



Indo-German Cooperation Project
Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation in India (HWC)

Web Dialogue Taking a One Health approach to HWC Mitigation

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Over 30 new infectious diseases have been detected globally in the last four decades; 2/3rd of which were zoonotic in origin, i.e. passed on from animals to humans. India has seen the outbreak of eight such emerging/re-emerging diseases, six of which were zoonotic.

Habitat fragmentation and loss globally is leading to an ever-increasing interface primarily between animals and humans. This complex interplay between habitat loss, animals' ecological need of resource-provisioning, animal husbandry, consumption and use of wildlife coupled with global trade is slowly bringing animals closer to humans, resulting in disease spillover. Yet the challenge remains: how can we prevent these emerging and re-emerging disease outbreaks? Many experts are supporting the idea of One Health. One Health is "the collaborative efforts of multiple disciplines working locally, nationally, and globally, to attain optimal health for people, animals and our environment", as defined by the One Health Initiative Task Force (OHITF). It is an effective way to fight health issues at the human-animal-environment interface, including zoonotic diseases.

Frontline forest officials, people and their livestock living in, and around forested areas are at risk of exposure to diseases as they often come in direct/ indirect contact with animals especially during Human-Wildlife Conflict situations. The web-dialogue aims to start the discussion on current situation, prevention measures and key challenges.



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03:00 – 03:15 PM	<p>Welcome and Context Setting: Dr Neeraj Khara, Team leader, Indo-German Project on HWC Mitigation, GIZ India, Dr. Dibyendu Mandal, Technical Expert, GIZ</p> <p>Opening remarks: Mr Soumitra Dasgupta, Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife), MoEF&CC</p>
03:15 – 04:15 PM	<p>Panel Discussion (inputs @10 min, clarifying questions @ 2 mins)</p> <p><i>Overview on the current global situation and key challenges –</i> Dr George Luddeke, International One Health for One Planet Education Initiative (1 HOPE)</p> <p><i>Possibilities for collaborative action on HWC mitigation -</i> Dr Gowri Mallapur, Central Zoo Authority (CZA)</p> <p><i>Relevance of using One Health approach to effectively mitigate HWC and contribute to well-being of affected communities –</i> Dr Madhumita Dobe, Director, All India Institute of Hygiene & Public Health</p> <p><i>Current situation and possible solutions for taking a One Health approach to HWC Mitigation in India –</i> Dr Sanath Krishna, Wildlife Institute of India</p> <p><i>Perspectives and plans from MoEF&CC and State Forest Departments</i></p>
04:15 – 04:50 PM	<p>Moderated Discussion</p>
04:50 – 05:00 PM	<p>Consolidation & Way Forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highlights from the discussion that can be taken forward for the project - Plan for the next dialogue and other measures
05:00 PM	<p>Closing Remarks</p>