

PERIYAR FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01-04-2006 TO 31-03-2007

Periyar Foundation continued its activities as a semi autonomous trust into the year 2006-07 as per the budget and plan of operations approved by the Governing Body and Executive Committee.

I. Administration:

1. The Governing Body and Executive Committee Meetings: During 2006-07 one meeting of the Governing Body (4th GBM on 24-08-2006) and four meetings of the Executive Committee (12th ECM on 10-4-2006, 13th on 12-06-2006, 14th on 27-06-2007 and 15th on 18-01-2007) were held.

2. Resource Mobilisation: During 2006-07 the resource mobilization for the Foundation continued in the form of Ecodevelopment surcharge from the visitors. An amount of Rs 90 Lakhs have been collected during the reporting period. The other major aid and receipts by the Foundation during 2006-07 included...1) Grant received from Director, Ecotourism for Community Based Ecotourism Rs 9.38 Lakhs (2) grant received for Elephant training Rs 8.25 lakhs (3) Receipts for paid trainings Rs 3,25,708/-(4) receipts for KILA trainings Rs 11.30 lakhs (4) Bank Interest Rs 73,601/- (5) Website rent Rs 40,000 (6) From the Book Birds of Periyar Rs 43510/- (7) Income from Institutional charges Rs 52503/- (8) Reimbursement of MIST support wages Rs 1,79,300.(9) For Tiger census Rs 5,21,920/-. As in the previous year 10% has been set aside as trust fund.

3. Administrative support: Periyar Foundation continued to provide administrative support to the management of Periyar Tiger Reserve in the form of recoupable advances and management and technical inputs. There has been a tremendous increase in the overall revenue of the Park during the reporting year ie from 172 Lakhs to 266 lakhs mainly due to this support. The Community based ecotourism programmes are also showing trend towards sustenance and stabilization.

4. Staff: The periods of contracts of the professionals who have been working for Foundation from the inception have been renewed for another year (ie. upto 30th June 2007). Among them Dr.Rajasekharan Pillai, who was working as the Economist from the period of implementation of India Ecodevelopment Project, resigned with effect from 5th March 2007 to take up new assignment abroad.

II. Improved PA Management:

1. Ecosystem protection and Management:

a. Coordination of Tiger Monitoring Programme in PTR:

The Foundation is coordinating the ongoing Tiger Monitoring Programme in PTR. The specially designed Tiger Monitoring protocol was geared up by deploying Tiger Monitoring Teams at Range-level, imparting intensive training. Techniques such as collection of pugmark and scats, preparation of pugmark impression pad, setting up of camera traps and recording other direct and indirect evidences were included as the components of the training. The data thus collected from the field are included in the database the same is being sent to the Office of the Field Director (Project Tiger) every month.

b. Monitoring the Movement Tigers using Camera-traps in PTR:

The Foundation is also constantly monitoring the activities of tiger monitoring teams headed by the Range Officer (Research). Identification of individual tigers

using the stripe pattern obtained from the camera trap photographs is also in progress.

2. Amenities for staff:

a. Camp ration and field equipments:

The Foundation has continued to provide field camp ration to the staff and watchers engaged for protection in the interior forest areas of Periyar Tiger Reserve and other PAs in the landscape. Support was provided for the procurement and distribution of the field equipments to the staff, watchers and also community members engaged for protection.

b. Training on wildlife management and field techniques:

Trainings were continued during the year which include use of GPS, camera traps, collection of meteorological data such as rainfall, temperature, humidity, etc. However, the GPS training has also been extended to field staff belonging to Munnar (Wildlife).

3. Visitor Management at Thekkady:

a. Evaluation of Ecotourism Activities in PTR:

An evaluation of all activities of the Ecotourism Programmes run by the Professional Group EDC members was carried out during February 2007 for streamlining the activities. Based on the assessment, a detailed report was prepared further improvement of the Ecotourism Programmes of PTR.

4. Sabarimala Pilgrimage Management

a. Honouring the senior Guruswamis of Lord Ayyappa:

Periyar Foundation conducted a programme to honour senior Guruswamis during 19th to 21st September 2006 in Vallakkadav Forest dormitory at Periyar Tiger Reserve with the active support of the Periyar West Division with the objective of sharing their valuable experiences and suggestions for the better management of Sabarimala pilgrimage. A total of 13 Guruswamis from different parts of Tamil Nadu attended the programme including very senior persons with 62 years of experience.

b. Conducting Ecological Impact Assessment of Sabarimala Pilgrimage:

The ecological impacts due to pilgrimage is being carried out every year since the inception of the SAPP EDC in Sabarimala. During the pilgrim season of 2006-07 (December-January), a survey was carried out to monitor the pilgrim management activities of EDCs in *thavalams*, mutual commitments of EDCs and management of PTR, etc. Reports with management strategies have been submitted to PTR .

III. Village Ecodevelopment

The reporting period was primarily dedicated to the revamping and revival of the ecodevelopment committees by equipping the members and enabling them to meet the challenges of a changing phase towards self-sustenance. Accordingly elaborate discussions were held, conflict resolution processes were undertaken at different functional levels, confrontations were analysed and priorities were redefined during the revisiting of microplans with the help of newly constituted Microplan Implementation Support Team (MIST). The above processes are painstakingly time consuming exercises demanding whole hearted involvement of all stakeholders. Some of the initiatives towards this direction are listed below:

1. Support to Ecodevelopment Committees:

a. An amount of Rs 16.00 Lakhs was paid @ Rs 1.00 Lakh for 16 EDCs for the implementation of revisited microplans.

b. Preparation of a report on 'Ecodevelopment Initiatives in Kurishumala Watershed Region – Suggestions for the Sustenance of EDCs':

The study was attempted to evaluate the measures taken in the past to mitigate human-wildlife conflict and manage the forest areas in the vicinity of the human settlements. A total of five EDCs viz., Kurishumala I & II, Spring Valley, Mullayar and Chottupara, , have been selected for the purpose. A report along with suggestions for the improvement of microplans of the 5-EDCs was prepared.

c. Conducting baseline survey and preparation of microplan for Vidiyal EDC:

A group namely 'Vidiyal Vana Padukappu Sangam' was created during 2004 with the objective of protection and subsequently the management also decided to form the group as an EDC in Periyar Tiger Reserve. A baseline survey has been carried out to understand their past practices in the forests of PTR.. The study was carried out in June 2006 and the microplan was prepared and submitted in November 2006 for approval. After obtaining the formal approval Vidiyal has been given the status of EDC.

c. A study for mitigating Human-Wildlife Conflict in Pambavalley region:

A study has been conducted to mitigate the human-wildlife conflict in Pambavalley region during June 2006 and based on the report a strategy has been worked to chase them away..

2. Participatory Microplanning and Implementation support:

a. Preparation of ecotourism programme on River Tourism:

A study has been carried out in February 2007 in Koruthodu-Pambavalley region for implementing the 'River Tourism Programme', an ecotourism activity envisaged in the microplans of the region.

b. Preliminary work for formation of EDCs for Malamandaram:

In order to form EDCs for Malamandarams living along the fringes and interiors of PTR, preliminary works have been carried out to create the credibility among the Malamandarams in Sathram region. As part of this initiative, three meetings have been organized in Sathram Colony during March 2007 and provided ration for some of the families. However, further steps are being taken to form the EDCs for Malamandarams during the financial year 2007-08.

3. Environmental Education and awareness campaigns:

a. Seminars and workshops:

A series of seminars and workshops were conducted along with Wildlife Week celebrations, Environment day celebrations etc. However during last year four seminars on different topics like Terrorism and Environment, Floriculture, Environment conservation and Sustainable Tourism were conducted in Periyar in connection with wildlife week celebration

and Thekkady Flower show. A total of 255 participants attended those seminars.

Details of Seminars conducted in PTR in 2006-07:

No	Date	Seminar Topic	Target group	No of participants
1	8 Oct 2006	Terrorism and Environment	Students, EDC members, public	45
2	29 Jan 2007	Floriculture	Students, EDC members, public	45
3	30 Jan 2007	Environment conservation	Students, EDC members, public	80
4	31 Jan 2007	Sustainable Tourism	Students, EDC members, public	85
Total				255

b. Counseling Programmes for school children in connection with the water level rise in Mullaperiyar Dam

counseling programmes conducted in various schools				
Sl No.	Name of the school	Place	No of students	No of teachers
1	St Marys LPS	Vallakkadav	75	10
2	Vanchivayal Tribal UPS	Vallakkadav	240	20
3	Panchayat H.S.S.	Vandiperiyar	320	25
4	St Mathews UPS	Wallardie, Vandiperiyar	200	15
Total			835	70

Unexpected rise in the water level beyond 136 feet in Mullaperiyar Dam during November 2006 and the wide coverage in the media caused panic situation in most part of the Vandiperiyar panchayat. Normal functioning of many schools were interrupted during second and third weeks of November 2006. Periyar Foundation assessed the situation and organized counseling extension programmes in different educational institutions to reduce the trauma in the minds of children. As per the schedule, the first extension programme was conducted at St Marys L.P. School Vallakkadav at 10 am on 16th Nov 2006. Dr. Gigi K. Joseph, Nature Education Officer, Sri Sunil C.G. Assistant nature Education Officer and Sri K.K. Sathyan, Range Officer Vallakkadav were the resource persons.

c. Environment Day Celebrations 2006:

Environment day -2006 was celebrated on June 5th with a variety of competitions for high schools, college/higher secondary schools and EDC/ club sections and a colourful rally with the active participations of the people. Celebrations were organized at Pamba Valley region also.

d. Wildlife Week celebrations 2006:

Status of extension programmes in various schools				
Sl No.	Name of the school	Place	No of students	No of teachers
1	Amalambika Convent English School,	Thekkady	500	15
2	Govt. Tribal UPS, Kumili	Kumili	450	12
3	Vanchivayal Tribal UPS	Vallakkadav	475	20
Total			1425	47

During 2006 Periyar Foundation provided academic and technical support for the Wildlife week celebrations organized by a Public committee. Film shows /slide shows /talks were also used in spreading environmental awareness among students. A total of 1425 students and 47 teachers attended these programs. In Thekkady there were quiz competitions for high schools, college/higher secondary schools and EDC/ club sections. A seminar was also organized on 'Terrorism and Environment'. The main speaker was Dr. A.K. Ramakrishan, Director, School of International studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

e. Nature sensitization camps in PTR:

Details of nature camps conducted in PTR during 2006-07					
Location	No of camps	Students	Nature club members	Others	Total
Thekkady	32	1158	305	217	1680
Vallakkadav	40	819	0	255	1074
Total	72	1977	305	472	2754

A total of 72 nature camps were conducted during the reporting year, 32 in Thekkady and the rest in Vallakkadavu with the participation of 2754 persons including 1977 students.

f. Nature Club activities:

i) A total of 321 children participated in the month long activity oriented programmes for children such as pencil drawing, painting, nature trail-cum- field techniques, craft classes, computer classes, music classes, research methodology, moral classes etc. organized by the Foundation. 65 children participated in the similar programmes organized for Vallakkadavu region

ii) Kilikkoottam-2006: Kilikkoottam which is the culmination of the nature club activities for the season was conducted during 7th to 10th May 2006. The main objective was to create an opportunity for the capacity building of children. 125 children participated in Vallakkadavu region during 7th to 8th May 2006 and 122 children in Thekkady region during 9th to 10th May 2006.

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4. Trainings:

1. Training programmes in Ecodevelopment and Ecotourism:

During 2006-07 a series of three day training programmes on Ecodevelopment and one five day training programme on ecotourism for the staff and EDC members of Peechi

Status of paid training programmes to other Protected Areas			
1	10-12 April	Ecodevelopment training for a team from Chimmony WLS	18
2	11-17 May	Ecotourism training for a team from Peechi WLS & KFDC Tvm	21
3	16-18 Aug	Ecotourism training for a team from Peechi WLS	23
4	26-28 Sep	Ecotourism training for a team from Peechi WLS	25
5	29-31 Sep	Ecotourism training for a team from Peechi - vazhaniWLS	29

wildlife division were conducted by the Foundation. A total of 95 participants attended the three day training programmes in four batches. The five day training programme conducted between 11-17 May 2006, was attended by sixteen trainees from Peechi WLS and five trainees from KFDC Thiruvananthapuram.

b.Capacity Enhancement Training programmes for Professional group EDCs and other staff of PTR:

The Capacity enhancement training programmes conducted for the professional group EDC members who actively involve in ecotourism activities. The details are furnished in the table:

Status of trainings to Professional EDC members			
1	18-22 Jun 2006	PETS EDC members	16
2	24-28 Jun 2006	PETS EDC members	15
	1-4 Jul 2006	Tribal Heritage EDC members	18
4	17-21 Jul 2006	Tribal trackers EDC members	21
5	24-25 Jul 2006	Boat drivers and lascars	12
6	28-30 Jul 2006	Boat drivers and lascars	13

Last year such trainings were conducted for Ex vayana bark collectors EDC and PETS Thekkady EDC members. The duration of such training programme was five days. The curriculum included visual presentations on biodiversity values, ecotourism, SWOT analysis, interactions with Foundation staff especially for accounting procedures, panel discussions, group discussions, regular physical training and

yoga practice, session on group dynamics, nature interpretation, etiquettes and manners, First aid practices, etc.with feedback and evaluation sessions. Four such programmes were organized for PETS Vallakkadavu EDC, PETS EDC Periyar West Division, Tribal Heritage EDC, Tribal Trackers EDC members during June – July . A total of sixty EDC members were trained. An condensed version of the capacity enhancement training programme was undertaken for the boat drivers and lascars of Forest department and KTDC in two batches. Twenty five boat drivers and lascars were trained during July 2006.

2. Exposure visit training programme to Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul:

Status of Exposure visit trainings to Gandhigram Rural Institute

1	11-12 Mar 2007	EDC chairpersons, cheque members and staff-Thekkady	25
2	19-20 Mar 2007	EDC chairpersons, cheque members and staff-West division	18
3	25-26 Mar 2007	EDC chairpersons, cheque members and staff-West division	22

The Extension Education Department of Gandhigram Rural University, headed by Dr. Narayanaswamy had given initial trainings in Participatory Rural Appraisal and related topics from the inception stages of India Ecodevelopment project during 1996-98 period in Periyar Tiger Reserve. Recently it has been decided that exposure visit /training programmes could be conducted for chairpersons and Cheque nominees of all the EDCs, Ex officio secretaries, other department staff, ministerial staff, officers of Periyar tiger reserve East and West divisions, facilitators and staff of Periyar Foundation etc. with special attention to areas of post-project sustainability. The details of exposure visits conducted during the reporting period are furnished in the table. The field visits to villages supported by rural Institute, interactions with rural people organized into SHGs and their micro entrepreneurship programmes were useful for the trainees. Various activities of Gandhigram trust and Lakshmi seva Sangham were also inspiring highlights. Visits to various departments and Gandhi Museum were informative to the trainees.

d. Sensitization training programmes on Ecodevelopment to EDC members:

As a prelude for the meaningful and effective revisiting of the microplans, sensitization trainings were conducted for the executive committee members of Kurisumala I, Kurisumala II, Spring Valley, Mullayar and Chottupara EDC during 27-28 Feb 2007 on related topics such as ecodevelopment, organic farming, health and sanitary conditions etc. A two day training programme was organized with Sri. K.V. Dayal, Sri S. Sivadas ACF, Sri K M Mathew, health Inspector as resource persons. A total of 19 executive committee members participated in the training programme.

IV. Impact Monitoring and Research:

a. Follow up work of coordination of All India Programme on “Monitoring of Tigers, Co-predators, Prey and their Habitat” in the State:

The Tiger Monitoring Programme, a National-level agenda jointly organized by Project Tiger Directorate and Wildlife Institute of India, was effectively coordinated in the State by Foundation during January and February 2006. Subsequently in March and April 2006, the data collected from the field in all the forest divisions were collected and created a database using the software supplied by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII). The data was further verified in the field during December 2006 and January 2007, the defects were rectified and sent back to WII during February 2007.

b. Preparation of Management Plan for Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary:

The Chief Wildlife Warden assigned the task of preparation of management plan for Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary to Periyar Foundation. Accordingly, a stakeholder’s workshop was organized during August 2006 at Cochin and the management

strategies were evolved taking into account the objectives and problems that exist in the Sanctuary. A draft management plan was prepared and submitted to the Wildlife Warden, Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary during March 2007 for circulating among the Committee Members for comments. The comments are awaited for finalizing the management plan.

c. *National Training Workshop on Wildlife Health Management:*

Kerala Forests and Wildlife Department, Periyar Foundation and Kerala Veterinary Council collaborated and jointly conducted a National training workshop on Wildlife Health Management during 24th to 27th May 2006 with the objective of forming a network of proficient veterinarians to work together across the state borders in the wake of random break out of unprecedented diseases of epidemic proportions. 26 Veterinarian from Kerala, 7 from Tamil Nadu and 2 from Karnataka participated in the programme including the resource persons. One of the main highlights of the workshop was the interaction with Dr.A.K.Bapuly of National Police Academy on the methods of investigations of wildlife crimes.

d. *Two day Training to the staff of PTR on Wildlife Crime Investigation:*

A training was organized for the field officers of PTR East and West Divisions on Investigation of Wildlife crimes with Dr.A.K.Bapuly and Sri.Murthy of National Police Academy as the main resource persons during 25th to 26th May 2006 by the Foundation with the support of Kerala Forest Department. The exposure and simulation exercises on finger printing, methods of investigations, documentation, undercover operations etc. were totally new training experiences for the participants.

e. *Follow up action of Rapid Biodiversity Assessment (RBA) in Goodrical Range of Ranni Forest Division and preparation of a proposal:*

The Foundation successfully organized and carried out a RBA at Goodrical Range of Ranni Forest Division during the month of April 2006. In May 2006, a report based on the information collected during RBA has been prepared and submitted to the KFD for further management action. As a follow up action, a proposal, based on the report and further field survey has been proposed and completed the field work as well as the mapping. The draft proposal is presently ready for discussion.

f. *Management Support to KFD:*

During the year 2006-07, support was provided to the KFD by Periyar Foundation in various aspects of management. They include the following:

- i) A GIS map for Parambikulam Tiger Reserve has been prepared based on the instructions from the Executive Director (Periyar Foundation) and the Chief Wildlife Warden, Kerala and provided along with the boundary demarcation for onward submission to the Government.
- ii) A series of GIS maps for Eco-Sensitive Area in the State of Kerala were prepared based on the instruction by the Executive Director & Member Secretary (Periyar Foundation) and submitted the same for further scrutiny.
- iii) Periyar Foundation extended support in the preparation of proposals for declaring selected areas in the State as World Heritage Sites under UNESCO.
- iv) A note along with a GIS map on the impact of raising of water level in the Mullaperiyar Reservoir has been prepared.

- v) A GIS map of fire incidents occurred during the fire season in 2006-07 in the Periyar Tiger Reserve has been prepared for conducting an impact survey for evolving fire management strategies for the coming years.
- vi) A GIS based census block map was prepared for analyzing the information on wild animals collected by the management.
- vii) A tiger monitoring protocol in local language (Malayalam) has been prepared and circulated among the tiger monitoring teams of PTR and other areas of similar terrain.
- viii) A rapid impact assessment survey of KTDC hotels in Periyar Tiger Reserve has been conducted to provide scientific data required in connection to the renewal of lease..
- ix) A rapid impact assessment survey of planting underground cable from Vallakadavu to the Mullaperiyar dam site was conducted and provided the comments related to the management.
- x) Supported the study team visited from Centre for Ecological Studies, Bangalore and the team from Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun with presentations, guidance, supply of study materials, etc during their stay at PTR.
- xi) Prepared a draft proposal on “International Seminar on Tiger Conservation’ to be held during 2008 in PTR and submitted the same to the Field Director (PT) for comments.
- xii) Carried out monitoring utilization of wild animals along the fringe of Periyar lake during the summer along with the Assistant Forest Veterinary Doctor in PTR and submitted a report as baseline information.
- xiii) Supported in the procurement of equipments such as GPS, Camera traps, etc for both the offices of the Deputy Director and Periyar Foundation.

g. Study on the management of Elephant population in Idukki Sanctuary:

A study on management of elephant population in Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary has been initiated during December 2006 and is still being continued. The study aimed to identify the problems and develop appropriate management strategies and the management of elephants in Idukki. The data thus collected is being analysed and a detailed report will soon be submitted to the management.

V. Other Items : Some of the programmes undertaken by the Foundation during the reporting period with the external support include the following.

1. Training Programme for Officers and Field Staff of Elephant Reserves in Kerala on Elephant Management Techniques:

In order to equip the officers and field staff of ERs in the State, a series of trainings were imparted to various levels of implementing officers with the financial support from Project Elephant of MoEF, Government of India. The task of imparting the trainings was entrusted to Periyar Foundation by the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWW) of Kerala and allotted an amount of Rs. 5.00 lakhs for the purpose (Proceedings Order No.WL-12-1725/2006 dated 24.03.2006 of CCF (WL) & CWW, Kerala) during March 2006.

The training programme was successfully carried out throughout the State during November and December 2006 under the supervision of CWW, Executive Director and Member Secretary of Periyar Foundation..

The duration of each-training was for two days which covered about 425 staff at three levels viz., 358 field staff (in 10 batches), 45 Range Offices (in 2 batches) and 22 DFOs/WLWs/ACFs (in one batch).

2. Exposure trainings to team from other protected areas:

Special exposure training programmes especially on Ecodevelopment has been conducted in Periyar Tiger Reserve for various teams from different protected areas. Three teams from Corbett Tiger Reserve and one team from Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve came here to attend the training. A total of 82 trainees attended such training programmes last year in Periyar Tiger Reserve.

Status of exposure trainings to teams from other Protected Areas				
1	23-25	Sep	EDC members and staff of Corbett Tiger Reserve	21
2	18-21	Jan	EDC members and staff of Corbett Tiger Reserve	25
3	24-27	Feb	EDC members and staff of Corbett Tiger Reserve	24
4	17-18	Jun	EDC members and staff of Kalakkad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve	12

3. Exposure training programmes to VSS teams

Special exposure training programmes especially on Ecodevelopment were undertaken for various teams from different Vana Samrakshana Samithis (VSS) in Periyar Tiger Reserve. Three such training programmes were conducted in Periyar Tiger Reserve during 2006-07. A total of 81 trainees attended such training programmes last year.

Status of Exposure training programmes to VSS batches				
1	26-28	Jun	VSS members and staff from MarayoorVSS	19
2	14-15	Nov	VSS members and staff from Konchandi VSS	37
3	13-14	Feb	VSS members and staff from Kuttiyadi VSS	25

4. Special training programmes:

Study teams and delegates from AHADS Attappady, WII Dehradun, FRI Dehradun, IIFM Bhopal, Forestry students from Kerala Agricultural University, Rural management trainees of Gandhigram Rural University etc. are some of the groups visited PTR during 2006-07. A total of such 15 training programmes for 488 trainees were conducted during 2006-07 . Details of such trainings are furnished in the table.

Sl No	Date	Name of the training	Target group	No of trainees
1	4-5 April	Ecodevelopment training for a team from AHADS, Attappady	Women facilitators	45
2	2 Jun 2006	Ecodevelopment training for dept	Forest dept staff	45

		staff of PTR		
3	5-6 Jul	Training on Institutionalization of Ecotourism (WII_Dehradun)	Senior Forest officers	15
4	25-26 Jul	Exposure visit Range officer trainees from Coimbatore	Range officer trainees	23
5	11-18 Aug	Special training to a team of students from Kerala Agriculture University	BSc Forestry students	10
6	15-16 Sep	Exposure visit to PTR	IFS probationers from Dehradun	23
7	12-14 Oct	Special training to a team of students from WII Dehradun	MSc Wildlife Science students	14
8	19-21 Oct	Special training to a team of students from FRI Dehradun	MSc Forestry students	15
9	11-12 Nov	Ecodevelopment training for a team from WII Dehradun	Forest Range Officer trainees	37
10	24 Nov 2006	Ecodevelopment training to Vasanthasena	Vasantha sena members	80
11	24-25 Nov	Ecodevelopment training for a team of staff Arippa training school	Forst Guard trainees	65
12	12-13 Dec	Ecodevelopment training for a team from AHADS, Attappady	Women facilitators	45
13	23-31 Dec	Special training to a team of students from IIFM Bhopal	MSc Forestry students	6
15	4-6 Jan 2007	Ecodevelopment training for a team from WII Dehradun	ACF trainees	20
14	14-15 Mar 2007	Ecotourism training for a team of MBA students from Gandhigram Rural University Dindigul	Students and teachers	45
Total				488

5. Financial support of Rs 5.00 Lakhs for the construction of building for the Government primary Health Centre , Kumily.

An additional financial support of Rs 5.00 Lakhs has been given to Kumily Grama panchayath for the construction of building for the in-patient ward for the Government Primary Health Centre ,Kumily.

6. KILA trainings :

Periyar Foundation has undertaken KILA trainings as the District Implementing Institution for Idukki as per the conditions stipulated in the MOU signed with KILA for the KILA-Capdeck training programme. Apart from facilitating the programme, it was an opportunity to sensitise the members and staff from the Local Self-government Institutions of the Idukki District on the conservation issues of the landscape. A total of 76 trainings were conducted with the participation of 3625 persons.

7. Support from Kumily Grama Panchayath:

Under the institutional patronage of Periyar Foundation and Periyar East Confederation Ecodevelopment Committees were identified as implementing agencies for the construction of the houses for the tribals allotted by the tribal department through the Grama Panchayath, Kumily. A total of 12 new houses were constructed for the tribals living along the fringes Periyar Tiger Reserve under the supervisory control of Periyar Foundation. An amount of Rs 9.00 Lakhs was thus utilized and an additional amount of Rs 1,05,372 has been spent from the CDF of the Mannakkudy Ecodevelopment Committees for ensuring the quality of the construction.

Similarly 190 toilets were constructed in the tribal settlements within the limits of Mannakkudy I , II & III and Paliakkudy EDCs by the Kumily Panchayath with the additional support of Rs 3,80,000/- from the CDF of the EDCs. These achievements were also instrumental for the Kumily Grama Panchayath to win the National recognition

8. Technical support to Kumily Grama Panchayath:

Periyar Foundation has supported Kumily Grama Panchayath in the form of technical inputs through contracted professionals in Green Kumily, Green Kumily campaigns. Also supports were extended for the formulation of several projects regarding development of infra structure in housing, drinking water and electrification sectors.

9. Improvement of Community Based Ecotourism Programmes and Modernisation of interpretation with the financial support of Tourism Department, Govt of Kerala:

Periyar Foundation continued the implementation of the programmes undertaken with the financial support of Tourism Department. The final phase of the expansion of Bamboo Groves has been completed and made fully operational for conducting national and international level training programmes. The modernization of the interpretation is in the final stages of completion. The process for the procurement of two high capacity boats with the financial support from Dept. of Tourism is also in progress.

10. Activities of East and West confederations of EDCs: The confederations of the EDCs Began to play a more active role during the reporting period. Some of the activities undertaken by the confederations are listed below;

Sl.No.	Date	Programme
1.	12-4-2006	Family get together of the member EDCs. 400 people participated
2.	2-5-06 to 9-5-06	Wildlife photography Exhibition at Gandhi Park
3.	May 2006	350 EDC members were covered under janasree bhima yojana group insurance scheme.
4.	July 2006	Commenced 6 months training for 20 tribal girls at Paliakkudy in Garment making (with the support of Government. Polytechnique) MLA Peermade inaugurated.
5		LIC scholarships for 60 students of EDC distributed by MLA Peermade
6.		400 notebooks were distributed to the students of EDC families with the support of hoteliers association
7.		75 jackets were distributed to Vasanthseena
8.	20-8-06	Free Diabetes detection medical camp for public with support of Nalam Hospitl, Theni. 325 persons were examined.

9.	2-9-2006	Onam fest for EDC families
10.	4-9-2006	The keys of the houses for tribals built with the support of the Panchayath were distributed by MLA Peermade
11.	September 2006	Eye- camp at Thekkady with the support of Aravind Eye Hospital. 288 persons were examined
12	Jan-Feb 2007	Various Anti plastic campaigns were organized with Kumily Grama Panchayath. 10,000 cotton bags were procured.
13		Legal awareness camp for SHG members and EDC members of the west confederation at Angel valley.

V. Awards and Recognitions: The following are some of the awards and recognitions received during the reporting period for activities associated with Periyar Foundation.

1. **Amrita Devi Bishnoi Award -2005 for Wildlife Protection:** Vasantha Sena, the all-women voluntary forest protection brigade of Periyar was chosen for the prestigious national award.

2. **The Sarvothama Award for best EDC of the state (2005) :** The Periyar Tiger Samrakshana EDC (PETS EDC) was selected for this award.

3. **Nirmal Puraskar award for Kumily Grama Panchayath:** Kumily Panchayath was selected for this national award for the activities carried out in collaboration with Periyar Foundation also in completing the construction of the toilets for the tribal settlements in time.

VI. Audited Accounts of the Foundation for the Financial year 2006-07:

The audited accounts for the financial year 2006-07 are appended.