

20th August 1993.

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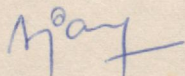
Dear Ravi,

I presume you are coming for the National Advisory Meeting on Biosphere Reserves scheduled on August 26 at the M.E.F., New Delhi. I have been asked to make a presentation in the said meeting.

If you come via Bombay could you please pickup the 'Pictorial Guide to Indian Birds' at a concessional price from the BNHS. Please do bring you checklist of birds of Kumaon (Nainital) which we had talked about.

Rest is all OK. My regards to Dr. Vijayan, Dr. (Mrs) Vijayan, Dr. Prasad and family; and Ajith and Mini.

Yours sincerely,



AJAY RASTOGI

P.S. You had left behind some papers/documents; which I was going to post you. I shall now wait until your visit.



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November 2, 1993

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Dear Ravi,

I am still waiting for the slides and text for the photo feature in the magazine. Your deadline was 10th October. Can you please cond it as soon as possible.

A cheque and your slides on Nandadevi are being sent to you separately.

Many thanks,

*Shalini Lall*

(SHALINI LALL)

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November 3, 1993

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Dear Ravi,

Enclosed please find two cheques for Rs 300/- and Rs 150/- respectively towards contribution of one colour TP and one Black & White TP for the WWF INDIA Quarterly, July - September 1993. The 13 TPs you submitted is also returned herewith. Please acknowledge receipt.

I'm still awaiting the slides and text for the photofeature.

Regards,

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Dear Ravi,

Thank you for your letter and the bank draft. By now you may have received two Fuji Chrome slide film rolls from Vivek, which I had handed over to him before he left Delhi.

Lt. Col. Bhatt has not turned up here since the day you left. He is also causing trouble to Mohit and me for making the due payments for slide duplication and prints; and charges towards making of maps. There has been no contact with Major. Aswin Amin either. However, we are still hopeful to get the due payments.

As a result of your experience with Bansal we are no more dealing with him. He did charge extra for some things.

Ruchi and I remember you and look forward to getting together again.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

*Ajay*  
AJAY RASTOGI

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7.8.93

Dear Ravi,

It was a pleasure meeting you after all these long years. Boy ! You have not changed a bit. Only you speak a lot more and get literally drenched with rum when it gets going.

The exhibition on the Nanda Devi Expedition was great. We have decided to include a four page story in the WWF magazine.

I was told that you have already refused to do it for us because you want to give your story to Frontline. That's entirely your choice and we respect it. But for our story we would like to have quotes from you and all other participants. I will be contacting others in person. It's only you that I may not be able to meet personally. I suggest that you send a draft of your article and let me extract quotes from it. If this does not suit you then send us a half a dozen juicy quotes. Please do this for a friend and not for WWF. I will be highly obliged.

We will also need slides for the article. Shalini has already talked to you about it. Please send an assortment of your classiest slides for one time use along with the draft/quotes. I will ensure the slides are looked after well and returned along with a small cheque with big figures inscribed on it.

How was the latest conference at SACON ? Did you present any paper ?

Hoping to meet you soon and for many more and longer evenings.

Cheers !

Tariq Aziz  
Tariq Aziz  
Communication Division

P.S. Ravi, what abt the photofeatures !!!

Shalini

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12 Aug 1993

Dear Mr. Sankaran,

WWF INDIA is the country's largest non-government conservation organization. It aims to conserve the natural environment and ecological processes essential to life on earth. It pays particular attention to endangered species of plants and animals and to natural environments which are of benefit to man.

WWF INDIA is in the process of building up a Photolibrary consisting of transparencies. We have collected around 4,500 slides till now from different sources. It is our endeavour to expand our Photolibrary to cater to the growing demand of photographic material by various agencies in the communication and education sectors.

The following issues are of interest to WWF INDIA:

Indian wildlife (animals, birds, plants); wild places and habitats; national parks and sanctuaries; rivers, lakes, deserts, mountains, other ecosystems; marine habitats and life; natural landscapes, trade and traffic in wildlife; topical environmental issues like pollution, land degradation, deforestation, industries, mining, agriculture, water resources, natural disasters, habitat, etc.

We would like to invite good quality transparencies from photographers on any of the above mentioned themes or related themes, to be placed in our Photolibrary. In brief the following will be the governing terms and conditions for placing slides with the WWF INDIA Photolibrary:

- i) 50% of the commercial income from a photo goes to the photographer
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  - a) outright donation (with or without permission for commercial use)
  - b) placement with the Photolibrary on the above-mentioned terms.

In these cases the Photolibrary will expect a retainership for a minimum period of 5 years.

Please do let us know in case you are interested in placing your transparencies with our Photolibrary. We would like to receive a list of topics on which you may like to send slides.

We look forward to your reply and with best wishes,

Yours sincerely

*Nirupa*  
NIRUPA RANGAIAH  
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9th September 1993.

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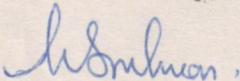
Dear Mr. Ravi,

Thank you very much for your letter dated September 2, 1993 addressed to Mr.Ajay Rastogi. Mr.Ajay Rastogi is away on tour, I am responding to your letter on his behalf.

As per your request I am forwarding herewith the Papers, which were left behind by you. I have not been able to locate your diary but will ask Mr.Ajay when he returns.

Thanking you once again and with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

  
**G. SUKUMAR**

Encl: as above

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Dear Mr. Sankaran,

Re: DIRECTORY OF WETLANDS IN INDIA

In collaboration with the Asian Wetlands Bureau, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, WWF-INDIA is revising the Directory of Wetlands in India. This will entail updating the information already included in A Directory of Asian Wetlands (IUCN, IWRB, ICBP and WWF, 1989) as well as including data on new wetland sites from the mid-winter waterfowl counts and other sources.

We have been referred to you by Mr. S.A. Hussain, Assistant Director, South Asia and Wetland Monitoring, Asian Wetland Bureau, with whom you have been collaborating in the wetland inventory. In connection with the directory which we are presently compiling, we would be greatly obliged if you could kindly send us information under the heads attached as *marked NA* Annexure I. (information heads)

A sample wetland entry from A Directory of Asian Wetlands is attached for your reference. (Annexure III)

Since we have just two months for data compilation, we would appreciate your cooperation in supplying us this information at an early date. Your contribution would, of course, be duly acknowledged in the directory. We hope to receive all the data sheets by the 15 of August 1992 and start with data-entry soon thereafter.

We are indeed very grateful for your help, and look forward to a speedy response from you.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Rashmi De Roy*

(Rashmi De Roy)

encl: Information Heads code (Annexure I)  
Wetland type code (Annexure II)  
Sample wetland entry (Annexure III)

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ANNEXURE I  
(Information Heads Code)

(Please use extra sheets)

- 1.0 Name of Wetland: BANSGADH KA TAAL (AANDAR)
- 2.0 Location:
  - 2.1 Geographical Coordinates: NA
  - 2.2 State: available
  - 2.3 District: NA
- 3.0 Area (ha): NA
- 4.0 Altitude (m): NA
- 5.0 Biogeographical Province: leave blank
- 6.0 Wetland Type (see code: Annexure II): NA
- 7.0 Description of site: NA  
(including topography, water regime, water depth, salinity/ acidity, fluctuations/permanence, tidal variations, where applicable, etc.)
- 8.0 Climatic conditions: NA
- 9.0 Principal vegetation: NA
- 10.0 Land tenure: NA
- 11.0 Conservation measures taken: NA
- 12.0 Conservation measures proposed: NA
- 13.0 Land use: NA
- 14.0 Possible changes in land use and proposed development projects: NA
- 15.0 Disturbances and threats: NA
- 16.0 Economic and Social values: NA
- 17.0 Fauna: NA
- 18.0 Special floral values: NA
- 19.0 Research and facilities: NA
- 20.0 References: NA
- 21.0 Source of information:
- 22.0 Map (Available or not available): NA

ANNEXURE II  
(Wetland Type Code)

Wetland Type:

- 01 Shallow sea bays and straits (under 6 metres at low tide)
- 02 Estuaries, deltas
- 03 Small offshore islands, islets
- 04 Rocky sea coasts, sea cliffs
- 05 Sea beaches (sand, pebbles)
- 06 Intertidal mudflats, sand flats
- 07 Mangrove swamps, mangrove forest
- 08 Coastal brackish and saline lagoons & marshes
- 09 Salt pans (artificial)
- 10 Shrimp ponds, fish ponds
- 11 Rivers, streams - slow flowing (lower perennial)
- 12 Rivers, streams - fast flowing (upper perennial)
- 13 Oxbow lakes, riverine marshes
- 14 Freshwater lakes and associated marshes lacustrine
- 15 Freshwater ponds (under 8 hectares) marshes, swamps (palustrine)
- 16 Salt lakes, saline marshes (inland drainage systems)
- 17 Water storage reservoirs, dams
- 18 Seasonally flooded grassland, savanna, palm savanna
- 19 Rice paddies
- 20 Flooded arable land, irrigated land
- 21 Swamp forest, temporarily flooded forest
- 22 Peat bogs

## ANNEXURE - III

### ✓ Jheels in the vicinity of Haidergarh (21)

✓ Location: 26°35'N, 81°15'E; near the town of Haidergarh (Hydergarh) in Barabank District, 50 km southeast of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

Area: Haidergarh Jheel 100 ha; Madha-ki-jheel 1,600 ha.

Altitude: c.100m.

Biogeographical Province: 4.8.4.

Wetland type: 13 & 14.

Description of site: A group of shallow freshwater lakes and meandering water courses with associated marshes, subject to monsoon flooding and often dry by the end of the dry season. These jheels are typical of the jheels of the Gangetic plain of Uttar Pradesh and are representative of the wetlands of the entire Oudh region to the southeast. Virtually all of the surrounding areas are cultivated in small holdings, and many of the jheels have already been drained and converted into agricultural land. Most of the jheels are residual oxbow lakes, for the most part overgrown with emergent vegetation and often utilized as village ponds by the local human population.

Climatic conditions: Tropical monsoon climate typical of the Gangetic Plain. ♀

Principal vegetation: In their natural condition, the jheels support a profuse growth of free floating, rooted floating, submerged and emergent aquatic vegetation, typical of the region. Unfortunately, *Eichhornia crassipes* has invaded the area and is already dominant at many sites.

Land tenure: Probably privately owned throughout.

Conservation measures taken: None except at Haidergarh Jheel where shooting has been prohibited. Unfortunately, enforcement is insufficient to prevent shooting taking place.

Land use: No information.

Possible changes in land use: Wetlands throughout the region are being drained for conversion to agricultural land.

Disturbances and threats: The jheels are rapidly being converted to agricultural use. Most are already partly drained; over 50% of Haidergarh Jheel has been drained and agricultural land now extends to the edge of the open water. Other threats include illegal shooting and trapping

of waterfowl, and pollution with domestic and agricultural effluents. The spread of *Eichhornia crassipes* is a major problem at many of the jheels.

Economic and social values: Several of the jheels are important regulators of the local water table.

Fauna: Taken collectively, the jheels around Haidergarh are of great importance for many resident and migratory species of waterfowl.

Special floral values: No information.

Research and facilities: Preliminary surveys have been carried out by the Bombay Natural History Society.

Criteria for Inclusion: 1b, 3b.

Source: Asad R. Rahmani. ✓