

## Letter of Apology

*Comments on: Ranjit Kumar Sahoo (2015) Population structure and distribution of Asian elephants in Dandeli-Anshi Tiger Reserve, India. Gajah 43: 10-14.*

I have realized that my paper titled “Population Structure and Distribution of Asian Elephants in Dandeli-Anshi Tiger Reserve, India” recently published as a non-peer review research article in the journal *Gajah* has certain deficiencies.

This paper was from part of my MSc dissertation. For this purpose, I worked as an intern on an on-going project of the Wildlife Research and Conservation Society. The work was carried out under the guidance of Dr. Prachi Mehta and Mr. Jayant Kulkarni. I now realize that I overlooked their contribution and that they should have been co-authors on the paper.

The figures that I used in the paper were created using the data from this study. The technical support for the figures was provided by the Asian Nature Conservation Foundation staff, Bangalore. However, I did not take permission from them for the use of the images for publication.

Being a naive and inexperienced author, in my ignorance I have violated certain ethics of scientific publishing. Hence, I sincerely apologize to those mentioned above, editor of *Gajah* and the readers of the above mentioned paper. I will take utmost care to respect the ethics and honesty of the scientific community in my future work.

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Elephants in the Kulgi Range of the Dandeli-Anshi Tiger Reserve (top and bottom left) and elephants at the Sakrebailu elephant camp, Shimoga, Karnataka (bottom right)  
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