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Introduction

Not much far in history, when wildlife conservation in India means relocating local communities to create safer spaces for wildlife in protected areas. Such areas neither allowed any developmental activities nor minimal human activities and had posted forest staffs to ensure that wildlife of these areas were safe and secure. However this most successful method to protect wildlife had its own backdrops. Today, such protected habitat cover only around 5% of India's dense wildlife related

geographical area and are not enough to accommodate the present amount of wildlife, so not sufficient for growing wildlife populations. It is clear that Indian wildlife need more space. In a country with expanding human population, creating or extending such protected areas are not always feasible. Hence, the need of community-based wildlife conservation and management with authority plus community came under the spotlight.

Now, with forgetting the past strategies, it is very essential to understand the role of local