

## **Capacity Building Training Programme, “Hunting the Hunters Phase-II” with the Rajasthan State Forest Department**

Tiger Trust organised a Capacity Building Training Programme, “Hunting the Hunters Phase-II” with the Rajasthan State Forest Department and supported by USFWS at Desert Regional Centre in Jodhpur on 12-13<sup>th</sup> Nov.2011.

The emphasis of the training programme was to acquaint the forest staff with the nuances of prosecution with focus on explaining the technical aspects of the wildlife cases, lack of understanding of which has resulted in acquittal in a majority of cases. The workshop was inaugurated by the PCCF (Rajasthan) Sh. R.N.Mehrotra, and Ms.Anjana Gosain, Hony. Secretary, Tiger Trust. Speaking at the occasion, Ms. Gosain said that the main objective behind holding such capacity building training programmes is to acquaint the forest officers with the wildlife laws so as to effectively prosecute wildlife crime cases. Ms.Gosain expressed the need to conduct more such rigorous trainings which is one of the result oriented tools towards achieving higher rate of conviction. Amongst the faculty of Tiger Trust, was also present Mr.Manjit Ahluwalia, a proficient criminal lawyer from Delhi High Court to educate the trainees on optimum use of evidence to lead successful cross-examinations of poachers in the Court of law. Till date, Tiger Trust has trained more than 1500 forest staff across the country in various parts of the country.

The workshop witnessed the presence of many senior officers from the State Forest department to instil confidence amongst the trainees. Amongst other senior officers present at the workshop were Sh.A.K.Singh, CCF (Territorial), Sh. T.S. Rathore, Director AFRI , Sh.Himmat Abhilash Tak Addl. Superintendent of Police and other senior officers, The Addl PCCF reinforced the need to conduct more such intermittent trainings to arrest the decline of tiger population. The forest department was much appreciative of the initiative of Tiger Trust and requested the trainees to utilise the opportunity and ensure its application in the field.



