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Dear Reader,

It gives us great pleasure to share the fourth issue of the IGBP newsletter and the last one for 2019! We hope that the last three issues were of interest to you and would appreciate any feedback to further improve this newsletter. The compilation in this issue includes the recommendations from the October conference on 'The Future of India's Forests', a short piece on the theme of the upcoming COP 15: Ecological Civilization and updates from all the projects under IGBP.

I would like to take this opportunity to say good-bye to all of you. Not only is my stay in India ending, but I will also retire by the end of the year. After 35 years of working for the German Development Cooperation in the field of forestry, biodiversity and environment in three continents, I am really glad that I had the opportunity to finish my career in India. Travelling to different parts of India, I still feel overwhelmed by this wonderful diversity of people, cultures, landscapes and nature. I am well aware of all the challenges these treasures are facing but I could also witness the commitments of so many to safeguard this national and global heritage for future generations.

For me these were exciting years and I enjoyed all of them. I am very grateful to MoEF&CC, our partners and all those who worked for and with us, especially to the great team that makes up the Indo-German Biodiversity Programme.

I wish you all the best and happy reading!

Warmly,
Konrad Uebelhoer, Programme Director

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Access and Benefit Sharing



MoU for Training of Trainers signed in Uttarakhand

Facilitated by the project, the MoU was signed between the Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board and GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development on 7 Nov 2019 to develop a dedicated training institution...

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Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystem Services



Institutionalising Long Term Ecological Monitoring System

A five-day training on LTEM for the front-line staff of the Himachal Pradesh Forest Department was organised by the project at the Forest Training Institute Chail from 9-13 Sept 2019...

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Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation



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Meeting for Coordinators and Authors of Gaur SOP

A meeting to further develop Standard Operating Procedures for mitigating human-gaur conflict was conducted by the project on 29 Oct 2019 and hosted by Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History...

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Private Business Action for Biodiversity



Launch of National Sustainable Spice Programme

The initiative is jointly supported by the Spice Board of India, World Spice Organization, GIZ and IDH Sustainable Trade Initiative. Launched on 6 Nov 2019 in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh with a vision...

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Wetlands Management for Biodiversity and Climate Protection

Workshop on RAWES at Odisha



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A three-day training on 'Rapid Assessment of Wetland Ecosystem Services (RAWES)' for Ramsar site managers was organised at the Wetland Research and Training Centre, Chilika Development Authority on 11-13 Nov 2019.

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Spotlight

Ecological Civilization

"Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth"



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The 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15) to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Kunming, China will define the new post 2020 agenda for biodiversity and set the course for the next decade. The theme of the landmark 2020 UN Conference is "Ecological Civilization: Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth".

Perhaps you were as puzzled as I was when I heard the term 'Ecological Civilization' for the first time. But the moment you start looking it up online, you find considerable material ranging from discussions in scientific journals to symposia, roundtables, and the 17th Congress of the Chinese Communist Party in 2007. The last source, already 12 years ago, is quite intriguing...[read more](#)

Replicable models of ABS in 2019: Uttarakhand

Collaboration and Way Forward



Presented in this article are the activities and achievements of the Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) Partnership Project in collaboration with the Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board (UBB) in 2019.

Targeting to create awareness and communication strategies for better understanding of access and benefit sharing among different groups, various activities were carried out in the state of Uttarakhand. These activities focused on the Biological Diversity Act 2002 (BDA), the ABS Guidelines, the Nagoya Protocol on ABS and development, documentation and dissemination of ABS good practices...[read more](#)

The Future of India's Forests: Recommendations

Updates from the 2019 Green Cluster Conference, New Delhi

GIZ India's conference on 'The Future of India's Forests' provided a platform for national and international partners, technical experts, practitioners and decision-makers to discuss emerging scenarios facing the forestry sector in India on all three levels: local, national and international.

Zooming in and out between different levels of forest management the sessions covered three thematic areas: Forest and Climate Change, Forest Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and Forest, Trees and Livelihoods. The event also witnessed the use of digital tools by the participants to collect and vote on relevant questions. The top five recommendations from each session...[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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