

Some skills for park management

Not to be prescriptive but to stimulate sharing of best practices among managers

Comprehensive sets of skills essential – to address the emerging challenges



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- Personal interest in conservation – becoming a champion and not just doing a job
- Governance skills – team work
 - Motivation, mentoring, supportive, caring, inclusive, fostering shared responsibility
- Necessary ecological knowledge
 - Habitat
 - Wildlife species
 - Population monitoring and management
- Threat identification and mitigation
 - Direct
 - Stopping the bleeding – immediate challenge
 - Protection and patrolling – SMART Patrol - Demand
 - Intelligence information network for timely action

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- Indirect threats
 - Community skills
 - Communication
 - Ecotourism
 - Sharing of benefits and responsibilities
- Connecting with outside world
 - Park management information
 - Partnership with other line agencies and civil society
 - Judiciary, LE
 - NGOs, IGOs, treaties, and conventions
 - Latest technology to enhance management - competency

Comparison with Business model

- Inventory of assets – population estimate
- Smart management to gain profit – increase or double the population
- Periodical assessment – population monitoring
- Profit making – breeding to increase population
- Progress measured by success in the profit through best management
- Our ultimate measure of success –
 - Protection, sustenance and recovery of tiger population – doubling the population size or to the carrying capacity

Tiger reserve management

- What is the best practice?
- Ultimate success is measured by the number of tigers managed or the rate of recruitment for population increase
- Essentials of managing tiger population/reserve

Some Challenges

- Not enough resources
- Lack of recognition for doing a better job
- Bureaucratic/political pressures – explanation and communications may help
- Lack of skilled support staff
- How can I do it alone?
- Pressure from civil society