ്, ബ്ലോക്ക് പഞ്ചായത്ത് പ്രസിഡന്റ് ഫിൻസോ തങ്കച്ചൻ, പഞ്ചായത്ത് അംഗങ്ങളായ മുരളി ചക്കത്ര, സന്ധ്യ ഉണ്ണികൃഷ്ണൻ, ജയാ തമ്പി, ദേവി സത്യൻ, എം.വി.രാജീവ്, പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽ, കുമാരി ഓമന, പി.ടി.എ പ്രസിഡന്റ് ഭാനുമതി ഗോപി എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.

News from Kerala Kawmudhi

'കാടരുടെയും മുതുവാന്മാരുടെയും ദാഷ പഠിക്കാം'

ചാലക്കുടി • പുറാവെനാൽ പ്രാവ്, കോൽവണ്ടെന്നും കുറ്റെന്നും പറഞ്ഞാൽ തുമ്പി, പെർക്കയെന്നും ഷിവക്കൈട്ടെന്നും പറഞ്ഞാലോ മുറ്റമടിക്കുന്ന ചുലൈനർമ്മ. ആദിവാസി ഗോത്ര സമൂഹത്തിലെ കാടരുടെയും മുതുവാൻമാരുടെയും ഭാഷയാണിത്.

ഈ ഭാഷ വരുതലമുറയ്ക്കുപരിചയപ്പെടുത്തിക്കൊടുക്കാൻ ഒരു കൂട്ടം പുസ്തകം അതിരപ്പള്ളി പഞ്ചായത്തിലെ ഐസിഡിഎസ് പദ്ധതിയനുസരിച്ചു പൾചിമഘട്ട വേഴാമ്പൽ ഫൗണ്ടേഷനാണു പുസ്തകം തയ്യാറാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്നത്.



വാഴച്ചാൽ ട്രൈബൽ സ്കൂളിലെത്തിയ മന്ത്രി പി.കെ. ജയലക്ഷ്മി കുട്ടികൾക്കൊപ്പം.

അംഗൻവാടി വിദ്യാർഥികൾക്കായാണ് എന്റെ വീട്, കാടരുടെയും മുതുവാൻമാരുടെയും ഭാഷയെക്കുറിച്ച് നാട്, നമ്മുടെ പ്രകൃതിയിൽനിന്നുള്ള പഠനം എന്നിങ്ങനെ

മുൻപു പുസ്തകങ്ങളും കാർഡുകൾ, ഫ്ലോർ പസിൽസ് പഠന സഹായികളും നൽകുന്നത്. അംഗൻവാടികളിലെ കുട്ടികൾ

ക്കുള്ള ഈ പഠന പാക്കേജിന്റെ ഉദ്ഘാടനം മന്ത്രി പി.കെ. ജയലക്ഷ്മി വാഴച്ചാൽ ട്രൈബൽ സ്കൂളിൽ നടത്തി.

ബി.ഡി.ദേവസ്സി എം.എൽ.എ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ചു. ബ്ലോക്ക് പഞ്ചായത്ത് പ്രസിഡന്റ് ഫിൻസോ തങ്കച്ചൻ, ഡോ. കെ.എച്ച്. അമിതാബച്ചൻ, ജില്ല ട്രൈബൽ ഓഫീസർ ഇ. ശ്രീനിവാസൻ, ഡിഎഫ്ഒ കെ. അബ്ദുൽ നാസർ കുഞ്ഞ്, പഞ്ചായത്ത് പ്രസിഡന്റ് ബേബി കെ. തോമസ്, വൈസ് പ്രസിഡന്റ് ദേവിസത്യൻ, മുരളി ചക്കത്ര, ഗീതാലക്ഷ്മി, സിസിലി ആന്റണി എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.

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Dr. Amitha Bachan K. H. of the Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation. Photo: K. K. Mustafah

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An educational package for pre-primary children of the Kadar tribe incorporating their own language will be distributed in 22 anganwadis this week. Dr. Amitha Bachan, the man behind the project says that it will help initiate the children into formal education easily

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