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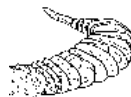
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For a long time, it was felt that though there were quite a few reptile researchers in India, there was no coordination, cooperation, exchange of information between them. Often only a core group of "well-known" reptile researchers were in communication. The rest of the biologists did their own research in isolation. This, of course, did lead to duplication of work, non-standard methodologies, ambiguity in knowledge, non-accessibility to exotic references, etc.

The effects of this situation were obvious at the Conservation Assessment and Management Plan workshop (CAMP) for Reptiles in May 1997. At the workshop, albeit the exercise led to the assessment of close to 500 taxa of Indian reptiles, a sense of unease was felt by the participants. Many isolated studies on reptiles could not be compared for want of comparable field methodologies, the veracity of the information provided was questioned of an unknown or nervous researcher and the ubiquitous feeling of "if we had all known each other better, we could have come up with more information" were reasons for the group recommending that a network of reptile researchers be formed immediately.

The Network was formed with the kind assistance of Fauna and Flora International and Columbus Zoo, who each provided the initial funding. The 100% Grant of FFI and the Conservation Fund of Columbus Zoo are highly appreciated for making the network a possibility and the various tasks conducted within.

The South Asian Reptile and Amphibian Specialist Group, SSC/IUCN is acknowledged for the support provided in establishing the network; Indraneil Das, the Chair, for his encouragement. The infrastructure and facilities provided by Zoo Outreach Organisation, Conservation Breeding Specialist Group, India and the administrative support of the staff of the parent organisation has helped the network perform efficiently. In this regard, I thank the following from ZOO – Latha Ravikumar, Sheela Joseph, Jyothi Maler, S. Sudha and Binu Priya Arthur Raj, without whose help the network or this directory would not have been possible. Most importantly, the motivation and encouragement of Sally Walker has been an essential point in all the networking efforts of the organisation. Thanks again to all of them.

Finally, the members of the network, who have spared their time and supported us in our bad period of last year, a very special thanks to them. I would request that they take part more actively and make the networking effort for conservation of the reptiles of the region a success.

Please write to me your comments, corrections and criticism for improvement of this Directory. In addition, a special request for those whose information is incomplete or non-existent, please send in your complete information soon to be included in the next iteration of the Directory.

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**Information on some researchers**

(as of December 2000)

This section contains information on some reptile researchers -- those who returned the questionnaires.

## Dr. Harry Vasanth Andrews

**Date of Birth:** 2-12-1956      **Sex:** Male      **Occupation:** Dy. Director, Madras Crocodile Bank

**Correspondence:** Centre for Herpetology, Madras Crocodile Bank  
Post Box 4 Mammallapuram, Tamil Nadu 603 104, INDIA  
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**Research Interest:** Field and captive studies and surveys

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

### Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:

Social behaviour of *Gavialis gangeticus* in captivity - 1986 - Paul White- St. Olaf's University, USA.

Studies on the basking behaviour of gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*) at Madras Crocodile Bank Trust - 1988 - R. Kumar - AVC College, Mayiladuthurai.

Thermoregulatory and social behaviour in mugger crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*) in captivity - 1991 - Karen Tibbo- Bedford New College, United Kingdom.

Reproductive biology and conservation of freshwater turtles in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh - 1992- Karthikeyan Vasudevan - Madurai Kamaraj University.

Resource partitioning of the water monitor lizard (*Varanus salvator*) in captivity - 1992-1993 - Jayashree Ratnam - Centre for Herpetology, Madras Crocodile Bank.

Wildlife Conservation and sustainable development, crocodile farming as a welfare resource - 1995 - Manish Chandi- Madras Christian College, Chennai.

Studies on the nesting of leatherback sea turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) in the Andaman Islands - 1996 - Arjun Sivasundar - Salim Ali School of Ecology, Pondicherry University.

Studies on the terrestrial behaviour of the yellow-lipped sea krait (*Laticauda colubrina*) in the Andaman Islands- 1996 - Sohan Shetty, Salim Ali School of Ecology, Pondicherry University.

Status and population dynamics of the mugger crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*) in Tamil Nadu - 1999 - Ravi Kailas, New College, Chennai.

Thermoregulation and behaviour of the Travancore tortoise (*Indotestudo forstenii*) in captivity - 1999 - Stella Maris College, Chennai.

**Species/group of special Interest:** Crocodiles, Monitor lizards and Sea turtles

### Projects:

Major Research Projects Implemented, Collaborated and Directed under the Centre for Herpetology, Madras Crocodile Bank Trust Research Programme.

Crocodile research at the Madras Crocodile Bank

Collaborated with U.S. scientists on a ten year project funded by the Smithsonian Institution.

National Geographic Society and National Science Foundation on the "*Reproductive biology of the mugger crocodile*" and "*Reptile reproduction, sex determination, egg incubation: studies of crocodylians, turtles and lizards at the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust*".

### Field research

Established a field station for state-wide crocodile studies and surveys in the Nilgiris District of Tamil Nadu.

Designed, directed and conducted a three year survey and study on the conservation and biology of mugger crocodiles in natural and altered habitats.

Freshwater turtles and tortoise - captive breeding and field research

Captive breeding, egg incubation studies of freshwater turtles and tortoises.

Directed and collaborated on a two-year study on the reproductive biology and conservation of freshwater turtles in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, including egg incubation studies.

Lizards - captive breeding and research

Since 1987, I have conducted studies on the breeding biology, growth and reproductive effort of water monitor lizards.

### Other projects involved in and affiliated to the centre for Herpetology, Madras Crocodile Bank Trust

Irula Snake Catcher's Cooperative Society (a tribal self-help Society involved in snake, rat-catching and venom extraction)

Job Profile [Position: Manager and Technical Advisor]

Managed and assisted in the setting up of the Cooperative in 1983.

Infrastructure design and development of snake display exhibit and venom extraction centre.

Training Irula tribals in laboratory use, venom processing, record keeping, data collection and snake releases.

### Andaman and Nicobar Islands Environment Team, Centre for Island Ecology (ANET/CIE), division of the Centre for Herpetology, Madras Crocodile Bank Trust (an island-based conservation research and public education centre)

Formulating captive breeding proposals for the local zoo.

Conducting herpetological studies and population status surveys of endangered fauna and habitats in the islands.

### Consultancies

International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) Nepal Survey of crocodylians and wetlands of Nepal.

### **Publications:**

1986. Preliminary report on mugger breeding at MCBT for 1986. *Hamadryad* 11(1.2): 2.

1986. Mugger, caiman saltwater crocodile breeding at the Madras Crocodile Bank.

*Hamadryad* 11(3): 10-12.

1986. Variation in egg and clutch size of mugger in different age groups. *Hamadryad* 11(3): 13-14.

Lang, J.W., R. Whitaker and H.V. Andrews 1986. Male parental care in mugger crocodiles. *Nat. Geogr. Res.* 2(4): 519-525.

1987. A note on the mugger breeding and nesting activities at the Croc Bank. *Hamadryad* 12(2): 17-18.

1988. A bumper crop of mugger. *Hamadryad* 13(1): 2-3.

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- Whitaker, R. and H.V. Andrews, 1989. Chemical immobilization of the mugger crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*) with Galamine Triethiodide. *Indian Forester* 115(5): 355-356.
1989. An unusual record of *Crocodylus moreletii* nesting. *Hamadryad* 14(1): 11-13.
- Gavialis gangeticus* nest at the Madras Crocodile Bank. *Hamadryad* 14(1): 13-14.
1989. Behaviour and thermoregulation of the marginated tortoise (*Testudo marginata*). *Hamadryad* 14(2): 22-26.
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1991. *Varanus salvator* (and *Varanus indicus*, too). *VaraNews* 1(6): 4.
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- Bhaskar, S. and H.V. Andrews, 1993. Action Plan for sea turtles in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India *Mar. Turtle Newsl.* (60): 23.
- Lang, J.W. and H.V. Andrews, 1994. Temperature-dependent sex determination in crocodylians. *J. Exp.Zool.* 270: 28-44.
- Andrews, H.V. and R. Whitaker, 1994. Status of saltwater crocodiles (*Crocodylus porosus*, Schneider, 1801) in North Andaman Island. *Hamadryad* 19: 79-92.
- Andrews, H.V. and P. McEachern 1994. Crocodile conservation in Nepal. IUCN Nepal and Ngo Environmental Management Programme, Kathmandu Nepal. 28 pp.
1995. Sexual maturation in *Varanus salvator* (Laurenti, 1786). With note on growth and reproductive effort. *Herpetol. J.* 5: 189-194.
1995. Preliminary survey of *Crocodylus palustris* in the Kabini River, Karnataka State, south India. *IUCN/SSC Crocodile Specialist Group Newsl.* 14(2): 8.
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- Das, I., R. Whitaker, and H.V. Andrews, 1996. Publish and perish! *Hamadryad* 21: 1-3.
- I. Das and H.V. Andrews, 1997. Bibliography of the herpetology of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. *Hamadryad* 22(1): 68-72.
- Andrews, H.V. and R. Whitaker, 1997. Status of herpetofauna in India including the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. *In*: Proc. International Conference on the biology and Conservation of South Asian Amphibian and Reptiles, Kandy, Sri Lanka, August 1996.
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1998. A little book of monitor lizards by D. Bennett [book review]. *Hamadryad.* 22(2): 131.

Andrews, H.V. and I. Das 1998. Addenda to the bibliography of the herpetology of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. *Hamadryad* 23(1): 84-85.

Whitaker, R. and H.V. Andrews 1998. Farm a crocodile and save a tiger. Wildlife Seminar 466 pp. 51.

In prep. Bibliography of *Gavialis gangeticus* (Gmelin, 1789). *Smithsonian Herpetol. Inf. Serv.*

## Research Reports

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1993. Status of the mugger crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*) in the Sathanur Reservoir, Tamil Nadu. Report to the Centre for Herpetology, Madras Crocodile Bank Trust. C-1/93. 9 pg + 1 map.

Andrews, H.V. and R. Whitaker, 1994. Preliminary observations on the Andaman teal (*Anas gibberifrons albogularis*) in North Andaman Islands and North of Middle Andaman. Report submitted to the Asian Wetland Bureau, and the Centre for Herpetology, Madras Crocodile Bank Trust. 2 pg.

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1997. Biodiversity conservation for protected areas management planning project in the Andaman Islands. Report submitted to the Darwin Initiative/Fauna and Flora International and Andaman and Nicobar Islands Environmental Team (July to September, 1997) 3 pg.

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1998. Biodiversity conservation for protected areas management planning project in the Andaman Islands. Report submitted to the Darwin Initiative/Fauna and Flora International and Andaman and Nicobar Islands Environmental Team (April to June, 1998) 3 pg.

1998. Biodiversity conservation for protected areas management planning project in the Andaman Islands. Report submitted to the Darwin Initiative/Fauna and Flora International and Andaman and Nicobar Islands Environmental Team (July to September, 1998) 3 pg.

1998. Mount Harriet National Park, South Andaman Island, India - A Status Report (in prepn.)

1998. Survey and Assessment of wetlands in the Rani Jhansi Marine National Park, Andaman Islands, India (in prepn.)

**Mr. Vijay Ujwal Awasere**

**Date of Birth:** 11-03-1967      **Sex:** Male      **Occupation:**

**Correspondence:** Room No. 3, Savitri Bhuvan, Darakhi Baug, Tank Road, Bhandup (W)  
Mumbai, Maharashtra 400 078, INDIA  
Phone: Off: 5676231

**Research Interest:** Ecology, Herpetology, Animal behaviour, Biodiversity conservation, conservation education.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** Gitanjali Tiwari , 1993, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun. Sub: Ecology of reptiles in Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivili.

**Species/group of special Interest:** Cat snake (*Boiga sps*)

**Projects:**

Study of maintenance of snakes in captivity for the proposed snake park in Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivili , Mumbai, Irula snake catchers society- Chennai, 20-31st March 1993.

Study of ecology of reptiles in Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivili, March 1993.

Study in Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivili on:

*Boiga forsteni*, June '94; *Cryptodactylus coilgalensis*, Dec '94; Caecilian (first record) [*Ichthyophis peninsularis*], May '95; *Boiga ceylonensis*, Dec '95; *Boiga dightoni*, May '99.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:**

Cobra - 9; Russel's viper - 5; Rat snakes - 3; Cat snakes – 2.

**Publications:**

Various articles on conservation of snakes in local and regional news papers.

Snakes of Sanjay Gandhi National Park – a field guide (manuscript ready. It could not be published due to lack of finance )

Snakes of Sanjay Gandhi National Park – a checklist.

**Mr. Ketankumar P. Bhalodia**

**Date of Birth:** 2-12-1956      **Sex:** Male      **Occupation:**

**Correspondence:** P.O. Morzar, Ta-bhanvad, Dist. Jamnagar, Gujarat 360 510, INDIA  
Phone: Off: 0281 78504

**Research Interest:** Ecology, Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Population studies and conservation

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** M. Phil in herpetofaunal studies: 1999. Biodiversity of Rampara Wildlife Sanctuary with special emphasis on herpetofauna. Guide: Prof V.C. Soni.

**Species/group of special interest:** Lizards and snakes

**Projects:**

1997 – '98. Ecological study of phytoplankton, zooplankton, invertebrate, amphibian and reptilian biodiversity of the Wild Ass Sanctuary GEER Foundation Gandhinagar- Funding . 1. 12. '97 to 30. 07. '98.

1998. Herpetofaunal diversity in the Rampara Wildlife Sanctuary, Rajkot district, Gujarat state. (short term research study) GEER foundation, Gandhinagar- Funding. 01.08. '98 to 31. 10. '98.

1999 – 2000. Study on Biodiversity of Badra Wildlife Sanctuary (project in progress) GEER (Gujarat Ecology Education and Research) Foundation- Funding. 15.07. '99 till date.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

**Publications:**

Soni, V.C., Bhalodia, K.P., Dave, S.M. and Bhuva, V.J. 1998. Herpetofauna of the Wild Ass Sandtuary (Gujarat) and its conservation. (communicated) *Hamadryad*.

Soni, V.C., Bhalodia, K.P. and Dave, S.M. 1999. Record length of the Trinket snake, *Elaphe helena* captured from Rajkot city, Gujarat, India. (communicated) *B.N.H.S.*

**Mr. Bharat Bhushan Bhatt**

**Date of Birth:** 28-01-63

**Sex:** Male

**Occupation:** Research Assistant

**Correspondence:** State Forest Research Institute, Van Vihar, P.O. 159  
Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh 791 111, INDIA  
Phone: 0361 203517 Fax: 0361 203566

**Research Interest:** Basically a wildlife biologist; conducted exploration works in the state [Arunachal Pradesh] on faunal resources at Namdabha National Park for 8 years. Captive breeding programme of white winged wood duck, animal census etc., and related wildlife studies in the state.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** Working for Ph.D. " Taxonomic studies on the occurrence, distribution and ecology of the Ophidian fauna in Arunachal Pradesh". Started work in 1998 and is scheduled to be completed by 2002 at Guwahati university. Guide – Dr. (Mrs.) Sabitri Bordolai Choudhury

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** Not as such; But often used to be resource person for wildlife subject matters in the department and at university, Institutes of the state. Would provide a helping hand to researchers from other states mainly from Guwahati university, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong and other scientists from ZSI etc. who come mainly to collect or carry out survey.

**Species/group of special Interest:** Presently interested in the Ophidian fauna of state and reptiles on the whole; Carrying out field study and till date some 60 odd species of Ophidia are recorded with possibility of 2 new records for the state.

**Projects:**

Project proposal submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi entitled – "Occurance, distribution, taxonomy and ecology of Ophidians in the state of Arunachal Pradesh" for funding. Project to start as soon as the grant is received.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** Not as yet; but soon in future as I have been asked to open a serpentarium in the state zoo at Itanagar. So, working on this project from the department side under state government.

**Publications:**

Feb 1998. On the occurrence of a rare snake in Arunachal Pradesh; Research notes III.

*Indian forester*. Vol 124.No.2. pp169 – 171.

1997. Some snakes of Itanagar area of Papumpare district, Arunachal Pradesh. Arunachal forest news. Vol 15. No. 182.pp 12 – 14.

**Mr. Ashok Captain**

**Date of Birth:** 04-09-1960

**Sex:** Male

**Occupation:** Outdoor educational instructor and wildlife photographer

**Correspondence:** C/o L.S. Captain, 3/1 Boat Club Road Pune,  
Maharashtra 411 001, INDIA  
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**Research Interest:** Field Taxonomy of live snakes [also dead snakes]; Photodocumenting live snakes.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** Informally teaches interested people how to count scale, key out snakes.

**Species/group of special Interest:** All Indian snake taxon.

**Projects:**

Cataloging and surveying snakes of Arunachal Pradesh and Western Ghats (around Pune)- Changlang district, Papumpare district and Arunachal Pradesh. 1996

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

**Publications:**

1998. *Sinonatrix*, a new Genus for India. *Hamdryad*, Vol.22, No.2. pp.114-115.

Recent records of snakes from Arunachal Pradesh, North-East India. Herpeton/Notes on identification of *Lycodon flavomaculatus*-in press *JBNHS*

Aberrant banded racers *Argyrogena fasciolatus* *JBNHS* vol. 96 (1) pp 147-151 + 2 plates.

### Mr. Rajeev Chauhan

**Date of Birth:** 01-07-1971      **Sex:** Male      **Occupation:**

**Correspondence:** 576, Karamganj, Punjabi Colony, Etawah  
Uttar Pradesh 206 001, INDIA  
Phone: 0568 803552

**Research Interest:** Ecology, conservation, biodiversity, population studies, pollution.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** Yes, registered for Ph.D.

"Limnological study of Panchnada, with special reference to Chelonian population." Synopsis approved in Jan. 1997. C.S.J.M. University, Kanpur, UP. Guide: Dr. S. Narain, Reader in Zoology, Janta College, Bakawar (Etawah) UP – 206 124.

**Species/group of special Interest:** All fresh water turtles present in the area. *Kachuga kachuga*, *K. dhongoka*, *K. tecta*, *K. tectoria*, *Harslella thurgii*, *Chitra indica*, *Lissemys punctata*, *Aspiderter gangeticus*, *A. hurum* etc.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** Yes, *Lissemys punctata*, *Kachuga kachuga*.

#### **Publications:**

Study of some fresh water turtles of Panchnada. 1996. *J. Nat. Cons.* 8(2): 121-133.

#### **Papers presented in seminars/symposiums:**

Tracking the terrestrial activities of some fresh water reptiles in Panchnada area Etawah (U.P.). NSOMR. Bakewar, 6-8 Feb. 1998.

Turtle exploitation in river Yamuna at Panchnada. (Dist: Etawah, U.P.) 86th Indian science congress, Chennai.

### Mr. Kamal Das

**Date of Birth:** 09-04-1970      **Sex:** Male      **Occupation:**

**Correspondence:** Natun Para, College Road, P.O. Natun Para  
Dist. Bongaigaon, Assam 783 380, INDIA

**Research Interest:** Conservation, Population studies, Education and biodiversity.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Species/group of special Interest:** Turtles: *Chitra indica*, *Cuora amboinensis*, spotted pond turtle (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*), *Kachuga sylhetensis*.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

**Mr. Dhirendra Devarshi**

**Date of Birth:** 04-04-1963      **Sex:** Male      **Occupation:**Lecturer, Senior scale

**Correspondence:**    c/o Rajesh Sharma, 34 Yaduraj Nagar, Agra Road  
Bharatpur, Rajasthan 321 001, INDIA  
Phone: 05644 026622

**Research Interest:** Amphibians, Reptiles and Birds.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

**Publications:**

Popular articles in Hindi dailies and magazines: Radio talks AIR- Jaipur and Agra.

**Any other information:** Presently engaged in Ph.D work on Avian species of Rajasthan.

**Dr. Govindaswami Ramaswamy**

**Date of Birth:** 15-01-1952      **Sex:** Male      **Occupation:**Reader in Zoology and Wildlife

**Correspondence:**    H.No. 4, Saratha Colony, Tiruvilandur, South Street Mayiladuturai,  
Tamil Nadu 609 001, INDIA  
Phone: Res: 04364 25634; Off: 22264

**Research Interest:** Wildlife Conservation, Education, Toxicology, Endocrinology, Ethology

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** 1990. M.Phil studies on the accumulation and biochemical effects of endosulfan on the blood glucose level and on the pancreas and adrenal of the garden lizard *Calotes versicolor*, Bharathidasan University.

April 1996. M.Sc. Studies on the venom of cobra, krait and the Russell's viper, AVC College

**Species/group of special Interest:** Lizards and snakes

**Projects:**

1996 in Mannampandal

1997 in Point calimere

1984 in Mundanthurai

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

**Mr. Gadhvi Indra Ramjibhai**

**Date of Birth:** 22-02-1969      **Sex:** Male      **Occupation:**Lecturer in Zoology

**Correspondence:** Plot No. 2200, Ankur Society, Hill Drive, Bhavnagar 364 002  
Gujarat INDIA  
Phone: 0278 562867

**Research Interest:** Snakes

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Species/group of special Interest:** Snakes

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** For some time to observe the behaviour of snakes and tortoises

**Any other information:**

I am a lecturer in zoology, doing my Ph.D in birds, Hon. Wildlife warden of Bhavnagar district in Gujarat state. After submission of my Ph.D theses I want to do some post doctorate studies on snakes as I am very interested in them.

**Mr. Dayal Prasad Gupta**

**Date of Birth:** 13-07-1961      **Sex:** Male      **Occupation:**

**Correspondence:** Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Dept. of Zoology, Faculty of Science, Dayalbagh Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282 005, INDIA  
Phone: 0562 350059      Fax: 0562 351845

**Research Interest:** Ecology, Conservation and Genetics of lizards, Animal behaviour

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** Have submitted thesis on "Ecobehaviour and genetic studies of endangered monitor lizard, *Varanus bengalensis*

**Species/group of special Interest:** *Varanus bengalensis* and other Lizards of semi-arid habitat

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** Varanus- 2

**Publications:** 3 Papers. Ready for communication

## Mr. Daya Nand Harit

**Date of Birth:** 22-12-1963      **Sex:** Male      **Occupation:** Lecturer

**Correspondence:** Government Champhai College, AIZA WL East, Champhai  
Mizoram 796 321, INDIA

**Research Interest:** Herpetology, Entomology, Ecology, Helminthology, Biodiversity, Animal behaviour, Animal welfare, Education, Conservation, Wildlife and related areas.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Projects:** Survey of amphibian and reptilian fauna of Mizoram - proposed

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

### Publications:

Harit, D.N. & D.K. Harit, 1996. Indigenous method of translocation of the tucktoo *Gecko gecko* Linn. as practised in Mizoram, India. *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.* 93(2): 302.

Harit, D.N., 1997. An observation on ecdysis in the common house lizard *Hemidactylus flaviviridis* Rupell of India., *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.* 94(1): 164-165.

Harit, D.N., 1996. Report on lacertilian fauna of Kolasib of Mizoram, India. *Himalayan J. Env. Zool.* 10(2): 93-94.

Harit, D.N., 1998. Inanimate feeding behaviour of tucktoo *Gekko gecko* Linn. *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.* 95(1): 124-125.

Harit, D.N., 1998. Breeding Biology of common house lizard *Hemidactylus flaviviridis* Rupell in Mizoram, India. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 95(3): 512.

Harit, D.N., 1999. An addition to the breeding biology of common house lizard *Hemidactylus flaviviridis* Rupell in Mizoram, India. *Himalayan J. Env. Zool* (Communicated).

### Any other information:

Honorary assignment : Animal welfare education officer, Animal welfare board of India. (Ministry of social justice and Empowerment, Government of India) – dealing with Humane education and welfare of animals of both wild and domestic etc.,

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**Research Interest:** Snakes

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Species/group of special Interest:** Terrestrial snakes found near paddy fields, lakes , ponds etc.,

**Projects:**

Conservation of nesting Ridley turtles in Madras coast. Atchery management. 1988-97

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

**Any other information:**

A commitment for conservation of reptiles

**Dr. Sudhakar Kar**

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**Research Interest:** Studies on ecology and biology of Salt water crocodiles, *Crocodylus porosus*.

Studies on nesting biology of water monitor lizard, *Varanus salvator*.

Studies on reptilian fauna of Orissa. Studies on biodiversity and conservation, animal behaviour in aquatic ecosystem.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** Yes, Studies on salt water crocodile, *Crocodylus porosus* Schneider in Orissa. 1981, Utkal University, Orissa. Guide – Prof. B. K. Behura and Dr. H. R. Bustard.

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** As far as reptilian work is concerned, I have guided graduate, post graduate and M. Phil students for preparation project works and dissertation etc.,

**Species/group of special Interest:** Ecology and biology of *Crocodylus porosus* and reptilian fauna in mangrove ecosystem.

**Projects:**

Studies on Man – Crocodile conflict in Bhitarkanika Mangrove ecosystem of Orissa, India. Bhitarkanika wildlife sanctuary and Bhitarkanika National Park and its peripheral areas [rivers and creek systems]. – Two years of study 2000 – 2001.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** Yes, Crocodiles [*C. porosus*] and saltwater crocodile, Research and conservation centre, Dangmal Bhitarkanika. *Varanus salvator* at Bhitarkanika.

**Any other information:**

List of scientific papers published on crocodiles, lizards, seaturtles and other reptilian species will be submitted separately.

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**Research Interest:** Captive Management and breeding

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Species/group of special Interest:** Snakes (King Cobra, Common Cobra, Russells Viper, Saw Scaled Viper, Common Krait, Indian Python, Dhaman, Checkered Keelback, Trinket, Sand Boa, Earth Boa, Racer, Wolf Snake, Grass Snake, Common Cat Snake, Forsten's Cat Snake, Bamboo Cat Snake, Bamboo Pit Viper, Starred Tortoise, Soft shelled Turtle, Marsh Crocodile)

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** Yes.

**Publications:**

Khaire, N. and A. Khaire, 1981. A Dhaman's Diet, *Hornbill, J. Bom. Nat. Hist. Soc.*  
Khaire, A. and N. Khaire, 1984. Inhabitation of Slender Coral Snake (*Calliophis melanurus*) in Poona. *Journal of the University of Poona. Science & Tech.* Vol. 56, pp.47.  
Khaire, A. and N. Khaire, 1984. Breeding of Indian Cobra (*Naja n. naja*) in Captivity. *Geobios New Reports* Vol. 3(1), pp. 2-4.

Khaire, A. and N. Khaire, 1984. Egg-laying of Trinket Snake (*Elaphe helena*) of India. Science and Culture. Vol. 50(3), pp. 87-89.

Khaire, A. and N. Khaire, 1984. Birth of a Bicephalus Snake, *Hamadryad* Vol. 9(3)

Khaire, A., N. Khaire, and M. Katdare, 1985. Observations on Feeding, Mating, Egg-laying and Seasonal Moulting of Checkered Keelback Water Snake (*Xenochrophis piscator*), *The Snake* Vol. 17 Japan pp. 25-30.

Khaire, A. and N. Khaire, 1985. A List of Snakes in the Neighbourhood of Poona, Maharashtra, with some observations, *Geobios New Reports* vol. 4(2), pp. 112-114.

Khaire, A., N. Khaire and M. Katdare, 1986. Parturition in Common Sand Boa (*Eryx conicus*). *The Snake* Vol. 18(1), Japan pp. 16-18.

Khaire, A. and N. Khaire, 1986. A Report on the Occurrence of Hybrid Between *Eryx conicus* (Schneider) And *Eryx johni* (Russell). *The Snake* Vol. 18(2) Japan. Pp.114-117.

Khaire, A., N. Khaire, P.V. Joshi and H.R. Bhat 1987. An Outbreak of Infestation of *Ophionyssus natricis* (Gervais) In The Snake Park at Poona, India. *The Snake*, Vol. 19. Pp. 70-71, Japan.

Khaire, A. and N. Khaire 1988. Occurrence of a House Gecko (*Hemidactylus flaviviridis*) with a Bifid Tail. *Hamadryad* Vol. 13(1), pp. 16-17.

Gharpande, S.K. and S. Joshi 1990. Additional Information on the Ophiological Fauna of Pune Region, *Herpeton* Vol. (3) pp. 1-2.

Khaire, A. and N. Khaire 1993. Occurrence of Brown Whip Snake *Ahaetulla putverulenta* (Dum. & Bibr.) in Pune, India. *The Snake*, Vol. 25 Japan pp. 147-148.

Khaire, A. 1994. Breeding In *Python molurus*: Survey and Observations *Herpeton* Vol. 5&6, pp. 13-17.

### Dr. Prabhat Kumar

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**Research Interest:** Entomology, reptiles, birds, wildlife, enzyme, histochemistry, marine ecology.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** I have guided one student on reptile studies. My student Dr. Srivastava submitted his theses on "A study of the heart and blood of two species of reptiles".

**Species/group of special Interest:** Entomology and wildlife.

**Projects:** 1981 – 83. Study of blood in two reptiles.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

**Publications:**

About 60 papers published in international and national journals of repute.

**Any other information:**

Awarded D. Sc. Degree of Lucknow University, 1997, on the topic " study on the biology of some animals of economic importance".

**Mr. Biswajit Mohanty**

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**Research Interest:** Conservation of threatened habitats and collection of trade intelligence on illegal trade of reptile skins.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Projects:**

Operation Kachuga: Conservation of Olive Ridley sea Turtles- Study of mortality on the coast of Orissa. Dec'98 to May '99.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

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**Research Interest:** Systematics, Distribution, Ecology, Conservation and Popularisation of reptiles

**Species/group of special Interest:** Lizards and snakes of Western Ghats with special attention of the shield tails. Reptiles of Chilika lake, Orissa

### Projects:

Reptiles of Western Ghats.  
Reptiles of Chilika lake, Orissa  
1988-1994. Reptiles of Tamil Nadu

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

### Publications:

Published 125 scientific articles on various aspects of the Indian reptiles, both in Indian and foreign journals.  
Authored the following two books. "The Snake book of India" and "Illustration Encyclopedia of Reptiles".

### Any other information:

Interested in sharing my experiences in the field with students, workers of Indian reptiles.  
Also concerned with the depletion of populations of rare species of reptiles

## Mr. Ishwar Narayanan Mahadeshwar

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**Research Interest:** Conservation biology

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

## **Species/group of special Interest: Agamids**

### **Projects:**

- 1993 – '95. Herpetological communities in Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary.  
1996 onwards. Impact of the rain forest fragmentation on the reptile diversity in the Western Ghats, India. In Kalakkad Mundandurai Tiger Reserve and Anamalais.  
1991 – '93. Herpetofauna of Chengalpatti district.  
1993. Herpetofauna of Sri Venkateswara Wildlife Sanctuary.  
1992. Herpetofauna of Moyar river. In Moyar river, Thengumaigada.

### **Captive populations of reptiles maintained: No**

### **Publications:**

- Daniels R.J.R. and N.M. Ishwar, 1993. Herpetofauna of the Wetlands of the Eastern Ghats - A Status survey. Report submitted to the Asian Wetland Bureau, Malaysia.  
Ishwar, N.M. 1993. A preliminary study of the herpetofauna along the Moyar river-Nilgiris. Report submitted to the Madras crocodile Bank Trust.  
Ishwar, N.M. 1994. The herpetofauna of the Sri Venkateswara Sanctuary, Andhra Pradesh, India. A preliminary report. Report submitted to the Asian Wetlands Bureau, Malaysia.  
Ishwar, N.M. 1995. Herpetofaunal diversity and habitat utilization in Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary, India. Unpublished report submitted to the MacArthur Foundation, U.S.A.  
Daniels, R.J.R. & N.M. Ishwar, 1994. Rarity and Herpetofauna of the Southern Eastern Ghats, India. *Cobra* Vol. 16: 2-14.  
Ishwar, N.M. and I. Das, 1998. Rediscovery of *Calotes andamanensis* Boulenger, 1891, and reassessment of the type locality. *Journal of Bombay Natural History Society* 95(3): 514-515.

### **Presentations:**

- Presented paper at the International conference on the biology and conservation of the South Asian Amphibians and Reptiles, 1-5 August 1996, Sri Lanka.  
Title: The herpetological assemblage at Palkonda hill range, Eastern Ghats.  
Presented at the Internal Annual Research Seminar in the Wildlife Institute of India. Dehra Dun (September 1996) on Standardization of methods to sample reptiles in the rain forest of Western Ghats.  
Presented at the Annual Research Seminar in the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun (September 1997) on Distribution and abundance of reptiles in the rain forests of Kalakad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve.  
Presented at the National Research Seminar in the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun (September 1997) on Distribution of arboreal reptiles in the rain forests of Kalakad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Southern Western Ghats.

### **Any other information:**

Worked as a Research Assistant at the Center for Herpetology, Madras Crocodile Bank Trust from September 1992 to March 1994 on the following research assignments:

- Title: Status survey and Conservation of the Herpetofauna of Wetlands of the Eastern Ghats.  
Funded by: The Asian Wetland Bureau, Malaysia.  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Ranjit Daniels.  
Project Period: September 1992 to September 1993.

The study area falls within the political limits of the state of Tamil Nadu with Satyamangalam and Madras as the western and the eastern limits respectively. In all, fifty-one species were recorded. Range extensions of three species of herpetiles were reported and the ecology of a few of these was studied in detail.

Title: A preliminary study of Herpetofauna along the Moyar river, Nilgiris.  
Funded by: Smithsonian Institution, U.S.A. and the Asian Wetland Bureau, Malaysia.  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Ranjit Daniels.  
Project Period: May 1993.

This study provided baseline data for preparation of project proposals for the Conservation of Biodiversity of herpetofauna in the area. The study site forms the only connection between the Western Ghats and the Eastern Ghats. The study was aimed at making a species inventory of the herpetofauna of the area. In all, twenty-eight species of amphibians and reptiles were recorded.

Title: The herpetofauna of the Sri Venkateswara Sanctuary, Andhra Pradesh, India.  
Funded by: Asian Wetland Bureau, Malaysia.  
Guided by: Mr. Rom Whitaker and Dr. Inderneil Das.  
Project Period: November 1993 to February 1994.

This survey was the first systematic study of the amphibians and reptiles in the Sanctuary. The main objective of the study was to prepare an inventory of the herpetofauna in the area. In all twenty-eight species of amphibians and reptiles were recorded. A large number of these new records for the site located in the Eastern Ghats.

Joined the Center for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore in June 1994 as a Project Assistant and worked on the following project.

Title: Habit utilization and Diversity of Herpetofauna in Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, Western Ghats, India.

Funded by: MacArthur Foundation, U.S.A.  
Principal Investigator: Dr. R. Sukumar.  
Project Period: June 1994 to February 1996.

The study was carried out in Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary, Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve (N.B.R.) of the Western Ghats. The study yielded information on the diversity and habitat utilization of herpetofauna at various habitat types starting from the dry forests, dry deciduous and the moist deciduous forests and the present status of some of the rare and endemic herpetiles. A protocol for sampling herpetofauna in the dry forests and dry deciduous forests of the Western Ghats was also developed. This study was part of the grant from the MacArthur Foundation, U.S.A. to study the Diversity of Vertebrate fauna in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

Present Work:

From March 1996 onwards working towards a doctoral degree at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun on the project Impact of fragmentation on the biological diversity of the rain forest small mammals and herpetofauna of the Western Ghats Mountains, South India. This is funded by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The study areas are the Kalakad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (the contiguous forest site) and Anamalais (forest fragments). This is the first time that a research project is being undertaken to study the impact of rain forest fragmentation on various taxa in India. I am working on the reptilian component in the project and my study aims to understand the process of rain forest fragmentation and its impact on the rich and endemic reptilian fauna. The study would also look at the factors that affect the distribution, species assemblage and the ecology of these rare and endemic reptiles at the middle elevation wet evergreen forests. A model would be developed at the end of the study that would help in predicting the nature of impact, rain forest fragmentation has on the reptilian communities. Sampling protocol for rain forest reptiles would be developed. Conservation measures to maintain rain forests and their reptiles would also be suggested. The project would extend upto September 2000.

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**Research Interest:** Ecology and taxonomy.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** *Lissemys punctata* – 2; *Melanochelys trijuga* – 1; *Geoemyda silvatica* – 1.

**Mr. Kannan Perumal**

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**Research Interest:** Biology, conservation, Biodiversity, population studies, Impact assessment studies on reptiles and amphibians.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** Pursuing Ph. D in biological studies of marine turtles in Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute under the guidance of Dr. Rajagopalan, senior scientist, CMFRI, Madras Research Centre.

**Species/group of special Interest:** Lizards and marine turtles, biological aspects.

**Projects:**

1995 –97. Survey of endemic agamid lizards in the Western Ghats of Tamil Nadu.

1998 – 2001. Conservation of Green turtles "*Chelonia mydas*", West coast, Gujarat, Gulf of Mannar.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

**Publications:**

Bhupathy, D and Kannan, P. 1997. Status of Agamid lizards in the Western Ghats of Tamil Nadu. Technical report. No. 5. SACON. Coimbatore. Tamil Nadu.

Kalaiarasan, V. and Kannan, P. 1994. Range extension of green Calotes (*Calotes calotes*) *Cobra*. 15:14.

Kannan, P., Sankaravadeivelu, C and Kalaiarasan, V. 1995. Herpetofaunal assemblages in Nagai quaid-E millesh district [Mayiladuthurai area] a conservation approach. *Cobra* 15:15.

Kannan, P. and Bhupathy, S. 1996. Breeding season of horse shoe Pit Viper (*Trimeresurus strigatus*) in Nilgiri Biosphere reserve. *J. Bom. Nat. Hist. Soc.* 93(3): 592.

Kannan, P. and Bhupathy, S. 1997. Breeding data of some Agamid lizards from the Western Ghats. *Hamadryad*. 22(1): 56 –57.

Kannan, P. and Bhupathy, S. 1997. Occurrence of Elliot's shield tail snake (*Uropeltis ellioti*) in Anaikatty hills, NBR. *Cobra*. 28: 34 –38.

Kannan, P., Gokula, V., Umapathy, G. and C. Venkatraman. 1998. Occurrence of Indian Python (*Python molurus*) near Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. *Cobra*. 31: 19.

Kannan, P and Venkatraman, C. 1998. Reptile fauna of Siruvani hills, NBR, Tamil Nadu. *Cobra*. 33:6 – 9.

**Seenapuram Palaniswami Vijayakumar**

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**Research Interest:** Community ecology and conservation

**Species/group of special Interest:** No specific species or group / assemblage as a whole.

**Projects:**

May – June '98. Study on the impact of vehicular traffic on the herpetofauna of rainforest fragments [collaborated work with Mr. Karthikeyan.V. & Mr. N.M.Ishwar, WII], in Valparai, Southern Western Ghats, Tamil Nadu.

May – Aug '99. Study on the Herpetofaunal communities in the dry forests of Kalakad Mundandurai Tiger Reserve. World bank, FREEP – KMTR project, Wildlife Institute of India. In KMTR.

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**Research Interest:** Snake taxonomy

**Species/group of special Interest:** Snakes

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

**Publications:**

Joint publication titled: '*Sinonatrix* – a new genus in India' [*Hamadryad* – vol.22, No.2, Dec.1997. pp.114-115].

### Mr. Srusti Dhar Rout

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Khairi-Jashipur Mayurbhanj  
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**Research Interest:** Reptiles, Ecology, Conservation, Taxonomy and Animal behaviour.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** Muger crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*),  
Turtle (*Melanocheilus* and *Lesyemis* species)

#### **Publications:**

Rout, S.D.(1992): Homing behaviour of a rescued Python. *Zoos' Print*: Vol.VII(3): 15

Rout, S.D.(1995): Twinning abnormality in *Crocodylus palustris*. *Zoos' Print*: July 1995: 37, 38.

Rout, S.D.(1998): Environmental conditions and their preference by hatching mugger. *ZOOS' PRINT*: Vol. XIII (1) Jan 1998: 6-8.

### Dr. Narain Shubbh

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**Research Interest:** Biology of fresh water turtles and their conservation.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** Identification and morphometry of fresh water turtles.  
Reproductive biology of fresh water turtles.

**Species/group of special Interest:** Fresh water turtles

**Projects:** Exploration of aquatic fauna of district Etawah, from DST, New Delhi, 1992-'96.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

**Publications:**

Narain, S. and R. Chauhan, 1999. Tracking and terrestrial activities of some fresh water turtles of Panchnada area, Etawah (U.P.). *J. of Herpetology* (U.S.A.). Revised Manuscript in press.

Narain, S. and R. Chauhan, 1999. Turtle exploitation in river Yamuna at Panchnada Distt. Etawah (U.P.) India. *Proc. Ind. Sci. Congress*. Chennai. 16, 18-19.

Narain, S. and R. Chauhan, 1999. Fresh water turtles of River Yamuna from Bateshwar (Firozabad) to Dibholi (Etawah), U.P. *Zoo's Print*. 14(6): 54-56.

**Any other information:** Role of fresh water turtles in purification of contaminated water is a special interest.

**Mr. Dave Sanjay Mahendrakumar**

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**Research Interest:** Biodiversity, ecology, Ornithology, Conservation, wildlife biology, animal behaviour, population studies.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Species/group of special Interest:** Lizards

**Projects:**

Dec 1997 – July 1998. Ecological study of Wild Ass Sanctuary (phytoplankton, invertebrate, reptile and amphibian group), Gujarat. [Little Rann of Kachchh] – Junior Research Fellow.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

**Publications:**

Soni, V.C., Bhalodia, K.P., Dave, S. M. and V.J. Bhuvu . Herpetofauna of Wild Ass Sanctuary (Gujarat) and its conservation. [communicated with Hamadryad].

**Mr. Anslem Lawrence De Silva**

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**Research Interest:** Ecology of all reptiles; Biological aspects and epidemiology of snake bites; Compilation of bibliographics; Publication of educational material; Conservation and breeding.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** Herpetology for final year veterinary students – Peradeniya University; School children through the school lecture programme; General public.

**Species/group of special Interest:** Snakes of the genus *Bungarus*.

**Projects:**

Epidemiology and biology of snakes- Vito in Sri Lanka, 1967 onwards;  
Ecology of *Bungarus* and other venomous snakes, Sri Lanka, from 1967 onwards;  
Distribution and threats of Agamid lizards, Sri Lanka, 1975 onwards;  
Distribution and threats of skinks, Sri Lanka, 1975 onwards;  
Zoological survey of Sri Lanka, Horton plains and ? island, 1997 onwards.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** Skinks, geckos and snakes.

**Publications:**

Colour guide to shells of Sri Lanka (1990) R & A Pub. Ltd UK;  
The herpetofauna of Sri Lanka: a brief review (1996);  
1998. The testudines and Crocodilia of Sri Lanka; A checklist and annotated bibliography.  
Dept. Wildlife Conservation/GEF/UNDP/FAO.  
1998. Sauria (Lizards and Varanids) of Sri Lanka: a checklist and an annotated bibliography.  
Dept. of wildlife conservation/GEF/UNDP/FAO.  
1998. Snakes of Sri Lanka: A Check list and an annotated Bibliography. Dept. of Wildlife Conservation/GEF/UNDP/FAO.

**Any other information:**

Papers in indexed periodicals, international and national periodicals over 150. Books and chapters in books – 50.

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**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Species/group of special interest:** Olive Ridelys and other marine animals.

**Any other information:**

Coast Guard is a marine going service and I am one of its officers. By virtue of its charter of duties I am responsible to protect marine environment on Karnataka coast up to EEZ of India.

**Dr. Lala Aswini Kumar Singh**

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**Research Interest:** Crocodylians, turtles and chameleons

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** Singh L.A. K. (1978): Ecological studies on Indian Gharial *Gavialis gangeticus* (Gmelin) (Reptilia, Crocodyli; with special reference to growth rates. Ph.D. Thesis, Utkal University (1980). Xvi+325pp, 72 tab, 93 fig. University guide: Prof. B.K. Behura.

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** A number of students have received non-formal guidance for M.Phil and Ph.D. 1983 – '86: Dr. R.J.Rao(Post doctoral) Fresh water ecology in National Chambal Sanctuary.

1983 – '86: (Dr.) R.K. Sharma: initial guidance for biochemical studies on Gharial.

**Species/group of special interest:** Crocodylians, turtles and chamaeleons.

**Projects:**

1975 – '80. Ecology and management of Gharial, *Gavialis gangeticus*. in Satkoshia Gorge Sanctuary, Mahanadi- Brahmani – Baitarani system, Orissa.

1983 – '86. Gharial population trend in National Chambal Sanctuary. Chambal Yamuna river system, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, U.P.

1983 – '86. Radio tracking of Gharial released in Chambal river. Chambal Yamuna river system, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, U.P.

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1975 – '80. Reproductive biology of *Chamaeleon zeylanicus*. Satkoshia Gorge Sanctuary, Orissa.

1990 – '91. Non – survival of Gharial in river Mahanadi. Mahanadi river system.

1987 – '99. Breeding, captive management and monitoring of mugger crocodile, *Crocodylus palustris*. Similipal Tiger Reserve.

1998. Territorial Resource – partitioning among *Crocodylus palustris*. Similipal Tiger Reserve at Ramatirtha,

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**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** Vijaykumar, V. 1993. Studies on the mugger crocodile in Andhra Pradesh. Ph.D. Saurashtra University, Rajkot.:

Chowdhary, B.C. (Registered for Ph.D.) Ecological and behavioral studies of the Indian mugger crocodile and its conservation management in India.

Ganesan, K.V. 1986. Study on taxonomy and some ecological and behavioral aspects of the lizard fauna of Rajkot. M.Sc. Dissertation, Saurashtra university, Rajkot.

**Projects:**

Dec. '97 to June '98. Ecological studies on herpetofauna – Little Rann of Kachchh [ Wild Ass Sanctuary, Gujarat].

July '98 to March '99. Ecological studies on herpetofauna. Rampara Wildlife Sanctuary, Gujarat.

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**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

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**Projects:**

1993 – '97. Distribution and number of species of snakes in Maharashtra (excluding sea snakes). Maharashtra state.

1995 – '98. Snakes of Sahyadri. Sahyadri range [Maharashtra]

1996 – '98. Distribution of *Eryx whitakeri*, *Coluber gracilis*, *Lycodon flavomaculatus* in Pune district.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** *Eryx whitakeri*, saw scaled viper [*Echis carinatus*]. I had kept *Coluber gracilis*, *Lycodon flavomaculatus*, *Boiga beddomei*, *Boiga forstenii*, *Lycodon striatus*, *Callophis melanurus*, *Trimeresurus malabaricus* and many other common snakes found in Maharashtra.

**Publications:**

1998. Snakes of the Sahyadri – *Journal of ecological society* . Pune.vol.11.

April 99. Aberrant banded racers *Argyrogena fasciolatus* – *JBNHS* vol.96(1).

**Any other information:**

I have also artificially hatched eggs of lizards and snakes in captivity. I have rescued many snakes from people's house and released in the forest – in their proper habitat. I have also kept records of trade in reptiles in Maharashtra especially in Bombay.

**Mrs. Anjana Tiwari**

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**Occupation:**

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**Research Interest:** Conservation, Ecology, Morphometric studies, nesting and habitat studies.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:**

Limnological study of river Yamuna from Etawah to Dibhali with special reference to ecology of *Kachuga tentoria*. 1999. C.S.J.M. University Kanpur. Guide- Dr. Narain.

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** No

**Species/group of special Interest:** *Kachuga tentoria circumdata*, *K. kachuga*, *K. dhongoka*, *L. punctata*, *A. gangeticus*, *C. indica*.

**Projects:** No

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** No

**Publications:**

Narain, S., A. tiwari and S.B. Mishra. 1999. Fresh water turtle of river Yamuna from Bateshwar (Firozabad) to Dibholi (Etawah) Uttar Pradesh. *Zoos' Print*, vol XIV (6): 54-56.  
Abstracts: Narain, S., A. tiwari and S.B. Mishra. 1999. Fresh water turtle of river Yamuna from Bateshwar (Firozabad) to Dibholi (Etawah) Uttar Pradesh: Their conservation and management: Proc. National seminar on natural resources, their management and conservation. Pp. 23-24.

**Mr. Satyendra Kumar Tiwari**

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**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** No

**Projects:** None

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** Yes, but I keep them for a very short time. I buy them from local fish market to release them in big rivers like Narmada. Sometimes I manage to get them free of cost, threaten the fishers for bringing them to the market.

**Any other information:**

Being involved in wildlife tourism I work independently for wildlife conservation, including reptiles.

**Mr. Kalaiarasan V.**

**Date of Birth:** 09-06-1963      **Sex:** Male      **Occupation:** Director, Chennai Snake Park Trust

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Tamil Nadu 600 022, INDIA  
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**Research Interest:** Community ecology of reptiles

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:**

1999. The community structure of reptiles in scrub jungle forests of Chengalpattu M.G.R. and Madras districts, Tamil Nadu. Bharathidasan University. Research Advisor: Dr. R. Kanakasabai

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** Guided to post graduates students as a co-guide for their dissertation work

**Species/group of special Interest:** All group of reptiles

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** Yes

**Publications:**

Kalaiarasan, V. 1992. Captive Breeding of the Reticulated Python (*Python reticulatus*), *Cobra* (1), pp. 9-11.

Kalaiarasan, V. 1992. Cannibalism in Pythons, *Cobra* (8), pp. 11-12.

Kalaiarasan, V. 1993. Time budget of Green Iguana (*Iguana iguana*) in captivity, *Zoo's Print* Vol. VIII (3), pp. 27-31.

Kalaiarasan, V. and B. Rathinasabapathy, 1990. Captive Breeding of the Indian Python (*Python molurus*), *Cobra* (3), pp. 10-12.

Kalaiarasan, V. and P. Kannan, 1994. Range Extension of Southern Green Lizard (*Calotes calotes*, Linn 1958), *Cobra* (15), pp. 14.

Kalaiarasan, V. and R. Kanakasabai, 1994. Seasonal availability of Sea Snakes (Family: Hydrophidae) in the Madras Waters, *Cobra* (16), pp. 18-19.

Kalaiarasan, V. and R. Aengals, 1995. An assessment of herpeto-fauna in newly created ecosystem of the Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd., Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, *Cobra* (19), pp. 10-16.

Kalaiarasan, V. and R. Rajarathinam, 1997. Of garden lizards and jungle crows, *Cobra* (27) pp. 37.

Kalaiarasan, V. and R. Rajarathinam, 1997. Food habits of captive snakes, *Cobra* (29) pp. 33-36.

Kalaiarasan, V., R. Kanakasabai and B. Rathinasabapathy, 1992. Record of the Riverine Turtle *Trionyx leithi* from Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu, *J. Bom. Nat. Hist. Soci.* 89(2), pp.258-259.

Kalaiarasan, V., B. Rathinasabapathy, P. Tamilarasan, R. Aengals and A.J. Ganesh Prasanna, 1992. Herpetological Survey of Narmada Valley, Madhya Pradesh, Part I. Reptiles of Narmada Valley, *Cobra* (5), pp. 8-11.

**Dr. Krishnamurthy Vaidyanathan**

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**Occupation:** Trustee in Chennai Snake Park

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**Research Interest:** Diseases and management.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** No

**Species/group of special Interest:** Crocodileans and Pythons.

**Projects:** Nil

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** A trustee in Chennai Snake Park which maintains captive reptiles.

**Publications:**

Two in "Cobra" a quarterly bulletin published by the Chennai snake Park.

**Any other information:**

Contribute and subscribe the journal 'Cobra'

**Dr. (Mrs). Madhu Vyas**

**Date of Birth:** 13-08-1951

**Sex:** Female

**Occupation:**Asst. Professor of zoology

**Correspondence:** F-4, Professor's Quarters, Indore Ahmedabad Road Dhar,  
Madhya Pradesh 454 001, INDIA  
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**Research Interest:** Ecobiology, conservation, development and growth, biodiversity, behaviour and snake bite treatment.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:**

Yes. " Studies on the commonly available snakes of Malwa region of M.P. including ecobiology and development of checkered keelback water snake *Xenochrophis piscator* (Schneider)". 1999. Vikram university, Ujjain. Guide – Dr. Tej Prakash Vyas.

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** -

**Species/group of special Interest:** Natricidae, Elapidae, and Viperidae studies, biology and conservation and other mentioned research interests for the snakes of the above mentioned families.

**Projects:**

1995. Biology of commonly available Amphibia of Malwa region of M.P. Dhar, Ujjain, Indore, Jhabua and Shajapur districts of Malwa region of MP.

1994. Endocrine glands of *H. tigrinus*. Region of MP.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** Yes. *Lycodon aulicus*, *Oligodon arnensis*, *Macropisthodon plumbicolor*, *Xenochrophis piscator*, *Elaphe helena*, *Ptyas mucosus*, *Dendrelaphus tristis*.

**Publications:**

Vyas, M. & T.P. Vyas, 1997a. Biology of Checkered Keelback Water Snake *Xenochrophis piscator* (Schneider). Modern Trends of Research in Zoology. RBSA Publishers. S.M.S. Highway, Jaipur India. PP. 231-247.

Vyas, M. & T.P. Vyas, 1997b. Development of Checkered Keelback Water Snake *Xenochrophis piscator* (Schneider). (International Symposium, Mahabaleshwar Dec 17 to 21.13th Annual Meeting. Indian Society of Developmental Biologists.) 'Development Growth and Differentiation, 1997. PP. 35.

Vyas, M. & T.P. Vyas, 1997c. Role of extra - embryonic membranes in the development of Checkered Keelback Water Snake *Xenochrophis piscator* (Schneider). (International Symposium, Mahabaleshwar Dec 17 to 21.13th Annual Meeting. Indian Society of Developmental Biologists.) 'Development Growth and Differentiation, 1997. PP. 36.

Vyas, M. & T.P. Vyas, 1997d. Growth rate of Checkered Keelback Water Snake *Xenochrophis piscator* (Schneider). (International Symposium, Mahabaleshwar Dec 17 to 21.13th Annual Meeting. Indian Society of Developmental Biologists.) 'Development Growth and Differentiation, 1997. PP. 37.

Vyas, M. & T.P. Vyas, 1997e. Observations on the rodent feeding habits of snakes of Malwa Region. Int. Cong. On Sust. Deve. Of Environ. And Wildlife Absts 2(45): 101.

Vyas, T.P. & Vyas M. *et. al.* 1997. Specialist Resource to B.C.P.P. Reptile CAMP. (1997): Conservation Assessment and Management Plan (CAMP) Workshop for REPTILES OF INDIA. Biodiversity Conservation Prioritisation 19-23 May 1997, Published by ZOO/CBSG, P.O. BOX 1683, Peelamedu, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, Publication No. BB22 Forest Department.

**Any other information:**

Exhibition in schools and colleges are organised for awareness of snakes and their importance, saving human beings against snake bites. Nature – environment and wildlife conservation.

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**Research Interest:** Snake reproductive endocrinology, snake neuro endocrinology, snake development and growth, rodent control, studies, snake behaviour, ecology, conservation, biodiversity, taxonomy, education to common man about reptile and wildlife conservation, snake bite treatment.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:**

Yes. " Neuroendocrine regulation of reproduction in common Indian field snake, *Ptyas mucosus* (Linnaeus). 1986. School of studies in zoology, Vikram University, Ujjain, MP.  
Guide: Late Dr. A.K. Pandey.

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** Yes. 1999. Dr. (Mrs) Madhu Vyas:

Topic:

" Studies on the commonly available snakes of Malwa region of M.P. including ecobiology and development of checkered keelback water snake *Xenochrophis piscator* (Schneider)".

**Species/group of special Interest:** Snakes of Boidae, Natricidae, Colubridae, Elapidae and Viperidae family.

**Projects:**

Studies on the commonly available snake including ecobiology and development of *X. piscator*.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** *Xenochrophis piscator*- 12; *Ptyas mucosus* – 5

**Publications:**

Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1981. Thyroid activity and its correlation with reproductive cycle in Common Indian field snake *Ptyas mucosus*. (Endocrine Society and Mid term Meeting and Symposium on Regulation of Fertility October 3-5, 1981. School of Life Sciences, University of Hyderabad,) Publication as free communication No. 49.

Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1981. Note on the Slender Coral Snake *Callophis melanurus*. *Journal of Bombay Natural History Society* Vol. 78(3). 611-612.

Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1982. Natural and captivity studies on the Common Indian Field snake *Ptyas mucosus*. Proceedings of All India Symposium on Wild life Biology [held in December 27th to 29th at Department of Zoology, Ferook College, Calicut. (Kerala)], (1982): 4.

Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1982. Sexual dimorphism in Common Indian Field Snake *Ptyas mucosus*. Proceedings of All India Symposium on Wild life Biology [held in December 27th to 29th 1982 at Department of Zoology, Ferook College, Calicut. (Kerala)], (1982): 5.

Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1982. Biology of Common Indian Gentle Garden Buffstriped Keelback Snake *Amphiesma stolata*. Proceedings of All India Symposium on Wild life Biology [held in December 27th to 29th at Department of Zoology, Ferook College, Calicut. (Kerala)], (1982): 6.

Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1982. Venipuncture: A simplified method of obtaining blood from common Indian Field Rat-Snake *Ptyas mucosus* (Linnaeus). National Academy of Science Letters, Volume 5, Number 5, May 1982, 177.

Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1983. Biology of Olivekeelback Water Snake *Atrretium schistosum*. *Journal of Scientific Research* Volume 5, No. 3, 133.

Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1984. Protective methods for snakes from external infection of mites. *Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.* 81(3): 712.

Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1986. Threatening behaviour in Common Indian Field Snake *Ptyas mucous*. (All India Seminar on the Role of Zoology in the Development of M.P., Bhopal, March 17th - 18th 1986). pp. 7

- Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1986. A rare snake *Sibynophis subpunctatus* from Dhar district of M.P. (" All India Seminar on the Role of Zoology in the Development of M.P., Bhopal "March 17th, 18th. 1996) pp. 8.
- Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1986. Breeding, Behaviour and Biology of *Python molurus*. (7th All India Symposium of Indian Society of Development Biologists, at I T R C Lucknow. Dec. 3 - 5 1986): 7
- Vyas, T.P., A.K. Pandey and M. Vyas, 1989. "Endangered Snakes of Malwa region of M.P. and their conservation" in "Proceedings: National Seminar on Depletion of Soil and Forest cover" [Organised at M.P. State Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur on 7th to 9th June 1989]. Published in *Journal of Tropical Forestry*, July - September. 1989, Vol. 5 (III): 167-171.
- Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1992. Indian Wild Life in Trade. *Zoo's Print* Vol. VII, No 11:4.
- Vyas, T.P. 1992. Snakes, their role in rats and rodents control. *Amam* 1992:48.
- Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1993. Indian Subcontinent Reptile and Amphibian Specialist in (SSC) Species Survival Commission and (IUCN) International Union for Conservation of Nature Resources. Published by IUCN Headquarters. CH-1196 Gland, Switzerland, pp: 78.
- Vyas, M. and T.P. Vyas, 1994. Biology of Indian Venomous Snakes of Medical Importance. National Symposium (SATNA): EM 66.
- Vyas, M. and T.P. Vyas, 1995. Biology of Checkered Keelback Water Snake *Xenochrophis piscator*. National Seminar on Modern Trends of Research in Zoology (Abstract) pp: 31.
- Vyas, T.P. 1995. Venomous snakes' venom, its bite and treatment. *N.D. Vigyan* July 1995:11.
- Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1995. Saving human life against snakebite. *N.D. Vigyan* Sep 1995:7.
- Vyas, M. and T.P. Vyas, 1997a. Biology of Checkered Keelback Water Snake *Xenochrophis piscator* (Schneider). *Modern Trends of Research in Zoology*. RBSA Publishers. S.M.S. Highway, Jaipur India. pp. 231-247.
- Vyas, M. and T.P. Vyas, 1997b. Development of Checkered Keelback Water Snake *Xenochrophis piscator* (Schneider).' (International Symposium, Mahabaleswar Dec 17 to 21.13th Annual Meeting. Indian Society of Developmental Biologists). 'Development Growth and Differentiation, 1997. pp:35.
- Vyas, M. and T.P. Vyas, 1997c. Role of extra - embryonic membranes in the development of Checkered Keelback Water Snake *Xenochrophis piscator* (Schneider). (International Symposium, Mahabaleswar Dec 17 to 21.13th Annual Meeting. Indian Society of Developmental Biologists). 'Development Growth and Differentiation, 1997. pp:36.
- Vyas, M. and T.P. Vyas, 1997d. Growth rate of Checkered Keelback Water Snake *Xenochrophis piscator* (Schneider). (International Symposium, Mahabaleswar Dec 17 to 21.13th Annual Meeting. Indian Society of Developmental Biologists). 'Development Growth and Differentiation, 1997. pp:37.
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- Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, et. Al. 1997. Specialist Resource to B.C.P.P. Reptile CAMP. (1997): Conservation Assessment and Management Plan (CAMP) Workshop for REPTILES OF INDIA. Biodiversity Conservation Prioritisation 19-23 May 1997, Published by ZOO/CBSG, P.O. BOX 1683, Peelamedu, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, Publication No.BB22 Forest Department.
- Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1999. Protective methods against snake bite., *Nai Dunia*, August 14, 1999, pp.7.

Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1999. Keeping snakes for research in captivity., Nai Dunia, August 14, 1999, pp.8.

Vyas, T.P. and M. Vyas, 1999. Snake bite treatment - Precautions for snake bite victims in treatment. Nai Dunia, August 14, 1999, pp.9.

**Any other information:**

Exhibitions in schools and colleges organized for awareness of snakes, their importance, saving human beings against snake bite, first aid, snake bite treatment and also on nature, environment and wildlife conservation.

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**Research Interest:** -

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:**

"Studies on some snakes (Ophidia: Reptilia) of Gujarat state, India" – Bhavnagar University, Bhavnagar, Gujarat, 1995. Guide – Dr. B. H. Patel.

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** -

**Species/group of special Interest:** Ecology, captive breeding, taxonomy, nature education, conservation.

**Projects:**  
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**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** *Python molurus*, *Geochelone elegans* and *Kachuga tecta*.

**Publications:**

Vyas, R. & N. Vyas, 1985. Mating behavior in garden lizard or blood sucker *Calotis versicolor* Daudin. *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.* 82(1): 213-214.

Young common sand boa (*Eryx conicus*: Schiender) swallowing barred wolf snake double its length. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 82(2): 424.

Extension of the range of Dumeril's black headed snake *Sibynophis subpunctatus*.

*Hamadryad.* 11(3): 24.

A list of the snake of Bhavnagar district, Gujarat state. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 84(1): 227-230.

1987. Snake collection data from Bhavnagar city, Gujarat for 1984. *Hamadryad.* 12(1): 3-4.

- Food of the common skink *Mabuya carinata* (Scheider). *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 84(2): 450.
- Collection of a stout sand snake - *Psammophis longifrons*. *Hamadryad.* 12(2): 7-8.
- Vyas, R. & C. Jala, 1988. The Bombay shield tail snake (*Uropeltis macrolepis*: Peters) collected from the Saputara, Dang. *Herpeton.* 1(1): 16.
- Notes on snakes from district Dang, Gujarat state. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 85(1): 200.
1988. Extension range of the Striped coral snake (*C. nigeresens*), *Hamadryad.* 13(2): 3-4.
1988. The artificial incubation of eggs of the common cat snake *Boiga trigonata* (Schneider). *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 85(3): 625.
1989. The Ganges soft-shell turtle (*T. gangeticus* : Cuvier) from the Vadodara city, *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 86(1): 107-108.
1989. Melanistic form of the Royal snake (*S. diadema*). *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 86(1): 112.
1989. Distribution of the Ganges soft-shell turtle (*T. gangeticus* : Cuvier) in Gujarat, *Herpeton.* 2(1): 17.
- Vyas, R., B.H. Patel and V.R.S. Jedeja, 1989. Observation on the feeding and defensive behaviour of Indian rock python (*P. molurus* Linn.) in captivity, *Proc. Nat. Symp. Anim. Behav.*, The Behaviour 192-195. B.H. Patel (Ed.)
- Vyas, R and B.H. Patel, 1990. A survey of fresh water turtles of Gujarat. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 87(1): 152-155.
1990. Golden tree snake. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 87(2): 309.
1990. Notes on capture of Spiny-tailed lizard (*U. hardwickii*) in Gujarat. *Hamadryad.* 15(1): 28.
- Thakker, C.A. & R.C. Trivedi (Ed.), (Gujarati), 1991. Reptiles Fauna of Bharuch district, in Gujarat state Gazetteer Bharuch district, 20-27.
1992. Sexing snakes. *Zoo's Print.* 7(4): 34.
- Vyas, R & B.H. Patel, 1992. Extension range of striped grass skink *M. dissimilis*. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 89(3): 382.
- Vyas, R & B.H. Patel, 1992. Studies on the reproduction of the Indian soft-shell turtle *Aspideretes gangeticus*. *Hamadryad.* 17: 32-34.
1993. Captive breeding of the Indian roofed terrapin *K. tecta* (Grey). *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 90(1): 109-112.
1993. Recent cases of man-eating by the Mugger (*Crocodylus palustris*) in Gujarat state. *Hamadryad.* 18: 48-49.
1994. Mugger crocodile in the vicinity of human settlements in south Gujarat. *Hamadryad.* 19: 94-96.
- Vyas, R & B.H. Patel, 1994. Second record of the frog *Kaloula pulchra* Gray from Gujarat state. *Cobra.* (18): 25-26.
1994. Reptiles fauna of Surat district, in Gujarat state, Gazetteers - Surat district. 13-17C, A. Thakkar and R.C. Trivedi (Ed.) (Gujarati).
- Breeding record of *Calotis rouxi* (Dumril & Bibron). *Zoo's Print.* 10(7): 36&38.
- Vyas, R & B.H. Patel, 1995. Length record of the common wolf snake *Lycodon aulicus* from the Bharuch, Gujarat. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 92(2): 271.
1995. Notes on growth and maturity in the Indian softshell turtle (*Aspideretes gangeticus*). *Hamadryad.* 20: 33-34.
1995. Observation on the growth in the Indian rock python (*P. m. molurus*) in captivity. *Hamadryad.* 20: 34-35.
1996. Record of water snake (Homalopsidae : Serpentes) from Gujarat state. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 92(1): 101.

1996. Notes on growth and maturity of the Indian star tortoise (*Geochelone elegans*). *Zoo's Print*. 12(1): 6-7.
1996. Breeding data on *Lissemys punctata* from western India. *Hamadryad*. 21: 45-47.
1996. Captive breeding of the Indian rock python (*Python molurus molurus*). *The Snake*. 27(2): 127-134.
1996. An identification key and checklist of snakes of Gujarat state, India. *J. Anim. Morphol.* 43(2): 183-190.
1997. Marking of snakes : validity of scale-clipping technique, with reference of *P. molurus*. *Zoo's Print*. 12(6): 9.
1997. Notes on growth and maturity in the Indian roofed terrapin (*Kachuga tecta*). *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 94: 160-162.
1997. An albino form of the Indian flapshell turtle (*Lissemys punctata punctata*). *Hamadryad*. 22(1): 62-63.
1997. Captive breeding of the saw-scaled viper *Echis carinata*. *Hamadryad*. 22(2): 115-117.
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1997. A note on the food habit of the house gecko *Hemidactylus flaviviridis*. *Cobra*. (30): 16-18.
1998. First record of the spotted forest gecko *G. collegalensis* (Beddome, 1870) from Gir forest, Gujarat state, India. *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 95: 123.
1998. The reptiles of Gujarat state : Updated distribution. *Tiger Paper*. 25(1): 8-14.
- Note on growth and maturity in the Indian rock python (*Python molurus molurus*). *Hamadryad*. 23(1): 69-71.

### Mr. Nikhil Whitaker

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**Research Interest:**

Crocodylian reproductive biology, growth rates and management in captivity, chelonians and lizards.

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:**

No

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** Have guided veterinary school students [ Chennai ], Forest officers colleges and school groups.

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**Species/group of special Interest:** Crocodilians [*Tomiztoma schlegellii*], Chelonians [*Heosgmas silvatia* and Lizards [*Varanus salvator*].

**Projects:**

Growth rates in juvenile *C. siamensis* – ongoing

Salt water crocodile growth rates [adults] –in prep.

Variation in clutch size, egg size and egg weights in three species of fresh water turtles. –

Reproductive biology – in prep.

Tooth replacement in crocodilians – form and function. – ongoing.

Growth rates of false ghavial in captivity and sexual activity in captivity. – Biology – under review.

Captive management of reptiles in India. – Captive husbandry [3 authors] – in prep.

**Captive populations of reptiles maintained:** *C. palustris*, *C. porosus*, *C. caiman* *crocodilus*, *C. niloticus*, *C. morletii*, *C. siamensis*, *C. missipiensis*, *C. gangeticus*, *T. schlegellii* and *O. tetuaspis*. [all crocodilians].

**Publications:**

N.Whitaker and Harry V. Andrews. 1998. Madras Crocodile Bank: An update. In: Crocodiles, Proceedings of the 14th working meeting of the Crocodile Specialist Group, IUCN – Singapore 13th – 17th July 1998. Pp 402 – 406.

**Any other information:**

The Madras Crocodile Bank is now undertaking a survey on the status of the Mugger crocodile in 12 locations in Tamil Nadu.

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**Research Interest:** Reptile ecology, Behaviour, Conservation

**Ph.D. in reptile studies:** No

**Guiding/guided students in reptile studies:** Yes

**Species/group of special Interest:** Serpents/ crocodilians

**Projects:**

1969 to present.

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## List of Organisations with South Asian Reptile Research Interest (As of December 2000)

This list includes all known reptile facilities and reptile research interested organisations in South Asia. There are some institutes in South Asia who have either in the past or are presently involved in reptile studies -- be it field work, taxonomy or conservation related work. This list has been compiled from information obtained through networking and from the database on captive facilities available at ZOO. There may be many organisations dealing with reptiles or their study, which may not be included here. Please submit the names and complete address of such organisations.

Aizawl Zoo

Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Mizoram, Wildlife Division, Aizawl, Mizoram 796001, [India](#)

Amirdhi Zoo

District Forest Officer, Vellore Division, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, [India](#)

Amphibian and Reptile Research Organisation of Sri Lanka (ARROS)

Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya, [Sri Lanka](#)

Amte's Animal Park & Orphanage-cum-Rescue Home

Zoo Superintendent, Aurangabad Zoo, Sidarth Garden, Municipal Corporation, Aurangabad, Maharashtra 431001, [India](#)

Aranya Surakha Samiti

Natunpara, College road, PO Natunpara, District Bongaigaon, Assam 783380, [India](#)

Arignar Anna Zoological Park

Vandalur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, [India](#)

Assam State Zoo-cum-Botanical Garden

Divisional Forest Officer & Director, Assam State Zoo Division, Guwahati, Assam 781005, [India](#)

Aurangabad Municipal Zoo

Siddarth Garden, Municipal Corporation, Aurangabad, Maharashtra 431001, [India](#)

A.V.C. College

Mannampandal Tamil Nadu 609305, [India](#)

Bahawalpur Zoological Gardens

Bahawalpur, [Pakistan](#)

Bannerghatta Zoological Garden and National Park

Bannerghatta, Bangalore, Karnataka 560083, [India](#)

Bhagwan Birsa Biological Park

P.O. Hinoo P.B. No. 41, Ranchi, Bihar 834002, [India](#)

Bellary Childrens Park-cum-Zoo

Radio Park, Contonment, Bellary, Karnataka 583103, [India](#)

Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)

Hornbill House, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Marg, Salim Ali Chowk, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400024, [India](#)

Bombay Snake Friends

Laxman Bhai Tarkar, A13, Uday Shree Society, Bhandup (E), Mumbai, Maharashtra 400079, [India](#)

Bondla Zoo

Deputy Conservator of Forests (WL), Government of Goa, Forest Department, Wildlife and Parks Division, Panaji, Goa, [India](#)

Calcutta Snake Park, Zoological Garden

Conservation and Laboratory, 31, Hindustan Park, Kolkata, West Bengal 700029, [India](#)

Central Zoo

King Mahendra Trust for Nature, Jawalakhel, PB No.3712, Kathmandu, [Nepal](#)

Chacha Nehru Island

Deputy Director of Soil Conservation (Forestry), West, Soil Conservation Department, Damodar Valley Corporation, Hazaribag, Bihar 825301, [India](#)

Chennai Snake Park Trust (CSPT)

Raj Bhavan Post, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600022, [India](#)

Children's Corner

Wildlife Warden, Guindy Childrens' Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600022, [India](#)

Childrens Deer & Snake Park at Kadri Hill

Deputy Conservator of forests, Mangalore Division, Mangalore, Karnataka, [India](#)

Childrens Mini Zoo

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Division, Dharwad, Karnataka, [India](#)

Children's Park Mini Zoo

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Division, Shimoga, Karnataka 577201, [India](#)

Children's Park Sirsi Division

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi Division, Sirsi, Uttara Kannada District, Karnataka 581401, [India](#)

Chittagong Zoo

City Corporation, Chittagong, [Bangladesh](#)

Coimbatore Zoological Park and Conservation Centre (CZPCC)

Pioneer House, Avanashi Road, Peelamedu, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu 641004, [India](#)

Crocodile Farm

Divisional Forest Officer, Kozhikode Division, Kozhikode, Kerala, [India](#)

Dayalbagh Educational Institute,

Dayalbagh, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282 005, [India](#)

Deepak Mitra's Snake House, Hindustan Park

A touring Reptile Zoo, 31, Hindustan Park, Kolkata, West Bengal 700029, [India](#)

Dehiwela Zoo

Colombo, [Sri Lanka](#)

Dhaka Zoological Garden,  
Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Mirpur, Dhaka, [Bangladesh](#)

Ecological Research Centre (ERC)  
Thattakadu Bird Sanctuary, Njayapilly, Kerala 686 691, [India](#)

Fatima Jinnah Park/ Margalla Hills Zoo  
City Development Authority, Islamabad, [Pakistan](#)

Gandhi Zoological Park  
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, [India](#)

Gharial Research & Conservation Unit  
Divisional Forest Officer, Satkosia Wildlife Division, Angul, Orissa, [India](#)

Government Champhai College,  
Aizawl East, Champhai, Mizoram 796321, [India](#)

Government P.G. College  
Centre for herpetology and wildlife studies, Dhar, Madhya Pradesh 454001, [India](#)

Gujarat Desert Ecological Institute  
Patwari Naka, Bhuj (Kutch), Gujarat 370001, [India](#)

Herp Laboratory  
15/6 Darul Saddam N., Rabwah 35460, [Pakistan](#)

Hogainakkal Mini Zoo  
District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division, Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu, [India](#)

Hutatma Bag Prani Sangrahalaya  
?????? Maharashtra, India

Indian Herpetological Society (IHS)  
Poona Serpentarium, "Usant", Pune-Satara Road, Pune, Maharashtra 411009, [India](#)

Indira Gandhi Zoological Park  
Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh 530001, [India](#)

Indira Manoranjan Van (Deer Park), Mehewa  
Divisional Forest South Kheri Forest Division, Lakshimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh 262701, [India](#)

Indroda Nature Park  
Geer Foundation, G-1, 194/3, Sector 30, Gandhinagar, Gujarat 382030, [India](#)

Institute of Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation,  
Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, 94300 Kota Samarahan, Sarawak, [Malaysia](#)

Jaipur Zoo  
Ramnivas Bagh, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302004, [India](#)

Janta College  
PG Department of Zoology, Bakewar (Etawah), Uttar Pradesh 206124, [India](#)

Jawaharlal Nehru Biological Park  
Sector IV, Bokaro Steel City, Bihar 827004, [India](#)

Jodhpur Zoo  
Umned Park, High Court Road, Jodhpur, Rajasthan 342001, [India](#)

Jungle Kingdom  
C/o House # 3, Street # 42, F-8/1, Islamabad, [Pakistan](#)

Kaiwara Tapowana Chintamani Talluk  
Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolar Forest Division, Kolar, Karnataka, [India](#)

Kamla Nehru Prani Sanghralhalay  
Indore Zoo, Kamla Nehru Park, Navlakha, Indore, Madhya Pradesh 452001, [India](#)

Kamla Nehru Zoological Garden  
Kankaria, Ahmedabad, Gujarat 380008, [India](#)

Kanan Pandari  
Divisional Forest Officer, Bilaspur Division, Bilaspur, Madhya Pradesh 495001, [India](#)

Kanpur Zoological Park  
Allen Forest, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh 208002, [India](#)

Kapilash Zoo  
Divisional Forest Officer, Dhenkanal division, At / P.O./Dist.: Dhenkanal, Orissa 759001, [India](#)

Karachi Zoological Gardens,  
Karachi Safari Park, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, Nishter Road, Karachi 3, [Pakistan](#)

Kerala Agricultural University,  
College of Forestry, Vellanikkara Thrissur, Kerala 680654, [India](#)

Kerala Forest Research Institute  
Peechi, Kerala, [India](#)

Khanvel Deer Park  
Forest Department, Silvassa, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, [India](#)

Kota Zoo  
????, Kota, Rajasthan, [India](#)

Kudremukh Mini Zoo  
Deputy General manager (Town Admn.), Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited, PO. Kudremukh,  
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