## **VARNIKA WALVEKAR**

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#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

## **Intern**, Centre for Environment and Development

#### **AUGUST 2022 - PRESENT**

### Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE), Bangalore

- Geporeferenced and created 55 village cadastral maps for Chandrapur Maharashtra, to be used in Community Forest Rights (CFR) Management planning
- Downloaded cadastral boundaries from Dharani portal and created village maps as well as CFR claim maps for Telangana
- Digitized Individual Forest Rights (IFR) claim data for Sheetalpani village, Madhya Pradesh

#### Researcher, Urban Governance

#### **JUNE 2019 - NOVEMBER 2019**

#### Citizen, Consumer and Civic Action Group, Chennai

Worked on the Zero Waste Chennai project in partnership with the Greater Chennai Corporation.

- Spearheaded an infrastructure audit project to evaluate waste management infrastructure in the city
- Mapped commercial establishments for waste characterization study
- Handled the project communications and interviewed key stakeholders eg. Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs)
- Assisted in organizing annual zero-waste event Kuppai Thiruvizha

#### MAY 2018 - JULY 2018

# Intern, with Prof. Geetanjoy Sahu Resource Rights Group (TISS, Mumbai)

A research project to gain an understanding of the key stakeholders involved in the National Green Tribunal (Southern Bench) cases, nature of cases registered, number of disposed and pending cases.

#### **EDUCATION**

## M.Sc. Environmental Studies (Conservation Practice),

ATREE and TDU, Bangalore 2021-2023 (Ongoing)

#### **Bachelor of Arts**,

FLAME University, Pune 2016-2019

- Major: Public Policy, Minor: Environmental Studies
- Dean's roll of honour awardee: I year

#### SKILLS

Writing, ODK Collect, QGIS , Microsoft Workspace , Canva, Theory of Change, Project Management, Leadership skills, Critical thinking, Communication skills

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

## **Japan Student Exchange Programme**OCTOBER 2022

Awarded JASSO fellowship for a student exchange program "Intergenerational dialog towards Sustainable Development Goals" at Kanazawa University, Japan.

## **Discover India Program**

#### **JULY 2017- DECEMBER 2017**

Awarded scolarship for winning 1st position for a research project conducted in Bandhavgarh National Park, Madhya Pradesh to understand the interlinkages and conflicts between the local communities living in and around the park.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Teach 'Em Young: Appreciating Biodiversity Through Our Classrooms | THE BASTION

LANGUAGES

One Health: The Need for Intersections Between Human, Animal and Environmental Health | THE BASTION

Hindi

English ———

No More Segregation! The Curious State of Waste Management in Chennai **THE BASTION** 

How Chennai is diverting its non-biodegradable waste from dumpyards