

In Case You Missed It:

## The Best of Our 2024 Newsletters

Whether you missed some of our updates or need a quick recap, here's the gist of what we covered in 2024 - stories of change, progress, and new tools and resources:

### Celebrating Women in Conservation



Our 2024 newsletter highlighted stories of women at the forefront of conservation. Their stories are proof that gender equality and environmental sustainability go hand in hand.

- Weaves of Empowerment: Unlocking Opportunities for Women-led Forest-based Enterprises through Sustainable Forest Management**

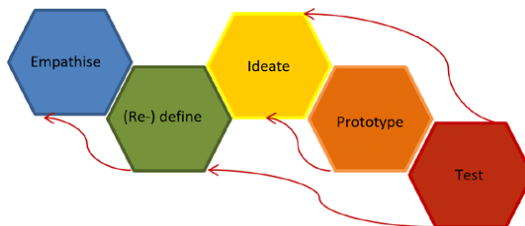
In Pathrevi village, women such as Hansa have overcome traditional economic limitations by creating products from pine fibre. Forming a producer group, they developed entrepreneurial skills.  
[Read more about this transformation here](#)
- Cultivating Change: Inspiring tale of a woman practicing Sustainable Spice Farming**

Kausalya's journey in sustainable farming highlights the impact of providing women with the tools and knowledge to bring change. She broke through social barriers, becoming a force for positive change, both in farming practices and empowering her community.  
[Learn more about Kausalya's story here](#)
- Guardians of Wetlands: Women in Wetlands**

Women are at the heart of wetland management, whether it's in aquaculture or paddy cultivation. This article highlights story of women in wetlands and their role in decision-making and capacity-building.  
[Discover more on the relationship between women and wetland conservation here](#)
- Bridging the Eco-Gender Gap**

This piece addressed the "eco-gender gap," pointing out how women often lead the way in adopting sustainable practices. The article called for dismantling cultural stereotypes and ensuring equal participation in conservation efforts.  
[Read more on the eco-gender gap here](#)

### Spotlights of Interest



#### NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN 2030



Here are some of the spotlight articles that shed light on various pressing ideas that need our collective attention.

1. **Neglected Risks of Veterinary Drug Use in Livestock: A Call for One Health**

Diclofenac, a drug used in veterinary care, poses a significant threat to wildlife, especially vultures. We called for a One Health approach to address the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health.

[Read more here](#)

2. **India's NBSAP 2030: Leading the Momentum to Integrate Biodiversity into Society and Economy**

We took a deep dive into India's updated National Biodiversity Action Plan (NBSAP) 2030, which provides a roadmap for integrating biodiversity into all sectors of society and the economy.

[Learn more about India's leadership in biodiversity conservation here](#)

3. **Ideas to Impact: Effective Communication in Sustainable Resource Management through Design Thinking**

This article showcased how design thinking is helping make complex environmental issues more accessible. This approach is particularly useful in community-based environmental work, like in the Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystem Services Project.

[Find out more here](#)

## Key Resources from 2024



We're committed to providing tools and resources to support the work of communities and conservationists. Last year, we launched several tools and resources to further support biodiversity efforts:

1. **Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool for Indian Wetlands**

A tool to assess and improve wetland management practices, ensuring they meet sustainability goals.

[Explore the tool here](#)

2. **E-learning Course on Wetland Conservation and Management in India**

An accessible online course on wetland conservation for those interested in learning at their own pace.

[Join the course here](#)

3. **Sustainable Farming Handbooks and Manuals**

For small-scale farmers, these knowledge products on sustainable pest management, nutrients, soil health, and farming practices are packed with tips to improve the production of spices like cardamom, cumin, and turmeric. These products are available in English, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam and Tamil.

[Read more here](#)

4. **Storybook on Bhitarkanika's Mangroves**

A beautiful storybook for young readers, showcasing the importance of mangroves in protecting coastal communities.

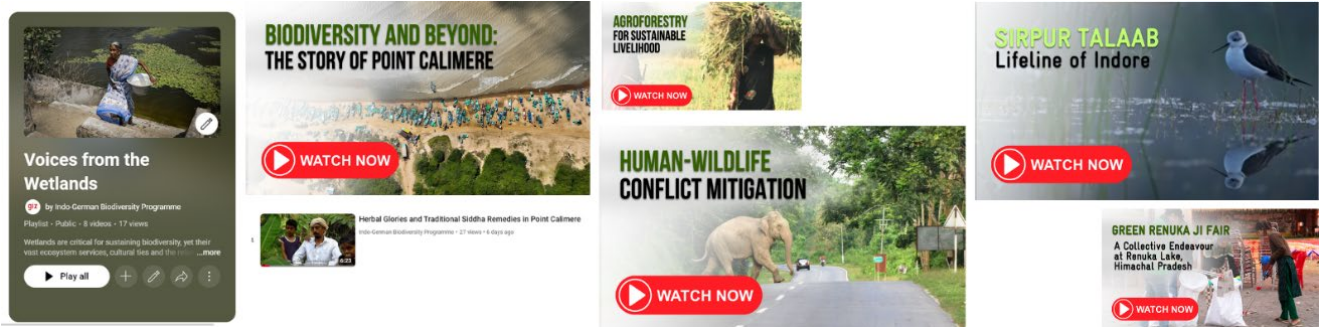
[Read the storybook here](#)

5. **Wetland Word Map of India**

A growing database that celebrates the cultural and ecological significance of wetlands across India.

[Explore the map here](#)

## The Reel Recap: Films released in 2024



Our documentaries also helped bring our conservation work to life:

### 1. **Sirpur Talaab - Lifeline of Indore**

A Ramsar site preserved through the combined efforts of citizens and government.

Watch the film which opened the Wetlands for LiFE film Festival in [English](#) and [Hindi](#).

### 2. **Green Renuka Ji Fair - A Collective Endeavour at Renuka Lake, Himachal Pradesh**

A collaborative effort that helped make the annual fair at this culturally significant Wetland of International Importance a waste-free initiative.

[Watch the full film here](#) and the shorter version [here](#).

### 3. **Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation:** Efforts to mitigate the impact of human-wildlife conflict are key to preserving biodiversity and maintaining livelihoods.

Watch the video [here](#).

### 4. **Biodiversity and Beyond: The Story of Point Calimere**

Highlighting the role of Point Calimere Sanctuary in biodiversity conservation.

[Watch the full film here in English](#) and [Tamil](#). The shorter versions are also available in [Tamil](#) and [English](#).

### 5. **Agroforestry for Sustainable Livelihood**

Focused on the potential of agroforestry for climate resilience and sustainable livelihoods.

[Watch the video here](#).

### 6. **Voices from the Wetlands**

A video series developed by the community members from different Ramsar sites, offering unique insights into wetland conservation from the people themselves.

[Watch the playlist here](#).

### 7. **Guardians of Wetlands**

A video compilation with support of various partners was also curated to showcase the role of women stewardship in conservation and wise use of wetlands.

Watch the [English](#) and [Hindi](#) versions.

## Looking Ahead to 2025

In 2025, we will continue to build on the progress achieved in 2024, with a focus on consolidating sectoral impact and advancing Indo-German Technical Cooperation on Biodiversity. Strengthening collaborations with communities, governments, knowledge partners, and commissioning partners will remain central to achieving our goals. We look forward to continuing this journey and sharing more stories, initiatives, and resources that contribute to building a future where people and nature thrive together.

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