

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Between

Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR), Maharashtra Forest Department

and

The Grasslands Trust (TGT)

For Collaboration in All India Tiger Estimation (AITE) Exercise

1. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishes a formal framework for collaboration between Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR) and The Grasslands Trust (TGT) for effective, scientific, and timely implementation of the All India Tiger Estimation (AITE) exercise within the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve and adjoining landscapes.

2. Scope of Collaboration

2.1 Volunteer Support

TGT shall mobilize trained and motivated volunteers to assist STR staff in line transects, sign surveys, camera trap deployment, habitat assessments, and data entry under STR supervision.

2.2 Technical Support

TGT shall provide technical expertise in mapping, GPS handling, troubleshooting camera traps, and use of available equipment.

2.3 Capacity Building

TGT may conduct volunteer trainings and field demonstrations with prior STR approval.

2.4 Administrative & Logistical Support

STR will facilitate permissions, access, authorisation letters, and provide AITE protocols.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 STR will supervise all AITE activities, allot survey blocks, ensure safety, provide protocols, and maintain control over sensitive data.

3.2 TGT will provide volunteers, ensure adherence to STR rules, provide technical support, and submit all data only to STR.

4. Data Confidentiality & Usage Rights

All raw data belongs solely to STR/Government of Maharashtra.

TGT is prohibited from sharing raw data with any third party.

TGT may use summary findings only after STR approval.

Violation leads to termination.

5. Safety & Conduct

Volunteers shall follow STR staff instructions, WPA rules, avoid disturbance, follow routes, and avoid restricted items and social media sharing of sensitive locations.

6. Financials

No financial commitments unless separately agreed.

7. Duration and Review

Valid for 3 years, extendable by mutual consent. Annual review.

8. Termination

30-day notice by either party or immediate termination in case of breach.



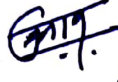
9. Dispute Resolution

Resolved amicably between STR and TGT.

10. Signatures

For Sahyadri Tiger Reserve

Field Director, STR

 23 Nov 25



For The Grasslands Trust

Authorized Representative

 23 Nov. 25

