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Dear Reader,

Humans have strong ability to adapt to almost any situation. This ability to survive, and even thrive, despite our condition is what helps us to envision a better tomorrow, for ourselves and for the future generations. Nations and institutions worldwide are now using the extraordinary situation created by COVID-19 for a just, transformative green recovery to rebuild resilient ecosystems and stronger interlinkages between human health, biodiversity and the environment.

Adapting to the current situation, remote working seems to be the new normal. The eighth issue of our newsletter features some of the online workshops organised by our projects, a photo essay on bird monitoring and an article on disposing medicines in an environmentally safe manner.

We thank you for your continuous support and welcome your feedback and ideas towards further improving our engagement with you.

Stay safe and healthy.

Warmly,
Ravindra Singh, Programme Director

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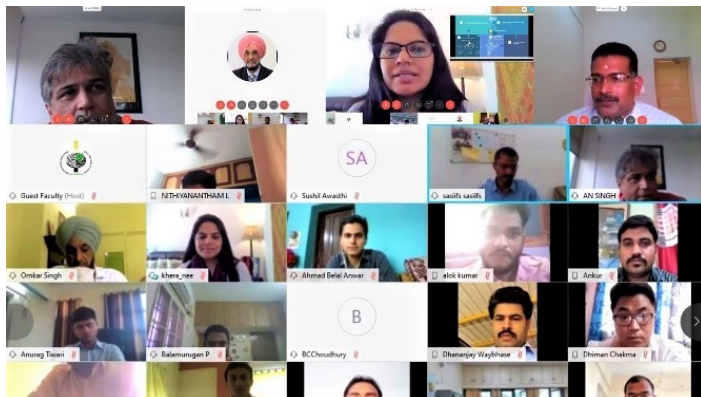
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Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation



Training on “Holistic Approach to HWC Mitigation in India”

A three-day online training for 2019-21 batch of Indian Forest Service probationary officers at the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA) Dehradun, was jointly organised from 9-11 June 2020.

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Private Business Action for Biodiversity



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Performance and Impact Monitoring Tool

The project organised an online training on 14 June 2020 with Indian companies and other stakeholders on the use of a tool to measure performance and monitor the impact of biodiversity measures on a farm and wild collection areas.

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Wetlands Management for Biodiversity and Climate Protection



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Stakeholder Consultations on Wetland Assessments

Adapting to COVID-19 lockdown, the project organised virtual consultations on hydrological and livelihood assessments of Point Calimere Ramsar site on 11 and 23 June 2020.

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Why should we count birds?

Waterbird Census at Pong Dam wetland, Himachal Pradesh

For more than two decades now, the Wildlife Division of Himachal Pradesh Forest Department has been conducting the annual waterbird census to monitor the number and population of bird species, to understand the shifting trends for better management of the Pong Dam lake. The wetland offers a rich variety of habitats for both resident and migratory birds which include grasslands, swamps, islands, forest as well as an expansive lake-water-ecosystem. This variety makes the census process really interesting as it requires teams to move on foot and by boats. The forest guards in each team play an important role here as they understand the topography and nature of various habitats inside out. This photo essay takes you through the two-day waterbird census that took place earlier this year.

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Water doesn't need medication

Disposing of medications in an ecologically safe manner

The current global COVID-19 pandemic shows yet again the vulnerability of human societies. The megatrends of recent decades - globalisation, urbanisation, loss of biodiversity and climate change - have strongly contributed to the quick development of COVID-19 into a global pandemic. The resilience of ecosystems has weakened, natural resources overused, and wildlife habitat reduced, increasing the likelihood of infectious diseases, zoonoses and global pandemics. So, I was thinking of a small step that I, apart from my work, as a private person can take. There are many options, many we already know. In this article, I want to point out one rarely mentioned: Disposing of medication the right way.

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Testimony for the HP-FES Project

“Forests are not just for fire, fuel and timber. They also offer multiple other benefits.”

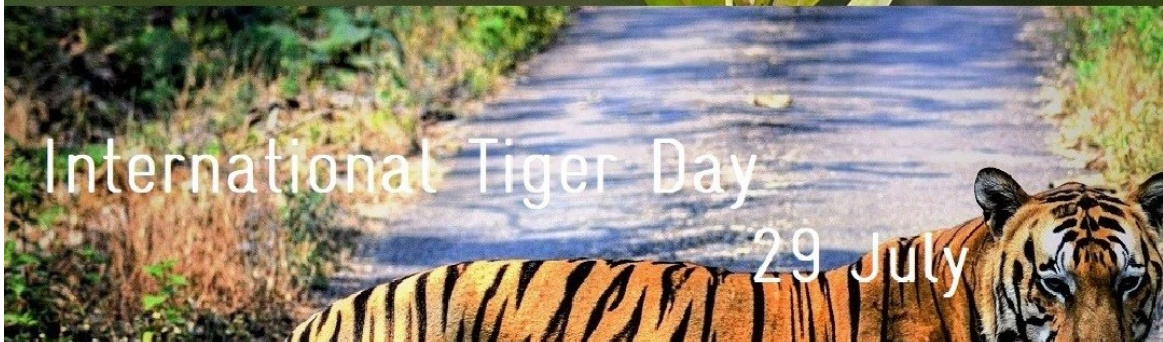
Listen to the story of how the residents of Bohal, Himachal Pradesh, a demonstration site of the **Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystem Services** (HP-FES) project managed a beautiful oak forest and also learnt to value it for the various ecosystem services it offers.

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International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem

26 July



International Tiger Day

29 July



About the Programme

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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:

- Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS)
- Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystem Services (HPFES)
- Private Business Action for Biodiversity (PBAB)
- Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation (HWC)
- Wetlands Management for Biodiversity and Climate Protection



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