



Vithu
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“ I had to photograph many bird species in Goa for the Photographic Guide to the Birds of Goa. This was a justified requirement by Goa Government who sponsored this project. However, the task is never easy given how shy and elusive birds are. One such bird that eluded me was the Brown Hawk Owl. The fear of not meeting the book deadline loomed large. Although I did learn about brown-fish owl sightings around Carambolim Lake Complex, I consciously avoided playback of calls or baiting. That's where I met Vithu. I did not expect him to show me the owl, which he did, and continues to do so with his local knowledge and tenacity. Many birders and photographers tend to resort to playback as they don't have time and patience, which calls for Vithu's fury. Vithu, today forms the core of my bird tourism policy. ”