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ACT Editor Conferred the SCB Africa Section Presidential Service Award 2022

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The President of the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) Africa Section, in consultation with the Section Board of Directors, is happy to award the Presidential Service Award 2022 to Dr. Murali Pai.

This award is conferred to Murali for serving as the editor of the SCB Africa Section e-newsletter, [African Conservation Telegraph \(ACT\)](#), for the past 10 years. Dr. Pai is an equine veterinarian, conservation biologist, and environmental writer. Having published the work of over 100 authors worldwide through the newsletter, Murali believes the open access and rapid publishing model of ACT makes it a valuable platform for graduate students across African Universities to publish their work and get started on their academic and research careers.



Murali with a premature Marwari filly foal, a healthy horse now! (Pic: M. Pai)

Murali's conservation work has traversed India, the U.S., China, Ethiopia, Bhutan, Vietnam, and Finland. He is the author of the book [Tilo's Troops](#) – a biography of the primatologist Tilo Nadler who founded the Endangered Primates Rehabilitation Center (EPRC) in Vietnam. Murali is an avid collector of conservation art and loves cooking biryani in his spare time.

Murali Pai is being feted by the SCB Africa Section for helming ACT during 10 years with his sincerity of purpose, passion for environmental writing, ease of editing, collaboration with authors and the conservation fraternity, quintessential team spirit, and working for the larger cause of conservation awareness in Africa.

Thank you, Murali, for the work you do, and keep it up!

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