



**TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE
MAY 2011**

Team:

Bandu Kumare – *Field assistant*

Highlights

- ⇒ *Assisted in fighting fires in the forest on 2 occasions*
- ⇒ *One water hole for small animals and birds created at Adegaon*
- ⇒ *Cleaned water holes in 3 places*
- ⇒ *Follow-up to plantation of saplings at Adegaon and Kondegaon*
- ⇒ *Anti-plastic campaigns in 2 villages – Kutwanda and Bhamdeli*
- ⇒ *Nature trail/bird-watching in 1 village – Kutwanda*
- ⇒ *Cleaning of surroundings next to bore well at Sitarampeth*
- ⇒ *Support to girls trained in tailoring*
- ⇒ *Two visits to Bhagwanpur to follow up status of relocated villagers*
- ⇒ *Support to MHU – medical camps in 6 villages at which 283 patients were treated*

Conservation

S.No	Date	Village	Activity	Participants
1	May 5	Agarzari	Fighting fire in forest	6
2	May 6	Mudholi	Cleaning of water hole	3
3	May 13	Chorgaon	--do--	1
4	May 13	Adegaon	Follow-up to plantation work done earlier	7
5	May 14	Kutwanda	Public hygiene cum cleanliness campaign	11
6	May 15	Junona	Fighting fire in forest	5
7	May 16	Sitarampeth	Cleaning of surroundings next to bore well	2
8	May 17	Bhamdeli	Anti-plastic campaign	8
9	May 17	Kondegaon	Follow-up to plantation work done earlier	5
10	May 20	Kutwanda	Bird-watching cum nature trail	6
11	May 27	Adegaon	Creating waterhole	3

With the summer at its peak, forest fires have become a major hazard. Our teams have been assisting in fighting fires across the landscape and our field assistant Bandu Kumare helped to fight fires in Tadoba on two occasions.

On May 5, Bandu was on his way back to Moharli from Chandrapur. He noticed a fire in the forest near Agarzari and joined hands with Forest department staff who were already

engaged in fighting the fire. It took over one and a half hours to bring the fire under control.

On May 15, Bandu noticed smoke in the forest near Moharli lake on the way to Junona. When he headed to the spot, he found that there was a fire raging there and that FDCM staff were fighting to control it. He joined hands with them. The FDCM staff suspected the fire was the result of carelessness of villagers who were brewing Mahua liquor.



Helping to fight fire in forest at Agarzari



Bandu helps fight fire in forest near Junona

On May 6, Bandu organised a shramdhaan at Mudholi to create a water hole on a stream in the jungle around half a km from the village on the way to Kondegaon. Two unemployed youths from the village joined hands with Bandu in the programme. The resultant water body can be used by birds as well as other wildlife. Chital and sambhar are regularly spotted in the area.

On May 13, Bandu cleaned a water hole in the jungle around 1 km from Chorgaon. The water body had become clogged with litter and debris.



Bandu leads programme to clean waterhole

The same day, Bandu arranged for students of Zilla Parishad Primary School, Adegaon to tend to saplings planted last year. The students built protection for the saplings and watered them.

On May 14, Bandu organised a programme to clean up the area around the Gram Panchayat Office at Kutwanda. The area had become littered with plastic refuse. 11 students of the ZP Primary School joined hands with Bandu in the programme.



School children of Kutwanda on a public hygiene programme *School children tend to saplings at Adegaoon*

On May 16, Bandu organised a programme to clean up the surroundings next to a bore well at Sitarampeth. Due to stagnating water, the area had become like a bog and was a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other insects. 2 youths from the village joined hands with Bandu to dig a canal which drained away the stagnant water.

On May 17, Bandu organised an anti-plastic campaign at Bhamdeli in which school students cleaned up the village of plastic litter and waste. The litter/waste was then buried in pits. Eight students of the ZP Primary School joined hands with Bandu in this task. On the same day, Bandu arranged for students of Kondegaon ZP Primary School to check and monitor the health of saplings planted earlier by them in 2010.

Bandu, who was formerly a guide at Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, also organised a bird-watching/nature trails on May 20. Six temporary, newly-joined guides of the National Park benefited from the trail as Bandu taught them about local flora and fauna and the need for conservation.

Employment Cell

Three girls, who were trained in tailoring and embroidery through our assistance, earned around Rs 2,000/- each in May.



SF volunteer Rajashree Khalap checks quality of bags made by girls of Moharli who were trained in tailoring with our assistance

MHU

A total of 6 villages were covered by our medical camps in May.

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	May 7	Zari	27
2		Pangdi	63
3	May 8	Doni	31
4		Dewada	47
5	May 9	Piparheti	76
6		Pahami	39
	Total		283