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## Indo-German Biodiversity Programme Newsletter



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### Access and Benefit Sharing



Participants at the Delhi Workshop

#### Strategic Communication for Effective

#### Implementation of ABS

The National Biodiversity Authority with GIZ organised 2 national workshops in July 2019, at Chennai and New Delhi, for representatives of 23 State Biodiversity Boards to discuss a national communication..

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### Forest Ecosystem Services

#### BMZ delegation visits FES project in Himachal Pradesh

Delegates from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the German Embassy, GIZ India and KfW (German development bank) visited the hill state in June...



The women's group was seen as an active participant in protecting forests ©GIZ/Aashima Negi

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## Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation



Handing over ceremony at Kolkata on 4th July 2019

### Strengthening Rapid Response teams at Gorumara, West Bengal

The project had implemented trainings and provided key equipment and vehicles for facilitating an efficient response from the Rapid Response Teams at the pilot sites. The handing over..

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## Private Business Action for Biodiversity



Participants at the roundtable at Kochi, Kerala

### Integrating Biodiversity into Company Policies of Spice Industries

CEO's from the Spice Industry participated in the roundtable this May along with the key representatives from National Biodiversity Authority, State ...

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## Programme



Pilot BMC members interacting with a GIZ rep. at the exhibition

### GIZ celebrates International Day for Biodiversity 2019

This year's IDB celebrations in India were held at Chennai, Tamil Nadu at an event was organised by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India in coordination with the National...

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## Spotlight

### Trondheim Conference 2019

Focusing on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

'Making Biodiversity Matter: Knowledge and Know-how for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework' was the theme for the Ninth Trondheim

The 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) during the last quarter of 2020 in Kunming, China is expected to adopt a post-2020 global biodiversity framework. This will be a stepping stone towards the 2050 Vision of "Living in harmony with nature". The post-2020 framework is now being developed with full understanding that many of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 will not have been met. However, those negotiating for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will need a clear understanding of the available evidence to help them develop a framework that is both sufficiently ambitious to achieve the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity, and at the same time ensures that biodiversity and ecosystem services support delivery of [..read more](#)

## Biodiversity Action Plans

Growing spices in a biodiversity-friendly manner

They say that variety is the spice of life.

Unfortunately, that is exactly what we seem to be losing in the Indian spice sector. Precious spices like black pepper, cardamom, nutmeg, and cinnamon, which grow in the Western Ghats, are losing their biodiversity quotient due to intensification of production and excessive use of pesticides. These are accompanied by environmental degradation in the form of forest clearance, watershed contamination, soil pollution and pesticide residues in crops.



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However, spices can be grown in a biodiversity-friendly manner. Chemical pesticides can be replaced with natural repellents and the natural biodiversity of the region can be used innovatively to bolster production. The same spices that were cultivated in the earlier days, can be cultivated again using mixed cropping methods. The global Private Business Action for [...read more](#)

## 'Beauty of Sourcing with Respect'

Key insights from UEBT Conference for effective implementation of ABS in India



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Asia was the highlight of the May 2019 Paris conference on 'Beauty of Sourcing with Respect' organised by the Union for Ethical Bioproducts (UEBT). The theme focused on rising consumer awareness in Asia, how companies cope with different Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) frameworks in the continent, understanding the complexities of Nagoya Protocol on ABS, ethical sourcing of wild collected ingredients, and due diligence in human rights.

UEBT is a non-profit association that promotes sourcing with respect and has developed a Biodiversity Barometer that measures consumer's awareness about biodiversity and how it affects purchasing decisions. The 2019 study indicated that the Asian barometer reading was overall higher than that of Europe and North America. However, India was ranked way below (40%) its Asian counterparts (China 95% , South Korea 72%, Japan 71%, Vietnam 95%). The study indicated that much [...read more](#)



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### The Future of India's Forests: GIZ's Green Cluster Conference 2019

This conference aims to provide a platform to discuss emerging scenarios facing the forestry sector in India. It brings together various stakeholders of the forestry and allied sectors to identify solutions and approaches to meet international, national and local commitments and needs. For more info: [greenindia@giz.de](mailto:greenindia@giz.de)





## 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).



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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