

Project Update: September 2014

The following objectives have been achieved:

1. The basic amphibian surveys for this season have been completed.
2. Manipal University Press has agreed to publish a coffee table-cum-reference book which covers the amphibians found in this region's laterite zones. This publication should be out before the next monsoon and will help tremendously in spreading the awareness campaign in the region, especially in the longer run.
3. Our documentary is shaping up nicely with a number of students from the regional media and communications college volunteering and helping out with it.
4. Outreach - We've come out with a poster to showcase amphibian life in monsoon wetlands formed in laterite grasslands. These have been distributed amongst schools, colleges and popular local places. PFA a copy of the same. Graphic design students from local college were involved in the designing and making of the poster.

We currently have an outreach of approximately 200 primary school students locally as well as about 200 university students and faculty members. We expect this number to climb much higher when we begin to focus solely on the outreach and dissemination of information (post January 2015)

We've received permits from the Manipal University to survey the vast swaths of laterite grasslands that fall within their authority and should be granted permission by the district authorities soon.

We are well in line with our objectives though our timeline has had to be tinkered with to accommodate a failed and erratic monsoon as well as other delays.

