

People's Biodiversity Register through School Children



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Summary

Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) initiated PBR exercise in selected five villages in Tamil Nadu with five schools having participated in the project. The villages taken up in the project were Chinnakuiyili, Kalapatti, Chettipalayam, Narasipuram and Thengumarahada. All the villages are in Coimbatore district except Thengumarahada which is located in Nilgiri district. The schools involved in the exercise are diverse with 2 Government schools, 2 Government aided schools and 1 Matriculation school. 50 students and 8 teachers actively participated in the PBR exercise. The project covered the biodiversity components of each village which included landscape elements, waterscape elements, checklists of organisms, historical information, village profile, key concerns, past and present pattern of changes, etc. The data collected through the exercise does not make a complete PBR. It is just a model and experimentation on the students' ability and limitation of data collection from the villagers. Five preliminary or draft PBRs were made for the selected villages.