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**Mr. Aasheesh Pittie**

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Dear Aasheesh,

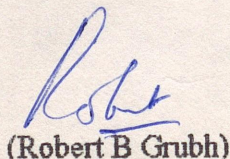
I am sure you are surprised to receive a letter from me! This is to invite you to attend a half-day symposium on conservation and management of Suchindram - Theroor wetland complex, to be held in Nagercoil (Kanyakumari District) on 2 December 1995. The objective of the symposium is to present to an enlightened audience, the research findings of our recently concluded ecological study of Suchindram and Theroor wetlands.

As you may be aware, a priority programme of the Institute for Restoration of Natural Environment is ecological research and environmental education leading towards conservation and restoration of the tropical freshwater wetlands and forests of Kanyakumari district. The above study was our pilot attempt in this direction and has resulted in valuable findings, enabling us to formulate some ecological measures to enhance bird life in these wetlands with direct benefit to agriculture and traditional fishing and to promote ecotourism.

The symposium would comprise technical presentation of the study as well as an open discussion. Invitation to attend this symposium has been extended only to a limited number of eminent persons in order to make the exercise more efficient and meaningful. We look forward to your valuable presence at this important function and request you to kindly return the enclosed reply card, by return of post (also please fax / telephone), indicating your acceptance of this invitation.

A detailed programme and further information will be sent to you on receiving confirmation of your acceptance. Closing with warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Robert B Grubh)

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Dear ~~M~~ Aasheesh,

We understand from your communication that important commitments kept you from attending our symposium of the 2nd December. The symposium was a successful event, considering the interest shown by the delegates, and we believe this event has helped in focusing attention on the value of the wetlands of Kumari district and the urgent need to protect them.

We missed your valuable presence and look forward to yet another chance to invite you in the near future. We are enclosing herewith a copy of the summarised project report that formed the substance of the main presentation and subject of the deliberation.

Closing with warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Enc. as above

*Robert*  
(Robert B Grubh)  
Director

10 April, 1996

Dr Robert B Grubh  
Director  
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Dear Dr. Grubh:

Thank you very much indeed for your letter Ref. No. 27/96-Symp, dated 15.3.1996, which I received yesterday. The enclosed 'Project Report' on *Conservation and management of Suchindram and Theroor wetlands as waterbird sanctuaries for agriculture, traditional fishing and ecotourism* is very interesting.

I would very much appreciate if you could send me the detailed report of this project and the seminar you held. Please bill me for the same or inform me in advance so I can send you the money for the papers and postage.

The above will be interesting reading and an invaluable addition to my library.

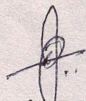
I am enclosing a complimentary copy of a *Bibliographic Index* which I have compiled and published, covering all bird-related papers, etc., from the Indian sub-continent published in 90 volumes of *JBNHS* and all the volumes of *Stray Feathers*. This I have called Part I, which will be followed by Part II in which entries from other major sources (journals, newsletters, etc.) will be published. I would like your critical comments on this publication. Also, if you or others are interested in more copies, I am selling them for Rs. 150/- each plus postage charges of Rs. 15/- (by Registered Parcel) per copy ie., Rs. 165/- per copy.

I have a favour to ask. I am listing below some citations of your publications. I would be grateful if you could send me copies (or photocopies) of these, as I would like to refer to them first-hand for my indexing and subsequent inclusion in the next part of the above mentioned Bibliography. I have taken these from *Ornithology of the Indian Subcontinent 1872-1992: An Annotated Bibliography*, published by the Smithsonian Institution.

- Grubh, R (1986): A comparative study of ecology and distribution of Indian Whitebacked Vulture *Gyps bengalensis* and Longbilled Vulture *G. indicus* in the Indian region. **Proceedings of the 19th International Ornithological Congress 2: 1763-1767.**
- Grubh, R B (1983): The status of vultures in the Indian subcontinent. *In S R Wilbur and J A Jackson, eds., Vulture Biology and Management Berkley, Los Angeles and London: University of California Press, pp 107-112.*
- Grubh, R B., S M Satheesan & G Narayan (1988): Ecological study of bird hazards at Indian aerodromes with special reference to Bombay, Delhi, Agra and Ambala. **First national seminar on bird hit prevention. New Delhi: Institute of Aviation Management, IAAI, 32 pp.**

With best wishes and regards to you and to Dr. Balachandran.

Yours sincerely,



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