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## Indo-German Biodiversity Programme Newsletter



**This newsletter shares project updates and thematic news from our programme**

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Dear Reader,

We wish you all a happy new year! The upsurge of COVID-19 has sent us back home but not before we had visited our project sites. Those are the stories we'll cover in this issue. Meanwhile, the upcoming year seems to be slowly filling up with many interesting events (mostly, virtual) that focus on nature, biodiversity and our future. The Conference of Parties to the UN Convention on Biodiversity will meet again for part 2 of the COP15 in Kunming, China to finalise the global framework and targets for managing nature through 2030.

The seventeenth issue of the newsletter and the first one for 2022 features stories from the projects, with a spotlight on the upcoming World Wetlands Day and how 2021 went for biodiversity. We thank you for your continuous support and welcome your valuable feedback towards further improving our engagement with you.

**Stay safe and healthy.**

Warmly,  
Editors

### UPDATES FROM THE PROJECTS

- » Enhancement of Smallholder Spice Farmers' Capacities in Sustainable Farming
- » Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation in India
- » Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystem Services
- » Wetlands Management for Biodiversity and Climate Protection

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## Updates from the Projects

### Enhancement of Smallholder Spice Farmers' Capacities in Sustainable Farming



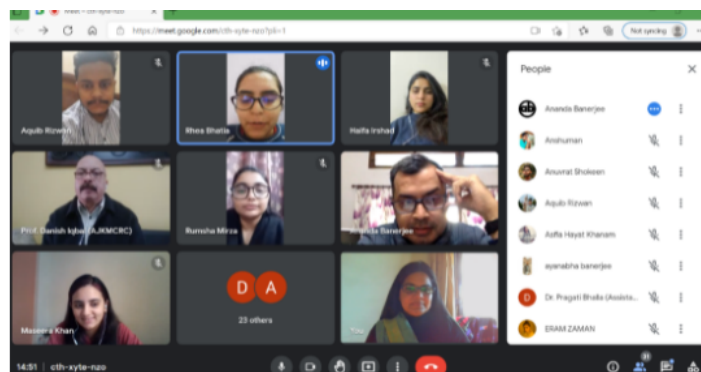
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#### **Yellow Sticky Traps Reduce Pesticide Use in Rajasthan**

The project distributed 50,000 yellow sticky traps to 650 cumin farmers in Barmer and Jaisalmer, Rajasthan in December 2021. Farmers also learnt techniques and strategies for effective Integrated Pest Management.

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### Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation in India



#### **Training for Media Students on HWC Mitigation**

A 12-week course on 'Media strategies for effective and efficient HWC Mitigation' is being conducted virtually with AJK Mass Communication Research Centre, Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi.

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### Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystem Services



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#### **Training on Forest Ecosystem Services and Incentive-Based Mechanisms**

Officials from the Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand Forest Departments participated in a hybrid training from 24-26 November and 13-15 December 2021.

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### Wetlands Management for Biodiversity and Climate Protection

**Bird Watching Guide Training at**





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A bird watching training was organised at the Ramsar site for Eco-development Committee members, Wetland Mitras and Tamil Nadu Forest Department staff of Nagapattinam and Thiruvavur from 15 – 24 December 2021.

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## Spotlight

### Wetlands and People

Connecting people and wetlands in development cooperation

On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022, World Wetlands Day will be celebrated globally, the 45<sup>th</sup> time since it was first observed, but the first time as a UN International Day. This year's theme, 'Wetlands Action for People and Nature', is a call for action, an appeal to invest in saving the world's wetlands from disappearing and restoring the degraded ecosystems. As wetland loss continues at an alarming rate, for communities directly dependent on these ecosystems, this translates into a loss of a source of water, food, and fuel. To counter this, today, there are increasing efforts to engage these crucial actors in wetland management.

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At Bhitarkanika, the green recovery measures offer support and guidance on backyard vegetable cultivation©APOWA

### Nature: finally, a part of the Climate dialogue!

A look at global events on biodiversity in 2021

In 2021 biodiversity and nature took centre stage in the global conversation. The last two years of the global pandemic and health crisis have convinced nations to take stronger actions to counter



biodiversity loss and consciously integrate nature in their dialogue and decisions. Many events and reports in 2021 played an important role in bringing about this change. We'll look at some of them in this article.

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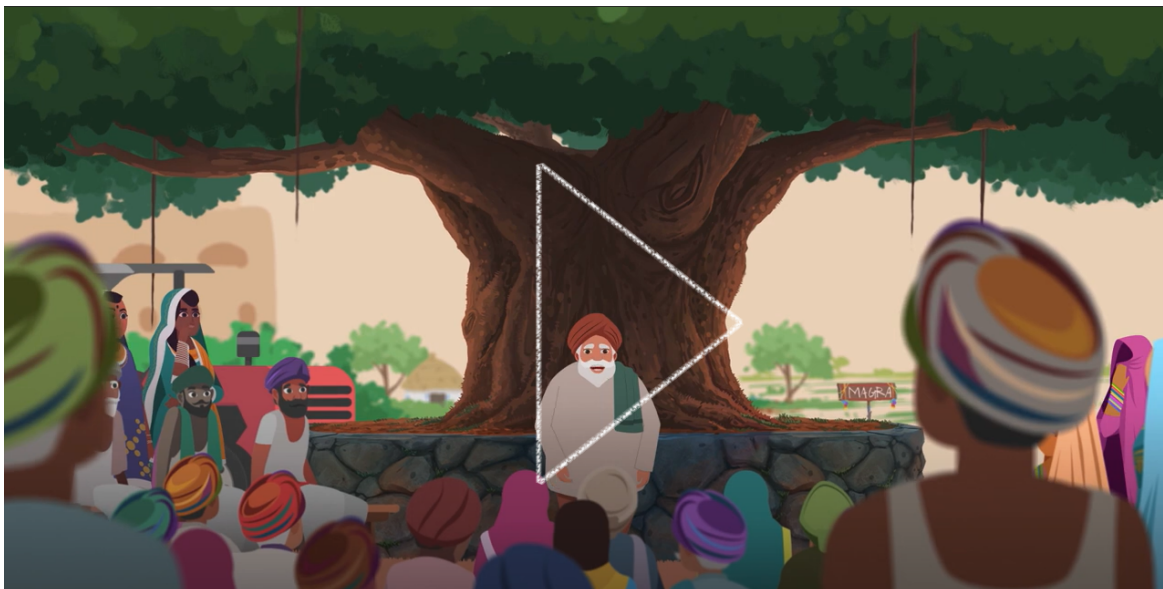
## New Releases and Resources

### Sustainable Agricultural Practices

Sustainable agriculture is farming to meet society's current food needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. These practices improve crop yield while conserving soil, water, and other natural resources. These animated films were produced under the developPPP.de project with AVT McCormick in five languages.

[Films in Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Tamil »](#)

[Watch the film in English »](#)



## Upcoming Events

## World Wetlands Day | 2 February

» <https://www.worldwetlandsday.org/>

## Fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly | 28 Feb – 4 March 2022

» <https://www.unep.org/environmentassembly/unea5/>

## World Wildlife Day | 3 March

» <https://www.wildlifeday.org/>

## International Women's Day | 8 March

» <https://www.un.org/en/observances/womens-day>

## International Day of Forests | 21 March

» <https://www.un.org/en/observances/forests-and-trees-day>

## World Water Day | 22 March

» <https://www.worldwaterday.org/>



## About the Programme

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India, in partnership with **GIZ India** is implementing the Indo-German Biodiversity Programme (IGBP).

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Commissioned in India on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), the programme addresses the challenges of biodiversity conservation in five projects:

- Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystem Services (FES)
- Enhancement of Smallholder Spice Farmers' Capacities in Sustainable Farming
- Wetlands Management for Biodiversity and Climate Protection
- Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation in India (HWC)



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