A herd of elephants, including several adults and a young calf, is depicted as a sculpture made of woven wood. The elephants are standing in a line, facing right, on a grassy field. The background is a dense forest of green trees.

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The Great Elephant Migration

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The Coexistence Paradigm

There is an urgent need to think of **coexistence as a gradient of wild to urban**, balancing the needs of people and nature.

To recognise that human health and well-being is dependent on the health of the natural world around us - WHO's concept of "One-Health"

To connect with nature and **protect not just pockets**, but the whole earth with humans as a part of it.



To **celebrate the amazing stories of rural Indians who have coexisted with wild animals for generations**, while asking ourselves what species we in Bengaluru are able to coexist with.



Over the last few decades, the population of humans, elephants, and tigers have **doubled** in India, coexisting in amazing ways!

75% of the elephant's range is shared with humans.

India can teach the world to coexist with wildlife.





The Lantana Elephants

Lantana is a **harmful and toxic weed** that is taking over forests across India, making them unusable for most animals. Its use in making the elephant sculptures helps **improve habitat for elephants** and a host of other species.



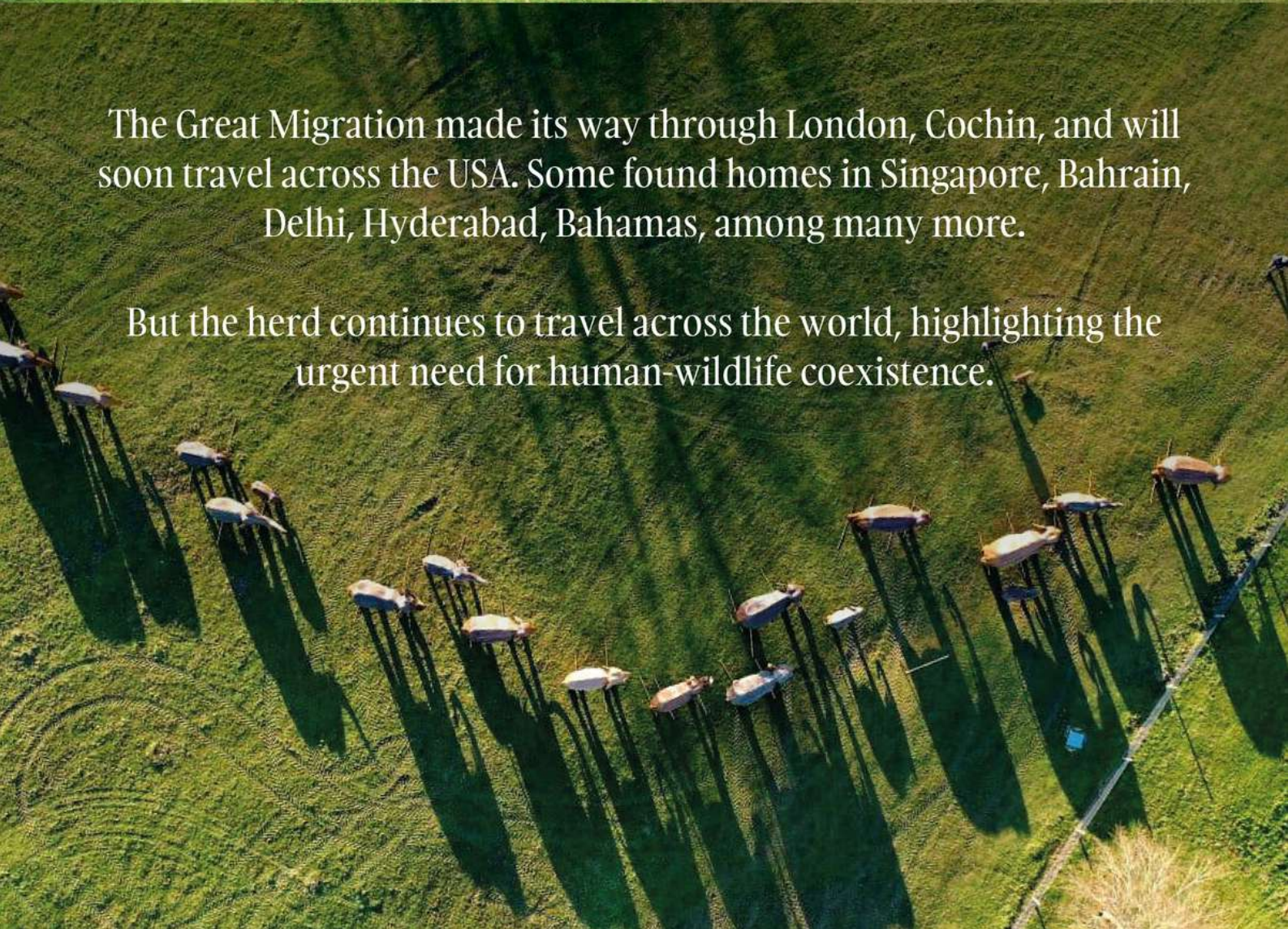
The elephants are made by **150 indigenous people** from the Kattunayakan/Jenukuruba, Bettakurumba, Paniya, and Soliga communities, who have gained an empowering livelihood over the last 5 years.

Each lantana sculpture **represents a real wild elephant** that coexists with people in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve of South India. They are auctioned/sold to raise funds to support human-wildlife coexistence in India through the coexistenceconsortium.com



The Great Migration made its way through London, Cochin, and will soon travel across the USA. Some found homes in Singapore, Bahrain, Delhi, Hyderabad, Bahamas, among many more.

But the herd continues to travel across the world, highlighting the urgent need for human-wildlife coexistence.



Coexistence Bengaluru

A Month Long Celebration Across Bengaluru of Human-Wildlife Coexistence

100 lantana elephants spread out across various lakes, colleges, metro stations, partner institutions, but with most of them congregating at Lalbagh and Cubbon Park.

Dates: Saturday, 3rd February to Sunday, 3rd March 2024

50 talks on coexistence from experts around India, spread across the Infosys Science Foundation, Science Gallery Bengaluru, Swissnex, Goethe-Institut / Max Muller Bhavan and Jain University.

(View full schedule here: <https://a2df1d73109d4d99b3402f1403049d98.elf.site/>)

Introductory talks at many colleges in Bengaluru.

Contact us if you'd like to have a talk at your college!



An **exhibition on celebrating nature-culture relationships.**

Venue and Dates: Science Gallery, Bengaluru, Tentatively 7th to 22nd February 2024



Floor games, nature walks, at Lalbagh and Cubbon Park for deeper visitor engagement all through the exhibition.

Nature Walk Time and Dates: 7 to 9.30 AM on 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th of February.

Story Telling Time and Dates: 4 to 5 PM on 24th and 25th of February.

Floor Games on all Weekends

Mini Coexistence Film Festival

Venues and Dates:

Swissnex: 17th and 18th February


Infosys Science Foundation: 24th and 25th February

Coexistence Photo exhibition led by Nature inFocus

Venues and Dates:

Science Gallery Bengaluru: 6th to 11th February

Infosys Science Foundation: 19th to 25th February



The **Coexistence challenge** by the India Biodiversity Portal.

Photograph the non-human species that are found in Bengaluru through the dedicated Coexistence Android App in the play store. Weekly prizes for the maximum number of uploads as well as the most interesting coexistence photo.



Travelling exhibition of Lantana elephants to various companies around the city during the month to spread the Coexistence message led by INK Talks.

A **media workshop** for a wide range of journalists to promote a **more nuanced reporting on human-wildlife interactions.**


Venue and Date: At Bannerghatta, tentatively 26th of February



Three roundtables/workshops for scientists/specialists at the National Center for Biological Sciences **to consolidate the thinking and publish simple policy recommendations** around:

- Solutions to negative Human-wildlife interactions, with a focus on elephants on **20th February**
- One Health, and improving human health by improving the health of the environment we live in on **22nd February**
- Solutions to managing Lantana on **23rd February**

Public discussions around the three above mentioned topics, **led by Ministers and open to journalists**, to leap-frog policy in these three spaces.



A "**Kere habba**" led by WWF-India **to celebrate the importance of lakes as hotspots of urban biodiversity.**
Venue and Dates: Tentatively Puttenhalli Lake, Yelahanka, 3rd and 4th March

Venue: Infosys Science Foundation

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Yashendu Joshi	CharOtter: Urban Otters and Their Interactions with Local Human Communities in Central Gujarat	Feb 7 Wed 6 - 8 pm
Seema Mundoli	Citizens, Canopies and Creatures: The Urban Web of Life	Feb 9 Fri 6 - 8 pm
Ramya Ravi	Banni, a Novel Social Ecological System?	Feb 12 Mon 6 - 8 pm
Harini Nagendra	Building an Ecologically-Smart City: What can we learn from the Ecological History of Bengaluru?	Feb 13 Tue 6 - 8 pm
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Ashwin Viswanathan	Birdwatching and Birds in our Urban Lives	Feb 20 Tue 6 - 8 pm
Marianne Manuel	Khane ke liye bachao: 'meen' thoughts on Coexistence in Coastal and Marine Ecosystems	Feb 21 Wed 6 - 8 pm
Ankila Hiremath	A Traveler's Tale: The Remarkable Journey of Lantana camara (and other plants)	Feb 21 Wed 6 - 8 pm
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Samira Agnihotri & C. Madegowda	Tiger becomes Termite Hill: Soliga perceptions of Human Wildlife Interactions and Ecological Change	Feb 26 Mon 6 - 8 pm
Amir Kumar Chhetri & Priyanka Das (CoExistence Fellows)	Multi-stakeholder pronged and inclusive approach for Ecological Restoration and addressing causes of Forest Degradation in northern West Bengal	Feb 27 Tue 6 - 8 pm
R. Sukumar	The Asian Elephant: Conflict and Conservation through the Ages	Mar 3 Sun 4 - 6 pm

Venue: Swissnex

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Karthikeyan S	Urban Wildlife	Feb 5 Mon 6 - 8 pm
Pranav Chanchani	Tigers amidst People, People amidst Tigers: Making Conservation Work in Multi-Use Landscapes	Feb 6 Tue 6 - 8 pm
Avinash Krishnan	Mega-Mammals in Metropolitan Landscapes	Feb 8 Thu 6 - 8 pm
Seshadri KS	Can we let Frogs hop closer to our hearts?	Feb 12 Mon 6 - 8 pm
Iravatee Majgaonkar	Sharing marginalized lands: Open Natural Ecosystems, Pastoralism and Indian Wolves	Feb 15 Thu 6 - 8 pm
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Nitesh Kaushik & Sunil Harsana (CoExistence Fellows)	Story of Mangar village (Know its past to preserve its future)	Feb 26 Mon 6 - 8 pm
Avantika Thapa & Chandramaya Sharma (CoExistence Fellows)	The components of Human-Wildlife Coexistence in Darjeeling and Sikkim: How they work in tandem	Feb 28 Wed 6 - 8 pm
Rigzen Dorjay & Sherab Lobzang (CoExistence Fellows)	Facilitating Coexistence through a Barley Initiative	Feb 29 Thu 6 - 8 pm

Venue: Science Gallery Bengaluru

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Anindya "Rana" Sinha	Changing Ecologies, Transforming Lives: Complex Coexistence of Human and Nonhuman Primates in Our Cities	Feb 7 Wed 6 - 8 pm
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02:30 PM - 05:00 PM

Infosys Science Foundation

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HAVE YOU SEEN THE ARANA	Sunanda Bhat	1 hr
ALL THAT BREATHES	Shaunak Sen	1 hr 37 m
EEB ALLAY OO	Prateek Vats	1 hr 38 m
DAROJI	Sugandhi and Rana Belur	14 m 49 s
WALKING WITH WOLVES	Krupakar Senani	43 m
FISHING PALK BAY	Sara	31 m
THE SECRET LIFE OF BHOPL TIGERS	Suman Raju Rudraraju	18 m
PEOPLE AND SARUS CRANES	Coexistence fellow	30 m
THE BOY WHO SAW MORE	Faraway Originals	21 m
THE LAST HOP(E)	Dheeraj Aithal & Pradeep Hegde	20 m 20 s
TREASURES OF GRASSLANDS	The Grasslands Trust	32 m 10 s
COLONIES IN CONFLICT	Rajani Mani	1 hr
EDIBLE INSECTS OF NAGALAND: STINK BUG	Thejavikho Chase & Dipen Rangmang	9 m 38 s
GUARDIANS OF TURTLES	Naman Govil & Mithun TM	17 m 3 s
KADAR	Faraway Originals & Pollachi Papyrus	6 m 30 s



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