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## Indo-German Biodiversity Programme Newsletter



**This newsletter shares project updates and thematic news from our programme**

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Dear Reader,

In a few months countries worldwide will get together at Kunming, China for the fifteenth meeting of the conference of parties to the Convention of Biological Diversity and consider the first draft of the Global Biodiversity Framework that was released on 12 July. The first draft urges for "an integrated approach to guarantee that action is taken to employ the essential tools needed to reverse biodiversity loss and its impact on ecosystems, species and people and that efforts are galvanised at all levels to build a better future in harmony with nature."

On the same lines, in the fourteenth issue of this newsletter, we talk about partnerships for biodiversity based on the recommendations of this framework. We've also included some interesting films on sustainable ecotourism in the Himalayas and best practice manuals on raising nurseries and conducting consultations with local bodies towards biodiversity management. We thank you for your support and welcome your valuable feedback towards further improving our engagement with you.

**Stay safe and healthy.**

Warmly,  
Editors

### UPDATES FROM THE PROJECTS

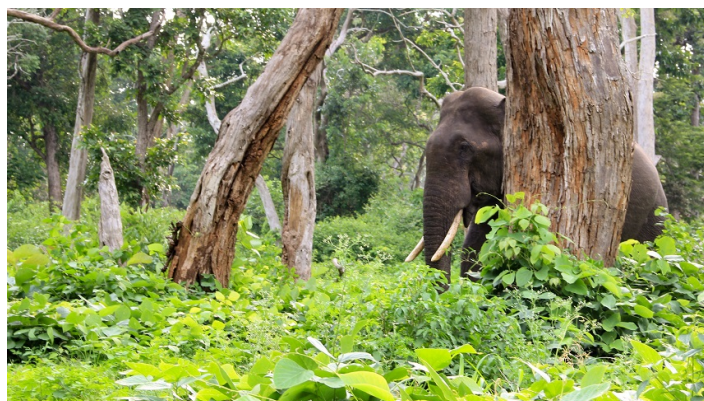
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## Updates from the Projects

### Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation in India



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#### Pilot Implementation of HWC Mitigation Guidelines Begins

The project with MoEFCC and State Forest Departments of Karnataka, Uttarakhand and West Bengal organised an online workshop on 1 July 2021 which commenced the pilot implementation of species-specific guidelines on HWC mitigation in India.

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### Enhancement of Smallholder Spice Farmers' Capacities in Sustainable Farming



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#### Training Cardamom Farmers

The developPPP.de project organised the first training for the farmers of Idukki district, Kerala, on 'Sustainable Cardamom Cultivation Practices' on 28 June 2021 in the local language. Many women farmers joined the virtual training.

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## Spotlight

### The Future of Partnerships for Biodiversity

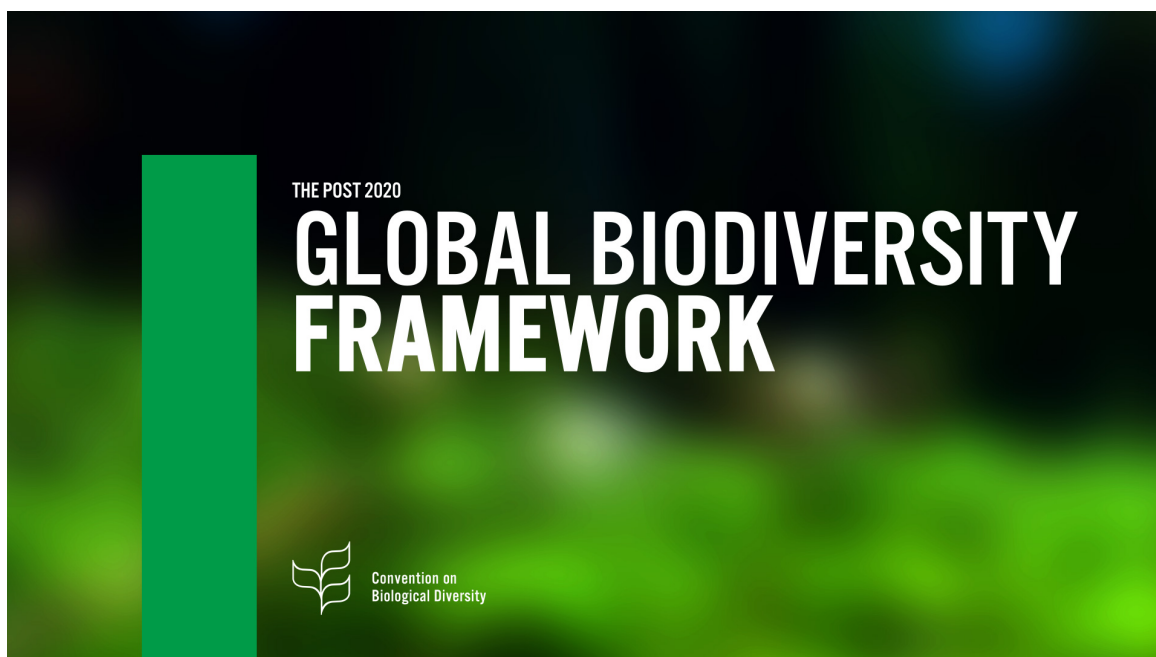
The first draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

On 12 July, in a virtual press conference, the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat released the official first draft of a new Global Biodiversity Framework. This framework aims to guide actions worldwide through 2030 to preserve and protect nature and its essential services to people. It proposes 21 targets and 10 'milestones' for 2030, en route to 'living in harmony with nature' by 2050, a vision adopted by 196 member parties of the CBD in 2010.

"Urgent policy action globally, regionally and nationally is required to transform economic, social and financial models so that the trends that have exacerbated biodiversity loss will stabilise by 2030 and

allow for the recovery of natural ecosystems in the following 20 years, with net improvements by 2050”, said CBD Executive Secretary Elizabeth Maruma Mrema during the press conference. The framework operates on the theory of change which assumes that transformative actions are taken to..

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## New Releases and Resources

### Sustainable Ecotourism at Shangarh, Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh Forest Department has been attempting to engage the communities of Shangarh, a pilot site of the HP-FES project, in the conservation of a UNESCO world heritage site, 'The Great Himalayan National Park'. This trailer showcases capacity development initiatives such as birdwatching, trekking, cooking, and homestays operations conducted to empower communities in managing sustainable eco-sensitive tourism.

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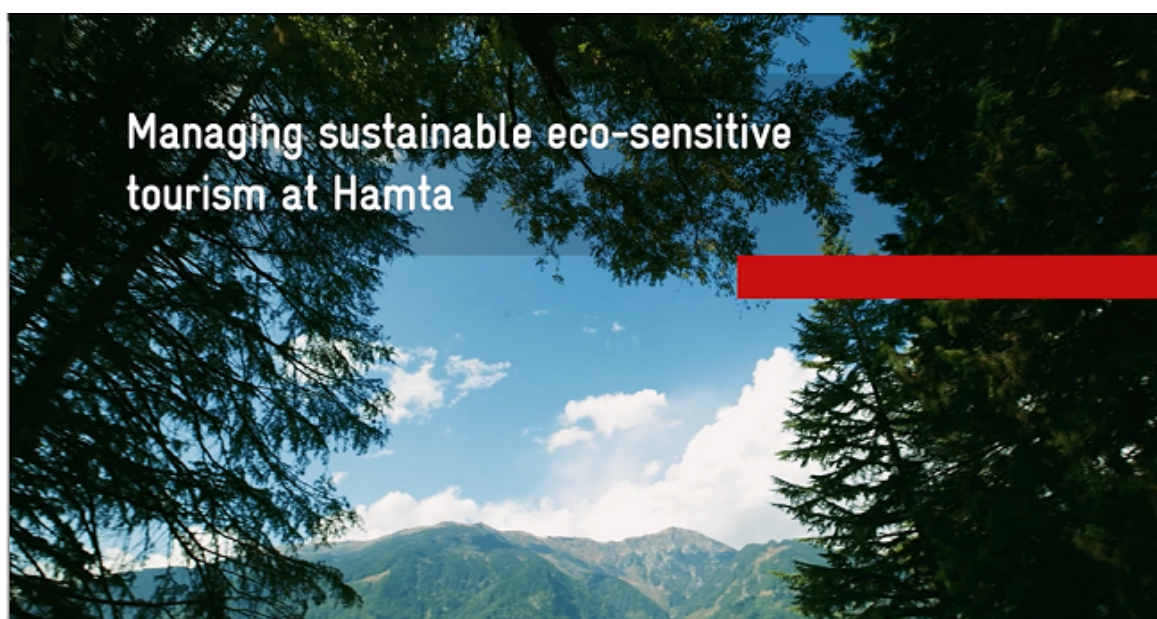
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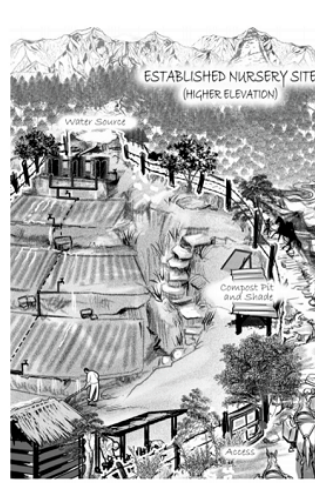
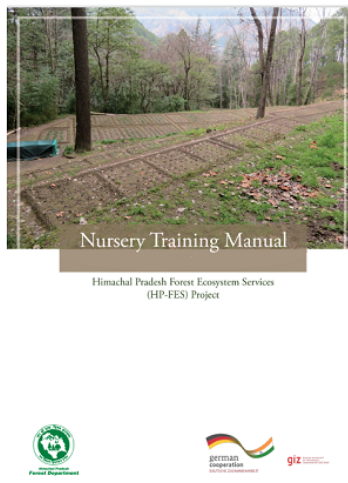
## Sustainable Ecotourism at Hamta, Himachal Pradesh

Hamta is one of the most pristine sites of Himachal Pradesh, outside of having high camping pressure and unsustainable trekking footfall. It is also a pilot site of the HP-FES project. This trailer showcases major capacity development activities conducted with the communities who form the core workforce behind managing sustainable eco-sensitive tourism.

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## Nursery Training Manual

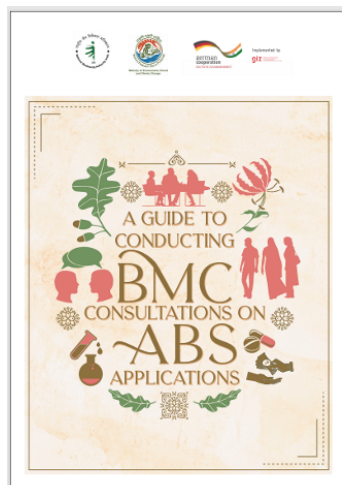
Socio-economic surveys with local communities in Himachal Pradesh indicated that water supply is the most crucial ecosystem service. This manual covers the important step of nursery establishment to produce robust tree saplings to maximise good forest cover. Well-established vegetation intercepts



and retains precipitation and enhances the water storage capacity of the soil below.

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## A Guide to Conducting BMC Consultations on ABS Applications



This guide is meant for State Biodiversity Boards, Biodiversity Councils and organisations authorised by them to support Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) in fulfilling their role as prescribed in the Biological Diversity Act, 2002. The topics discussed in the guide are also useful for BMC secretaries and Technical Support Groups.

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## Upcoming Events

### International Youth Day, 12 August

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

### World Elephant Day, 12 August

### Third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework | 23 August – 3 September (virtual)

» <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2021/ntf-2021-041-wg-post2020-en.pdf>

### IUCN World Congress, 3 - 11 September 2021

» <https://www.iucncongress2020.org/>



## 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:

- Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystem Services in the Western Himalayas (HIMFES)
- Enhancement of Smallholder Spice Farmers' Capacities in Sustainable Farming
- Wetlands Management for Biodiversity and Climate Protection
- Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation in India (HWC)
- Private Business Action for Biodiversity (PBAB)



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