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This newsletter shares project updates and thematic news from our programme

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Dear Reader,

As we breeze into Delhi summer, we are looking forward to the upcoming UN Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP15) and XV World Forestry Congress in May. Significant recent developments include the UNEA Resolution to 'end plastic pollution' and the IPCC Working Group II report, Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability. The report urges ambitious, accelerated actions to adapt to climate change to avoid mounting loss of life, biodiversity and infrastructure. Meanwhile, Parties to the Convention on Biodiversity are currently meeting in Geneva to finalise the draft of the new Global Biodiversity Framework and to better prepare for the proceedings in Kunming in a few months, towards effectively bending the curve of biodiversity loss.

In the eighteenth issue of this newsletter, we bring to you a perspective on gender and forests and an animated film on organic agriculture and the best ways to practice it. We thank you for your support and welcome your valuable feedback towards further improving our engagement with you.

Stay safe and healthy.

**Warmly,
Editors**

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Enhancement of Smallholder Spice Farmers' Capacities in Sustainable Farming



ICS Training for Organic Certification of Spices

A two-day virtual training on Internal Control System (ICS) was organised with an organic certification expert, turmeric and cardamom crop experts, farmers and the field team from AVT McCormick from 8-9 March 2022.

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Spotlight

Forests and Gender

Gender Responsive Incentive-Based Mechanisms for Sustainable Forest Management

The future of forests is inextricably linked to gender wherein adopting a gender-centric approach is necessary to achieve desired collaborations during the implementation and in the outcomes of performance-based, incentivised, and community-led management of forest resources. While both men and women are legitimate actors in the consumption and conservation of forest resources, they perceive these resources and their respective roles quite differently. They differ in their knowledge, utility of forest resources, and, most importantly, the agency to make decisions, which steers and shapes their concerns and priorities.

The global discourse on sustainable forest management is now increasingly being directed towards policy interventions that focus on incentivising community-driven forest governance while constructively addressing gender norms.

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New Releases and Resources

Organic Agriculture

Organic agriculture is a system that brings together the farmer, soil, plants, farm animals, insects and local conditions, just like the body of a living organism. But what are the benefits of organic agriculture and how can it be practised? To learn more watch this animated film produced under the developPPP.de project on 'Enhancement of Smallholder Spice Farmers' Capacities in Sustainable Farming'.

[Watch the film »](#)



World Health Day | 7 April

» <https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/>

UN Biodiversity Conference, Part-II | 25 April – 8 May 2022

» <https://www.cbd.int/article/new-dates-cop15-virtual-2021-facetoface-2022>

XV World Forestry Congress | 2 - 6 May 2022

» <https://wfc2021korea.org/index.html>

UN Convention to Combat Desertification COP-15 | 9 - 20 May 2022

» <https://www.unccd.int/cop15>

World Bee Day | 20 May

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

International Day for Biological Diversity | 22 May

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



About the Programme

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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:

- Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystem Services (FES)
- Enhancement of Smallholder Spice Farmers' Capacities in Sustainable Farming
- Wetlands Management for Biodiversity and Climate Protection
- Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation in India (HWC)



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