



BASIC COURSE IN HERPETOLOGY 2019

Conducted by BNHS Conservation Education Centre (CEC), Mumbai

BNHS CEC is happy to announce the admissions for Basic Course in Herpetology (study of reptiles and amphibians) for the year 2019-2020. The course includes inaugural and wrap-up sessions, field visits around Mumbai and field camps to various habitats across India.

Highlights of the course:

- An online hybrid course
- Duration is four months (June 2019 to September 2019)
- Covers topics such as identification, morphology, behaviour, importance of reptiles and amphibians.
- Project work
- Field camps and field visits
- Certificate from BNHS after successful completion
- Course leader- Mr. Mrugank Prabhu, BNHS

Who can enrol?

- Anyone with an interest in reptiles and amphibians of India
- Basic qualification is Class 10 (any board)

What are the course deliverables?

The course includes extensive notes, field visits with experts and online assignments. A detailed break-up of the course deliverables is as follows:

- **Chapters:** A chapter is sent to the participants every month.
- **Field visits and reports:** A total of two half-day field visits will be conducted near Mumbai during the course duration, out of which one is compulsory. A brief report on each field visit must be submitted as part of the monthly assignment submission document. Participants staying away from Mumbai (in other parts of Maharashtra or in other states) can instead visit a similar habitat near their location, on their own.
- **Field camps and reports:** One inaugural session, one wrap-up session and two field camps will be organised. Field camps are conducted in various habitats across India. Participants are required to attend at least one field camp and the inaugural session. After each camp/session, a report must be submitted as part of the monthly assignment submission document.
- **Online research:** To learn in greater detail about herpetology in India, its research, conservation and awareness work, participants are expected to refer to scientific papers, articles, news, discussions, documentaries etc. available online, and submit abstracts of the same in the monthly assignment submission document.
- **Project work:** This is an integral part of the course and involves submitting a project report every month. Every project will focus on a theme and the report will be based on the relevant observations/study in one's selected locality. The final project report and the



presentation at the end of the year will be an amalgamation of the monthly reports and a practical action plan for one's locality.

What is the course fee structure?

The course fee is **Rs. 8,000/-** which includes BNHS expertise and refreshments in the inaugural and wrap-up sessions. The field camps at other locations are charged separately.

How to Register?

-For registration click on:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZMjFNeO3iPVJNylVtFtDcW9EkbPff_2krL28j0VyxJI7p5w/viewform?usp=pp_url

(Kindly note that it is compulsory to fill the online Google registration form)

-Or scan the QR code given below for the registration form:



For any further query mail us at 'herpetology@bnhs.org' or

Call on 09594953425 or +912228429477 (Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 05:30 pm)

Last date for registration is 15th April 2019 (Limited seats available).