

**Project Update: March 2018**

**Kinship Conservation Regional Workshop - (18th to 23rd February 2018)**

The Kinship conservation regional workshop was developed by Kinship Conservation Fellows, whose mission is to develop a community of leaders dedicated to collaborative approaches to environmental issues with an emphasis on market-based principles. The workshop was organised in Bangalore, India for the conservationists who are working with the communities to empower them. During the workshop, I talked about the caterpillar fungus project findings and got valuable ideas and skills, particularly on how to use market-based tools to make the harvesting of caterpillar fungus more sustainable. The Kinship conservation workshop helped me in networking and developing collaborations with leading conservation professionals who are using market based tools for conservation in different part of the world. I believe that the network will be a great platform for knowledge sharing and getting skills for take holistic approach to mitigate different conservation issues on grass root level in the future.

**Society for Conservation Biology India Chapter - (19th and 20th March 2018)**

Through this conference SCB-India Chapter was inaugurated to foster and encourage biodiversity study and conservation in India through building capacity, networking and the development of technical and soft skills that are necessary for the modern conservation professional, whether located in academia, government or the non-profit sector. I participated in the conference and presented findings of the caterpillar fungus project. Through the conference, I fostered my understanding in conservation science by panel discussions and workshops on different thematic issues on biodiversity conservation. Overall, the meeting was a great platform for me in order to developing effective network for biodiversity conservation in India.



Talking about caterpillar fungus project during Kinship Conservation Regional Workshop





Field Visit during Kinship Conservation Workshop



Participants of Kinship Conservation Regional Workshop





Poster Presentation in at Society for Conservation Biology Conference in Noida



Society for Conservation Biology Conference at Amity University, Noida