

Facilitating the establishment of Biodiversity Heritage Sites, Biodiversity Management Committees and Peoples Biodiversity Registers in a Participatory manner

The Velas to Dabhol coast stretch is a Conservation and Sustainable Management of Coastal & Marine Protected Areas (CMPA) site spread over 60 km in the Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra. Beaches along this coast have become popular as sea turtle nesting sites and turtle conservation effort by the community. This stretch is a conducive social environment for participatory conservation.

The village council of two villages Velas and Anjarle have sent consent letters to the Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board (MSBB) to have their coast declared as Biodiversity Heritage Sites, as a result of the CMPA Project.

The CMPA Project in partnership with the Mangrove Cell Maharashtra, the Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board, and Sahyadri Nisarg Mitra, has facilitated the establishment of the Biodiversity Heritage Sites through several measures



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Desk Reviews, Baseline Biodiversity Surveys, Stake holder analysis

These studies generated base-line data about stakeholders and biodiversity which will help create PBRs, declare Biodiversity heritage sites and monitor biodiversity.

Establishment of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC)

The formation of 19 BMCs has been facilitated through the project in the Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra.

Compiling Peoples Biodiversity Registers (PBR)

PBRs for five villages, Anjarle, Aade, Padale, Kelshi, and Velas have been completed. PBRs for 14 other villages are partially complete.



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