



## Palluyir Trust for Nature Education and Research



## Annual Report 2022-2023

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# Note from the Managing Trustee

The Indian Ash tree (*Lannea coromandelica*) outside my apartment is fruiting. Its drupes are still unripe but birds are gathering around it, perching on it and claiming space. A very vocal koel pair, black drongos, tailor birds, ashy prinias and a magpie robin – which sings its improvised song from the lamp post across my balcony each morning. A few weeks ago the tree was in full bloom – not gaudy and torrential like the Golden Showers further down the street, but full of thin pale yellow braids holding tiny flowers, calling out to the smallest of pollinators around – the stingless bees, chalcid wasps, reed bees, small carpenter bees, hordes of ghost ants and other little creatures.



This is our first annual report. I thought it's important to narrate here how Palluyir began. Firstly, Palluyir is a 2000 year old word from the 322nd couplet of the Thirukkural written by the Tamil philosopher Thiruvalluvar, which says that to share, coexist and to protect all of life/biodiversity is the essence of all our hoarded wisdom. In July 2021 through Madras Naturalists' Society I began an internship – called Urban Wilderness Walks – for two colleges in Chennai, with the help of Vijay Kumar (Secretary of MNS, also a trustee of Palluyir) and professor Kalpana Jayaraman. My intention with this course was to help/teach interested life science students to become powerful nature educators in Chennai's unique landscape. The little wide-eyed dreaming with this initiative was the question – if the city had numerous nature-educators amidst it, across classes and localities, might we shift its culture a little bit? For me the climate crisis was really a problem of culture – our values, worldviews, ways of relating with other humans, non-humans and non-species beings – emerging from vast power inequalities in the world and within its societies. The first batch completed the UWW internship and many of them in their own capacities keenly sought out ways to continue engaging with nature-education, the city's climate movement and issues of social/ecological justice within it. Many of them turned up for every campaign rally organized on the Besant Nagar beach's promenade, and volunteered to anchor several public nature activities and walks we planned. Some were fervent on citizen science portals like Ebird and Inaturalist while others independently did sessions in schools they knew and reached out to.

Watching their energy in large part gave me the impetus to start Palluyir Trust – to do this work more deeply along with other young people and to support passionate serious nature educators in the city.

Look at the climate movement across the world. Why is it mostly young people calling out with urgency? I think because it's the youth of a species who have a natural inclination to look at their own culture, review it critically and radically reimagine it. I put my hope and trust in this as we journey ahead.

In a year and 3 months through Palluyir – we've done more than we dreamt of. As you'll see in the report we've directly engaged about 2700 people in this time through a range of programmes and activities. Distribution of our material, free downloads on our website and sales cross 5000. We've made sure that most of our work went to benefit climate vulnerable communities. I consider the team I work with a profound blessing. We've worked to protect wetlands like Vedanthangal, Odiyur, Kaliveli and other wild places and community rights in and around Chennai.



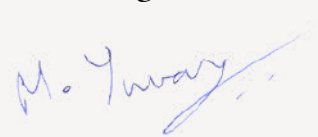
We've made a lot of nature based learning resources most of which people can freely download from our website. We have been putting up a 'Climate, Biodiversity and People' curriculum set in Chennai, so named as to include all planetary boundaries and the polycrisis, not just the climate and carbon lens. We are designing it based on the 'Action Pedagogy' aimed to help the learner practice action and initiative in one's surroundings through which true agency for change comes. The three pillars of the pedagogy are - direct engagement/action, local relevance and socio-political interconnectedness. Many schools and teachers have been using these activities, adopting it to their circumstance and giving meaningful feedback. We ran the Youth Climate Internship for young people from Urur Kuppam, Ramapuram and Kakkan Colony. Now young people from these climate vulnerable communities are aspiring to be naturalists/nature-educators/advocates. The first of whom, Gowtham, a remarkable young educator from Urur Kuppam who went through our programme will be joining Palluyir in the coming month. We hope to have/create more such people who find their footing in the city.

I must thank our main funders who supported these activities - Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies and Duleep Matthai Nature Conservation Trust. Then Sanctuary Asia and Madras Naturalists' Society who supported us on smaller projects. Our first 6 months though we ran entirely by crowdfunding - from individuals donating small and large amounts - largely via instagram stories. Some of our most important collaborations were with Pudiyador, Chennai Climate Action Group and Chennai Young Naturalists' Network.

From June 2023 onwards we are beginning an important and exciting phase. We are working with the Greater Chennai Corporation to implement a nature-based learning programme in 5 schools across Chennai, in the corporation parks near their campuses. We have surveyed and chosen ones which have enough biodiversity in them to sustain year long activities there. During the programme we will also be studying the impact of nature-based learning on children, all of them from socio-economically vulnerable backgrounds. Specifically their - attendance, academic performance, mental health, intrinsic motivation and environmental sensitivity. Such studies abound in other countries, eliciting variously how nature is essential for the child's wellbeing. We want to learn this specifically for our city and context. The bigger dream of this pilot is to have meaningful locally-relevant nature-based learning, that is learning emplaced in the local landscape and stewardship for it as a policy intervention for all children in the state and (it is no sin to dream and it is not our dream alone) the country. For this we are reaching forward and out to make more and more allies and friendships in the coming year.

At present I am reading Thelma Young Lutunatabua and Rebecca Solnit's 'Not Too Late' - an anthology on how to exercise hope and reimagination when you are part of a minority in the climate movement. I stayed with something Mary Annase Heglar said in her essay - "Responding to this crisis is going to have to become part of who we are. All the time. When you understand that, you understand that this isn't about climate action at all. It's about climate commitment."

Warm Regards,



**Yuvaan Aves**

Managing Trustee

Palluyir Trust for Nature Education and Research

14th May 2023

# Our Trustees



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# Supporters



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# Palluyir in the Press

Empowering Chennai's climate-vulnerable communities

Chennai-based Palluyir Trust creates diverse nature-education resources

**Chennai City Express**  
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## IN PALLUYIR WE TRUST

A team of young naturalists in the city came together to form Palluyir Trust, in the hope of nurturing the local biodiversity and those that keep it together

**Leader consecrated**  
In this city, the 100th birthday of a leader of the Palluyir Trust is celebrated. The Palluyir Trust is a team of young naturalists in the city...

**Helping people understand the world around them**  
A team of young naturalists in the city came together to form Palluyir Trust, in the hope of nurturing the local biodiversity and those that keep it together

**Vikalp Sangam**  
605 subscribers

Game for some green talk?

**GAME FOR SOME GREEN TALK?**

**Madras Inherited and Palluyir Trust**  
Indulged Chennaiites in a game of greenery to initiate a dialogue on the city's ecology

**NIKHIL JAYARAMAN**

Under a canopy of trees in Nagvaram Park, Mysore, people from different walks of life gathered together over a game of cards - a card game that is meant to educate players about Chennai's ecology and biodiversity. The Wilderness Game, designed by the Palluyir Trust, comes in packs of 120 cards each, further divided into ecology cards, species cards and action cards. The idea, an initiative of Madras Inherited and Palluyir Trust, was to bring together people to play a game to initiate a broader conversation about Chennai's ecology and biodiversity.

**Unusual card game**  
The Wilderness game is devised for a team of four, hence the gathering was divided into teams of four, with a volunteer explaining the rules of the game. Each participant picked an ecology card - this could be anything from a tree to a bird or a fish - and proceeded to pick a card from the species cards. Each species card contained information about a particular species including its habitat. The ones that fit into a player's ecosystem card were added, while the ones that did not fit into the discard heap. The player who first builds a deck of four cards consisting of a particular ecosystem wins the game.

All very well, except the evening was drenched by rain, leaving the game to be abandoned midway. As the participants huddled together under a shelter, the conversation took off. Aranya M Vyas, environmentalist and founder of Palluyir Trust, took centre stage and used the opportunity to educate the participants.

The Wilderness Game, he remarked, was an example of

what is commonly called biodiversity games - self-directed and learning materials aimed at education about the environment and one's role in it. This, apart from walking through ecological hotspots for children, are some of our programmes to instil environmental awareness among Chennaiites.

**Eco hotspot Chennai**  
Very soon, the discussion moved to Chennai's biodiversity. Chennai was built over wetlands, which are usually biodiversity hotspots. In spite of the concrete jungle it has become, some of these biodiversity is still around us, even in the apartment walls where we confine ourselves. Vyas added, Urban environment has left the city with only a handful of natural wetlands like the one in Pallakurasi. What is a hotspot for migratory birds like the flamingos is also best to untreated sewage and effluents from much of the city as well as other invasive species.

Alongside the brochures and booklets detailing the city's natural fauna and flora, the city's biodiversity is being showcased off the evening with a positive note about the efforts taken by villagers in Chennai to conserve Vedic-ecological sanctuaries. In fact, there are historical records to show the bond between land farmers and the birds indigenous to the area, and its bond that continues to this day," he added.

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**The game was**  
designed by Palluyir Trust and is available for free.

**Even as the rain poured, the game, the conversation continued.**

## The beach as a living museum

Through 24 activities, *Seashells* seeks to draw Chennai residents out of their indifference to lifeforms on the coast

SR SUBHASREE

"The most meaningful learnings come from understanding the real world, the living world and one's relationships within it", begins *Seashells*, a digital book on beaches and oceans.

From there, it proceeds to build "beachheads" that attack the ignorance - in fact, indifference - might be more like it - that engulfs any understanding about marine ecosystems.

Authorised by Yuvan Aves, Nikkitha Terasa and Aswathi Asokan, the book released on June 8 to mark

sea shores into a learning space filled with exploratory learning. That is when we wanted to create *Seashells*, Nikkitha explains. Children's developmental needs and academic requirements guided the course and shape the book would take.

Though the book has been written with primary and elementary children in mind, it provides insights into marine life that would be appealing to anyone outside those age brackets.

Under every activity, the book presents an "educator's note" that equips instructors with

topic. Aswathi says: "All the activities we have undertaken so far have time and again shown how life-changing it is for people to try and make connections with nature and make it an integral part of their lifestyle. *Seashells* is a small step towards this endeavour".

Through their illustrations, Balakrishnan Ram and Bianca have made the book come alive for children.

Says Bianca: "I enjoyed illustrating the book, especially making illustrations of the characters and drawing the map to make it more

## Wealth of the wild in a deck of cards

**THE WILDERNESS**

**Seashells**  
A digital book on beaches and oceans

**The Wilderness**  
A game to educate players about Chennai's ecology and biodiversity

**Even as the rain poured, the game, the conversation continued.**

Wealth of the Wild in a Deck of Cards





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## Learn about India's biodiversity from this card game created by Chennai students

A new game developed by Chennai students spreads awareness about different ecosystems, species and what we can do to help them

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An eco card from The Wilderness game

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## Chennai-based Palluyir Trust creates diverse nature-education resources

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The trust is now setting up four projects for the children in the local community. (Photo: EPS)

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## Nature-based learning: Walk, talk and observe to know more about the city's ecology

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Sessions on nature-based learning serve as a means to better understand our surroundings. Pic: Palluyir Trust

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## Nature-based learning programmes improve environment and climate literacy in Chennai

by Aparna Ganesan on 25 April 2023



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## A lesson from the coast

Chintan Girish Modi

Yuvan Aves is a Chennai-based naturalist, writer, and educator who conducts "shorewalks" to get children acquainted with creatures they share coasts and oceans with. He wants them to appreciate how human lives are connected to the lives of these creatures, understand why their habitats are under threat, and participate in conservation. To fulfil these objectives, he has written a book called *Shorewalk*, which is recommended for ages eight and above.

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## Sea and beach to teach what's beyond schools' reach

Two final-year zoology students and a naturalist have created *Seashells* — a book that converts beaches and ocean into learning spaces.

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By SV Krishna Chaitanya





# IMPACT

**511**  
Children

**2014**  
Adults

Direct  
Engagement

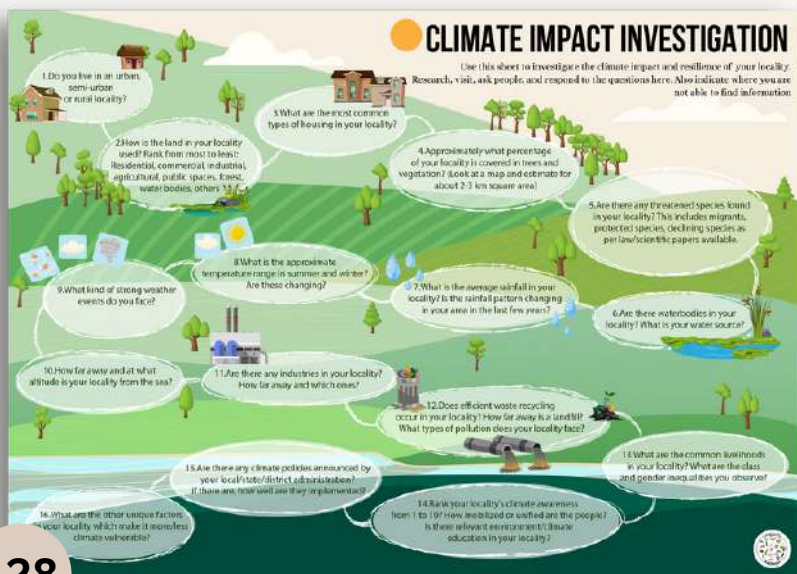
**206**  
Youth

Total  
**2731**  
People



# Climate Curriculum

## Climate Impact Investigation



128

No. of Downloads

Directs people on how they can investigate the impact of climate change on different people and geographies in diverse ways. Encourages them to assess climate impact in their own localities.

## Heat and Climate Change



111

No. of Downloads

A 5 part activity that walks the learner through exploring the urban heat island effect, the impact of heat waves and heat stress on all life around them. It encourages them to conduct interviews and formulate their own heat action plans for their locality.

## Bird Migration and Climate Change

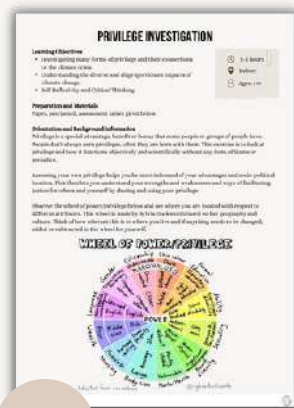


133

No. of Downloads

A 5 part activity that guides the learner through studying, observing, and understanding the needs of migratory birds found around where they live. It encourages learners to explore birding hotspots, study migration patterns, conduct bird walks themed around migration and participate in citizen science projects like the asian waterbird census.

## Privilege Investigation



128

No. of Downloads

An introspection driven investigation into understanding privilege and the diversified impacts of climate change on different groups of people in their locality.

## Bees and Climate Change



100

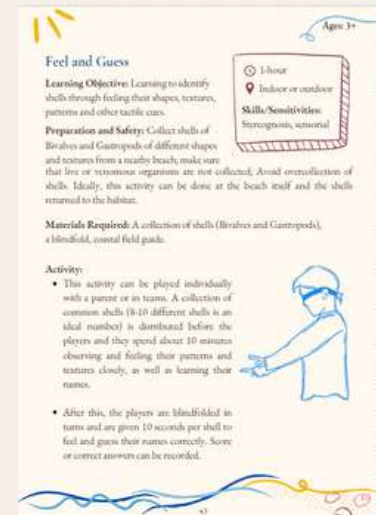
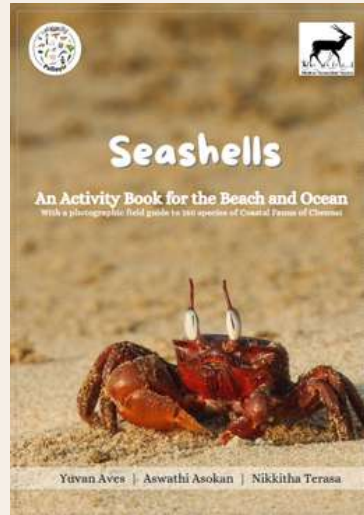
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A 4 part activity that guides the learner to observe and study bee behaviour and their ecological needs in their locality. It also encourages the learner to recognise the importance of bees, threats they face and steps they can take to help reduce these threats.



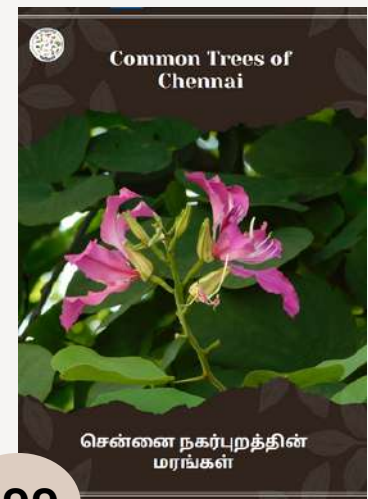
## Publishing of 'Seashells'

Publishing 'Seashells'- An Activity Book for the Beach and Ocean. This is a compilation of all the Coastal education activities we have evolved and implemented over the years. Available to [purchase on Amazon.in](https://www.amazon.in)

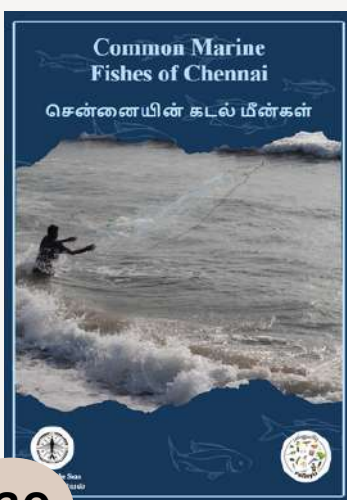


1100

Total  
Field Guides  
Sold & Distributed  
**1753**



299 Released Jan 2023



130

Released Mar 2023



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128

Released Nov 2022

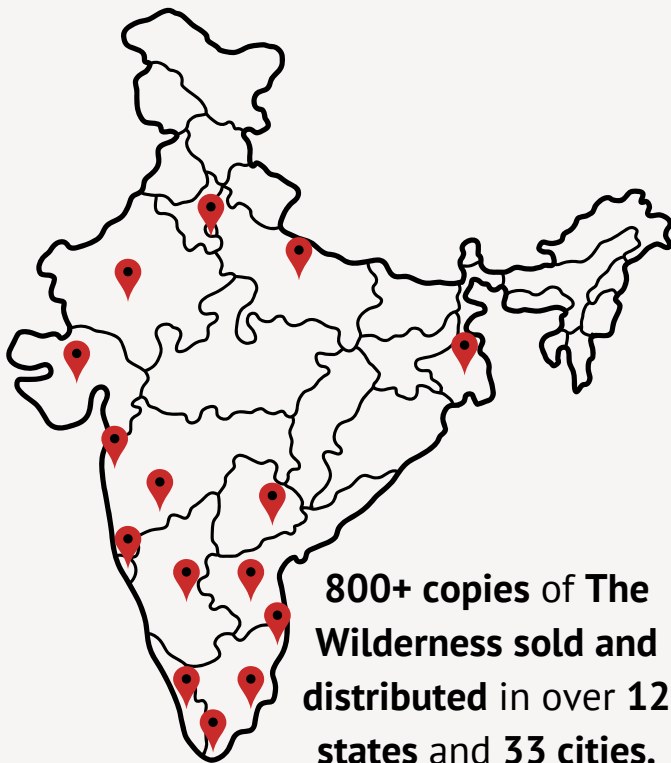


# The Wilderness

## An Indian Ecology-based Card Game

A unique biodiversity based card game incorporating Indian flora and fauna.

Players have to build balanced ecosystems in specific habitats, while, protecting it from being sabotaged by other players.



“ So many popular board games focus on competing for resources that it's absolutely refreshing to play a game that helps me connect with nature. I've played different variations of this game, and love how versatile it can be - all while I'm learning tons about living ecosystems!!

- Anuviya,  
Nature Educator

“ I bought 'The Wilderness' for the school library, especially for students looking for something to 'do' instead of read. The older children sometimes look to the library as a place of refuge, away from their heavy academic workload and games like this one are fun while keeping the focus on reading and learning!!

- JoAnne Saldanha  
Library Educator

Indirect  
Impact

39 Freely  
Downloadable  
Nature-Ed  
Resources

3,323  
Downloads



# Fisherfolk Apprenticeship Program

For 10 months spanning from December 2021 to September 2022, we ran an apprenticeship programme for children of the fisher community at Urur and Olcott kuppam – two coastal hamlets at Besant Nagar, Chennai. This ran with the support of Sanctuary Asia's 'Mud on Boots' project from April 2022 to September 2022.

## Objectives

To emplace children's learning on their home coast and other wilderness areas of Chennai

## Outcomes

- Increased interest and stewardship of the beach and nature.
- Significant improvement in reading, writing, science and language skills and performance.
- Greater respect for their traditional knowledge



The intention of the programme was to position the local natural landscape as a rich living learning space, and introduce nature-based, outdoor and exploratory-learning to children of historically marginalized backgrounds. Through this we have been able to improve literacy through nature-based learning, and a range of nature-education resources and lessons which children have been using.

This program was conducted in collaboration with teachers and trainees in the local community, working at **Pudiyador Learning Centre**.





# Gallery



Shorewalks



Training session for local  
community teachers



Trip to Kotturpuram Urban Forest



'Clues and Tracks' at Theosophical Society



Setting up Butterfly Garden at Anganwadi



Snake Walk with the  
Irulas and Snakebite  
awareness session





# Feedback from Children



"I loved learning about the different types of shells and other life found on the beach my house. I could only identify Pigeon and Crow, but after the sessions I know many more species of birds in English and Tamil. I learnt to identify different snakes and how to give first aid for snakebite."

- Prithesh, Class 7

"I learnt about the different types of venomous snakes in the snake walk with Irulas. I was happy to listen and learn different bird calls and observe birds through binoculars"

- Mani, Class 8



"The butterfly trip at Kotturpuram Urban Forest was my favourite. The field guides I received on birds, butterflies and other species made me happy and were very useful to me. I learnt what to do if anyone is bitten by a Snake. I enjoyed observing and documenting the environment around me."

- Kabilan, Class 6

"I loved the Vedanthangal trip because I saw a lot of birds. Butterfly session was my favourite and I learnt the colors and shapes of different species of butterflies."

- Keerthana, Class 8



# Youth Climate Internship

We began the Youth Climate Internship to run a programme for young people from climate vulnerable communities. Its intention is to provide experience, knowledge, skills, and support these youth towards becoming powerful and effective nature and climate educators. Throughout the programme and after it, they will engage in facilitating climate literacy, action, and justice in their local area and community. This was designed keeping the geography and sociopolitics of Chennai in mind.

In October 2022 we inducted our first batch of youth climate interns in collaboration with Pudiyador - an organisation working to uplift vulnerable communities. This group consisted of 20 young people from Urur Olcott Kuppam, Ramapuram, and Kakkan Colony. All of these areas are climate vulnerable and socio-economically disadvantaged. Five teachers from these communities also regularly joined us as participants.



The structure of the youth climate internship is a set of local field trips sensitizing youth to ecological and sociopolitical realities in the city keeping the lens of climate centrally. Based on these they will take up a series of projects which they will execute in their local area. Parallely, presentation sessions and discussions happened to support this. The convocation for the current batch is planned for July/August 2023





# Youth Community Projects



Documenting local  
place histories  
*Oct-Nov 2022*



Filing Right to  
Information Requests  
*Nov 2022*



Preparing and conducting a  
walk for children/people of  
their community

*Dec 2022-Feb 2023*



Designing Citizen Science Projects  
in their community

*Mar 2023-July 2023*





# Gallery



Introductory session



Shorewalk at Elliot's beach



Butterfly walk at Guindy National Park



Kovalam Watershed Tour



Snake Walk with the Irulas as Vadanammeli  
and Visit to Madras Crocodile Bank Trust



Curiosity Chain and RTI  
Law session



# Advocacy Work



## Odiyur Lake

We helped stop a four-lane highway expansion into the Odiyur lagoon which is an important bird and biodiversity area (IBA) and a crucial stopover site for migratory birds in Tamil Nadu. We conducted a bird survey in the lagoon and counted over 20,000 birds including several migratory species.

## People's Plan to Restore Ennore Creek

We participated in the process of coming up with a 'People's Plan' for the restoration of Ennore Creek along with the local fisher communities and helped create a web of relationships of life found in this industrially abused wetland. In collaboration with the Chennai Climate Action Group (CCAG), we organized an eco-heritage tour in the Ennore-Pulicat wetlands. Around 30 people participated to understand the functions and hydrology of that region.



## Public Shorewalks

We conducted shorewalks for the public throughout the year. During these sessions, we introduced them to the diversity of coastal fauna found in Chennai, highlighting their ecological importance. Through these efforts, we hope to foster a sense of responsibility towards their conservation.



## Vedanthangal

We took children from Chennai corporation schools on bird-watching trips to Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary. Helped with legal research against Sun Pharma, a pharmaceutical company proposing to expand within the Sanctuary and polluting water. Locals of Vedanthangal experienced severe headaches due to the chemical odour released from the factory. We helped in bringing this issue to light.

## Pallikaranai Ramsar site encroachment mapping

We mapped the encroachments on the Pallikaranai marshland which is also a Ramsar site. As a result of our survey, we found out illegal dumping of debris on the protected marshland which hosts several hundred birds. With the help of local authorities the illegal dumping was stopped and the land was ordered to be handed over to the forest department.



## Kaliveli wetlands

We offered legal support by conducting research for the planned twin fishing harbor project in the Kaliveli estuary. The establishment of fishing harbors at the proposed location poses an irreversible threat to the wetlands, potentially impacting the Kaliveli bird sanctuary as well as the nesting of olive ridley turtles.





## Climate Rally

Along with 7 other youth groups in Chennai, we organized a climate rally on December 3 2022 to highlight the impacts of the climate crisis and demand climate action in Chennai. The rally and the events before the rally were campaigned under the title “Namma Chennai Namma Future”. Over 1500 people turned up for the rally. Several interactions with the public, school students and teachers were conducted as lead-up events to the rally.





# Other Activities



## Interaction and Organizing Field Trips with Robert Macfarlane

For 10 Days in February, renowned writer Robert Macfarlane visited Chennai to understand its socio-ecology. We organized walks and field trips in the city as well as had important discussions with him on rights of nature. We prepared a document on Rights of Nature and Animism in India which he commissioned as well.

## Marine Fish Survey for WildCru

We surveyed fish catch in Kasimedu Harbour for a period of 5 months to help the marine conservation research of WildCru Oxford



## ESEI- Environment and Society Educators Internship at Abacus Montessori School

We prepared material and co-anchored field trips for this internship conducted by Yuvan Aves for teachers of Abacus Montessori School.





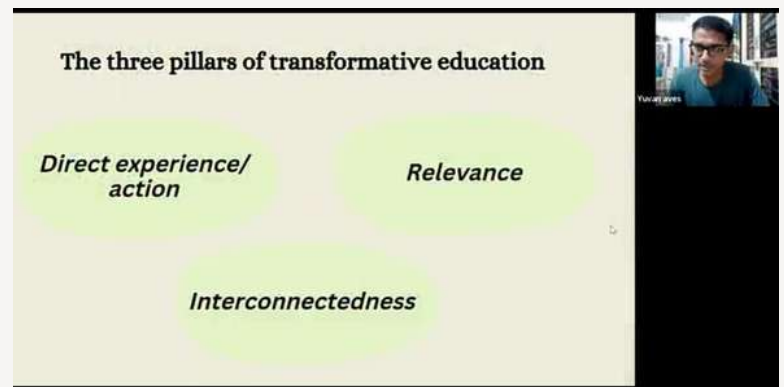
## Sessions at Quest

Year-long nature and climate education program for Quest homeschooling community in Chennai's biodiversity areas.

## Climate Webinar

Webinar on including locally relevant Climate Literacy in school education.

**Participants: 50 Adults**



## Teacher Training

Discussing and sharing nature-based learning methods with the teachers at Pudiyador Organization.

**Participants: 12 Teachers**





### Sessions at Pichanoor

2 days of nature-based learning workshops for children of Pichanoor Government School, Coimbatore.

**Participants: 47 Children, 4 Teachers**

### Session for Avvai Home

Nature Walk within Theosophical society and Card Game session of 'The Wilderness' in collaboration with Madras Naturalists' Society

**Participants: 25 Children, 2 Teachers**



### Madras Inherited Event

Workshop on how to play 'The Wilderness' and getting to know

Palluyir Trust

**Participants: 20 Adults**





### **Wilderness Tournament**

A wilderness card game tournament was held at Ahmedabad University, Gujarat

**Participants: 24 Students**

### **Youth Climate Conclave**

Meeting and discussion with various youth groups and grassroots climate organizations across India.



### **Sessions at Bhoomi college**

Nature-based learning sessions at Bhoomi College, Bangalore for Public over 2 days.

**Participants: 17 Children, 53 Adults**

# Other Schools

## Chennai High School

6 sessions and 3 trips to wilderness areas with 6th-8th Grade students.

**Participants: 76 Children, 4 Teachers**



## Redwood School

2 Bird walks for Redwood school at Tholkappiar Poonga

**Participants: 34 Children, 4 Teachers**



## Helen's School

Initiating a year-long nature and climate education program for class 4 students.

**Participants: 50 Children**



# Team Talks

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"Palluyir has been an amazing work space for me. The environment and people have allowed for original thought, room to grow and to make mistakes. I've learnt a lot about myself and bettered my skills in multiple avenues since I joined."

-Charlotte

Working with Palluyir truly is wonderful. I particularly look forward to our offline meetings and recces. There is so much exploration and learning I come across in every one of them. The discussions that happen in our monthly climate meetings are really fun and interesting, bringing up new ideas that we're all excited to take forward!

-Keertanaa

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"Being part of Palluyir has fueled my growth and galvanized my interests in more ways than one. My sense of identity and perception of self has now expanded, inclusive of all life forms around me. I'm glad I get to do the work I love and see my efforts bear fruit."

-Sridevi

# Articles about our work

- <https://vikalpsangam.org/article/can-biodiversity-be-a-political-science-teacher/>
- <https://open.spotify.com/episode/5WwbekPDC1T7caAPYZ4q0R>
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## PALLUYIR TRUST FOR NATURE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

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# Financial Report 2022-2023

*Menon & Pai*

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Chartered Accountants,  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To

The Trustees,  
Palluyir Trust

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Palluyir Trust, which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit;

- (i) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Trust so far as it appears from our examination of those books.
- (ii) The Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with our books of account

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on auditing issued by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

Partners : V. Surendran Menon FCA, R. Kiran FCA





An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and the disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Trust's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the financial statement of Palluyir Trust, for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- a) In the case of Balance sheet, of the state of affairs of Palluyir Trust as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023;
- b) In the case of Income and Expenditure account, of the **Excess of Income over Expenditure** for the year ended on that date.



Chennai, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

For Menon & Pai  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm Regn. No. 008025S

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Kiran R  
Partner

Mem. No. 225616  
UDIN No. 23225616BGRYGP9603

## PALLUYIR TRUST

No. 32, Flat 5A, Sree Shakthi Flats, Seshadripuram, Velachery, Chennai - 600 042

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

LIABILITIES	₹	₹	ASSETS	₹	₹
<b>Capital Account</b>			<b>Current Assets</b>		
- Corpus Fund		63,000	Cash and Bank Balances		
			Cash in Hand	6,582	
<b>General Fund</b>			Balance with Indian Bank A/c	12,07,750	12,14,332
As per last Balance Sheet	(8,991)				
Add : Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	11,34,727	11,25,736	<b>Loans and Advances</b>		
			Advance to Vendors		21,513
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			Tax deducted at source		620
<b>Expenses payable</b>					
- Travelling and Conveyance	11,989				
- Rent	14,500				
- Audit Fees Payable	21,240	47,729			
<b>Total</b>		<b>12,36,465</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>12,36,465</b>

For Palluyir Trust



Managing Trustee

**PALLUYIR TRUST**  
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Seshadripuram 1st Main Road, Velachery,  
Chennai - 600 042. Cell: 8838502767

Chennai, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

As per our Report of even date attached

For Menon & Pai  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm Regn. No. 0080255




Kiran R.  
Partner

Mem. No. 225616

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# PALLUYIR TRUST

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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

RECEIPTS	₹	₹	PAYMENTS	₹	₹
<b>To Opening balance</b>			<b>By Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>		
- Balance with Indian Bank	72,396		Children Education expenses		
- Cash in Hand	6,193	78,589	- Food Expense	23,554	
			- Postage and Courier	9,137	
<b>" Contributions Received</b>			- Printing and Stationery	4,34,078	
- For which 80-G receipts Issued	13,75,732		- Travelling and Conveyance	1,62,707	
- Others	16,08,385	29,84,117	- Honorarium expenses	10,00,183	
			- Workshop Fee	27,814	
<b>" Project Fees Received</b>		1,09,078	- Content	17,500	16,74,973
			<b>" Administrative Expenses</b>		
			- Rent	1,59,522	
			- Staff Welfare	10,249	
			- Professional Fees	21,242	
			- Telephone and Internet Expen	977	
			- Entry Fees	6,910	
			- Marketing Expenses	30,016	
			- Subscription	18,046	
			- Registration Fees	850	
			- Repairs and Maintenance	20,583	
			- Software Maintenance	2,300	
			- Gas Expenses	4,000	
			- Other Expenses	7,000	
			- Bank Charges	784	2,82,479
			<b>" Closing balance</b>		
			- Balance with Indian Bank	12,07,750	
			- Cash in Hand	6,582	12,14,332
<b>Total</b>		<b>31,71,784</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>31,71,784</b>

As per our Report of even date attached

For Palluyir Trust

M. Y. was

Managing Trustee

Chennai, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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# PALLUYIR TRUST

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

EXPENDITURE	₹	₹	INCOME	₹	₹
<b>To Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>			<b>By Contributions Received</b>		
Children Education expenses			- For which 80-G receipts issued	13,75,732	
- Food Expense	23,554		- Others	16,21,797	29,97,529
- Postage and Courier	9,137				
- Printing and Stationery	4,12,567		" <b>Project Fees Received</b>		1,09,698
- Travelling and Conveyance	1,74,696				
- Honorarium expenses	10,00,183				
- Workshop Fee	27,814	16,47,951			
<b>" Administrative Expenses</b>					
- Rent	1,74,022				
- Staff Welfare	10,249				
- Professional Fees	14,160				
- Audit Fees	21,240				
- Telephone & Internet Expenses	977				
- Entry Fees	6,910				
- Marketing Expenses	30,016				
- Subscription	18,046				
- Registration Fees	850				
- Repairs and Maintenance	20,583				
- Software Maintenance	2,300				
- Gas Expenses	4,000				
- Other Expenses	7,000				
- Bank Charges	14,196	3,24,549			
" Excess of Income over Expenditure		11,34,727			
<b>Total</b>		<b>31,07,227</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>31,07,227</b>

As per our Report of even date attached

For Palluyir Trust

M. Y. Wang

Managing Trustee

Chennai, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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