

Community Networks Against Protected Areas Demands:

We wholeheartedly support and stand with the Adivasi communities of Nagarhole and their protest against eviction, militarization, harassment.

Karnataka government should take immediate cognizance of the people's demands and stop evicting people and harassing them in the name of conservation.

The Chief Minister, Forest Minister and Tribal Welfare Minister of Karnataka and all other states like Tamilnadu, Kerala and Assam should immediately go before the people and listen to their concerns before the upcoming election.

Oppressive conservation NGOs like WWF, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), IUCN, Wildlife Trust of India and International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) should stop their anti-people activities across India.

Forest Rights Act must be followed in true spirit and the entire conservation regime should rest in the hands of communities..

The militarization of the forest department should stop immediately. Demand for a judicial commission to enquire into all the atrocities and extra-judicial persecutions that happened in protected areas across India.

Adivasi and forest-dwelling communities deserve the right to self-determination and complete sovereignty over their land and forests. Eviction and the so-called voluntary resettlement from protected areas must stop and its big lie that it is being done voluntarily.

Extractive tourism industry like safari should stop immediately. Adivasi people's land and forest are not objects of recreation and luxury.

Land grabbing happened in the past for private coffee estates, tea gardens, resorts etc must be inquired into and Adivasi people living in and around protected areas must be given back their ancestral land.