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This newsletter shares project updates and thematic news from our programme

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Dear Reader,

It's been two years since we started the IGBP Newsletter. We thank you for your valuable support and hope you have enjoyed the journey so far... and if you're new here – welcome! We hope this newsletter piques your interest to learn more about biodiversity, its conservation and management, and the Indo-German biodiversity projects in India.

This newsletter comes to you amid two significant days – the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD, 22 May) and the World Environment (WED, 5 June). While IBD 2021 focused on the idea of taking responsibility and becoming ('We are) a part of the solution', WED 2021 focuses on 'Ecosystem Restoration', based on the UN Decade from 2021-2030, towards healthier ecosystems for better livelihoods and halting biodiversity loss. Both themes achieve greater meaning in light of the COVID-19 pandemic which continues to affect us globally, and they envision a better future where humans and nature are in harmony again.

In the thirteenth issue, we bring to you the topic of incentivising ecosystem services with examples from Himachal Pradesh and field experiences from Bhitarkanika, a pilot site where green recovery measures are being implemented. 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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ToT with nine premier training institutes of India

A four-day Training of Trainers for effective delivery of courses on a holistic approach to human-wildlife conflict mitigation was organised virtually with Dale Carnegie and the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy from 11-14 May 2021.

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Spotlight

Incentives for a Sustained Flow of Forest Ecosystem Services

Strengthening alternative tools to manage FES

Payment for ecosystem services is applied as an incentive-based mechanism to translate values of ecosystems into incentives for local actors for aiding in its improved flow and management. These can involve cash or in-kind payment for the service provider. The process is similar as buying any other product or service. The buyer is identified, the market conditions understood, and the service provider legally and institutionally recognised.

Widely integrating a variety of incentive-based mechanisms will act a means of motivating protection and restoration of other ecosystem services. In India, the state of Himachal Pradesh leads the development of a policy for payment for ecosystem services that was formulated in 2013.

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Water source at Bohal, Himachal Pradesh ©GIZ/Aashima Negi

Transitioning towards Green Recovery

Stories and experiences from Bhitarkanika, Odisha

In 2020, the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic brought Devjani's life to a standstill. Residents of Kendrapara district, Odisha, she and her husband, a daily wage labourer, began looking for alternate means of income to support their family of six. At the time, Devjani's work in the local Self-Help Group had also slowed down, compelling them to live off little savings. Many daily wage labourers began returning to their work in the cities after the first wave, but the second wave of the pandemic has endangered lives and means of livelihood again.

Kendrapara is also home to the Bhitarkanika mangroves, a Ramsar wetland, and project pilot site where green recovery measures were initiated in January 2021 to support livelihoods, create avenues to generate income while focusing on conservation and ecosystem restoration in the longer run.

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Vegetable garden at a village in Kendrapara district, Odisha ©GIZ/APOWA



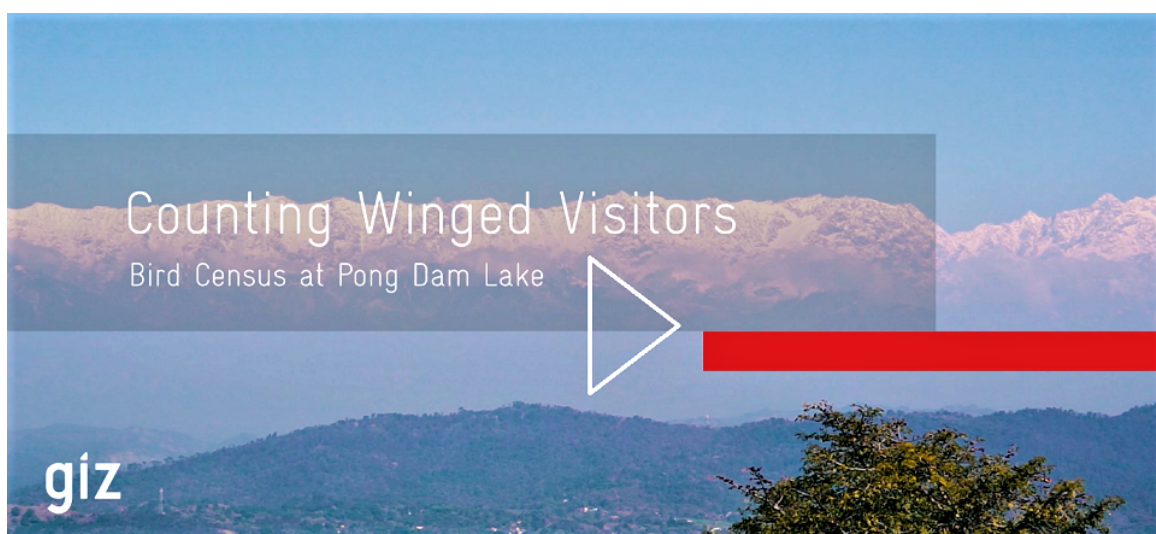
New Releases and Resources

Counting Winged Visitors: Pong Bird Census

For more than two decades, the Wildlife Division of Himachal Pradesh Forest Department has been conducting the annual waterbird census. This training film follows them on their census exercise at the Pong dam wetland, showcasing the step-by-step process of conducting this exercise and its contribution towards better management of the wetland.

[Watch the film »](#)

[Film with Hindi subtitles »](#)



Strengthening Spice Farmers in Sustainable Farming



This brochure offers a quick glimpse of the new develop public private partnership project implemented by GIZ and AVT McCormick Ingredients Pvt Ltd, 'Enhancement of Smallholder Spice Farmers' Capacities in Sustainable Farming', implemented in four Indian states: Rajasthan, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

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Strategy, Action Plans, Guidelines and Toolkits: HWC Mitigation

This brief document gives a quick outline into the project's holistic approach, various frameworks, guiding elements to be considered and the flow of work towards



preparing the national and state strategies and action plans, Standard Operating Procedures, guidelines and toolkits for human-wildlife mitigation in India.

English »



Upcoming Events

World Environment Day, 5 June

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

World Oceans Day, 8 June

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

World Day to Combat Desertification, 17 June

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

Webinar: Financial Sector & Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, 17-18 June

» <https://www.cbd.int/article/finance-and-global-biodiversity-framework-webinar>



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).

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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 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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