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This newsletter shares project updates and thematic news from our programme

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Dear Reader,

After two years of working from home, we received an opportunity to observe the International Day of Biodiversity (IBD) in person with our partners and many of you in Chennai. Meeting a diverse group of people brought in different perspectives on approaching biodiversity management in India. It was a refreshing and necessary exercise beyond the silos of subject areas, experience and geographies.

Yesterday was the World Environment Day. The campaign on "Only One Earth" focused on "Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature" echoing the message of the UN Decade of Biodiversity and Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework on the need for urgent transformative actions to reduce biodiversity loss. It is, after all, our shared responsibility to "build a shared future for all life", which was also the theme of IBD 2022.

In the 19th issue of this newsletter, we are featuring an article on forests and climate change, our experience at the IBD exhibition and a video testimonial from one of the communities from our pilot sites. We started this newsletter three years ago and we hope it stays true to its purpose of sharing our work with you. We thank you for your support and welcome your valuable feedback towards further improving our engagement with you.

Stay safe and healthy.

**Warmly,
Editors**

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Enhancement of Smallholder Spice Farmers' Capacities in Sustainable Farming



Farmers' Training on Turmeric in Tamil Nadu

As farmers harvest turmeric in March three training sessions on post-harvest processing of turmeric led by experts were organised for farmers in Erode, Thalawadi and Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) from 28 March to 1 April.

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Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation



Training with Indian Council of Agricultural Research

on 'Taking a One Health Approach to HWC Mitigation' was organised for ADGs and Directors at ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad on 12 May.

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Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystem Services

Workshop on FES and IBMs

An awareness workshop on Forest Ecosystem Services Approach and Incentive-Based Mechanisms was organised for policymakers from Himachal Pradesh to explore concurrent approaches such as IBMs, including Payment for Ecosystem Services, on 20 March.



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Wetlands Management for Biodiversity and Climate Protection



Integrated Management Plan for Point Calimere Ramsar site

A draft IMP was prepared with the Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority and Forest Department. Meetings were organised at Nagapattinam and Thiruvavur districts with the line departments to discuss the IMP and areas for joint actions on 13 April.

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Spotlight

Forests and Climate Change

Managing Forest Ecosystem Services to Combat Climate Change

Since the onset of the industrial revolution, ecosystems are being impacted with an increased pace due to direct or indirect drivers of change. Climate change is one of the prominent drivers affecting ecosystems and their functions. As per the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report, change of forest to other land use and forest degradation has changed carbon-sinks to carbon sources in different forests across the globe. Further, the warmer and drier conditions have enhanced tree mortality and forest disturbances in many temperate and boreal biomes. These warmer conditions can further lead to potential probabilities of upslope shifting of forests at various locations across the globe.

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Telangana Forest in Himachal Pradesh ©GIZ/Aashima Negi

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International Biodiversity Day with MoEF&CC at Chennai

On 22 May 2022, on the occasion of International Day for Biodiversity, a national event and exhibition were organised by the National Biodiversity Authority, Government of India which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mr Bhupender Yadav, and Hon'ble Minister of State Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mr Ashwiny Kr. Choubey. In the vote of thanks, Dr V B Mathur, Chairperson, NBA appreciated the role of Indo-German partnerships and GIZ in strengthening the preservation and wise use of biological resources. Over the years many Indo-German projects have supported partners across India to fine-tune their biodiversity management strategies. The exhibition booth covered some of these achievements.

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Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change at the GIZ booth ©GIZ/Meenakshi Sakia



New Releases and Resources

From the community: Forest Ecosystem Services

Asha Devi is a resident of Pathervi, Himachal Pradesh. In this short video, she talks about the challenges of water scarcity that she and her fellow villagers face and the activities that helped them counter these issues as well as provide employment under the 'Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystem Services' project.

[Watch the film »](#)

Testimony from the communities



Upcoming Events

World Food Safety Day | 7 June

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

World Oceans Day | 8 June

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

World Day to Combat Desertification | 17 June

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

World Biodiversity Forum | 26 June - 1 July

» <https://www.worldbiodiversityforum.org/en>



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, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV), the programme addresses the challenges of biodiversity conservation in four 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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