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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,**

India and Germany signed a Joint Declaration of Intent on the Partnership for Green and Sustainable Development in May 2022 to address the challenges related to green and sustainable development, climate change and the environment. As Global Partners, both countries support a long-term cooperation agenda for achieving the SDGs and their respective climate targets with a focus on conservation, protection and sustainable use of natural resources, agro-ecological transformation, the Bonn Challenge and forest landscape restoration, ecosystem restoration, environment and biodiversity protection to implement the future Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), among other targets. Both agreed that sustainable development is essential to ensure that more people have access to good health, healthy ecosystems and ecosystem services, education, employment and a better standard of living, especially in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recognising how biodiversity loss is jeopardising sustainable economic development and human health and wellbeing globally the Group of Seven (G7) nations advocated urgent steps towards adopting a transformative GBF at the G7 Summit in June. While pushing towards timely implementation of the GBF for an ambitious and effective framework to be adopted at the 15<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties of the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD COP 15) they also committed to revising and enhancing their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans by CBD COP 16. They reiterated their support for the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, and increasing ambitious restoration initiatives nationally, regionally, and globally.

Acknowledging that digitalisation can significantly contribute to combating climate change and protecting the environment the countries urged for harnessing net-zero, nature-positive, and resource-efficient economies and digital ecosystems. In the 20<sup>th</sup> issue of our newsletter, we are featuring an article on digital tools and biodiversity and an animated short film on regenerative

organic agriculture. 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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### **Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation**



#### **National Workshop at MoEF&CC**

A two-day national workshop on developing Implementer's Toolkits for the HWC-National Action Plan and guidelines for HWC mitigation was organised at the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in Delhi from 5-6 June.

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### **Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystem Services**



#### **Agroforestry in Bundelkhand**

A workshop and field visit on 'Understanding the Priorities, Challenges and Opportunities for Agroforestry in Bundelkhand Region' was organised in Jhansi, Madhya Pradesh on 17 June

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## **Spotlight**

### **Digital Tools and Biodiversity**

Digitalisation brings many challenges to international cooperation, including inadequate infrastructure, a skills shortage and problems with IT security, but also many opportunities. It can be a game changer: it can change the framework conditions, provide networking opportunities beyond borders and open up new avenues for action. This has proven especially relevant during the coronavirus pandemic and will remain so after it.

The last few years have seen an increased need, interest and launch of many digital tools in India for outreach and governance. Some tools were developed under the ambit of the Indo-German partnership jointly with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the National Biodiversity Authority and the Himachal Pradesh Forest Department in the thematic areas of sustainable use of biodiversity, forest ecosystem services, wetland management and human-wildlife conflict mitigation. While most tools were developed to help policymakers in effective decision-making by providing relevant and up-to-date information from the field, the others also created a space for discussion, exchange and citizen science.

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## New Releases and Resources

### Regenerative Organic Agriculture

This film focuses on how regenerative organic agriculture strengthens the health and vitality of farm soil, enhances ecosystem services, and increases resilience to climate change. It was produced under a [pilot project on regenerative organic spice cultivation](#) implemented in the Western Ghats of India. The film is available in English and Malayalam.

[Watch the film »](#)



## Upcoming Events

### International Youth Day | 12 August

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

### World Water Week | 23 Aug - 1 Sept

» <https://www.worldwaterweek.org/>

### International Day of Clean Air for blue skies | 7 September

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



## About the Programme

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India, in partnership with **GIZ India** is implementing the Indo-German Biodiversity Programme (IGBP).

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**PROGRAMME**

Commissioned in India on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV), the programme addresses the challenges of biodiversity conservation in four 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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