

**GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL MECHANISMS FOR THE PROJECT**  
**Strengthening conservation through adivasis' traditional practices and**  
**the Forest Rights Act**



The traditional elders and Gram Sabhas have identified the following areas of concern and have asked ACCORD for support to address them:

- *Weakening of traditional governance systems of adivasi communities in Gudalur*
- *Breakdown of important social, cultural and economic practices*
- *Dilution of role in forest management related decision making*

Based on this ACCORD has approached CEPF-ATREE for a grant to revive traditional forest management practices as part of CEPF ATREE Western Ghats program

This Project seeks to restore and strengthen cultural practices in conservation through

- *A Cultural and biodiversity assessment of sacred groves*
- *Effective implementation of Community Forest Rights under Forest rights Act*



If there are any issues arising out of project activities or if any person(s) are dissatisfied with the project or has suggestions for improving project implementation, he/she may express his/her grievances by contacting individuals from area offices of Adivasi Munnetra Sangam or the Forest Rights Committees of the various Special Tribal Gram Sabhas or the individuals from ACCORD and CEPF listed below, and the grievances will be addressed in a timely manner.

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