

**Butterfly survey involving citizens and researchers starts at
Pench Tiger Reserve, Nagpur (Maharashtra)**

Pench Tiger Reserve, Nagpur (Maharashtra) is organizing first butterfly survey involving researchers and enthusiasts during 10 to 12 March 2023. The survey is being done in collaboration with Tinsa Ecological Solutions and 100+ butterfly enthusiasts, researcher and citizens in all the 7 ranges of Pench Tiger Reserve, Nagpur (Maharashtra). The survey will enable Management to scan entire tiger reserve simultaneously.

Present exercise will enable the tiger reserve to study the abundance and distribution of different butterfly species in different parts of the tiger reserve. Recently, check list of the butterfly, prepared by ACF Shri. Atul Deokar has revealed 128 species in Pench Tiger Reserve, Nagpur (Maharashtra).

Applicants have to fill Google application form <https://forms.gle/SDrg8wELyNnkcQuv6> by 25th February 2023 by 5.00 PM. Application fee is Rs 1000. The selected participants will be informed through mail by 2nd March 2023. Volunteers having Master's degree in wildlife sciences, zoology, life sciences, environmental sciences, entomology and related fields will be given preference. Selected candidates will be informed through email.

Participants will be allotted one of selected protection huts. On each protection hut, 3 to 5 people led by at least one researcher or butterfly expert will stay from 10th to 12th March. They will be provided accommodation and food facilities. Survey involves walking on foot on 5 to 8km trail. Field surveys will start every day at 6:30 AM & 3:00 PM. It will be done through compiling entire data gathered from participants.

Payment has to be made to Pench Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation, details of which has been given in CSR section of our website **(Central Bank of India, A/c no.: 3062634229, IFSC: CBIN0283572)**. For any query, one may contact through "Contact Us" section of PTR' website (www.penchtigerreserve.maharashtra.gov.in)

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Place :- Nagpur

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