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**‘Conservation’ through ‘Conversation’: a collaborative corridor  
restoration initiative in Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple tiger reserve,  
Karnataka**

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## **Abstract**

**Wildlife corridors are critical in maintaining ecological process and wildlife management but they are fragmented and degraded due to various land use practices. It is crucial to restore wildlife corridors through participation of community/ institutions of the landscape but ironically, most of the proposed conservation plans are devoid of them in conservation and policy making. Therefore, we felt that, valuing the onus of people and their inputs to restore and manage wildlife corridors would be the practical strategy. We are addressing this ‘restoration initiative’ in Biligiri Rangasamy Temple tiger reserve by integrating knowledge from social and ecological sciences. The preliminary result indicates that, people and institutions from the landscape are willing to support the restoration efforts. This initiative would emerge as one of the successful, action oriented and policy-driven projects in this landscape.**

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