



## 6TH WORLD WILDERNESS CONGRESS

### The Call for a Sustainable Future

24th - 29th October 1998, Bangalore, India

M.A. Partha Sarathy  
Chairman

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Dear Sir / Madam,

The 6<sup>th</sup> World Wilderness Congress - *The Call for a Sustainable Future*, will converse in Bangalore, India, 24-29 October 1998. Your contribution to critical global concerns in this field would be an important aspect of this 6<sup>th</sup> WWC, and we cordially invite you to participate. Allow me to give you some background information.

As you may know, the WWC has convened on five previous occasions - South Africa (1977), Australia (1980), Scotland (1983), United States (1987) and Norway (1993). Most importantly, the WWC emphasizes several basic principles, among them:

- A wide range of professions and perspectives are involved, from the sciences to the arts, from politics to business, and both the professional and the public sectors.
- The Congress is result-oriented, addressing key issues and achieving specific results.

The 6<sup>th</sup> WWC continues in this tradition. It meets in India at an important time in the Asian region. The economy, rapidly increasing population, and major demands on natural resources are creating non-sustainable impacts on wilderness areas and values. Therefore a few of the key objectives of the Congress are:

- Develop a framework for policy and legislation to specifically protect and manage wilderness and wildlands in Asia.
- Clarify models of corporate environmental responsibility and their wider application.
- Enhance models for conservation of biological diversity in wildland areas.
- Present and first comprehensive inventory of Wild Rivers of the World.
- Present and discuss status reports on species conservation projects such as on the Tiger and the Elephant

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## CONCURRENT WORKING SESSIONS



**ABSTRACT** – The World Wilderness Congress (WWC) will convene in Asia for the first time when the 6<sup>th</sup> WWC meets in Bangalore, India from October 24-29, 1998. Over the last 20 years, the WWC has met in South Africa, Australia, Scotland, the United States and Norway. The 6<sup>th</sup> WWC program has three major components. In the morning, plenary sessions address broad objectives of sustainable living as they relate to wilderness, wildland and bio-diversity topics, including perspectives of policy, science, education, politics, business and economics, recreation, management, the arts and humanities. In the afternoon, focused working sessions will convene to present papers, posters and discuss specific aspects of wilderness research, education, policy, and management. In addition, an extensive cultural program will provide opportunities to experience the ancient and contemporary cultures and natural areas of India and Asia.

**CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS:** Presentations are now solicited for the following symposia (working sessions) that convene each afternoon of the 6<sup>th</sup> WWC. Please send a 300 word abstract to the relevant chairperson listed below. Abstracts will be considered in the order received, and authors will be notified by 1 July and 1 September 1998.

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**The Use of Wilderness For Personal Growth, Therapy, And Education** – Contact: Dr. John Hendee, Director, Wilderness Research Center, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843 USA, Fax (208) 885-2268, e-mail – [hendeejo@uidaho.edu](mailto:hendeejo@uidaho.edu)

**The Tiger Dilemma – Status, Review, and Recommendations** – jointly convened by WWF (India) and associates, and symposium chair to be named. For now, contact 6<sup>th</sup> WWC Chairman, Mr. M.A. Partha Sarathy, “Hamsini”, 1, 12<sup>th</sup> Cross, Rajmahal, Bangalore 560 080, India, Fax (91-80) 3341674, e-mail – [6wwc@sparrl.com](mailto:6wwc@sparrl.com)

**The Asian and African Elephants: Flagships for Conservation** – Contact: Dr. Raman Sukumar, Center for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore 560 012, India, Tel (91-80) 3092786, 3343382, 3340985. Fax (91-80) 3315428, e-mail – [rsuku@ces.iisc.ernet.in](mailto:rsuku@ces.iisc.ernet.in)

**The East-West Convergence – A New Paradigm for Nature Conservation** –co-chaired by Prof. David Rothenberg. Contact: Prof. Rothenberg, Dept of Humanities, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ 07012 USA, Fax (201) 565-0586, e-mail – [terranova@hudson.highlands.com](mailto:terranova@hudson.highlands.com)

**The Role of Education in Strengthening Sustainable Development.** Contact Dr. S.M. Nair, WWF India, 172-B Lodhi Estate, New Delhi 110 003. Phone (91-11) 4693744, 461 6532, Fax (91-11) 462 6837; 469 1226, e-mail – [wwfindel@unv.ernet.in](mailto:wwfindel@unv.ernet.in)

**Wetlands and Sustainable Living** – Chaired by Dr. Dhruvajyoti Ghosh, 370/1P, N.S.C. Bose Road, Calcutta 700047. Tel:(91-33)-2102234, 2420031, Res.(91-33) 4710548, Fax 91-33-2473561, e mail – [dhrubaghosh@usa.net](mailto:dhrubaghosh@usa.net)

**The Himalayan Environment – A Challenge to Promote and Preserve it** – Chaired by Peter Mould, The British Mountaineering Council, 177-179 Burton Road, Manchester M20 2BB U.K, Tel: 0161- 4454747, Fax 0161- 4454500, e-mail – [adminco@thebmc.co.uk](mailto:adminco@thebmc.co.uk) and Co-chaired by Mandip Singh Soin FRGS, Ibex Expeditions, G 66, East of Kailash New Delhi 110 065, India. Tel (91-11) 6912461, 6828479, e mail- [mandip.ibex@axcess.net.in](mailto:mandip.ibex@axcess.net.in)

The following sessions are being planned and the chairperson will be named in due course.

**Ecological Security**

**Women and Environment**

**Participatory management of local communities to conserve biodiversity**

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

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Date 24-29 October 1998 – 6 nights

Registration fee US \$400 for developed nations (\$125 for students), US \$100 for developing nations (\$30 for students), Rs.6000 for Indian corporate delegates, Rs.2000 for individuals/NGO's (per person), Rs.200 for students.

**Accommodation** From Rs.210 to Rs.4690 per person per day. Hotels have offered special rates to delegates for bookings made through our office.

**Air Travel** Special discounted fares for delegates are being negotiated. Details will be made known shortly.

## Working Draft of Program

Saturday 24 October.

10.30 – 11.30. AM. OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOMES  
M.A.Partha Sarathy, Ian Player, Ratan Tata / S.P.Godrej,  
President of India, Governor of Karnataka

12.00 – 1.00 PM. The Natural World – *A Global Assessment*

*The Lands and Animals* – World Conservation Monitoring Center (UK)

*The State of the Wild* – Claude Martin, WWF International

*Wildlife in Wildlands* – The Sanctuary Concept – Paul Irwin (Humane Society  
of USA)

1.00 – 2.00 PM. LUNCH

2.00 – 2.45 PM *Biodiversity & Community issues: The heart of a healthy planet*

Minister for Environment, Government of India

Dr. Kenton Miller

Dr. Walter Lusigi (GEF)

2.45 – 4.00 PM. *Participatory management of local communities on biodiversity  
issues.*

Dr. Karan Singh

Medha Patkar

Sundarlal Bahuguna

Dr. Sudarshan

4.00 – 4.15 PM Coffee break

4.15 – 5.30 PM. *Women, Population and the environment.*

Dr. Shanta Mohan / Devaki Jain

Susan Miller

*Wilderness and Dependent Peoples.*

Working groups for indigenous affairs (WGIA): Global Status

Polynesian Navigator – People and the Sea

India and Asian Peoples

(Alternative – Gaia Foundation, Forest person, S. America)

7.30 – 9.30 PM. Music Concert.

*Wild Nature – East and West. Paul Winter from USA with Indian Musicians)*

**Sunday 25 October.**

THE NATURAL WORLD – *A Global Assessment*. Wilderness as a Protected Area  
Chairman: Mr. Samar Singh / Minister for Environment, Govt. of Karnataka

9.00 – 10.30 Ministers / senior civil servants, NGO from USA, Australia, Canada,  
S. Africa, European Countries, India, Pakistan, Bhutan.

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 1.00 Above session continues

1.00 – 2.00 LUNCH

2.00 – 5.30 Working Sessions / Symposia (15 minute coffee break at 4.00 PM)

Wilderness Designation  
Role of Education in Strengthening Sustainable Development  
Ecological Security  
Women and Environment.

7.00 Selected films from the International Film Festival: *Towards a  
Sustainable Planet*

**Monday 26 October**

EMERGING ASIA – The Wilderness Key to Sustainability  
Chairman – Dr. M.S. Swaminathan / Alternate

9.00 – 10.15 *The Practice and Philosophy of Wilderness*

1. MS Swaminathan / alternate – Role of Wilderness in Ecological and  
Food Security in Asia  
2. David Rothenberg – East / West: The roots of Wilderness Philosophy  
3. Speaker to be announced

10.15 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 12.30 Wildlands : *Status in Asia*  
Four Ministers or senior presenters from various Asian Countries  
discussing the state of wildlands remaining in their country, its role in  
a sustainable future, challenges to securing wildland sustainability,  
recommendations, etc

12.30 - 1.00 A Wilderness Policy Framework for Asia – Vance G Martin, Adrian  
Philips (IUCN)

1.00 – 2.00 LUNCH

2.00 – 5.30 Working Sessions / Symposia (15 minute coffee break at 4.00PM)

Wilderness Designation  
The Tiger Dilemma.  
Ecological Security

Wilderness therapy  
Role of Edu. in Sustainable Dev.  
Women and the Environment

7.00 CULTURAL

### Tuesday 27 OCTOBER

SUSTAINABLE LIVING: *The Development Priority.*

Case studies and models of sustainability from the development sector

CHAIRMAN: To be designated

9.00 – 10.30 Development Agencies  
World Bank – India and SE Asia Programs

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 1.00 Corporate Environ. Responsibility – case studies (presentations, Q&A)

Sustainable Production of Cacao – Smithsonian Institution

Waste water Purification through Solar Aquatics – Michael Shaw

Living Technologies, Inc

M&M Mars, Inc – Environmentally responsible production of  
Chocolates

MICO / ISRO Bangalore - Water crisis management

1.00 – 2.00 LUNCH

2.00 – 5.30 Working Sessions / Symposia (with a coffee break at 4.00 PM)

Elephants as flagships for Conservation  
Protecting the Himalaya  
Wilderness Designation  
Sustainable Wetlands

The Tiger Dilemma  
Corp. Env. Responsibility  
Wilderness therapy

7.00 CULTURAL

### Wednesday 28 October

Chairperson: Dilnavaz Variava

9.00 – 10.30 Vandana Shiva / alternate – Wilderness and the Village  
Asian Institute of Rural Development

Jeff McNeeley – IUCN or alternate  
National Tree Growers Co-op Federation, Anand, Gujarat.  
Kenton Miller (?) - Monitoring Biodiversity: The barefoot scientist

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 1.00 Bringing it Back – *Wilderness and Ecological Restoration*.  
Hanne Strong – Earth Restoration Corps  
David Foreman – The Wildlands Project  
David Brower – Bringing wilderness back  
Alternative – Australia / Asia

1.00 – 2.00 LUNCH

2.00 – 5.30 Working Sessions / Symposia (15 minute coffee break at 4.00 PM)

Elephants as flagships for Conservation  
Wilderness Philosophy      Protecting the Himalaya  
Rural Development      Corp. Envir. Responsibility  
Sustainable Wetlands      Wilderness Therapy.

7.00 CULTURAL

#### Thursday 29 October

Chairman: To be designated

9.00 – 10.30 Wilderness and the High Seas – Maxine McCloskey  
Wild Rivers Inventory – Michael McCloskey

Speaker from Brazil – The Patanal  
Karen Ross – The Okavango  
Malaysia—Flooded forest, or Vietnam - the Mekong  
Europe- The Danube

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 1.00 Wilderness and Personal Growth: *The Vision*

John Hendee and Marilyn Riley – The Vision Quest in Wilderness  
Therapy  
Swamiji of Admar Mutt, Udipi.  
Andrew Muir – The Wilderness Seed  
Elizabeth Roberts and Thai Monk – The Spirit of Wilderness

1.00 – 2.00 LUNCH

2.00 – 5.00 Closing Session: Congress Resolutions / Wrap up / Closing Ceremony