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## Indo-German Biodiversity Programme Newsletter



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### Access and Benefit Sharing



**Pilot testing of training modules on operationalisation of Biodiversity Management Committees** The training was held at the Kerala Institute of Local Administration Centre for Tribal Development and Natural Resource Management, Attapadi on 26-29 August 2019

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### Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystem Services



**Training on making pine needle artefacts at Pathrevi**

The project encouraged the village communities to use pine needles as a resource for making artefacts and earning cash income. Pine-needle weaving was identified as an entry-point for using the FES approach in microplanning.

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## Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation



**A National workshop on Development of Guidelines for Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation in India** was jointly organised by GIZ, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and State Forest Department of Uttarakhand at Rishikesh on 18-19 September

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## Private Business Action for Biodiversity



**Fifth Bio Trade Congress: Linking Trade and Biodiversity** The project participated in the UN Trade Forum from 9-13 September at Geneva, with representation from the Indian Spice Industry. The event focused on the transformational change needed for businesses and trade to curb biodiversity loss.

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## Wetlands Management for Biodiversity and Climate Protection



Mangroves at Muthupet, Thiruvapur ©GIZ/Neha Owaisy

**Integrated Management of Point Calimere Ramsar Site - Current Status, Trends and Challenges** A two-day workshop, jointly organised with the Tamil Nadu Forest Department in Nagapattinam on 26-27 August, helped in establishing the main features of the wetland, observe changes

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## Spotlight

### Enough evidence to act for biodiversity!

Many reports in 2019 pushed for the urgent need for action against loss of biodiversity



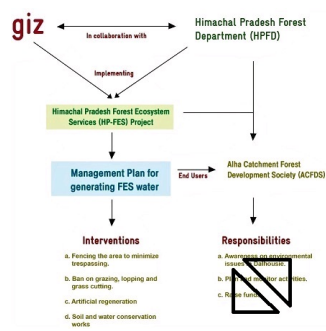
2020 will be a critical year for biodiversity. The 15 Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Kunming China will decide the post 2020 Agenda for biodiversity. The new strategy for the next decade will have to come up with tangible, ambitious and convincing proposals to end

biodiversity loss. This strategy must be based on a critical review of the CBD Global Strategy 2011-2020, in alignment with the other major multilateral environmental agreements (especially the Climate Convention), and the Agenda 2030 with the Sustainable Development Goals. Even non-environmental sectors are now conceding that degradation of nature is a threat to sustainable development at par with climate change, with a corresponding need for action.

Numerous reports in 2019 provided enough evidence to push for an urgent need to act against further loss of biodiversity. Some significant reports have been compiled below: [...read more](#)

## Payment for Ecosystem Services

Water Management at Alha Catchment Forest, Himachal Pradesh



Dalhousie is a prominent tourist destination famous for its schools and colonial era buildings. On an average, every third person in the town is a tourist (as per the estimates from the Himachal Pradesh Tourism Department-HPTD) and this number increases significantly during summers, when water scarcity is at its peak. The water supplied to the town by the Irrigation and Public Health Department is adequate only for the residents. This acute water shortage during the tourist season is addressed through tankers, and most of the springs are

replenished by tankers to recharge water in Alha catchment forest.

The Alha catchment forest has its historical significance of water provisioning to Dalhousie town. The catchment forest was carved out on watershed principles to regenerate water for the town during British rule in India. It was guarded and had controlled human entry. Biotic interference including cattle grazing, fuelwood collection and felling of trees were not allowed in order [...read more](#)

## The Future of India's Forests

Green Cluster Conference 17-18 October 2019, New Delhi

2030 is a critical benchmark for India in achieving its international commitments of creating an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent and an increased forest cover by 9%. However, these ambitious numbers might not be enough to trigger the required transformational change in India's forest management. By looking into the future, the questions arise on the pillars of India's vision of its forests. Which roadblocks are on the pathway to achieve an aspirational future? Do encouraging examples already exist? Which actions are required now?

Finding answers to these questions is the focus of GIZ India's Green Cluster annual conference on the topic "The Future of India's Forests" from 17-18th October, New Delhi. Together with our national and international partners, technical experts, practitioners and decision-makers we want to find realistic and workable solutions on how to initiate a transformative change in managing forests across sectors, scales and trade-offs. [...read more](#)



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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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