

Project Update: June 2017

I am very happy to inform you that I was recently recognised with the Whitley Award, along with five others, at an impressive ceremony at The Royal Geographic Society, London. HRH Princess Anne presented the awards on the 18th May 2017 (<https://whitleyaward.org/winners/reducing-deforestation-karnatakas-tiger-corridors-india/>).

The award was in recognition of our long-term work on tiger conservation in southern India. On this occasion, I would like to thank and express my deep gratitude for the tremendous support I have received from you. Your encouragement has been pivotal for our conservation success stories, many of which have been unique in the field of wildlife conservation in India.

The wonderful team I have, the collaborative efforts with many officers in the government, political leaders who have seen the importance of wildlife conservation, frontline staff of the forest department who tirelessly toil on a daily basis, media friends, enthusiastic volunteers, donors, and everyone involved directly or indirectly with our work has resulted in positive stories for tiger conservation. Hence, I feel this recognition is for all of us together.

Very importantly donors have been an integral part of this endeavour with whose support we have been able to get this far. I feel extremely fortunate to have collaborated with you, and I hope your support will continue in the future. Looking forward working with you, and together we can surely achieve a lot more to preserve the wonderful species and their habitats we strive to protect.