

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

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BY AND BETWEEN

**Sahyadri Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation**

Forest Department  
Government of Maharashtra

**AND**

**Yashwantrao Chavan College of Science, Karad  
Maharashtra, India**



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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Is entered into on

26/08/2024

BY AND BETWEEN

Sahyadri Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation

Forest Department

Government of Maharashtra



Represented by  
The Conservator of Forests and Field director  
Having its office at Kolhapur  
(Hereinafter referred to as STR')

AND

Yashwantrao Chavan College of Science, Karad  
Maharashtra, India

Represented by  
The Principal  
Having its office at, Yashwantrao Chavan College of Science, Masur Road,  
Karad, Satara  
Maharashtra  
(Hereinafter referred to as YCCSK')

**WHEREAS**, STR Foundation is engaged in the work of conservation of tigers in Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR) and promotion of sustainable livelihoods for the communities dependent on the STR, supporting research and extension in the STR and its adjoining areas.

**WHEREAS**, YCCSK is engaged in academic and research activities, focusing on monitoring and cataloguing the biodiversity of various animals and plants, and desires to collaborate with STR for enhancing their research capabilities.

AND

**WHEREAS** both the parties herein have arrived at the modalities and agreed to document operative modalities, mutual responsibilities and obligations for these activities through this Memorandum of Understanding.

**THEREFORE**, both parties agree to engage collectively as detailed herein:

**A. Objectives of the Project**

1. Documentation of biodiversity, including relevant flora and fauna in STR.
2. Enhancing research capabilities of students and faculty through training and practical fieldwork.
3. Generating scientific knowledge for improved management and conservation of wildlife.
4. Publication of research findings to benefit both parties and contribute to scientific knowledge.

## **B. Duration of the MoU**

This MoU shall remain active for 3 years or until any party intends to terminate it. Termination must be communicated in writing with a notice period of three months.

## **C. Geographical location & Area of Study**

The study will be conducted in the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR) territories, specifically focusing on Core and buffer zones of the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve.

## **D. Role of Yashwantrao Chavan College of Science, Karad (YCCSK)**

1. Nominate a faculty member from each relevant department(s) as a point of contact to liaise with STR for documentation.
2. Coordinate data sharing and dissemination of results with (STR)
3. Ensure timely completion of project activities and reporting.
4. Train students, faculty and field staff for fieldwork in collaboration with STR.
5. Provide necessary equipment and human resources for project implementation.
6. Maintain records of all data and findings.
7. Assist the STR in wildlife management activities by involving students and/or faculty members from YCCSK, who will participate after receiving any preliminary relevant training provided by the STR.
8. Publish research findings jointly with STR in the form of Book(s)/ Chapter(s)/ Journal Article(s).

## **E. Role of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR)**

1. Facilitate access to reserve areas for research and educational activities.(With mandatory permissions)
2. Provide necessary data and information to support joint initiatives.
3. Support YCCSK's participation in conservation-related activities and programs.
4. Conduct joint research on sustainable agricultural practices, land management, and biodiversity conservation within the buffer zone in Sahyadri Tiger Reserve.
5. Share research findings and data relevant to conservation and sustainable agriculture.
6. To provide internship/attachment opportunities to build entrepreneurship and managerial skills among the students.
7. Provide facilities for the research experiment on the field to the trainees and researchers and laboratory chemicals of analysis.

## **F. Financial Aspects**

- a. The financial needs of the project will be identified and discussed by both parties on a project-to-project basis.
- b. Wherever possible, joint proposals will be submitted to seek govt. or external funding support.
- c. In the absence of external funding, efforts will be made to explore mutually beneficial arrangements to ensure that stakeholders are appropriately supported.

## **G. Project Deliverables**

- a. Checklist and photographs of recorded organisms.
- b. Joint publications to disseminate findings.



- o Publications will highlight the benefits of the collaborations, providing recognition and credibility to both parties.
- c. Regular reports on project progress and outcomes

**H. Tenure of MoU, Amendments & Termination Clauses:**






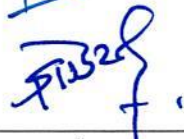


- a. The tenure of this MoU shall stand valid for a period of 3 years from the date of signing.
- b. The MoU can be ammended by mutual consent among the both parties at any point of time during its tenure. Such amendments shall be recorded in form of Supplementary MoU to be appended to this mother MoU.
- c. Either of the signing party may express its intent to terminate the agreement with a prior notice of at least 2 months. During such notice period, both the parties discuss and agree upon the modalities of terminating the same including decisions on the fate of community assets created under the project.

**I. Force Majeure Clause:** Both parties agree to terminate the project amicably and without touching any contentious issues in the events of major adverse situations which may not allow the sustenance of the project like but not limited to economical, political and natural factors which go beyond the control of both the parties.

**J.** That, both the parties agree to settle any differences of opinion through a process of mutual discussions and consultations.

**K.** That, in the event of any dispute and/or differences between the parties hereto, the same shall be referred to arbitration under the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and any amendment or statutory modifications made thereto. The courts at Kolhapur alone shall have the jurisdiction for this purpose.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have signed this memorandum of understanding on this day month & year first above written.

<p><b>For and on behalf of STR,</b></p> <p>Signature: </p> <p>Name: Shri. R. M. Ramanujam, Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Sahyadri Tiger Reserve For Conservation Foundation</p> <p>Place: <u>Karad</u></p> <p>Date: <u>26/08/2024</u></p> 	<p><b>For and on behalf of YCCSK,</b></p> <p>Signature: </p> <p>Name: Dr. S. B. Kengar, Principal, Yashwantrao Chavan College of Science, Karad.</p> <p>Place: <u>Karad</u></p> <p>Date: <u>26/08/2024</u></p> 
<p>Witness:</p> <p>1) <u>R.S. Durgare.</u>  ACF, <u>Koyra</u></p> <p>2) <u>S.P. Godase.</u>  RFO, <u>STR, Karad</u></p>	<p>Witness:</p> <p>1) <u>Dr. R.A. Jambade</u>  YCCSK, <u>Karad.</u></p> <p>2) <u>Dr. Shaikh T.A.</u>  YCCSK, <u>Karad</u></p>