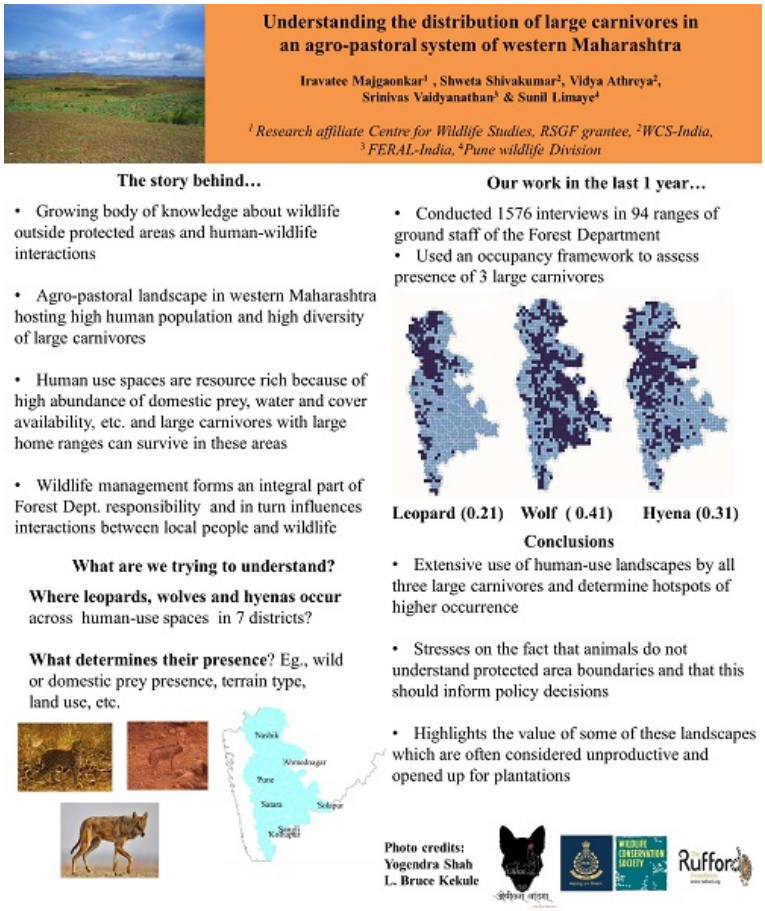
Project Update: December 2015

We have been continuing our Maharashtra Forest Department (key informant) interview survey since May. Instead of five districts which were planned for before (till May 2015), we have been successful in covering 7 districts with the help of some students. This took up till July 2015. Along with recording wolf sightings through these surveys, we also collected data for leopard and hyena sightings and now we have a large-scale database from our study area. This data is being worked on since August 2015 on wards and we have come up with some rough trends for the presence of all three carnivores in the agro-pastoral landscape outside protected areas. A final report will be submitted by February end to each of the Forest divisions we have worked with. Our next phase of fieldwork will commence from December 2015 onwards and will involve locating wolf denning sites (in areas with higher probability of wolf occurrence) and understanding livestock owner responses to livestock loss and grazing instances in reserve forest fragments.



A poster submitted to the lecture series summarising our work up till now.