

Sanctuary

NATURE FOUNDATION

The Sanctuary Nature Foundation's flagship **Sanctuary Asia magazine** founded and edited by **Bittu Sahgal** has been in continuous publication **since 1981** and remains India's leading and best-loved magazine in its genre. The edition for younger readers, **Sanctuary Cub** (For Young Naturalists), has been inspiring generations of young naturalists ever since it was launched in 1984. The organisation was converted into a Section 8 Foundation under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs in 2015... a natural evolution of **40 years of wilderness conservation**. The express vision is to help shape a world with **abundant biodiversity**, a **sustainable climate** and an **equitable future for all**.

Kids For Tigers

An educational outreach programme that touches the lives of rural kids living right next to the tiger and urban kids across India has been in operation for almost two decades. The tiger, a metaphor for all of nature, is a rallying point for children working to safeguard their own future. Going way beyond conservation education, the programme is dedicated to 'leaving kids with a better planet and leaving the planet with better kids'.

Kids for Tigers, founded in the year 2000, has **reached over a million children** and was certified by the **Limca Book of Records for having created the world's largest 'Save The Tiger' scroll**. In the course of implementing its mission, the children have met four different Prime Ministers and Environment Ministers across all political parties, the Governors of several states and celebrities from virtually every walk of life, who say they have been inspired by the sheer determination and purpose of these future citizens.





Sanctuary Wildlife Awards

The Sanctuary Wildlife Awards were instituted to annually **honour India's Earth Heroes**. The recipients of these ongoing awards later find their work bolstered by many quarters. As a natural corollary, the Foundation's **Mud on Boots** programme has been providing small grants to grassroots conservationists in the most remote corners of the country since 2016.

For almost **two decades**, **Sanctuary's Wildlife Photography Awards**, which led to the recent institution of a nature-themed photography and arts festival, coalesces multitudes of people behind the objective of turning wildlife photography into an effective conservation tool.

Sanctuary Debate

Oxford Union style exchanges that raise dissent on burning issues on the trijunction of Biodiversity, Economics and Climate change.

Mud On Boots

The Mud on Boots Project is a programme designed to **empower grassroots conservationists in India**. These conservationists often come from humble backgrounds, and find themselves limited in their ability to expand and fund their work because of the challenges posed by language barriers, geographical remoteness and restricted access to technology and education, amongst others. Though these heroes are battling for India's wildlife against formidable odds, their work often goes unsung and unsupported.

Such motivated individuals are identified for Sanctuary by credible conservation leaders.

Over a two-year period, the selected Project Leaders receive a monetary grant and other strategic support from Sanctuary.



COCOON CONSERVANCIES



Community Owned Community Operated Nature (COCOON) Conservancies are destined to be critical rewilding initiatives outside India's Protective Area Network. A pilot project is being implemented by farmers on their own lands in the **Gothangaon village**, just south of **Nagpur**, Maharashtra. Located between the Ghosekurd reservoir backwaters and the tiger-bearing forests of the Umred-Karhandla-Paoni Wildlife Sanctuary, this initiative has reached **relief to stressed farming communities** who have become the **primary beneficiaries** of **regenerated biodiversity**.

The Sanctuary Nature Foundation continues to build on its **four-decade-long** track record to promote, support and consolidate the wildlife and nature conservation movement in India.

Apart from the Sanctuary Asia print and digital editions, book publishing and the production of responsible wildlife tourism guidebooks, we organise nature festivals, expeditions, rallies, climate change workshops, talks, debates and more.

Working at the **tri-junction** of **biodiversity, economics** and **climate change**, the Foundation offers thought-leadership by uniting disparate but credible groups through conflict-resolution and bridge-building initiatives.

The Sanctuary Nature Foundation network includes organisations and individuals across the globe with whom we work collaboratively on **policy, advocacy** and **action**.

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