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WCF KEEPS ITS COMMITMENT

Community based power fence for Elephant conservation in Mangala village - Bandipur Tiger Reserve

Introduction:

Mangala is one of the typical Indian village that is half a kilometer away from the boundary of Bandipur Tiger Reserve (BTR) WCF has its field station and we have proved that by protecting the farmers crop and a promising revenue wildlife conservation is possible.

Elephant electrocution deaths were a common incidence in these villages close to BTR, WCF helped 2 farmers from Mangala village to fix Electric powered fence to their farms and today we have made it happen that farmers have earned a relative better revenue to their crop and understands to live with the reality of wildlife in his neighborhood.

Installed energizer – G I wire and poles to fence – monitored the working of the energizer along fence – elephants and even wild pigs were evaded and crop yield promised.

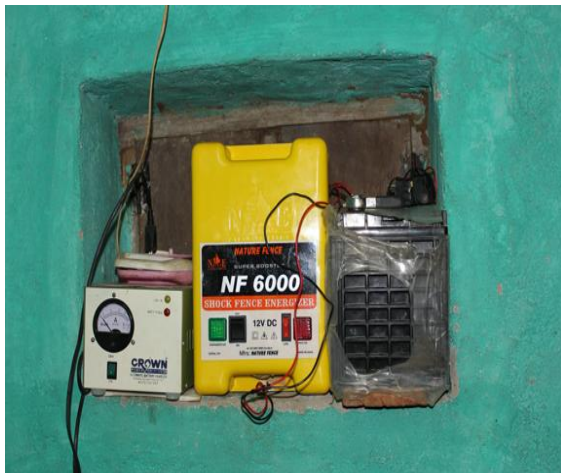


Trained farmers collective install fence, maintain energizer and share man power – serving several purpose.



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**Self help cuts down labor cost to 50%, attaches the farmer to his land.
Once crop protected - yield increases – farmers are friendly with wildlife.**



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What we have started:

1. 2014 – Community based power fence to farm lands to protect crop and stop crop raiding elephants into farm land - in Mangala village close to BTR.
2. Maintain solar fence 24 X 7 so as to keep wild animals away and also help save elephants.
3. A young village groups formed - as elephant scaring volunteers keep vigil of their farm land and to help other farmers.

WCF has kept its promise – we need your help to move forward

Outcome of our small effort:

1. No elephant electrocution deaths.
2. No requisition for crop raiding compensation
3. Friendly attitudes towards Elephants
4. Education and spread of news to save wildlife
5. Co-existence without conflict.
6. Crop security to farmers at high pressure areas.
7. Revenue securing system to farmers is promised. Loss of human deaths is stopped.

Funding for a solution: Funding is required for the following activities.

1. **Solar fences:** As an immediate strategy to save electrocution deaths of elephants in Bandipur Tiger Reserve (BTR) we need to install solar fence for 14 kilometers to villager's farm lands.
2. **Maintenance of solar fence for 2 years:** After installation maintenance of the fence is as important as its installation, this job is maintained by farmers.
3. **Community conservation education:** methods involving eco-development committee (EDC) for a long run conservation strategy.

Thanking you,

With regards,

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