

ANIRBAN CHAUDHURI

TRAINING AND WORKSHOP ATTENDED

- Undergone training on identification of scheduled animals of India at **Zoological Survey of India** in collaboration with **National Biodiversity Authority**.
- Certified Trainer of **AWBI (Animal Welfare Board of India)**.
- Attended certified training on snake bite management conducted by **Indian Medical Association** (Headquarters) and “Your health” of **IMA, Kolkata**.

WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

Have over 16 years of experience in safe handling of venomous reptiles, large carnivorous reptiles. Also have experience in handling rearing of small mammals like Lesser cats, Civets, Porcupines, Mongoose, Long eared hedgehog etc.

Experienced in husbandry of reptiles such as Crocodiles, Monitor Lizards, Turtles and Snakes.

Have a year and a half working experience at Bhagabatpur Saltwater Crocodile Project area.

Have experience in assisting veterinarians during operating on Reptiles and Small Mammals.

ENDEVOURS

- Conducted Workshops in Orissa (Manglajodi) with villagers and fishermen to save birds and snakes from fishing nets in December 2011.
- Conducted workshop on snake bite management with GRP, CRPF Jawans at Siliguri College in June 2012.
- Conducted awareness camps in flood affected areas of Kaziranga National Park with Villagers in July 2012, in association with local NGO on managing human-reptile conflict and snake bites.
- Conducted training program to train Jeep Safari Association members of Kaziranga NP in 2012 in safe handling, rescue and rehabilitation of reptiles
- Conduct regular awareness camps and interactive sessions in various schools, colleges along with different organizations Like Nature-Mates (West Bengal), Help Earth (Assam), NRSB (Assam) etc.
- Conducted training sessions with Department of Forest (West Bengal) staffs on Captive management of Saltwater Crocodile at Bhagabatpur Range (Sunderbans) in 2013 and 2014, along with members of Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA) and Disney Animal Kingdom.
- Conducted training sessions with Department of Forest West Bengal (Rupnarayan Range) staffs, in identification, safe Handling, relocation of venomous reptiles and snake bite protocols in 2014.

- Actively volunteer to conduct awareness camps and nature walks with schools and college students. Some of them are St. John's Diocesan School , Future Foundation, IISER College, Kolkata.
- Actively rescue cornered or injured birds, reptiles and small mammals in urban space with the help of vets and release them back into the wild with help of forest department / concerned authorities.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Headed the Saltwater Breeding Program under forest department of West Bengal as a resource person of NGO (Nature Mates) at Sunderbans (West Bengal), from December 2013 to May 2015.
- By using updated techniques used increased the egg to hatchling ratio of Saltwater Crocodiles at the above mentioned project by a margin of over 50%, a record hatching was achieved after almost 20 years.
- Provided assistance to Guwahati Zoo as a resource person on behalf of Help Earth to incubate and hatch captive bred snake eggs through artificial incubation for the first time in the zoo's history.
- Successfully incubated and hatched Indian Chameleon eggs using artificial incubation techniques at a rescue center of Department of Forest (West Bengal).
- Successfully Hatched Indian Flap Shell sub-species (*L.punctata vittata*) eggs using artificial incubation methods in captivity.
- Provide assistance to Department of forest, Wild Life Crime Control Bureau (Kolkata), ZSI (Reptilia Section, Kolkata) and other similar organisations in identification of reptiles whenever seized or confiscated or sent for identification.
- Participated in surveys related to herpetofauna and provided technical assistance to various organizations in this regard.
- Conduct regular awareness campaigns / programs, seminars at various schools and colleges Like Future Foundation School, St. John's Diocesan School, Kolkata (With Nature Mates), IISER Kolkata etc.

SURVEY PARTICIPATIONS

- Chintamanikar Bird Sanctuary bio-diversity survey, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- Haliday Island bio-diversity survey, Sunderbans, West Bengal.
- Lothian Island bio-diversity survey, Sunderbans, West Bengal.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Accepted Publications :

- Range Extension of Bridal Snake, *D.nympha* in Herpetozoa (in print)
- Clutch Size of *L.punctata vittata* in Herpeto Review (Published)
- Diet of *Amphiesma Stolata* in Herpeto Review (in print)
- *Lycodon odishii*, a junior synonym of *Lycodon jara*, with notes on morphological variation in this species (in print).

Publications under review:

- First record of Pigeeye shark, *Carcharhinus amboinensis*, from coastal waters of west bengal, india with notes on carcharhinids known from the state
- Notes on Indian Chameleon egg clutch size and artificial incubation in Herpeto review.

Publications in preperation:

- Note on *T.scripta* (Red eared slider), an introduced species in Waterbody of Kolkata, West bengal.
- Captive breeding notes of Saltwater Crocodiles at Bhagabatpur Project Sunderbans.

POPULAR SCIENCE PUBLICATIONS:

- Article on myths and habits of Common Wolf Snake, Published in Banyapran Magazine (Bengali).
- Article on Common Venomous Snakes of West Bengal, Published in Banyapran Magazine (Bengali).
- Article on Snakes of Sunderbans, Punlished in Aranyak Magazine (Bengali).

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHS PUBLISHED:

- **Magazines:** Bhraman Travel Magazine, Banyapran Wildlife Magazine
- **Books:** Snakes of Assam, Lizards of West Bengal, Freshwater Turtles of South Asia, Some Animals of Sunderbans,

RECOGNITION

Felicitated by **HSBC BANK** during their Bird Awareness Campaign in “Kolkata Bird Race” in 2012 for contribution towards promoting conservation and awareness among school and college students.