

methods to conduct conservation education program and different target groups to be focused on. She also emphasized on role of zoos in conservation education. Followed by this B.K. Gupta gave a short presentation on Education: An essential Conservation Task.

Day 2:

The two technical sessions of the second day was chaired by Mr. Tyagi, Director, AAZP and Shri Suresh, Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka.

Fourth Technical Session

Dr. Ajith Kumar of Centre for Wildlife Studies, Bangalore gave his first talk on Management of Captive Population in Zoos. Emphasizing on the role of zoos he pointed out the goal of population management and the importance of selecting species for it. He stressed that successful population management can be achieved with the help of modern tools like SPARKS, VORTEX, PM2000 and explained LTM as example. Lastly he listed out all the factors such as animal husbandry, social and mating system, and social manipulations of groups, ideal size of enclosure, stress in captivity for population management.

Shri Suresh, Member secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka gave his talk on Population control in prolifically breeding species. Dr. C.S. Jayakumar, Vet, Thiruvananthapuram zoo also discussed the same topic by showing different techniques adopted to sterilize animals in zoos.

Fifth Technical Session

Mr. Markandaiah talked about the upcoming Butterfly Park. A center for Research, Education and Rural livelihood using

butterfly resources at Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bangalore. He described the model of upcoming Butterfly Park at Banerghatta, Bangalore and highlighted the importance and advantage of this facility.

The last presentation was by Mr. Manoj Kumar, Director, Mysore Zoo, talked about the sources of generating funds by his zoo with an example of vermiculture. At the end the following coordinators were identified for selected species: Python- Vijayaraghavan, Chennai Snake Park; Nilgir Langur - Ajith Kumar; Gaur, Indian Fox - Mysore Zoo; Wild Dog - Tirupathi Zoo; Nilgiri Thar - Thiruvananthapuram Zoo; Asiatic wolf, Malabar Giant Squirrel, Grizzled Giant Squirrel - Vandalur Zoo and White back Vulture Scientific input from Vibhu Prakash, BNHS will be taken and then co-coordinator will be decided.

Group Discussion

At the end of all presentations a group discussion was planned to discuss on education, control of surplus animal, master plan and research. The group came up with group suggestions and recommendations that will be circulated by the organisers to all participants of the conference.

Valedictory function:

Mr. G. Rajashekharan, Secretary, Kerala Tourism Development was invited as chief guest for the valedictory function. Shri. Pushpakumar and Dr. Vijayaraghavan gave their remarks about the conference and Mr. Yellaki thanked all the participants for their cooperation for the successful conduct of the workshop.

A Short Report of the Dulahazara Safari Park

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Dulahazara Safari Park is ideally situated on the tourist road to the famous beach and World Heritage Site, Cox's Bazar District, Bangladesh. The Park has an area of 900 hectares (2250 acres). There is a 160 acres enclosure for tiger with accommodation and another 160 acres for lions in the same system. We have several marsh crocodile or salt water crocodile trying for breeding in lake. The bear enclosure each is 2.5 acres. There is an enclosure of elephant of 7 kilometers.

Two large aviaries holding 50 species and another aviary for wetland birds such as pelican, flamingo, stork, cormorant provide excellent views of our avian wildlife. We have threatened felid species like clouded leopard, leopard cat, and fishing cat. The park holds several primates such as the highly threatened capped langur, hoolock gibbon and Assamese macaque as well as more common species such as rhesus macaque and common langur, spotted deer, sambar deer, hog deer, barking deer, Asian elephant are some native ungulates while we also exhibit the exotic hippo in a big enclosure. The Park has constructed and developed a museum, nature interpretation center (under establishment) and briefing center with scope of watching documentary films. We have constructed a road of about 25 kms for visitors who are coming to Dulahazara Safari Park.

We have established a hospital with operation theatre, laboratory and many modern equipments. The Park is under the Forest and Environment Ministry so has an excellent chance of developing along right lines.

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