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Mr Siddharth Edake is a Master's of Science (M.Sc.) in Biodiversity with 10+ years of work experience in biodiversity conservation, natural resource management and community engagement handling projects at the field level as well as those that influence policies for conservation. Currently, he is employed at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) as Fellow in Forestry and Biodiversity division working on conceptualisation and implementation of projects related to climate change mitigation strategies, biodiversity assessments and habitat conservation, coordinating and participating with project teams, preparing reports & making presentations related to the field of Sustainable Forest Management. He has led as well as assisted in the biodiversity research component for more than 25 projects funded by the State Forest Departments; Bilateral & Multilaterals including the World Bank, United Nations Development programme, Global Environment Facility and Japan International Cooperation Agency.

He has been working on documenting as well as establishing as well as strengthening Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) in the state of Nagaland since 2015.

Prior to TERI, he has worked in the capacity of Project Manager at Wildlife S.O.S Leopard Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in Junnar, Maharashtra (also in New Delhi with the same organization and headed the Animal Welfare Programmes in the city among other responsibilities) and as Sr. Project Officer, Corbett Foundation in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh.

Mr Edake has organised & conducted several capacity building workshops for government agencies, state forest departments, NGOs & communities within the country. He has also been actively writing scientific as well as popular articles on biodiversity and forest resources focusing on conservation, traditional knowledge, livelihood and sustainable development. Since 2013, he has co-authored 10 articles, blogs, book chapters in areas relevant to the forestry & biodiversity theme and has 4 publications in reputed journals.