

A Report on World Wildlife Day: 3rd March, 2021



**Theme:
Forests and
Livelihoods:
sustaining
people and
planet**

Forest Research Center for Coastal Ecosystem (FRCCE) celebrated world wildlife day on March 3rd 2021 within the office premises. The event was initiated with a brief presentation delivered by Shri M. Ganesh, TA, where he mentioned that on 20 December 2013, at its 68th session, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), in its resolution UN 68/205, decided to proclaim 3rd March, as the international day of Wildlife. He also indicated the harsh practices like poaching and illegal trade of wild animals. The presentation was followed by a display of a image drawn by Smt. T. Anusha representing the theme of the day.



Shri T. Srinivas, Scientist–B, shared his views on the importance of conservation of wildlife related to mangroves and also the economically important aspects of mangroves. He expressed that mangrove is one of the rich sources of livelihoods for coastal communities if sustainably managed.

Later Dr S. Chakrabarti, Head of the Centre, stressed that both the living forms of earth, *i.e.*, the animals and the plants are integral part of wildlife. He expressed his concern and a question, whether we should include un-socialized group of aboriginal tribes in the list of wildlife, as per the definition of wildlife. He mentioned that humans are omnivorous consumer as well as, far more superior to the predators in the energy pyramid and thus we should be aware of the importance of sustainable livelihood and conservation.

