

Capacity building workshop on

Conservation Social Science

13th-17th October, 2023



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Wildlife Trust of India

www.wti.org.in

Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) is a non-profit conservation organization with a vision to protect India's natural heritage. Registered as a Trust, its mission is to conserve wildlife and its habitat and to work for the welfare of individual wild animals, in partnership with communities and governments. Since its establishment in 1998, WTI has been working to (1) recover endangered species; (2) rescue and rehabilitate displaced wild animals; (3) support enforcement agencies in fighting wildlife crimes; (4) secure wildlife habitats; (5) spread conservation-awareness; (6) promote green livelihoods among forest dependent communities; and (7) support grass-root conservation activities. The Trust has over 40 projects in 23 States, to conserve populations of endangered and vulnerable animals such as the elephant, tiger, rhinoceros, wild buffalo, hoolock gibbons, whale sharks, markhor, etc.

National Institute of Technology- Rourkela

www.nitrkl.ac.in

National Institute of Technology Rourkela, an institute of national importance, is one of the premier national level institutions for technical education in the country and is funded by the Government of India. With a vision to become an internationally acclaimed institution of higher learning that will serve as a source of knowledge and expertise for the society and be a preferred destination for undergraduate and graduate studies, NIT Rourkela has been constantly striving to serve the society since its very inception in 1961. At present, it ranks 59 in QS Southern Asia University Rankings (2023), between 281-290 in QS ASIA University Rankings (2023), 24 in NIRF Research (2022), and is steadily progressing to achieve all the epitomes of world level recognitions.

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

<https://website.nitrkl.ac.in/HS/>

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences has been functioning as a full-fledged department catering to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. The faculty has wide experience in teaching and research and in communicating with students of diverse backgrounds. The Department offers a full-time PhD programme in the disciplines of Economics, Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, English, and Sanskrit; an MA Programme in Development Studies; and compulsory HSS courses for Undergraduate students.

About the Workshop

The workshop aims to

- Train practicing conservationists on sociological approaches and methodologies that will come handy to attain conservation goals.
- Introduce the participants to the importance of social science in conservation
- provide in-depth understanding project planning, and
- Deliver hands-on training on preparing data collection tools and conducting data analysis.

Broad themes to be covered

1. Integrating social science approaches and theories to wildlife conservation
2. Human-dimensions in wildlife management and conservation
3. Conservation Project/Study Planning/study design
4. Sampling techniques & Types of Data
5. Methods of Data Collection
6. Develop data collection tools - questionnaire/interview schedule, etc.
7. Microplan Development
8. Methods of Data Analysis
9. Data analysis using MAXQDA
10. Data analysis using SPSS
11. Ethical consideration and Bias in a Research/Study
12. Reporting and Communication

Duration of the Workshop

The duration of course is of five days i.e. from 13th – 17th October 2023.

Evaluation of Participants

There will be a pre-test at the commencement of the workshop and a post-test on the last day of the workshop.

Participation Certificate

Full attendance and participating in each session is compulsory for obtaining workshop participation certificates that will be given during the valedictory functions.

Registration Fees

There are no registration fees. But the participants have to bear the cost of their travel and accommodation.

Eligibility Criteria

Practicing conservationist or early career researchers who are using social sciences approaches in their study or project areas who would like to learn more on the same can express their interest to participate in the workshop. There are only 30 seats for the workshop.

Application for Participation

- Interested candidates should fill in the google form to apply for participation in the workshop :<https://forms.gle/ArAkHUUnZoZiBjCr9>
- Last date for submission of application is **27th September, 2023.**
- Find the sample application form below for reference:

1. Name:
2. Gender:
3. Age
4. Educational Qualification
5. Major Discipline/Subject you studied:
6. Years of experience in wildlife conservation:
7. Briefly mention about your or the project/study you are part of:
8. Mailing/Correspondence Address:
9. Mobile Number, preferably WhatsApp Number
10. Email ID:
11. Your expectations from the workshop (learnings, benefits, usage, etc.)
12. Have you ever attended similar course?
13. If yes, provide details like institute, place, duration and learnings, etc

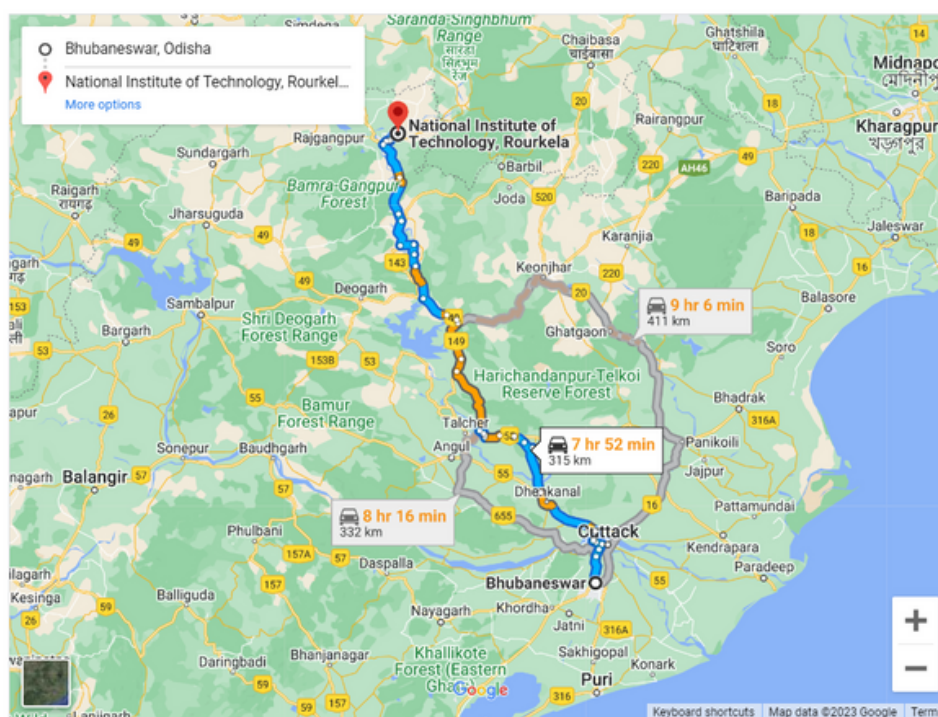
Important dates to note

- Last date for submission of application form (through e-mail)
27th Sept 2023 (Wednesday)
- Intimation to Candidates (through e-mail)
1st October 2023 (Sunday)
- Confirmation by Selected Candidates (through e-mail):
3rd October 2023 (Tuesday)
- Arrival Date
13th October 2023 (Friday)
- Departure Date
17th October 2023 (Tuesday)

Venue

The sessions will take place in Buxi Jagabandhu Seminar Hall, South Block Guest House, National Institute of Technology, Rourkela- 769008, Odisha.

Nearest railway station and airport - Rourkela . The google map link to reach NIT Rourkela where the directions can be set from your origin location to NIT Rourkela : <https://maps.app.goo.gl/jrdMW7oQ42CqW61V9>



Accommodation and Food

Accommodations have been arranged in the South Block NIT guest house.

The Tariff per day (including GST @12%) :

Single occupancy- Rs 1064 , Double occupancy – Rs 1400

Meal charges per person :

Breakfast - Rs 50-100 (approx), Lunch/Dinner - Rs 200- 300 (approx)

*The tariffs and charges are subject to change depending on the guesthouse guidelines.

For any queries and correspondence

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Tentative Programme of the Workshop

(13th-17th October, 2023)

DAY 1	
2 - 4pm	Registration & welcome kit distribution
4 - 5 pm	Inauguration ceremony and Course Introduction
5 – 5:15pm	Tea Break and Group Photograph
5:15 – 5:30 pm	Pre-Test for all participants
5:30 – 6 pm	Guest Lecture/Plenary session 1
6 – 6:30 pm	Guest Lecture/ Plenary session 2
DAY 2	
10- 11 am	Session 1 : Integrating social science approaches & theories in conservation
11-11:30 am	Tea Break
11:30-1 pm	Session 2 : Project Planning and study design
1-2pm	Lunch break
2-3pm	Session 3 : Sampling techniques & Types of Data
3-3:30 pm	Tea Break
3:30- 5 pm	Session 4 : Human-dimensions in wildlife management and conservation
DAY 3	
10-11 am	Session 5 : Introduction to Methods of Data Collection
11-11:30 am	Tea Break
11:30- 1pm	Session 6 : Introduction to Methods of Data Analysis
1-2pm	Lunch Break
2-3:30 pm	Session 7 : Preparation of Data collection tools (questionnaire, FGD, PRA)
3:30-3:45 pm	Tea break
3:45-5pm	Session 8 : Introduction to Microplan
DAY 4	
10 -11:30 am	Session 9 : Data analysis using MAXQDA
11:30-11:45 am	Tea Break
11:45-1 pm	Session 10 : Data analysis using SPSS
1-2pm	Lunch Break
2-3 pm	Session 11 : Research/Study Bias and ethical considerations
3-3:15	Tea break
3:15- 4:30 pm	Session 12 : Reporting and Communication
4:30- 5 pm	Post Test for all participants
DAY 5	
	Preparation of presentation/ Field visit
1-2pm	Lunch break
2-3pm	Group Presentations
3- 3:15pm	Tea break
3:15-4 pm	Guest Lecture/Plenary session 3
4-5 pm	Feedback & Valedictory Ceremony