



## CONSERVATION OUTREACH ROAD TRIP 2 2016

### **THE TRIP -**

This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Conservation Outreach Road trip for the year 2016. It is an exclusive road trip to the Malnad region and its adjoining forests of the Northern Western Ghats of Karnataka. I propose to connect with senior researcher colleagues, grassroots nature educators, and honorary wildlife wardens, the Forestry College and help create awareness at a multitude of levels. Of course we will document biodiversity, sample local cuisine (yum) and generate field data.

I wish to conduct this CORT with dedicated team members, and one of them is you- who matches our wave length as well understands our commitments towards conservation science and outreach.

Hence this invite through this document and you will notice that all those who join will be committed individuals from varied walks of life.

I promise to share basic conservation photography and advanced field equipment skills and discuss issues on conservation and science over a period of 3 nights and 4 days and share experiences in exquisite forest habitats.

We will stay at field stations, campsites and home stays that contribute to nature conservation and awareness and empower their work in the process.

The road trip will traverse through forest roads and jeep tracks at dawn and dusk to provide opportunity for mammal and bird photography besides undertaking night trails to maximize sightings of night diversity in these parts.

There will be ample of opportunity to shoot landscapes, macro images of reptiles, butterflies, beetles, and varied insects. This is also an excellent opportunity to observe and absorb village life of forest communities for those who wish to do so.

#### **MODE OF TRAVEL -**

We will travel in a well-equipped Mahindra Scorpio that has been modified to suit field requirements and long distance travel.

#### **THE SEASON -**

Climate - Pleasant but warm weather with slightly chilly nights.

Temperature - 18 degrees Celsius to 34 degrees Celsius.

Humidity - 60 percent.

#### **TEAM SIZE -**

The team size will be 6 people including me.

## **ESSENTIALS -**

1. Fast drying earth colored field clothes.
2. Good walking shoes.
3. Cap and Glares.
4. Field Note Pad and Pen/pencil.
5. Personal medical kit if any.
6. Back pack for field.
7. Water bottle for Field.
8. Woolens for night and sleeping bag.
9. Good torch for night trails.
10. Camera (optional).

## **DATES -**

The CORT will begin from Panjim at 9.00am on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and end in Panjim itself at 4.00pm on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

## **FEES -**

1. Rs. 12,000/- per participant including accommodation and food and transport from ex Panjim, usage of field equipment and local guides.

## **NOTE -**

1. First Aid and safety protocol for participants as well as the wildlife we observe are of primary importance and decisions of Team Leader is final in this matter.
2. Transportation will be from Panjim to Panjim only.

3. Making a 100 percent advance payment in Cheque/Cash or Direct Transfer in the name of 'HERPACTIVE' can do confirmation of seat. This is NON-REFUNDABLE so please be sure before you confirm.

**ACCOUNT DETAILS -**

HERPACTIVE- 611401010050078.

Account type- Current account.

IFSC Code is UBIN0561142.

Union Bank of India,

Dhuler, Mapusa Branch, North Goa.

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