



## National Seminar on **PEOPLE AND TIGERS –** SHIFTING TRAJECTORIES OF ECOLOGY AND CO-EXISTENCE

**Organized by:** Periyar Foundation and Periyar Tiger Reserve, Thekkady

**Date of Seminar:** 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2008.

**Venue:** Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Nature Education and Research, Thekkady

Periyar Tiger Reserve, located in the Cardamom and Pandalam Hills of southern Western Ghats, is one of the well known Wildlife Sanctuaries in India. Unique for the scenic beauty, religio-cultural heritage and rich assemblage of flora and fauna, the Tiger Reserve owes its name to the River Periyar whose catchment forms the major portion.

In 1933, the Maharaja of erstwhile Travancore State appointed Mr. S.C.H. Robinson, a retired Land Commissioner, as the Game Warden to constitute and maintain a Game Sanctuary around the Periyar Lake. Accordingly, the catchment of the Lake was declared as 'Nellikampetti Game Sanctuary' in 1934. In 1950, it became Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary by adding more areas. Subsequently, the area was brought under the Project Tiger in 1978 as the 10<sup>th</sup> Tiger Reserve in the country. The core area of the Sanctuary was notified as a National Park in 1982. During December 2007, a further extent of 148 km<sup>2</sup> was added and 881 km<sup>2</sup> was declared as core or critical tiger habitat.

In 1984, Periyar Tiger Reserve celebrated its Golden Jubilee which was graced by the presence of the legend, Dr.Salim Ali. The Platinum Jubilee Celebration is planned as a year-long programme that includes seminars, workshops, nature camps, conservation campaigns, research activities and community centered initiatives. This National Seminar, with its focus on ecology and livelihoods, will flag off the year long Jubilee Celebrations.

Historically, Periyar has always demonstrated its ability to adapt to changing perspectives in conservation. This seemingly paradoxical transition from game management to participatory management over the last 75 years, took place in Periyar as a matter of course. It was a gentle revolution brought about by hard work, innovation and dedication of 3 generations of foresters and individuals who strove hard to maintain the unique identity of Periyar.

But the challenges and potentials of the present times arising out of phenomena of globalization, people's movements, global-warming and food security can be effectively managed only by collective thinking and action. This seminar is an attempt to locate a common ground for the contested issues of conservation and livelihoods. It is also an attempt to throw light on the emerging concepts of conservation and co-existence which Periyar has always tried to pioneer.

Your active participation in the seminar would definitely help to evolve new ideas and to formulate strategies for the future conservation of the Tiger.

This National Seminar on '**People and Tigers – Shifting Trajectories of Ecology and Co-existence**' is being organized by Periyar Tiger Reserve and the Periyar Foundation. The Periyar Foundation has completed 4 years of remarkable achievements and is stepping into its 5<sup>th</sup> year. The Foundation Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> September has been chosen to inaugurate the year-long Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of Periyar Tiger Reserve.

**How to apply:** While final details are being worked out, we invite you to send your nomination for the seminar, which will be accepted until **20<sup>th</sup> August 2008**. The Organizing Committee will review the nomination and intimate the participants regarding confirmation of accommodation and logistic support. Participants who present their paper should send their full paper or abstract in Microsoft Word format before **20<sup>th</sup> August 2008**.

As far as possible please send your nomination through [Online Registration Form](#) or by email ([periyarfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:periyarfoundation@gmail.com)) in the prescribed Format ([download](#)). If you cannot access the email/internet, you may send your nomination through fax (+91-4869-224627) or by post (Address: Coordinator (Tiger Seminar), C/o Member Secretary, Periyar Foundation, Periyar Tiger Reserve, Thekkady – P.O, Kerala, Pin. 685 536, India).

**Contact:** Dr.M.Balasubramanian or Dr.A.Veeramani (+91-9947851133)

## **Registration form**

**(\* required information)**

**\*Name: (Dr./Prof./Mr./Ms.)** (\_\_\_\_\_)

**\*Age (in years):**

**\*Gender: Male/Female**

**\*Profession: (Forester/Academician/Environmentalist/Policy Maker/Scientist  
/Researcher/Student/NGO/NGI)**

**\*Organization/institution:**

**\*Address:**

**\*State:**

**\*Telephone: (Landline: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_)**

**Fax:**

**\*Email:**

**Food choice: (Vegetarian/Non-vegetarian)**

**\*Presenting Paper: (Yes/No)**

**If yes, please give the tentative title of the presentation:**

**Signature**

**Date:**