

CoExist



A herd of a 100 life-size Lantana elephants are travelling across the globe - calling for us to live well with all other life forms on earth.

Based on real wild elephants that share space with people and telling their stories of coexistence, the project also clears a harmful weed from the forests of South India, and provides 70 indigenous artisans with a livelihood.

The Lantana elephants will be auctioned to create the Asian Elephant Fund to help people and elephants live together more harmoniously.

Conserving elephants, and the planet



Wildlife conservation in its current form is about saving animals in far away isolated pockets of forests, while the rest of the earth is destroyed. But elephants cannot be contained in these pockets; they force us to re-think our approach to saving the planet, and reassess “development” as we know it.



We are heading into the “Anthropocene”, a human-dominated geological epoch, and the narrative has to shift to living well with other beings on earth.

We want the travelling Lantana Elephant herd to tell this story.

Individual Elephant Profiles



Name: KK2/Radha Kapikaad

Range: Cherambadi/Bitherkadu

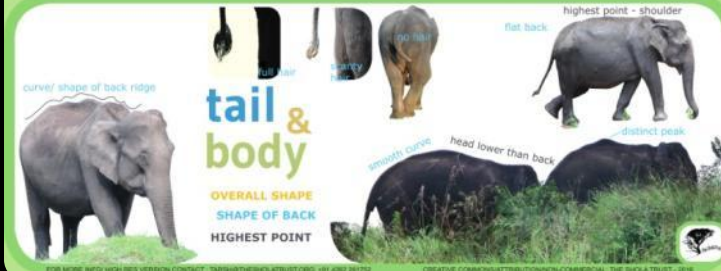
Description: Middle aged female. Left side ear has about 2 inch fold, but right side only starting to fold. Has a wart/bump on the left back leg. Had baby in April 2016, (Kutty KK) and is seen mostly around the Kapikaadu area, with KK1, KK3, CJT1 and Messi.

Date: October 2016.

Elephants share space with people across 80% of their range, with a long tradition of [tolerance in India](#). Continuing to coexist is vital, and The Shola Trust is identifying individual elephants and studying their varied personalities in how they interact with people in an increasingly more crowded world. Each elephant is modelled on a wild elephant from South India, carrying its story of coexistence with people.



KEY IDENTIFYING FEATURES IN ELEPHANTS





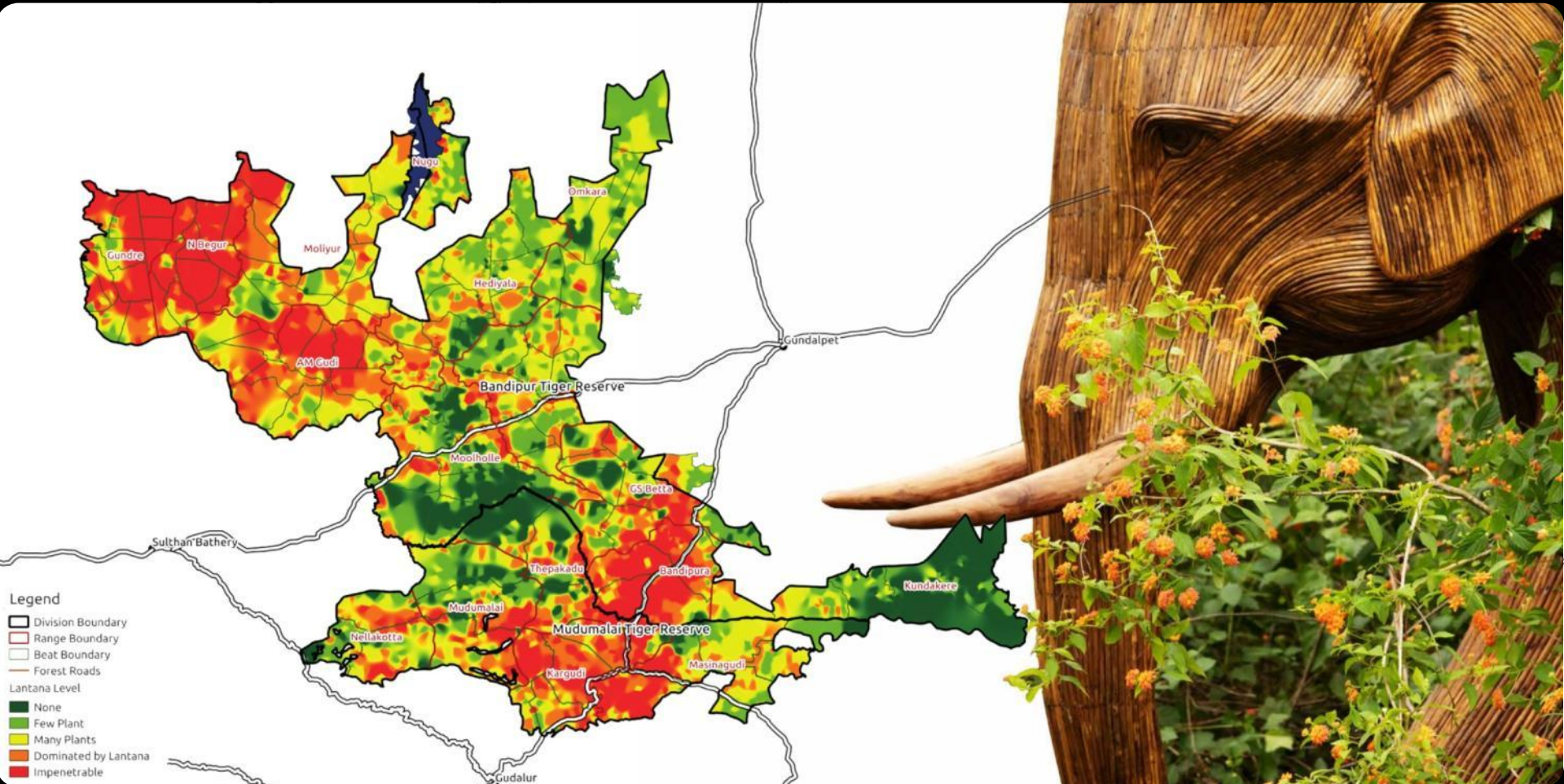


The Lantana Problem



- Lantana, introduced as an ornamental shrub from South America to the British Colonies, is now taking over forests across the world. Its toxins make it inedible for animals, and it suppresses all other plants.
- The Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) developed the technology to make furniture and crafts out of the plant.
- It is now being used to make elephants, slowly clearing the problem from patches of the forests in South India.

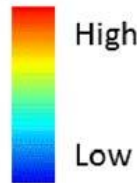
The spread of Lantana across South Indian forests



The global Lantana threat

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Lantana camara
Probability of occurrence



From:
Bhagwat SA, Breman E,
Thekaekara T, Thornton TF,
Willis KJ (2012) A Battle Lost?
Report on Two Centuries of
Invasion and Management of
Lantana camara L. in Australia,
India and South Africa. PLoS
ONE 7(3): e32407.



Lantana taking over forests; a 10 minute video that highlights the problem in the Bandipur Tiger Reserve - <https://youtu.be/OBDLGtypcpM>

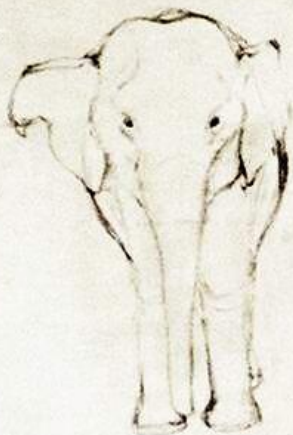
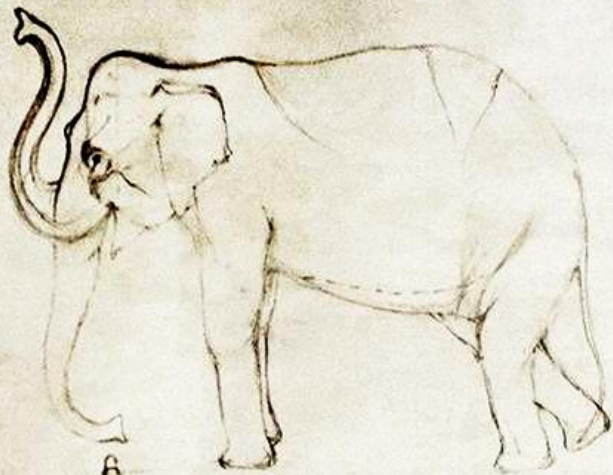
Creation of the Lantana Elephants

- About 70 adivasi artisans (from the Paniya, Bettakurumba and Soliga communities) are making these elephants. From their inherent knowledge of wild elephants and their exceptional skill with Lantana, they bring life to the elephant-forms, while earning well above minimum wage.





Collecting Lantana stems from the forest, followed by boiling, peeling and straightening the sticks.



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Making the
Steel frames
and covering
with Lantana











- The project is being implemented by The Real Elephant Collective and the Elephant Family.
- The Real Elephant Collective is a social enterprise to raise funds for everything elephant.
- Elephant Family is a UK based charity with an unrivalled track record of conducting high profile fundraisers in the UK and US raising millions for Asian elephant conservation projects.
- A wide range of conservation partners help make the elephants and support the project.



ELEPHANT FAMILY
Protecting Asian elephants and their habitat

Elephant Family Track Records



The Survival Tour, 2008.

Elephant Parade, London, 2010.





Elephant Parade India, Mumbai 2018.

The Asian Elephant Fund

- The elephants will be auctioned/sold, with all the proceeds going into conservation and helping elephants and people share space more peacefully. The fund will be managed and governed in South Asia, by a range of elephant experts. Grants will be disbursed through a transparent, open-call process, focussing on human-elephant coexistence.



Promoting Coexistence

- Reducing elephant deaths and movement obstacles by roads, railways, power lines.
- Reducing human deaths by creating early warning and monitoring systems.
- Using newer technology to help local people better protect their crops and homes.
- Working with local communities to help elephants move peacefully through human areas.



The Lantana Elephant Journey

- 100 of these life-size elephants are being made, and are being installed in public exhibitions; Cochin in 2019, London in 2020. Through 2021, they will travel across the USA from east to west on flat bed trucks, stopping in iconic locations along the way.
- Five elephants were shipped and installed as an exploratory exhibition at the Royal Chelsea Hospital in 2017.
- A series of fundraisers are being held in the UK through 2019 and 2020, including one at the Lancaster House by Prince Charles.



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Chuka Umunna joins the Lib Dems

Johnson is accused of hiding from TV debates

Pressure grows on Tory frontrunner to take part

Alarm over decline in outstanding schools

The Times newspaper masthead and various news snippets, including a £1 million offer for digital access.



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KOCHI DIGEST

WE CARE FOR YOU

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THE HINDU CITY

Elephants by the sea

With their gigantic installation, conservationist Taru Thekkaara and artist Shobha Nayer train the spotlight on the Asian elephant. The show opens on Fort Kochi beach today.

WATCH | Jais Mann Waisa Manoranjan on mplay.in

Creating room for the elephant
TNN | Updated: Jan 31, 2019, 10:44 IST

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THE TIMES OF INDIA CITY

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A JUMBO PARADE

The focus of the project is to change the way nature conservation is thought of by many people and he is just one among them in both Kerala and the elephant family who have always been a part of our lives. The focus is on creating a sense of belonging to a big threat; the human-wildlife interface in areas where there are more people and elephants. The project is on such other 'hot spots' where the project is based on the work and ideas of many people and he is just one among them in both Kerala and the elephant family who have always been a part of our lives.

Call for coexistence

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Weblinks:

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Be an ambassador to the Lantana Elephant Herd

- Support public installations of a large herd of elephants in various cities in India and across the world.
- Pre-commission the making of elephants before the entire herd is auctioned, and to kick-start the Asian Elephant Fund.
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