

**UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS**  
**B.Sc. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN ADVANCED ZOOLOGY**  
**AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**  
**SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024**

Course Code	Course Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
<b>21DSEB</b>	<b>WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT</b>	DSE	Y	-	-	-	3	4	25	75	100

**Learning Objectives**

1. To understand and discuss the importance of wildlife, its values, modern concepts in wildlife management, and relevant conservation policies.
2. To assess and instil strong foundations on wildlife policies and be familiar with a variety of laws and regulations.
3. To analyse and design appropriate approaches to turn conflict into tolerance and coexistence, with an emphasis on the human dimensions of human-wildlife interactions.
4. To evaluate and integrate all the related areas like Fundamentals in Ecology, Forestry, Natural Resource Conservation approaches and develop the role PVA models for protection of Endangered species.
5. To explain the advanced scientific basis for wildlife management and discuss National and International Efforts for successful wildlife conservation.

**Unit I :Biodiversity Extinction and Conservation Approaches :**

Perspectives and Expressions. Identification and prioritization of Ecologically sensitive area (ESA). Coarse filter and fine filter approaches. Regional and National approaches for biodiversity conservation.

**Unit II: Theory and Analysis of Conservation of Populations :**

Stochastic perturbations - Environmental, Demographic, spatial and genetic stochasticity. Population viability analysis-conceptual foundation, uses of PVA models. Management Decisions for small populations using PVA models. Minimum viable populations & recovery strategies for threatened species.

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**Unit III: National and International Efforts for Conservation :**

International agreements for conserving marine life, Convention on wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar convention), Conservation of Natural Resources. Overview of conservation of Forest & Grassland resources. CITES, IUCN, CBD National Forest Policy, 1988, National Wildlife Action Plan 2017-2031, Wildlife Protection Act 1972, National and State Biodiversity Action Plans and other Forests and Environmental Acts.

**Unit IV: Wildlife in India :** Wildlife wealth of India & threatened wildlife, Reasons for wildlife depletion in India, Wildlife conservation approaches and limitations. Wild life Habitat: Characteristic, Fauna and Adaptation with special reference to Tropical forest. Protected Area concept: National Parks, Sanctuaries and Biosphere Reserves, cores and Buffers, Nodes and corridors. Community Reserve and conservation Reserves.

**Unit V: Management of Wildlife :** Distribution, status. Habitat utilization pattern, threats to survival of Slender Loris, Musk deer, Great Indian Bustard, Olive Ridley turtle. Wild life Trade & legislation, Assessment, documentation, Prevention of trade, Wild life laws and ethics.

**Text Books:**

1. Robinson W L and Eric G Bolen, 1984. Wildlife Ecology and Management, Maxmillan Publishing Company, New York, p 478.
2. Aaron, N.M. 1973 Wildlife ecology, W.H. Freeman Co. San Francisco, U.S.A.
3. Dasmann R F, 1964. Wildlife Biology, John Wiley & Sons, New York, p 231.
4. Justice Kuldip Singh 1998. Handbook of Environment, Forest and Wildlife Protection Laws in India, Natraj Publishers, Dehradun.
5. Hosetti, B.B. 1997 Concepts in Wildlife Management, Daya Publishing House, Delhi.
6. Sutherland, W.J 2000. The conservation handbook: Research, Management and Policy. Blackwell Science.
7. Caughley.G and Sinclair, A.R.E 1994 Wildlife ecology and management. Blackwell Science.
8. Woodroffe R, Thirgood, S. and Rabinowitz A. 2005. People and Wildlife, Conflict or Co existence? Cambridge University.
9. Sinha, P.C. 1998. Wildlife and Forest Conservation, Anmol Publishing Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
10. Singh, S.K, 2005. Text Book of Wildlife Management. IBDC, Lucknow.

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**Suggested Readings**

1. Gilas R H Jr.(ed.), 1984. Wildlife Management Techniques, 3rd ed. The Wildlife Society, Washington D.C., Nataraj Publishers, Dehra Dun, p 547.
2. Rodgers W A, 1991. Techniques for Wildlife Census in India - A Field Manual: Technical Manual - T M - 2. WII.
3. Saharia V B, 1982. Wildlife of India, Natraj Publishers, Dehra Dun.
4. Goutam Kumar Saha and SubhenduMazumdar, 2017. Wildlife Biology: An Indian Prospective, PHI Publisher, Delhi.
5. Katwal/Banerjee, 2002. Biodiversity conservation in managed and protected areas, Agrobios, India.
6. Gopal, Rajesh,1992. Fundamentals of Wildlife Management, Justice Home, Allahabad, India.
7. Sharma, B.D, 1999. Indian Wildlife Resources Ecology and Development, Daya Publishing House, Delhi.
8. Stephen, H.B. and V.B. Saharia,1995. Wildlife research and management. Asian and American Approaches, Oxford University Press, Delhi.
9. Negi, S.S. 1993. Biodiversity and its conservation in India, Indus Publishing Co., New Delhi.
10. Moulton, M. P. & J. Sanderson, 1997. Wildlife Issues in a Changing World. St. Lucie Press.

**Web resources**

1. <https://bit.ly/39oPj44>
2. <https://bit.ly/3lHdEYJ>
3. <https://bit.ly/3CwBCfY>
4. <https://bit.ly/3EDYr3a>
5. <https://bit.ly/3tVtG4U>

**Course outcomes (COs)**

1. To understand and recall the importance of wildlife, extinction and Conservation Approaches of wildlife.
2. To integrate and assess the National, international approaches for biodiversity conservation.
3. To analyse and differentiate threats to wildlife, various action plans, conservation strategies on wildlife of India to turn conflict into tolerance and coexistence.
4. To explain the role PVA models, Wildlife conservation approaches, and limitations.
5. To construct and simulate National and International strategies for Conservation, Wild life laws and ethics.