Project Update: August 2022

For mass awareness and outreach our team has come up with a foldable brochure on bats. We are happy to share with you all, the English and Marathi version of the brochures. Commonly found bat species in Tillari bioregion (Amboli to Dodamarg, Ghats to coast) and& parts of Sindhudurg district are included.

Members and volunteers of Vanashri Foundation - Dodamarg, Malabar Nature Conservation Club-Amboli, Mhadei Research Center-Belgaum, Maharashtra Forest Department and Vivekanand Environment Awareness Brigade VEAB-Goa have been part of this project.

Concept design by – Rahul Prabhukhanolkar & CICADA Designs, Belgaum, All beautiful bat illustrations by Amit Sutar, Dodamarg.

Habitats in Tillari bioregion



Tillari river in summer



Tillari landscape and general terrain



Tillari river region

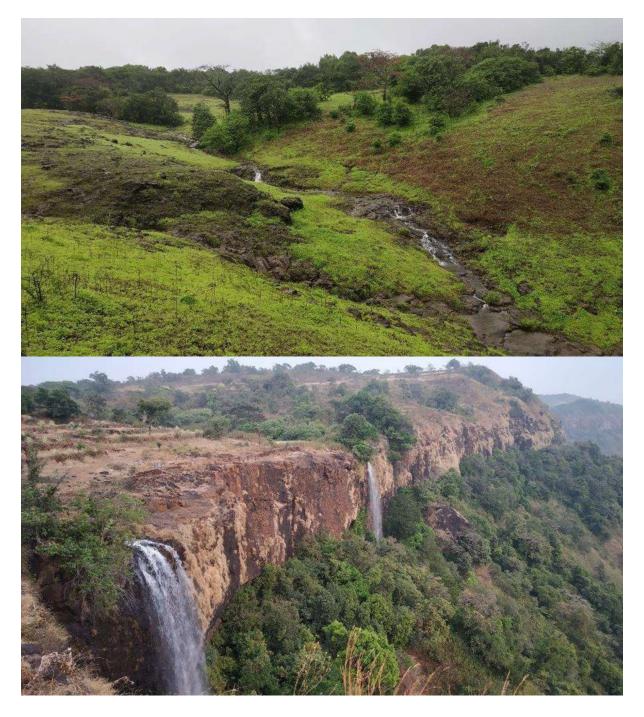


Tillari dam backwaters in summer



Shirwal dam backwaters

Tillari bioregion - diverse landscapes





Deforestation in valleys and on mountain slopes for monoculture plantations





Monoculture plantations of Rubber & Pineapple



Large lateritic plateaus in the region



Semi evergreen forest in Tillari bioregion



Myristica Swamp ecosystems in Tillari region

Field Work



Team removing bat from mistnet



Rahul releasing bat after identification



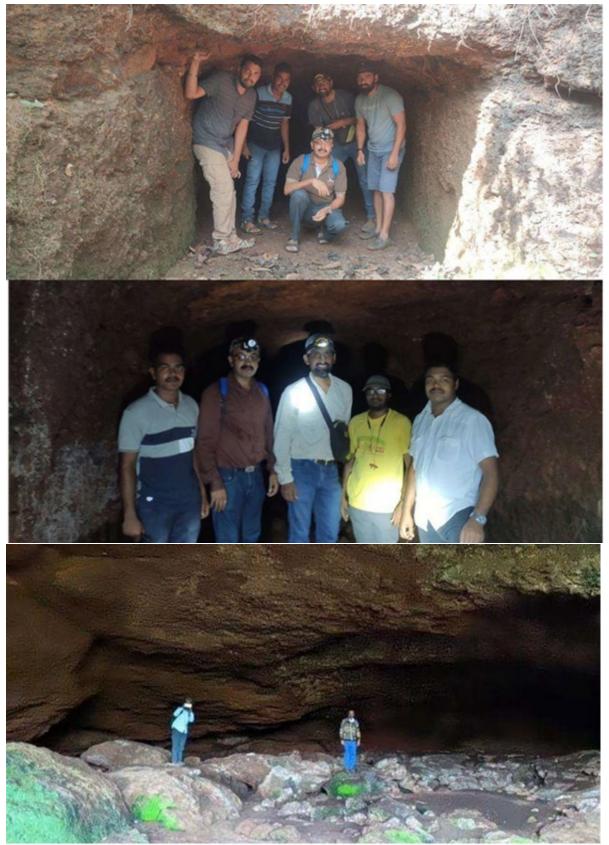
Team documenting cave roost



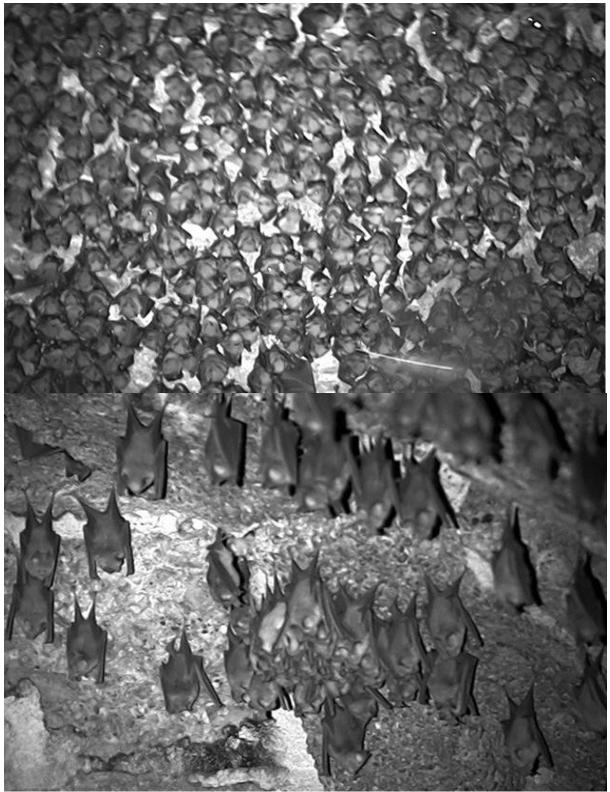
Survey in the swamp habitat



Call recording in the field



Team members at various cave roosts for documentation



Use of night vision camera for documentation

Common Bat species in the Region



Indian flying fox (Pteropus medius)



Fulvous fruit bat (Rousettus leschnaultii)



Indian false vampire bats - Megaderma spasma



Megaderma lyra



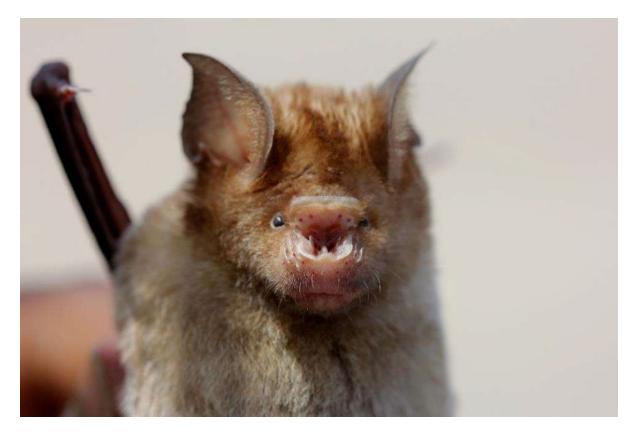
Blyth's horseshoe bat - Rhinplophus Lepidus



Rufus horseshoe bat - Rhinplophus rouxii



Fulvus leaf nosed bat - Hipposideros speoris





Colony of Indian roundleaf bats, Hipposideros lankadiva



Colony of Rufus horseshoe bats

Capacity building Programmes



Pravin explaining ultrasonic sounds at Amboli workshop



Rahul explaining use of Bat detectors at Amboli



Rahul demonstrating installation of mist nets



Workshop participants at Amboli.



Second capacity building workshop at SRM College



Capacity building session for Forest department





Awareness programme at Halbe college, Dodamarg



Awareness programme for students of Kudase Highschool, Dodamarg



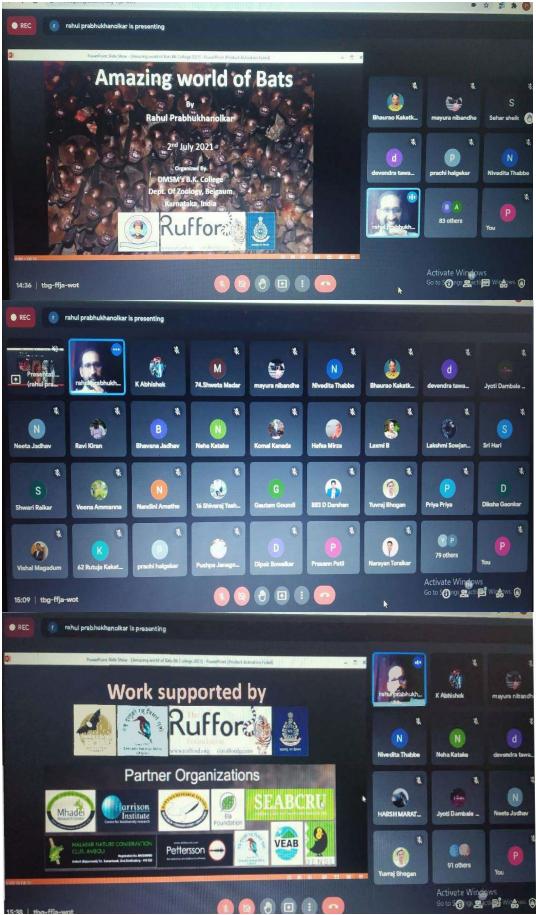
Programmes at Jamboti school & Zare



Open discussion on bats with youth in the region



Paper presentation on Pollinating bats at national conference



Online sessions Bat ecology and conservation for college students



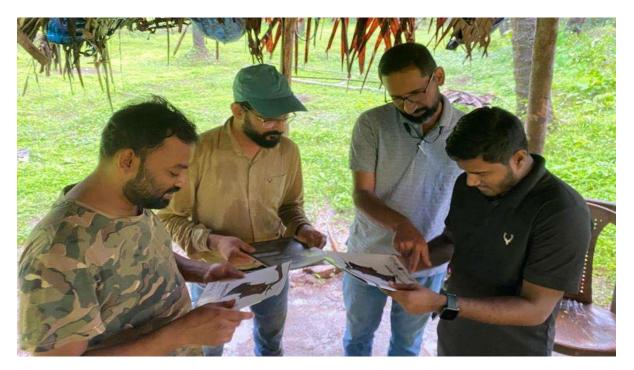
Distributing brochure to Honorary wildlife Warden of Sindhudurg District at Amboli



Honorary wildlife Warden of Sindhudurg giving brochures to Range forest officer of Amboli range



Distributing brochure to Honorary wildlife Warden of Kolhapur District along with other team members at a field site in study region, Tillari





Distributing brochure to members of Malabar nature conservation club