Meet our current doctoral fellows

Aritra Kshettry - Year 5
Dincy Mariyam - Year 5
Ishika R - Year 2
Shweta S - Year 3
Sikha H - Year 2
Simran Prasad - Year 2
We are excited to announce admissions to the 2022 Doctoral Program at the Centre for Wildlife Studies. The degree will be granted by the Manipal Academy of Higher Education.

We are looking for highly motivated and academically driven candidates, with demonstrated interest in field-based research in wildlife ecology and conservation in India and Asia.
This project will primarily attempt to understand elephant behaviour at the human–elephant interface, including conflict situations.

Advisor: Dr. Sreedhar Vijayakrishnan (CWS)

Co-Advisor: Dr. Krithi Karanth (CWS, Duke University)
This research project will focus on ongoing evaluation of agroforestry initiatives in the Western Ghats. This involves a range of skills: interviewing, implementing surveys, designing those surveys to best assess impacts, economic perspectives on best responses, and econometric analysis.

Advisor: Dr. Krithi Karanth (CWS, Duke University)
Co-Advisor: Dr. Alex Pfaff (Duke University)
Understanding human–wildlife interactions and evaluating conservation interventions

The research project will evaluate conservation programs that help farmers experiencing wildlife conflict in receiving government compensation.

Advisor: Dr. Krithi Karanth (CWS, Duke University)

Co-Advisor: Dr. Sumeet Gulati (University of British Columbia)
The doctoral student will examine theoretical and/or exploratory questions about the role of women in conservation leadership. The PhD student will build upon exploratory work done in other parts of the world, examining different dimensions of leadership in India.

Advisor: Dr. Krithi Karanth (CWS, Duke University)

Co-Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Solomon (Colorado State University)
In addition to the positions available in different projects (as stated above), candidates with CSIR/UGC/DST doctoral fellowships are encouraged to apply, provided their interests match that of a Guide at CWS. Typically, most projects are executed in collaboration with faculty from international universities, and national institutions in India.
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