

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Retd. Scientist 'G' & Senior Professor, Wildlife Institute of India
Freelance Wetland, Wildlife Ecologist & Conservation Planner
Trustee & Senior Scientific Advisor, Wildlife Trust of India, New Delhi

Professional Positions

- **2002-2012:** Scientist 'G' & Professor, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun
- **1986-2002:** Scientist & Administrator, Wildlife Institute of India
- **1984-1986:** Assistant Director, Central Crocodile Breeding & Management Training Institute
- **1981-1984:** Research Biologist, Wildlife Wing, Andhra Pradesh Forest Dept.

Expertise & Contributions

- **Training & Teaching:** 40+ years training wildlife managers, biologists, and sociologists
- **Project Coordination:** Led 50+ conservation projects across India & Nepal
- **Thesis Supervision:** 3 PhD, 5 M.Phil, 10 M.Sc.
- **International Collaborations:** Nodal Officer, US Fish & Wildlife Service & US Forest Service programs (1995-2005)
- **Coordinator:** Marine Turtle & Coastal Resources Conservation Programme (UNDP, 2000-2004)
- **IUCN-India:** Coordinator (2000-2012), facilitated networking, meetings & conservation projects

Key Training & Workshops Attended

- Marine Park & Wetland Research, Australia (1997)
- Regional Sea-Turtle Conservation, Australia (1999)
- UNESCO-IUCN Training on World Heritage Management, Tanzania (2001)
- Wetland Management Effectiveness, Washington DC (2004)

Consultancies

- **1996-1999:** Herpetological assessment, Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve
- **1997-2001:** Consultant, Palamau Tiger Reserve, Eco-development Planning
- **2001-2003:** Wetland Resource Management, World Bank-UPFD-TERI project
- **2013:** Co-consultant, Review of Living Ganga Project, WWF-India
- **2014-2015:** Tourism Master Plan, Chilika Lake, Odisha
- **2016:** Concept Plan for Night Safari, Chhatbir Zoo, Punjab
- **2017:** Redevelopment Planning, Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Vishakhapatnam

- **2018-2019:** Biodiversity Conservation for Andaman & Lakshadweep Islands

Advisory & Expert Committees

- **Executive Trustee & Senior Advisor**, Wildlife Trust of India (2017-Ongoing)
- **Member**, Central & State Wetland Regulatory Authorities (Bihar, Chhattisgarh, MoEFCC)
- **Research Advisory Committee**, Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board
- **Expert Committee**, Evaluation of large zoos in India (MoEFCC, 2015-2016)
- **Advisor**, Vulture Conservation, Doon Valley & Uttarakhand (2016)
- **Member**, Saving Asia's Vultures from Extinction (SAVE) (2012-Ongoing)

Scientific Publications

- 100+ peer-reviewed journal publications
- 20+ book chapters on wildlife conservation
- Editor, "Marine Turtles of Indian Subcontinent" (Universities Press, Hyderabad)

Reviewer for Scientific Journals

- Current Science, Conservation Biology, Biological Conservation, Oryx, Zoo's Print, JoTT, IUCN Parks

Media & Public Outreach

- Consultant, BBC's *Land of the Tiger* (1996-97)
- National Geographic's *Super Croc* (2001)
- Jury Member, RBS Earth Heroes Award (2014-present)

Professional Memberships

- **Chairman**, Indian River Dolphin Committee, WWF-India
- **Former Vice Chair**, IUCN/SSC Crocodile Specialist Group (Western Asia)
- **Member**, IUCN/SSC Marine Turtle, Asian River Dolphin, Captive Breeding Groups
- **Life Member**, Bombay Natural History Society

International Award

- **Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) Distinguished Service Award (2005)** for contributions to conservation of Indian cranes, sea turtles, and crocodilians



(B. C. Choudhury, December 2024)