

About Wildlife Conservation Trust

Using the tiger as a metaphor for all of nature, Wildlife Conservation Trust (WCT) was envisioned to preserve and protect India's rich natural heritage. Currently, WCT works in and around 160 Protected Areas across 23 states in the country covering 82% of India's 50 tiger reserves, 24% of the 655 national parks and sanctuaries and impacting a population base of approximately 3.5 million people. WCT aims to reduce anthropogenic pressure on forests and river systems through a robust and tested 360 degree approach involving the forest department, local communities, corporates and other NGOs, with a firm belief in landscape-level conservation, factoring in the needs of people dependent on these forests.

Leadership

Trustees

Mr. Hemendra Kothari, Chairman, DSP Investment Managers Pvt. Ltd.; Founder and Advisory Board Member, DSP Merrill Lynch Limited; Founder, Chairman and Trustee, Hemendra Kothari Foundation; Advisory Council member, Global Tiger Forum; Member, National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).

Mr. Bittu Sahgal, Founder, Sanctuary Nature Foundation; Editor, Sanctuary Asia Magazine; leading conservationist; Founder, Kids for Tigers, a nation-wide conservation education programme.

Ms. Aditi Kothari, Executive Vice President and Director, DSP Investment Managers Pvt. Ltd.; Member of the Advisory Board of Dasra and DSP CSR committees; Bachelor of Science in Economics from the Wharton School and an MBA from the Harvard Business School.

Ms. Shuchi Kothari, Bachelor of Science in Economics from the Wharton Business School; MBA from the Harvard Business School; Director of Health & Glow Retailing Pvt. Ltd.

Advisory Board Members

Mr. S. Ramadorai, Former Chairman, NSDA and NSDC; Chairperson-Governing Board, TISS; Chairman, IIT-Guwahati; Former CEO and MD, TCS (1996 to 2009); Fellow, Indian National Academy of Engineering; Fellow, IEEE; Member, National Council, CIL.

Dr. Thomas S. Kaplan, Chairman and Chief Investment Officer, Electrum Group LLC; Executive Chairman, Panthera Corporation; Member, Order of the Légion d'Honneur of France (2014).

Mr. Prashant Trivedi, CIO, Multi-Act Family Office; Chairman, Indian Card Clothing Co. Ltd.; Founder and Chairman, Multi-Act Trade & Investments (Pvt.) Ltd.; Director, Great Plains Holdings (Kenya) Ltd.

Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chairman, Max Financial Services; serves on the Board of Nestle SA; Non-executive Director, CIPLA Ltd.; Chair, FICCI's Sustainability Council and Water Mission and Chair, India Sanitation Coalition.

Mr. Dereck Joubert, Award-winning filmmaker; National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence; Founder of the National Geographic Big Cats Initiative and a wildlife conservationist; recipient of 2008 World Ecology Award; recipient of Presidential Order of Merit in Botswana.

Mr. Amit Chandra, Managing Director, Bain Capital; World Economic Forum Young Global Leader (2007); Asia's Heroes of Philanthropy (2016); on the Board of Directors of Tata Sons Limited, Genpact, L&T Finance; Trustee of the Tata Trusts, Founder of Ashoka University.

Mr. Alok Kshirsagar, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company; leads McKinsey's Risk Management Practice in Asia; Honorary President of the National Association for the Blind, Karnataka; serves on the board of PRS Legislative Research and the Next Gen Leaders board of the Indian School of Business; named 'Young Global Leader' by the World Economic Forum.

Mr. Anshu Jain, Former Co-CEO, Deutsche Bank; Honorary Fellow, London Business School (2014); Honorary Doctorate, TERI University (2014); Economic Times Global Indian (2012) and Risk Management Lifetime Achievement Awardee (2010).

President

Dr. Anish Andheria, Large carnivore biologist; Carl Zeiss Conservation Awardee (2008); UAA-ICT Distinguished Alumnus Awardee (2017); Member of the State Boards of Wildlife of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra; Member, Madhya Pradesh Tiger Conservation Foundation

Profiles of key individuals

Hemendra Kothari, Trustee, Wildlife Conservation Trust

Founder, Chairman and Trustee of the Hemendra Kothari Foundation and the Wildlife Conservation Trust, Hemendra Kothari represents the fourth generation of a family of prominent stockbrokers. Former President of the Bombay Stock Exchange, Kothari founded DSP Financial Consultants Limited which later became DSP Merrill Lynch Ltd. He served as its Chairman till 2009 and is currently the Chairman of DSP Investment Managers Private Limited. A board member of several industrial companies, Kothari is associated with the Confederation of Indian Industry. Keenly involved in environmental, educational, health and cultural initiatives, he is a Member of the Rajasthan State Board for Wildlife, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), the Advisory Council of the Global Tiger Forum (GTF), and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) Governing Council; and the India Chairman of TNC-The Nature Conservancy Centre.

Bittu Sahgal, Trustee, Wildlife Conservation Trust

Bittu Sahgal is the Founder of the Sanctuary Nature Foundation and Editor of Sanctuary Asia, India's first and largest circulating wildlife and ecology magazine (1981). He was closely involved with Project Tiger since its inception in the 1970s, and has spent over four decades writing about and calling attention to conservation issues in books, magazines and newspapers in both English and regional languages. He has also produced 30 wildlife documentaries, led national and international environmental campaigns across media platforms, including social media. He created Kids for Tigers, a conservation programme for school children that has reached over a million children and has been run successfully for almost two decades. Bittu has served on a range of government and non-government organisation boards and committees over the last 30 years, including the National Board for Wildlife (Government of India), the IUCN (World Conservation Union), The Wild Foundation (U.S.A) and the Expert Appraisal for Infrastructure, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. He works with policymakers, social workers, economists and scientists at the tri-junction of biodiversity, climate change and economics, speaking at national and international in support of wilderness conservation while continuing to spearhead the work of the Sanctuary Nature Foundation.



Aditi Kothari, Trustee, Wildlife Conservation Trust

Aditi Kothari is an Executive Vice President and Director at DSP Investment Managers Private Limited and is actively involved with the Hemendra Kothari Foundation where she focuses on its education initiatives. She began her philanthropic work as a member of the Corporate Social Responsibility committee at DSP Merrill Lynch and continues to work for wildernesses and local communities. Aditi has a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Shuchi Kothari, Trustee, Wildlife Conservation Trust

Shuchi, a passionate wildlife enthusiast and an avid wildlife photographer has been visiting wildlife parks across India and Africa with her family since she was five years old. She is a director of Health & Glow Retailing Pvt. Ltd., a beauty retail chain with 119 stores across India, and Foodworld Supermarkets Pvt. Ltd., a grocery chain with 35 stores across Bengaluru. She represents Epic Foundation; a US based social organization supporting children and youth globally, in India. Shuchi is also a trustee of the Hemendra Kothari Foundation (HKF). She has a Bachelor of Science in Economics (BSE) from the Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, USA and a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from the Harvard Business School in Boston, MA.

Anish Andheria, President, Wildlife Conservation Trust

A Carl Zeiss Conservation Awardee, Dr. Anish. P. Andheria is a fellow of LEAD and the President of the Wildlife Conservation Trust. Upon completing his Doctorate from the Institute of Chemical Technology, Anish went on to pursue his passion with a Master's Degree in Wildlife Biology and Conservation from the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore. He is a large carnivore biologist with field expertise in predator-prey relationships. A wildlife photographer of repute, Anish has photographed some of the remotest wildlife reserves in India. He has co-authored two books on Indian wildlife and contributed to several other national and international publications. Anish has played a pivotal role in setting up the renowned Kids For Tigers initiative, a nationwide conservation education programme that has reached out to millions of school children across India. He is a member of the steering committee of both Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh State Boards of Wildlife and the Madhya Pradesh State Tiger Conservation Foundation Society. Anish is also a trustee of the Climate Reality Project, India and the Conservation Wildlands Trust.