

# STAKE

An exhibition game on pastoralists in India



## INTRODUCTION

Given that India has 34 million pastoralists managing a livestock of more than 50 million, it is imperative to understand and respond to the needs and aspirations of pastoralists both through informed policy-making and involvement of different stakeholders. The game 'Stake' is designed with the objective of learning the relationship pastoralists share with the commons in the context of sustainability.



*Intended Audience*  
General public

*Keywords*  
Sustainability,  
pastoralism, commons

*Type*  
Exhibition game with  
life-size assets

*Duration*  
About 50 minutes  
• 10 minutes Briefing time  
• 30 minutes of game play  
(less when the players fail  
to achieve a sustainable  
future)  
• 10 minutes debriefing  
time

*No. of people*  
6 players

## OBJECTIVE

Stake was developed as part of a curated traveling exhibition of the life and livelihood of pastoralists in India titled 'Living Lightly: Journeys with Pastoralists' organised by Sahjeevan and Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi from 2nd to 18th December 2016.



## GAME PLAY

In Stake, players play the role of either pastoralists, industrialists, or farmers and chart their course on a common landmass called 'Mitti'. Pastoralists need land for their livestock, farmers need land for agriculture, and industrialists need land for their plants. Their actions involve trade-offs between how they use parcels of land, how much resources they consume, and how sustainable is their consumption. The players need to ensure that their consumption does not tip over the sustainability scale.

