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Dr. Krithi Karanth receives the 2023 MDPI 'World Sustainability Award'

We are delighted to share with you that our Chief Conservation Scientist, Dr. Krithi K. Karanth, has received the 2023 MDPI 'World Sustainability Award' for her outstanding work in the field of conservation.

This award recognizes remarkable research achievements that demonstrate innovative solutions and prove their practicality and real-world applicability. It exemplifies entrepreneurial potential, promising to not only enrich academia but also contribute to the betterment of society and the environment. Importantly, the awarded work aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), emphasizing the progress towards a more sustainable future. The three winners were chosen from a pool of over 150 nominees and applicants. The jury included Dr. Shu-Kun Lin, Founder and President of MDPI, Founder and Chairman of the MDPI Sustainability Foundation, and Prof. Dr. Ed Constable, Former Vice President for Research at the University of Basel.

Dr. Karanth presented her work on sustainability during the award ceremony that took place on the 14th of September during the 10th World Sustainability Forum in Basel, Switzerland. She has been recognised for her pathbreaking research paired with innovative actionable conservation programs in India. She has helped design and launch four programs – Wild Seve, Wild Shaale, Wild Surakshe, and Wild Carbon – that aim to understand and mitigate human-wildlife interactions and conflict that might emerge between people and wildlife.

In an interview with MDPI, she says, "I will be continuing to codesign projects at the intersection of science, conservation, and education." She hopes interest in the Wild programs and help to further "promote the importance of this kind of work in communities where interactions with large animals are commonplace".

The other awardees are Dr. Michael R. Templeton from the Imperial College London and Dr. Thomas P. Lyon from the University of Michigan.



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