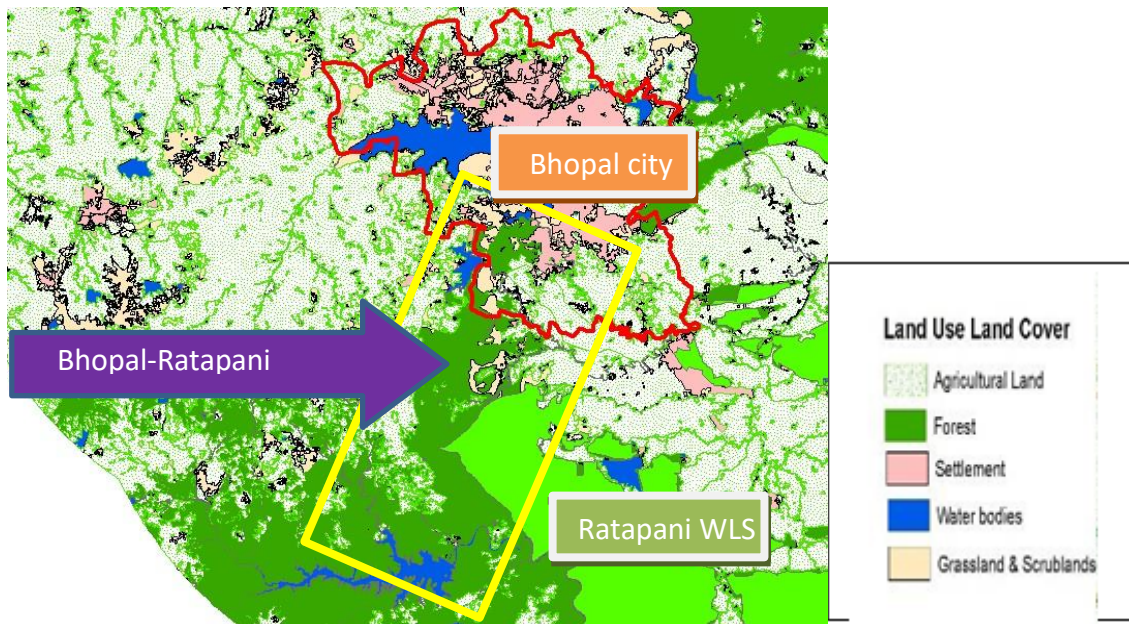


Project Update: March 2019

In the context of Rufford project “Living along the Carnivores: Identifying and Promoting the Co-Existence Approach of Carnivore Conservation in Urban Landscape of Bhopal, Vindhyan Range, India”, a reconnaissance survey for carnivore occupancy has been carried out in Bhopal- Ratapani Corridor covering 14 beats divided into 250 grids of 1 X 1 km for presence of large carnivores via direct and indirect signs during Feb-March 2019.



Map of reconnaissance survey (Feb-March 2019)



Study Area showing Bhopal city, Agricultural land and corridor forest



Dry Deciduous and Scrub forest of Bhopal-Ratapani Corridor.



Left: Volunteer and forest staff showing tiger territory marking. Right: Tiger pugmark.



Left: Team including P.I., Volunteer and forest staff. Right: Tracking carnivores trails



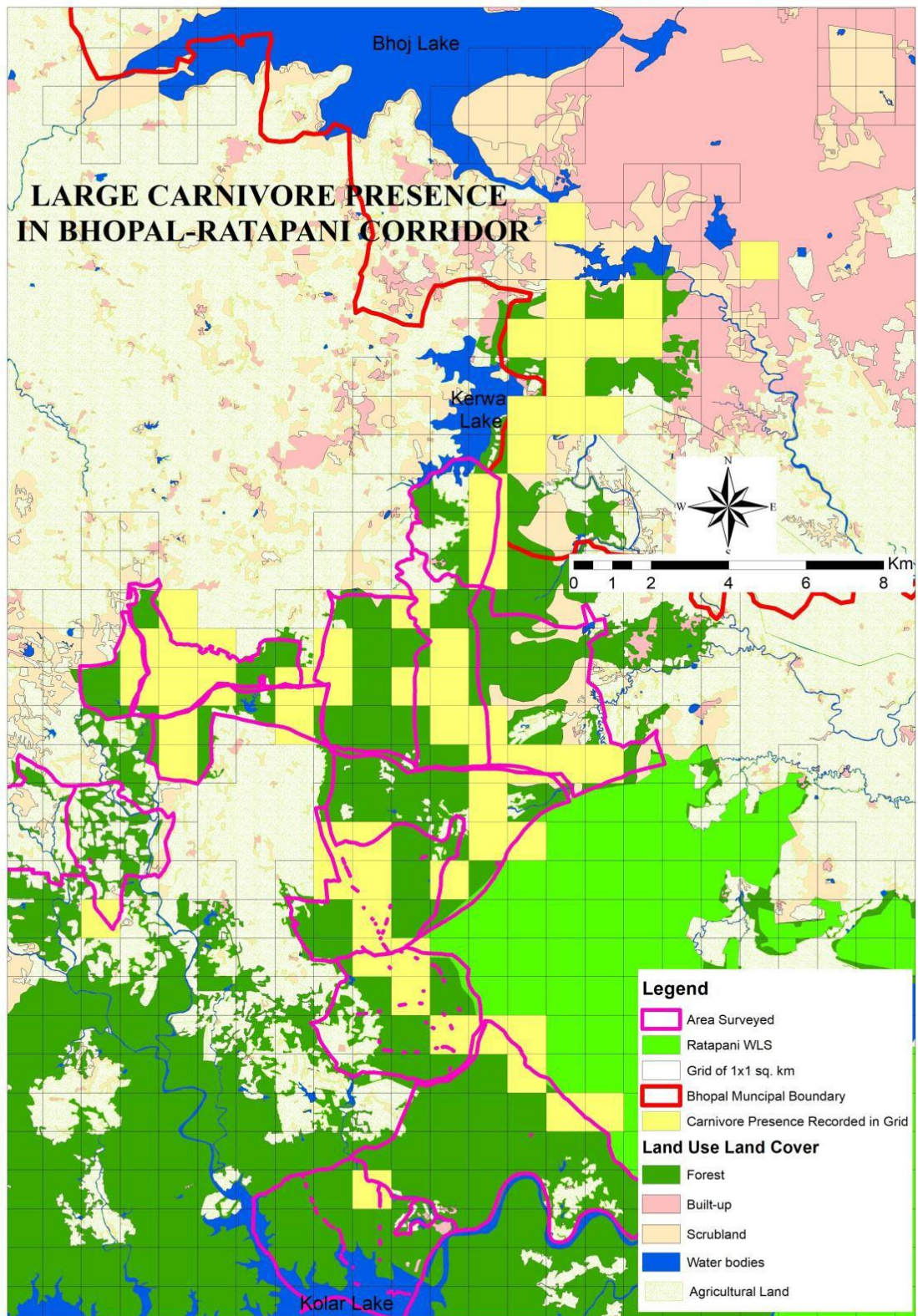
Picture 5: One of Prehistoric Rock-shelters in the study area



Picture 6: Various pre-historic rock paintings of varying timeline depicting society, wildlife and nature.



Picture 7: Local people are damaging these shelters.



Map 2: Results of reconnaissance survey of Large Carnivores in Bhopal-Ratapani Corridor. (Large Carnivores i.e. Tigers, Leopards, Hyena, Wolf and Sloth Bears).