

## Teens for Conservation

### Teens for Tigers through T4T - Mysore Zoo S. Mamatha

A one-day education programme was organized on 9th September 2007 at Mysore zoo auditorium, for the zoo youth club members. These members are from various schools and colleges from Mysore. This enthusiastic group is very much interested in wildlife, conservation action & is working wonders. The objectives of the programme were:

- To impart scientific knowledge about tigers.
- To provide understanding of tiger conservation.
- To provide an opportunity to make use of 'tiger tool kit' and selected HELP activities during forth coming wildlife week at zoo.
- To introduce *Teens for planet Earth*

Materials used were tiger tool kit packets supplied by Zoo Outreach Organisation, Coimbatore and selected activity sheets from T4T manual & TPE power point programme. The day started with 'cross the line' game and led to small interaction on tiger. When students were asked how they feel when they hear word "TIGER", they filled word wall by words like scary, fierce, dangerous, powerful etc.

**Story:** From the T4T Manual "Tiger Who did not know who He was", A Indian Tiger tale was narrated and attitude assessment activity was conducted.

**Tiger booklet and quiz:** members were divided into four groups and were given ten minutes time to read the content of the booklet. Covering the details in the booklet like tiger biology, habitat, sub-species, distribution, threats, research methods wildlife act and NGO's working towards wildlife conservation, about twenty questions were asked by using oral, audio and visual rounds. Stickers were given to students as token of appreciation.

**Tiger Mask:** members wore tiger mask and sang a Tiger song written by William Blake with action in front of the tiger enclosure and attracted general public interest towards tiger and its conservation.

**Placard:** followed by tiger song members went a round the huge tiger enclosure area with placard saying slogan. Members were given a task to meet at least one visitor and tell him/her not to buy any wildlife products. It was daring job for them but they were very successful in this job. Some visitors expressed the interest of taking photo with the member who was wearing mask & holding placard.

**Friendship band:** members tied friendship bands on their friends wrist and exchanged the conservation message.

**Label and sticker:** members were very happy to have stickers for their projects file and labels to give it to their friends to spread the conservation message. Finally members signed the pledge card.

**Teens for Planet Earth:** A ppt presentation was given to introduce TPE for the members. They showed interest to choose a project and work it out. **Submitted by: S. Mamatha, De Paul International Residential School, Mysore.**

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In our initial TPE workshop held in June, earlier reported in ZPM, 19 adult advisers attended. Of them, 16 started their projects involving 64 students. Of these, 12 adult advisers regularly inform us about their progress. The following six persons have been conducted programmes and sent reports. Others are yet to be reported.

1. **Love for the Green Globe:** Adult Adviser: Mr. Md. Mostaq Ahmed. Name of the group members: Fatima Jannat, Fatima Jurat (team leader), Rajia Sultana Sifat and Jannatul Mim; Age 14-16.

2. **Environmental Education through Art:** Adult Adviser: Mr. MR Deedar. Members: Sumaya, Sadia, Mim and Rimu. Age group 13-14.

3. **Mushroom - a source of protein and a source of medicine:** Adult Adviser: Mr. Amit Eruenus Anjus. Members: Tanvir Karim (team leader), Abrar Ahmed, Tahsin Tazwan and Morsheduzzaman; Age 14-15.

#### 4. Plants for Planet Earth:

Adult Adviser: Mr. Md. Mahmudur Rahman. Members: Siften Saka Hossain, Asif Mahbub, Swapnil, Abrar Nakib, Md. Nasrullah. Age 13-15 years.

5. **Hydroponics- the future plan for agriculture and fisheries:** Adult Advisers: Mr. Md. Nurul Islam and Mrs. Kaniz Jamali. Members: Shams Tabrin, R.M. Salman Ali (team leader), Joyeta Mahmud, Mamunur Rashid. Age 16-17 years.

6. **Composite Culture- a solution for sustainable development:** Adult Advisers: Mr. Md. Nurul Islam and Mrs. Kaniz Jamali. Members: Aslam Hossain (team leader), Ijazul Hossain, Rezwan Hossain and Asif Mostofa; Age 13-15 years.

WTB has sent a letter of invitation to the institutions involved in *Teens for Planet Earth in Bangladesh* Programme. Along with this letter we sent a form (that we prepared according to the direction of TPE Action Plan, WCS) for the adult advisers.

We translated this form, other guideline papers in Bangla to help the students and their adult advisers to have a better understanding of the programme, so that they could reciprocate properly.

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