

Human wildlife conflict



Is there anything new?

Yes, there is!!

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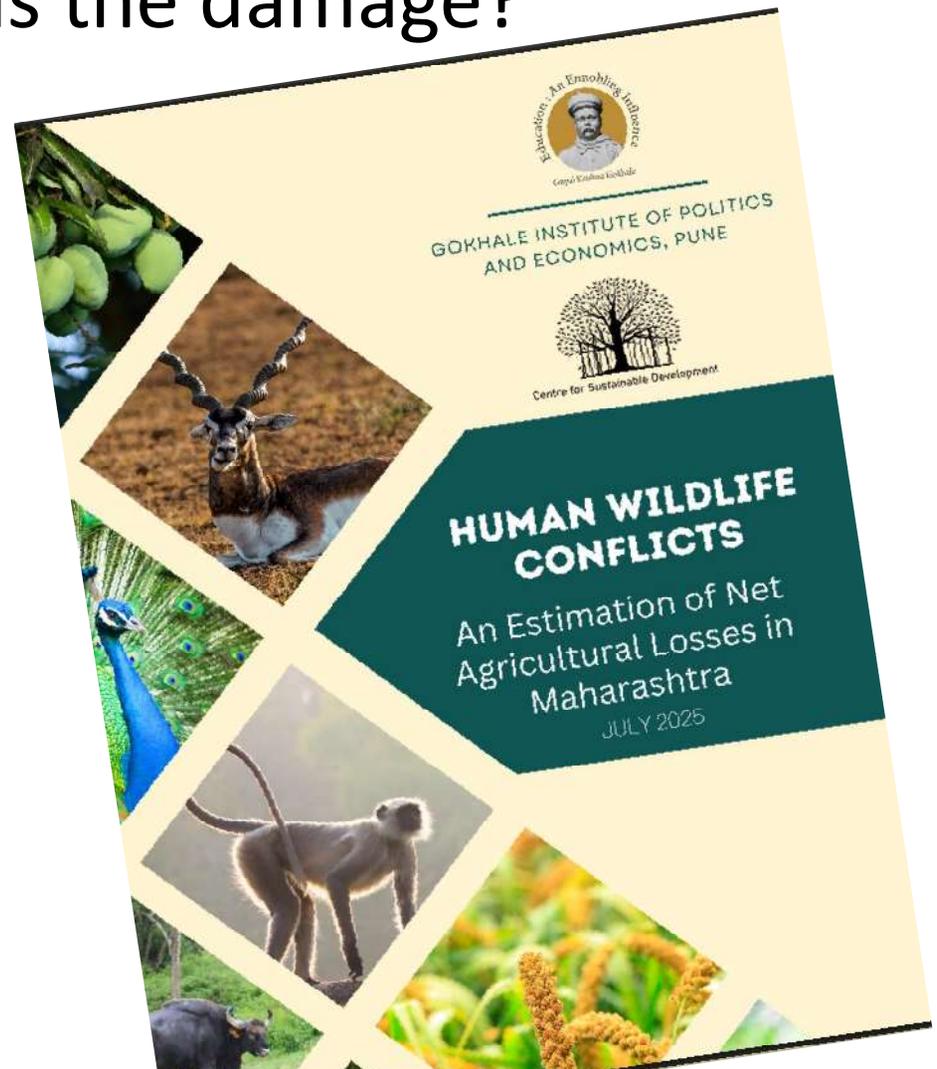
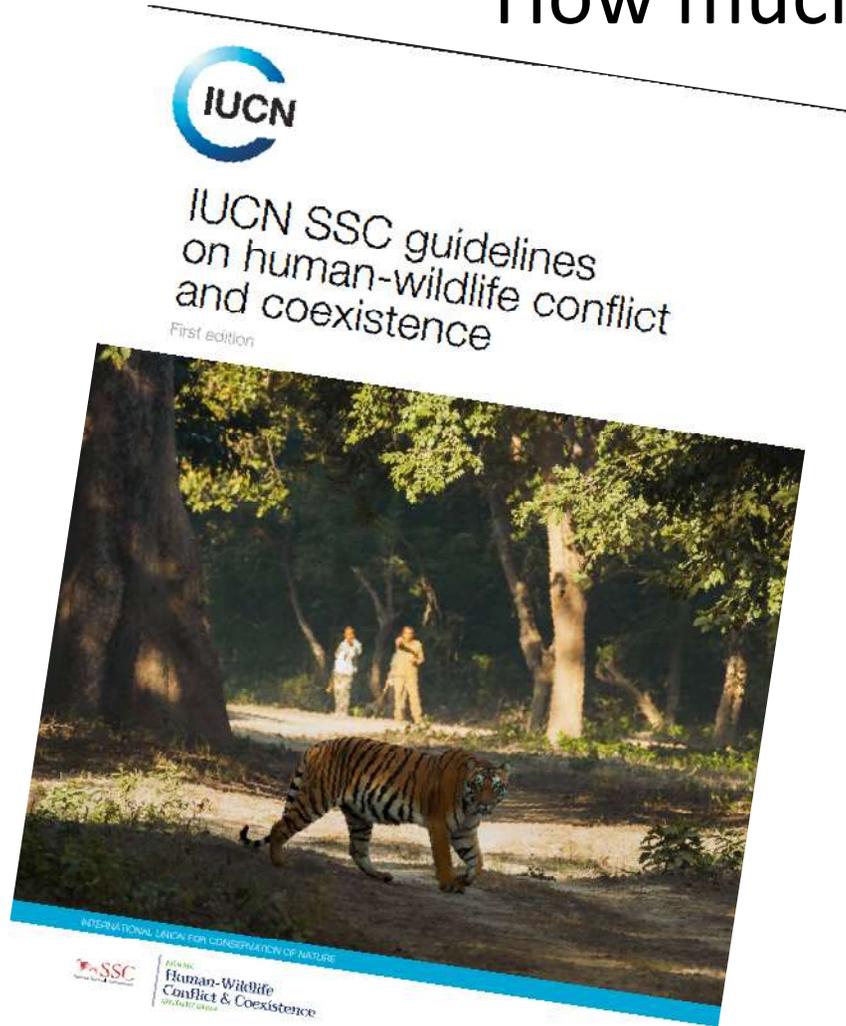
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418 Killed In Tiger Attacks Across India From 2020-25: RTI

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Sl. No	CITY	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0
3	Assam	0	0	0	0	4
4	Bihar	1	4	9	1	2
5	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	3	0
6	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0
7	Karnataka	0	1	1	8	2
8	Kerala	2	0	0	0	0
9	Madhya Pradesh	11	2	3	10	6
10	Maharashtra	25	32	82	37	42
11	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0
12	Odisha	0	0	0	0	0
13	Rajasthan	0	0	0	0	0
14	Tamil Nadu	1	3	0	1	0
15	Telangana	2	0	0	0	1
16	Uttar Pradesh	4	11	11	25	10
17	Uttarakhand	0	1	3	0	5
18	West Bengal	5	5	1	0	1
Total	Total	51	59	110	85	73

How much is the damage?







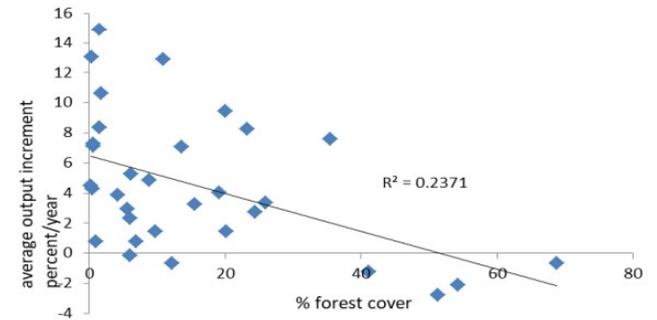
Tricky science



Rigorous causal inference analysis

- Habitat loss/fragmentation
- Seasonal pinch periods in the ha
- Increasing population
- Greater nutritious value of crops forage
- Disappearing human fear

Fig. A



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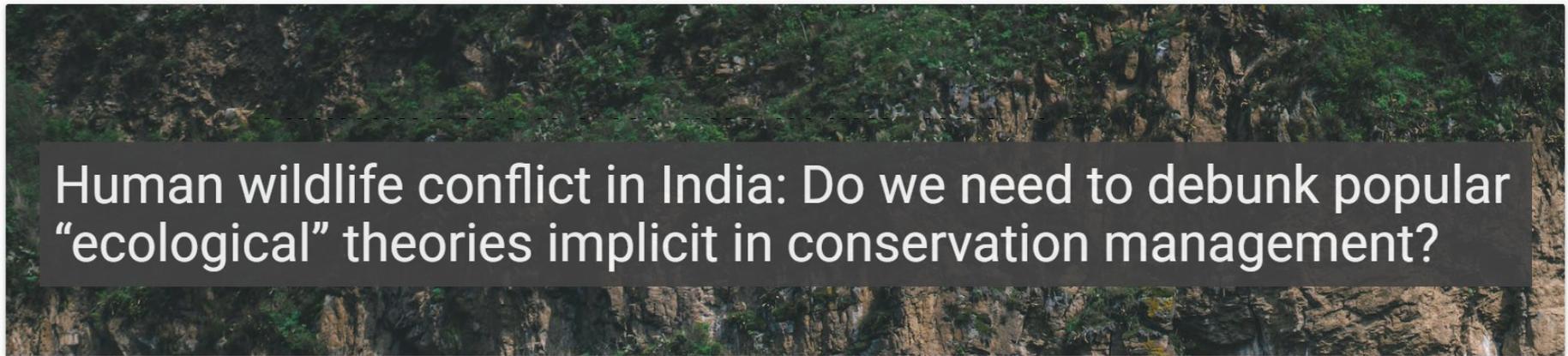
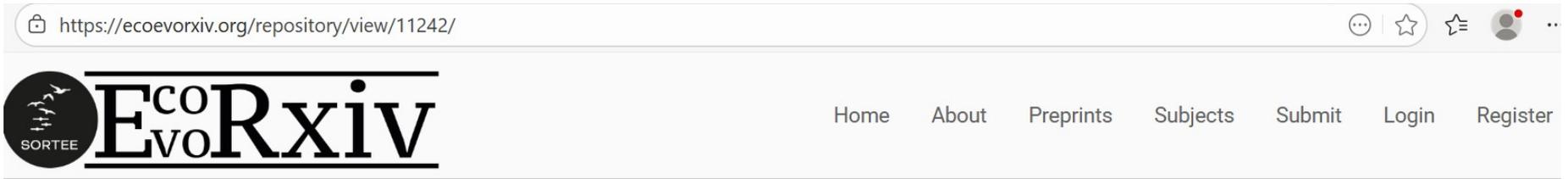
Why wild herbivores raid crops: Alternative hypotheses and their differential implications for the mitigation of human-wildlife conflict

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Unscientific beliefs about nature

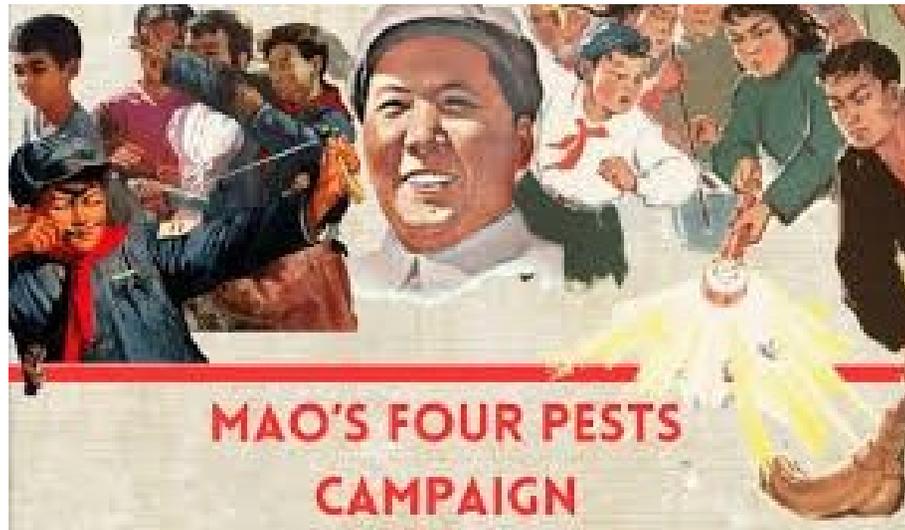


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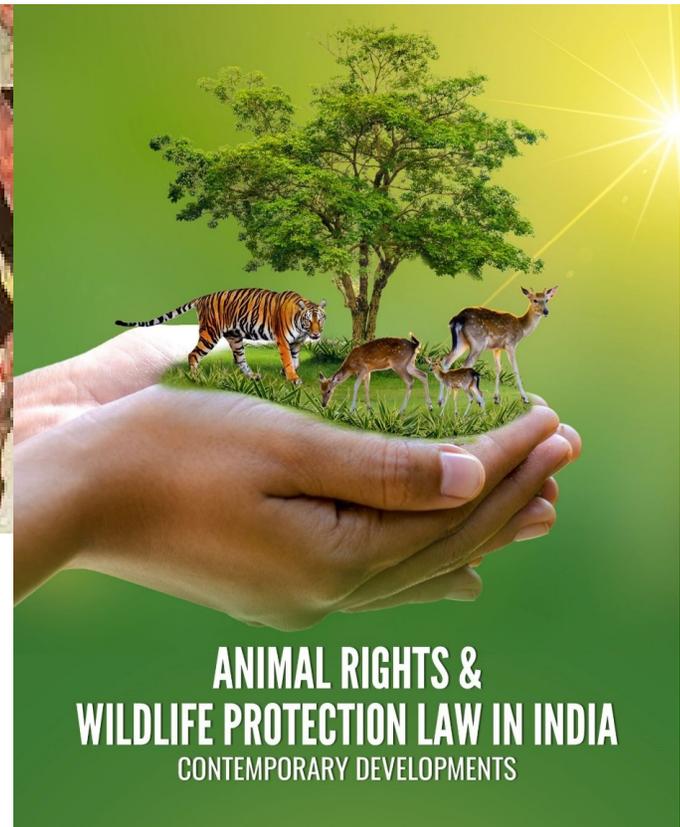
theory” was for pre-independence India

China model: India model

Overhunting of sparrows lead to failed agriculture in China (late 1950s).

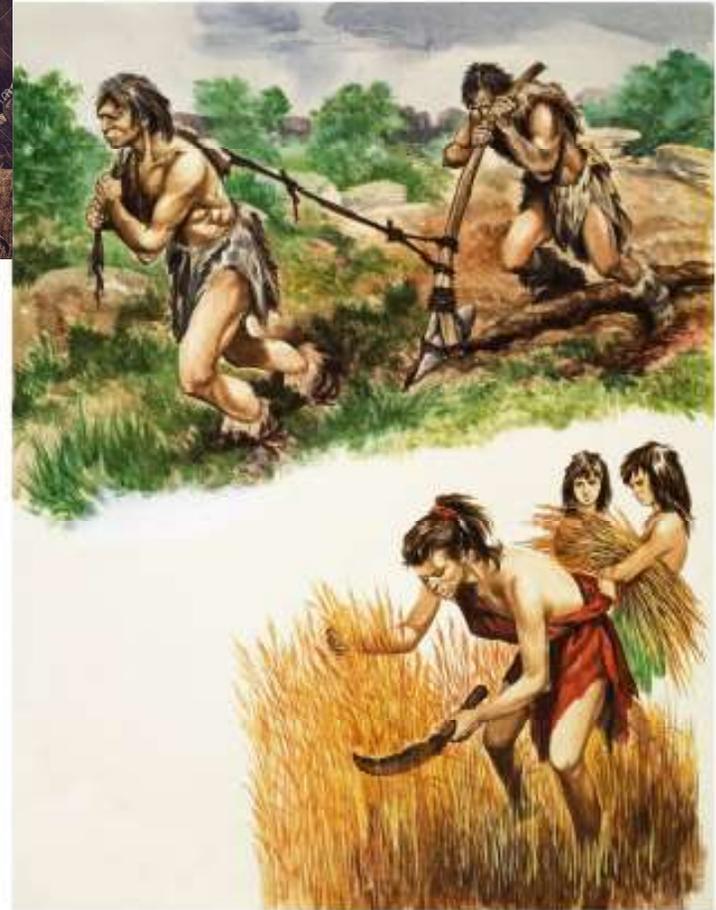


Total ban on hunting of many species in India is heading in the same direction. Total agricultural failure.





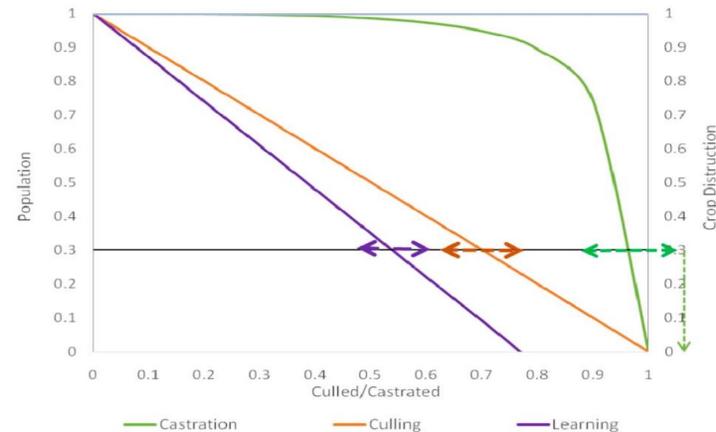
The critical role
of hunting in
the origin of
agriculture



Optimum level of
hunting is necessary
for human wildlife
co-existence

HWC mitigation: What is being talked about?

- Natural habitat restoration
- Compensation (immediate relief, reliable source of data as feedback)
- Population control
 - contraception
 - hunting/culling

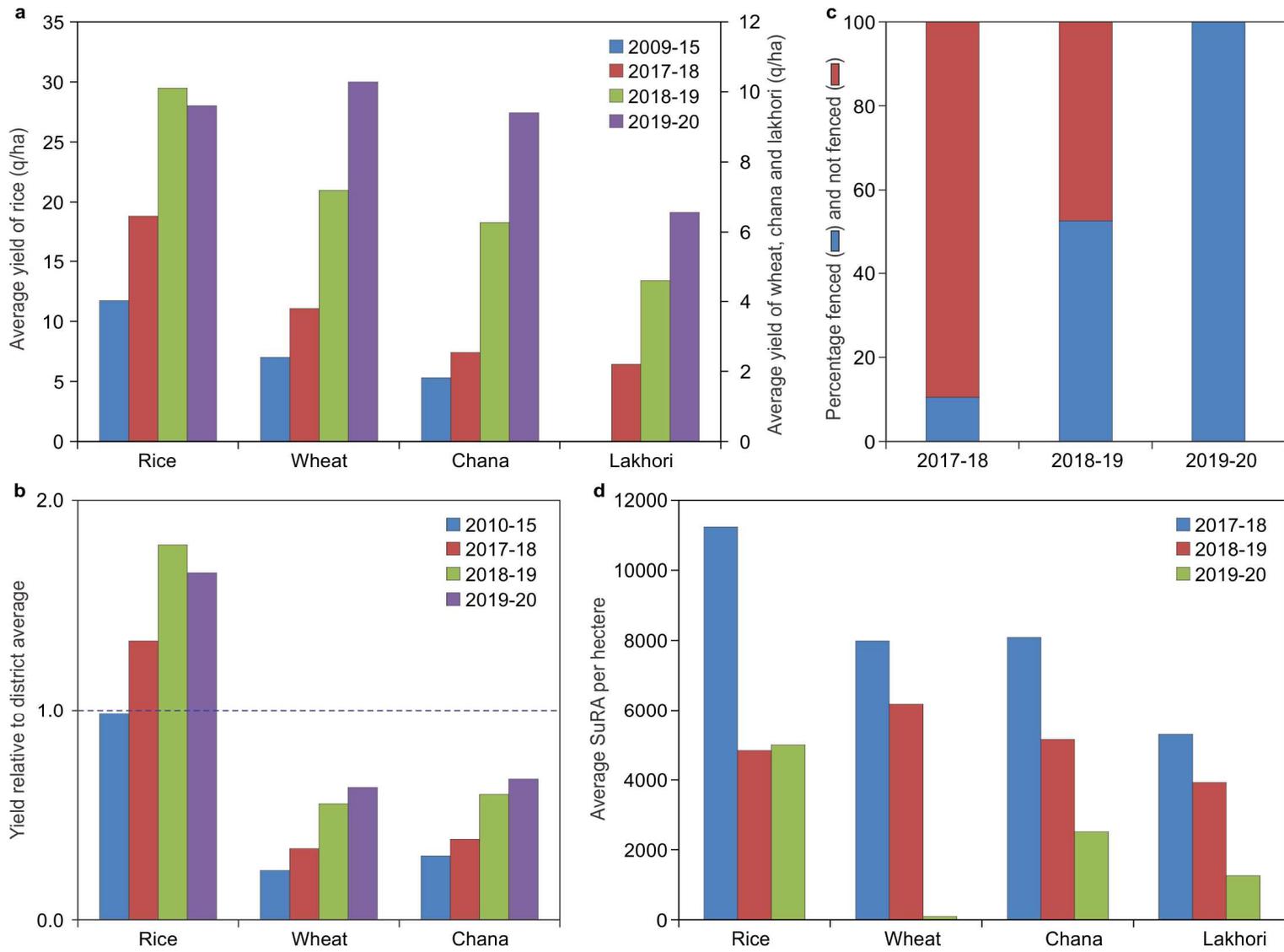


What is not being talked about?

- Changing animal behaviour
- Changing human behaviour

Behaviour optimized wildlife policy

- Support cum Reward (SuR) replaces compensation protocols
- Damage monitoring as feed back
- Continued research with relevant questions
- Regulated hunting:
 - population control
 - Reinstating human avoidance behaviour
 - developing a behaviourally sound regulation system



Combining payment for crop damages and reward for productivity to address wildlife conflict

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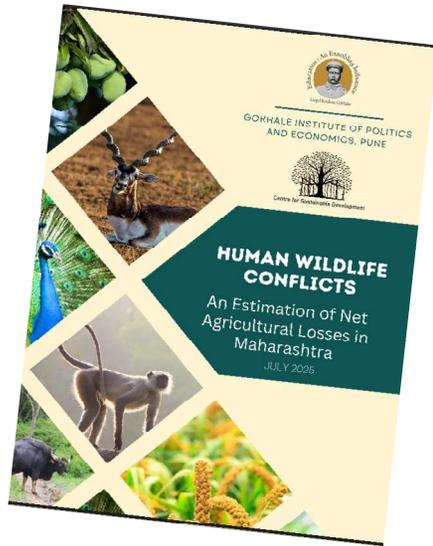
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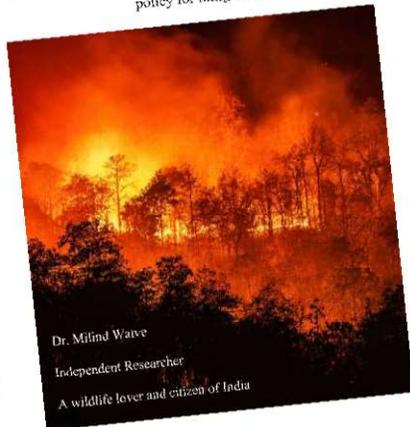
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A citizen's analysis and behaviour optimized comprehensive policy for mitigation



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