

9th Course on Wildlife Conservation for Wildlife Enthusiasts

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The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) intends to conduct the 9th Course on Wildlife Conservation for Wildlife Enthusiasts from 18–27 March, 2024. Professionals without any formal training and experience in wildlife biology/conservation will be given preference in the course. The course will involve five days of class room sessions at WII followed by a five days of field visit to a protected area near to Dehradun. The total number of participants in the course will be 20. The training fee for this course is Rs. 45,000/person (Rupees Forty-Five Thousand only), which includes cost towards food and accommodation at WII and at field site, and travel to the field site and back. At WII accommodation will be provided on twin sharing basis and at field site it will be in tented/Forest Rest House shared accommodation.

Applications are invited from interested candidates which should include a copy of their C.V. and a brief write-up explaining their motivation to participate in this short course as per prescribed format. Selection of candidates will be based on their write-up and C.V. Applications should reach the Course Director Dr. R. Suresh Kumar, Scientist – F, Department of Endangered Species Management by email (suresh@wii.gov.in) no later than 26th February 2024. Shortlisted candidates will be intimated about their selection for the course by 1st March 2024. Selected

candidates will be required to sign an indemnity bond at the time of joining and are required to be medically fit. The participants will also be given a certificate of participation at the end of the course.

Course details:

The course will include lectures by WII faculty and experienced researchers covering Indian biogeography, wildlife conservation issues and mitigation strategies across the country, science and management of large mammal populations, wildlife trade and dealing with wildlife crime, managing wild animals in stress, importance of citizen science initiatives. There will also be few evening lectures on select conservation projects being carried out by WII.

The field visit will include a five-day trip to a Protected Area (PA) near to Dehradun. The participants will be taken on long treks to various places and will camp within the PA. During the treks the participants will be introduced to natural history observations, jungle crafts etc. “*Wildlife Watch*” will be an integral part of this course. The resource persons will also talk to the participants in the field about wildlife management and habitat restoration, estimation of tiger population, socio-economic issues and challenges facing PA managers. During the first week of the course the participants will also be taken on a day long trip to Asan Conservation Reserve and Forest Research Institute in Dehradun.