

## **Social safeguards document for the CEPF small grant project “Promoting coordinated civil society action for biodiversity conservation in the Malnad-Kodagu Corridor of the Western Ghats.”**

This project aims to network civil society groups in the Shimoga and Udupi districts of Karnataka. This project is completely outside protected areas in rural and urban settings. The area contains the Scheduled Tribes in the broad study area but the project will in no way take up activities that will restrict their legal access to resources and will perform capacity building of the people in the villages outside protected areas.

The following are the Scheduled Tribes in the area that are not necessarily indigenous communities but are settled from many different areas:

1. Kattunayakan
2. Konda reddy
3. Koraga
4. Kota
5. Kudiya/ Malekudiya
6. Mahamalar/Malar
7. Maleya kandi
8. Maranthi
9. Shologa.

Grievance addressing system has been setup in place where any stakeholder can directly get in touch with the project proponent and authorities in case of any perceived problems due to the project. Contact numbers of the people involved will be publicly distributed through posters and personal interactions. Immediate steps will be taken to address any issue. This project will happen outside protected areas in the rural and urban setup.

References:

The District Gazetteer of South Kanara (1973)