

Project Update: January 2014

Current activities and updates

1. Lepidoptera survey and collection of baseline data

A faunal survey was conducted for moths and butterflies at Pakke Tiger Reserve from 13th to 23rd September 2013. The first visit to Pakke-Kesang, in the northern part of Pakke Tiger Reserve, one of the three designated eco-tourism areas for the Park, was visited for the first time, at the behest of the park management.

2. Supporting tourism at Eaglenest and Pakke

a. A catalogue of butterflies and moths of Eaglenest was produced and launched in May 2013. The Arunachal Pradesh Forest department funded a reprint of these catalogue for distribution and outreach in Oct 2013.

b. The book titled "Butterflies and Moths of Pakke Tiger Reserve" was published in January 2014 to support the eco-tourism efforts at Pakke. This book was based on surveys conducted through support by Rufford Small Grants and funded by the Arunachal Pradesh Forest Department. Wide publicity will be given to this book. Proceeds from this book will go to the Pakke Tiger Conservation Fund, which supports local conservation efforts and welfare of forest staff. (Below).

3. Local capability building and awareness building/outreach

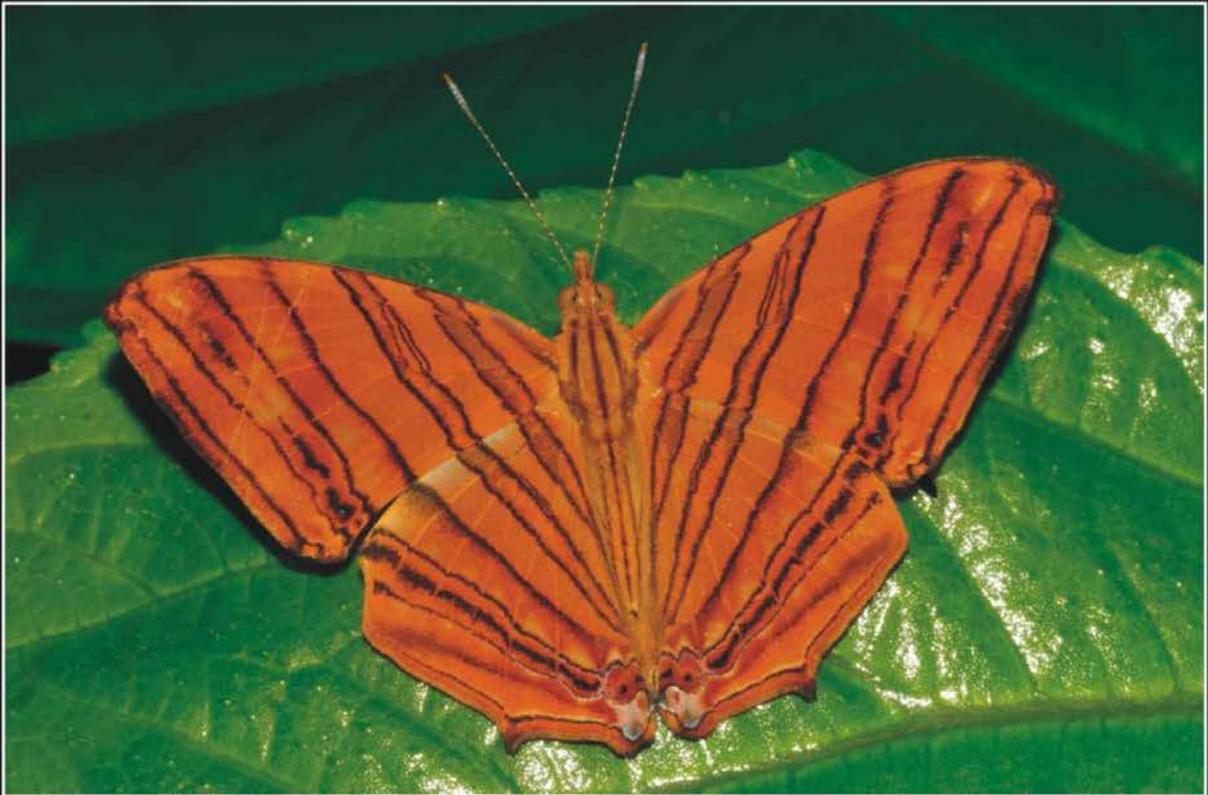
a. A training session school children and teachers at Pakke Tiger Reserve was conducted on 14th September 2013 at Seijosa, Pakke Tiger Reserve. The training programme was attended by 35 children and 4 teachers and served to build local awareness of Pakke's biodiversity, including butterflies and moths. A booklet highlighting Pakke's biodiversity was distributed to the participants.

b. An exposure workshop for nature club members from Nagaland, a neighbouring state was organised at Pakke Tiger Reserve from 22nd-24th October 2013. This not only helped the Pakke ecotourism effort generate revenues but also assisted in spreading the message about the local community's efforts to support conservation initiatives in the Tiger Reserve.

c. A series of five articles, each about Pakke and Pakke-Kesang, were published in the *New Indian Express*, a national daily, in order to promote awareness about Pakke's biodiversity and the local community's conservation efforts.

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This book covers butterflies and moths of the Pakke Tiger Reserve in East Kameng District of Arunachal Pradesh, northeast India. It contains descriptions and photographs of 284 butterfly species, provides key features to identify them and notes on similar species to assist in identification. Photographs of 95 additional similar looking butterfly species are also included. Notes on the natural history of the butterfly species are also included. This book also covers 83 species of commonly seen moths with colour photographs for identification and notes about the moth families.



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