



# The return of elephants as a catalyst for landscape restoration



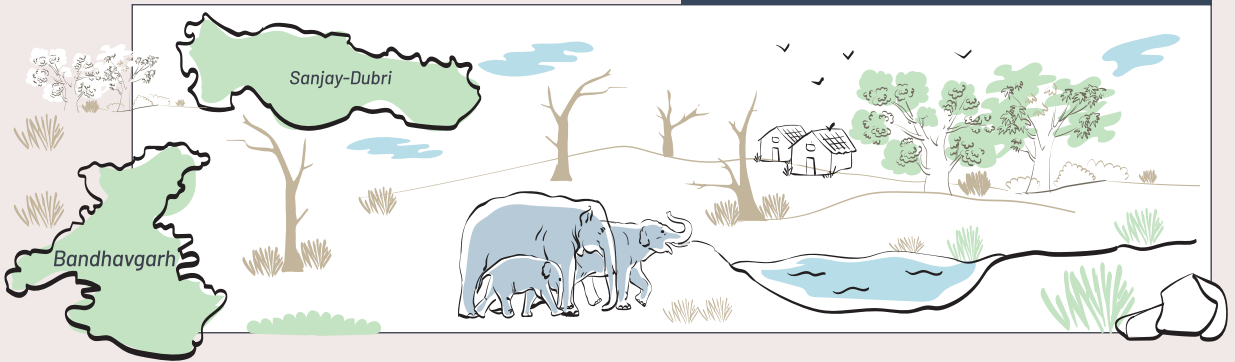
Elephants used to roam across Madhya Pradesh in the past. But too many were captured, and they went extinct more than a century ago.



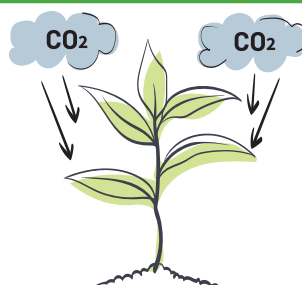
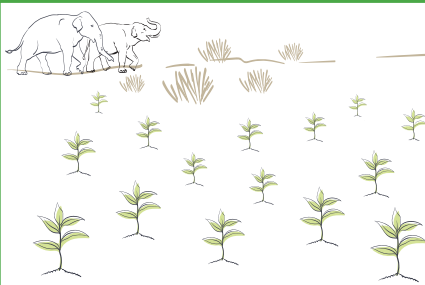
Forests also degraded over time.



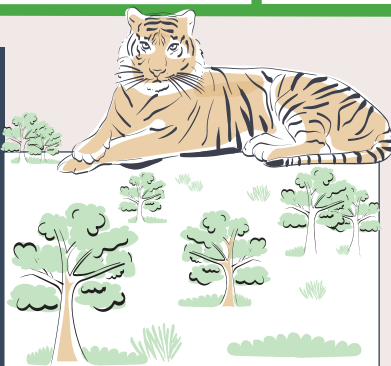
Driven by increased human activity in nearby states however, elephants began rediscovering Madhya Pradesh in the 2000s.



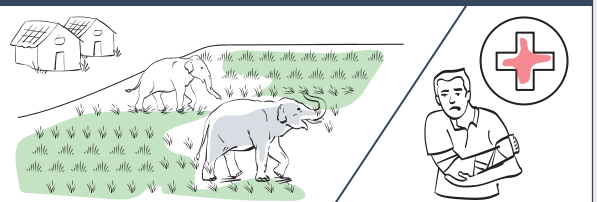
Restoring and protecting habitats for elephants can sequester carbon dioxide, and hence mitigate climate change. It also benefits many other species.



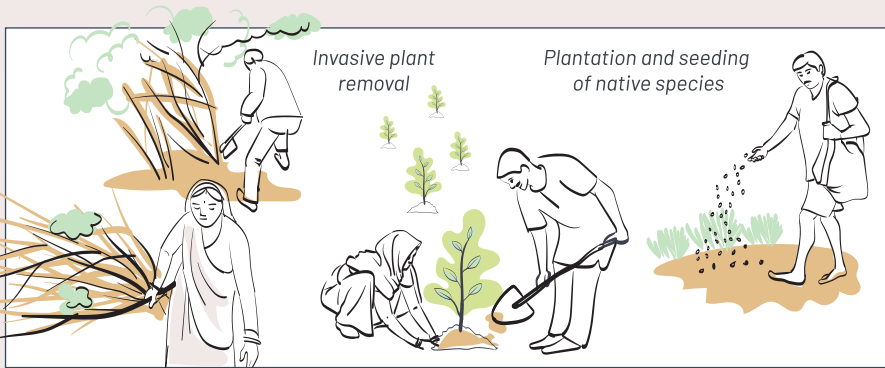
Similar habitat protection for tigers sequestered 1 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent per year.



But the return of elephants also brings safety and economic risks to local communities.

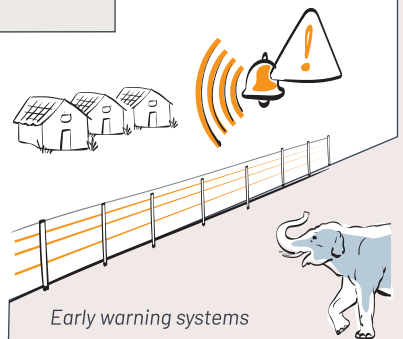
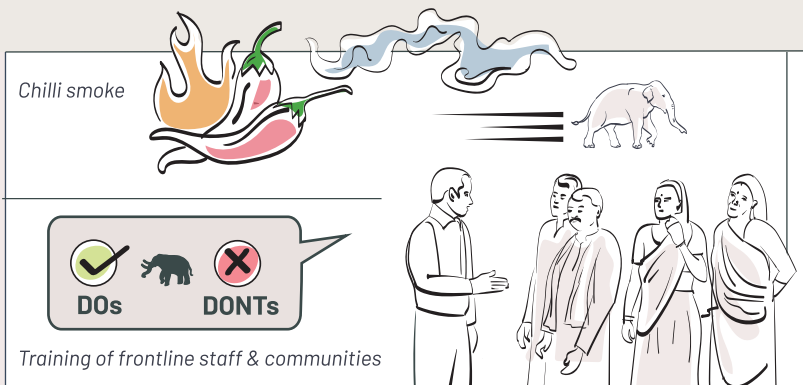


**Our goal: Enhance benefits to climate and biodiversity from the return of elephants, and minimize the costs to people.**



We identify and support habitat restoration actions.

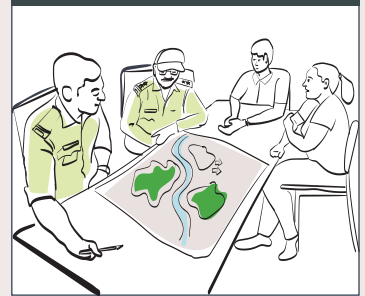
We support a variety of conflict mitigation measures and capacity building.



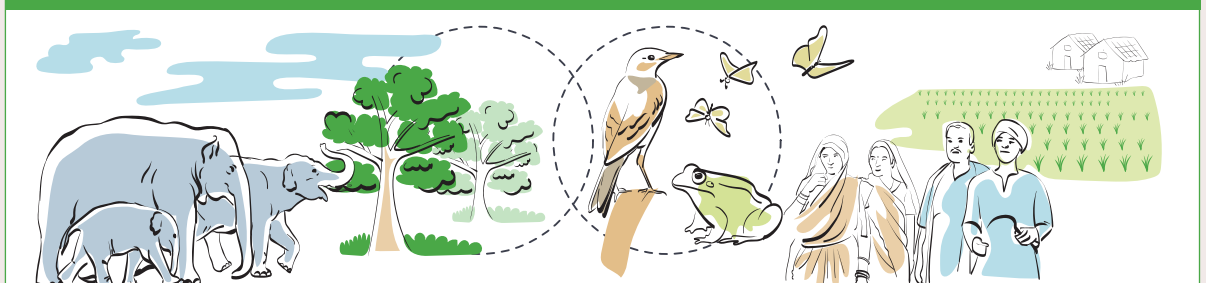
We provide research-based inputs for policy and management.



...resulting in improved planning and management of the landscape.



**Our vision: The return of elephants is leveraged to mitigate climate change and benefit biodiversity, while fostering coexistence with people.**



### **Our partners**

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