

Sahbhagita: Workshop for Conservation and Wise Use of Wetlands

**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Government of India**

**National Center for Sustainable Coastal Management,
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Workshop Report

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) organized a National Workshop for Developing a Roadmap for Participatory Conservation and Wise-Use of Wetlands. Titled 'Sahbhagita', the workshop was held on May 21, 2022, at the National Center for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The workshop was held under the aegis of the GEF-UNEP-MoEFCC-funded Integrated Management of Wetlands Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services project and attended by 117 participants. These included wetlands managers from 40 wetlands of international and national importance, 18 representatives from State and UT Wetland Authorities, 14 corporates, 14 wetland champions, 5 NGOs, six knowledge partners, three experts from the National Wetlands Committee, 10 officials from WISA and GIZ and four officials from the wetlands division of the Ministry. The agenda of the workshop is in Annex 1, and the List of Participants at Annex 2.

The workshop was held in two sessions. The morning session chaired by Mrs Manju Pandey (Joint Secretary, MoEFCC) included discussions on key elements of the participatory national wetlands conservation and wise use policy. The second session, chaired by Hon'ble Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mr Bhupender Yadav, included felicitation of the wetland champions, presentation of the round table results, and dialogue with the wetlands managers and decision-makers.

Session 1. Roundtable Discussions on National Policy for Wetlands Conservation and Wise Use

The session began with Prof Ramesh Ramachandran (Director, NCSCM) welcoming all participants to the workshop. In her opening remarks, Mrs Manju Pandey (Joint Secretary, MoEFCC) stated that the time was ripe to broaden interventions in wetlands conservation from being largely regulatory to one that enables a participatory governance and action environment.

Dr Ritesh Kumar (Director, Wetlands International South Asia) presented an overview of the current status of wetlands of national and international significance, building a case for relooking wetlands management from a

development convergence perspective while engaging diverse stakeholders groups.

The workshop participants then moved into three parallel round table sessions on the following themes:

1: Building convergence with conservation and development plans and programmes and investments at various levels (Chaired by Prof T V Ramachandra, Member, National Wetlands Committee and moderated by Mr Suresh Babu (WWF-India) and Mr Rajasekhar Ratti, MoEFCC)

2: Creating an enabling and participatory governance environment for Sahbhagita (Chaired by Dr Surabhi Mehrotra, Member, National Wetlands Committee and moderated by Dr Goldin Quadros (SACON) and Mr Chandan Singh (MoEFCC))

3: Bridging the science-policy-action divide to support Sahbhagita (Chaired by Prof Rajiv Sinha, Member, National Wetlands Committee and moderated by Dr Purvaja Ramachandran (NCSCM) and Raghu kumar Kodali (MoEFCC)).

Roundtable 1: Building Convergence

The roundtable discussed the following questions:

- How can we develop management plans differently to ensure convergence?
- How can we ensure the integration of wetlands within plans and programmes of different sectors?
- How can the private sector be made a partner for wetlands conservation? How can private sector contribution be beyond supporting CSR projects?
- How can wetlands outside the protected area network be brought within the folds of conservation and management actions?
- How can civil society be made a partner in wetland conservation and sustainable management?

Developing management plans differently to support convergence

- Through establishing and strengthening a district-level institutional arrangement for the management of wetlands.
- By aligning the management action plans with existing sectoral schemes and programmes.
- Supporting the preparation of wetlands inventory, with decadal information and Integrated Management Plans of the wetland at a district level.
- Simplifying and streamlining the management plan design processes so that an Integrated Management Plan is developed with the involvement of all the stakeholders in a shorter time frame.

Integration of wetlands management in plans and programs of different sectors

- Developing and disseminating Standard Operating Procedures for wetlands conservation for different sectors - such as urban development, tourism, rural development, and others.

- Integrating wetlands management within the district level plans for the environment, disaster risk reduction, rural development, and others.
- Securing convergence funds for implementing management plans through allocation within the district and state-level development plans.
- Through strategic communications, outreach, and capacity building to inspire other sectors and actors.

Private sector engagement

- Through partnering with the corporate sector for capacity building for corporate professionals, implementation of conservation actions, and adopting wetlands/ Ramsar sites for conservation.
- Need-based assessments to identify and establish technology accelerator laboratories in partnership with the private sector to facilitate technology adoption and diffusion in wetlands management.
- Establishing a 'Carbon Credits Scheme' based on carbon sequestration potential created or restored based on wise use principles.
- Assisting the private sector in reducing their wetland footprints by building sensitivity towards natural capital interdependencies and risks.

Expanding wetlands network beyond protected areas

- Through strategic communication to raise awareness on ecosystem services of wetlands outside protected area sites, and promote the revival of traditional practices.
- Implementing a dedicated programme focused on conservation of urban wetlands.
- Integrating wetlands management in the State Action Plan for Climate Change.
- Promoting decentralized governance through BMCs to manage individual wetlands at Panchayat levels.

Ensuring civil society partnerships

- Making civil society engagement an integral part of the management plan preparation, implementation, and monitoring through citizen science programs such as Wetland Health Card, and Asian Waterbird Census.
- Developing the capacity of civil society members in wetlands management.
- Engaging youth (schools and educational institutions) through programs such as "one school, one wetland" - schools adopting a wetland and taking responsibility for the maintenance and conservation of the wetland through the involvement of the students.

Roundtable 2: Creating Participatory Governance Arrangements

The roundtable discussed the following questions:

- What are the measures that need to be adopted to create a wetlands governance system which enables stewardship, Inclusion, and participation?
- How can local communities and individuals be made a partner in wetlands conservation?
- How can an inter-sectoral work environment be created to support wetland management actions at the site, district, and state levels?
- How can such a monitoring mechanism be amplified and replicated at a

large scale?

Creating a wetlands governance system that enables stewardship, Inclusion, and participation:

- Wetland Authorities may develop wetland missions with clear targets and outcomes, priority wetlands, clear timeframes, implementation plans with working arrangements with different sectors and stakeholders.
- Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 may be amended to provide provisions for empowering and engaging local communities in the decision-making process.

Building partnering of local communities and individuals in wetlands conservation:

- Management actions must be guided by clear stakeholder identified and structured engagement. Stakeholders may be mapped in terms of the interdependencies on the wetland ecosystem, and degree to which they can engage and be impacted due to changes in wetlands status.
- For wetlands that are surrounded by croplands, schemes like organic agriculture, crop insurance and others may be implemented to encourage fringe populations of farmers in wetlands conservation.
- Additional and alternate livelihood programmes may be designed for communities having private lands within wetlands. Management plans should create opportunities for incentivizing these communities through engagement in various phases of management plan design, implementation and monitoring.
- Citizens may be encouraged to become 'wetlands mitra'.
- Individual efforts for wetlands conservation may be recognized with suitable awards.

Creation of an inter-sectoral work environment to support wetland management actions at the site, district, and state-level:

- District Wetland Committees may be constituted and entrusted with the responsibility of recommending management plans for approval of the State / UT Wetlands Authority, and building convergence with ongoing development plans and programmes.
- Dedicated wetlands managers may be designated for each wetland, who should be responsible for coordinating management plan formulation at site level, and implementing these in convergence with line departments, local self-governments, civil society organizations, research organizations, and knowledge partners.
- Public-private partnership for wetlands conservation should be encouraged at site, district, and state levels.

Amplification and replication of monitoring mechanism at a large scale:

- Local communities should be engaged in wetlands monitoring through structured capacity development, and preparation of wetland health cards.
- Mobile applications on wetlands may be developed to provide access to information on wetlands to general public.
- All wetlands of national and international importance should be covered within systematic management effectiveness assessment. The assessment findings should be used to adjudge whether revisions in management are

required.

- Wetlands of national and international significance may be covered under national hydrological monitoring programmes (such as National Water Quality Assessment Network, and National Grid of Hydro-meteorological observation stations of the Central Water Commission)

Roundtable 3: Bridging science-policy-action divide

The roundtable discussed the following questions:

- Improving the incorporation of robust science and plural knowledge in wetlands management?
- How can the capabilities of research institutions be leveraged to support wetland conservation and management?
- What are the critical elements of a behavioral change program that can incentivize affirmative behavior for wetland conservation and sustainable management?
- In which areas of wetlands conservation and sustainable management can such tools be made use of? What enabling mechanisms are required?
- What needs to be done to address the training and capacity needed to support wetlands conservation and sustainable management?

Improving the incorporation of robust science and plural knowledge in wetlands management

- Wetland sites may be linked with knowledge and research institutions for support with scientific studies, inventorization, identification, and analysis of threats and issues on-site.
- A dedicated wetlands research program within MoEFCC may be established based on priorities set by wetlands managers.
- Mapping and documentation of wetlands at multiple scales (basin-scale to individual wetland scale) should be done to holistically understand the dynamics of the sites.
- There should be documentation and incorporation of local traditional knowledge in the management of the wetlands.
- There is a need to improve quantitative information on wetland ecosystem functions, monitoring, and assessment (water storage, flood abatement, carbon sequestration, water quality improvement) which should be in collaboration with research agencies and knowledge partners.

Leveraging the capacity of research institutions:

- Institutions involved in the development and implementation of wetland management plans should be acknowledged as legitimate partners.
- There is a need for dedicating schemes for funding wetland conservation-related programs at knowledge and research institutions.
- Strengthening organizations with dedicated programs, academic credits, etc., can motivate researchers to work for wetland conservation.
- There should be a specialized training program for institutions and project personnel related to wetlands and their conservation and management.

Behaviour change programme

- Field visits and demonstrations through leaflets/ simple scientific outputs and maps can facilitate behavior change.
- Monitoring the wetland on a constant basis through local wetland committees can create a sense of connection to wetlands.
- Documentation of distinctive characteristics and benefits of a particular wetland can encourage people to conserve it.
- Quantification and evaluation of ecosystem services including gender equity can provide visible benefits.
- Awareness regarding controlled/ sustainable usage of wetland resources based on Integrated Management Plans including alternative livelihood options can lead to positive behavioral changes regarding wetland protection.
- Awareness creation by highlighting uses and benefits, traditional knowledge, cultural program, and wetland mela should be done.
- There is a need to communicate 'scientific data' in laymen's terms in order to inform the local communities. Newsletters/ local journals can be used for disseminating information, regional local languages can be used for better connection among locals.

Improving Information technology adoption in wetlands management

- There should be a provision of interactive real-time wetland-specific application for easy access and availability of wetland-related data to the general public. The application should also be available in regional languages.
- There is a need for the development of easily perceivable monitoring indicators based on scientific data for understanding wetland health status.
- A series on a wetland on media platforms such as YouTube, Netflix, and Amazon Prime - discussing wetland sites, services provided, importance, etc should be made available to build awareness.

Training and reskilling wetland managers

- Multi-level training programs should be organized in vernacular languages for different stakeholders. There is also a need for an up-gradation of the training curriculum for wetland managers.
- Capacity building for local wetland managers, and local administrative personnel for wise use of natural resources.
- Certification courses for wetland management should be developed and digital learning should be incorporated for capacity building.
- Training programs on audit and monitoring systems for wetland management should be conducted.
- There is a need to transfer Indigenous Traditional Knowledge (ITK) to next-generation through a dedicated training programme.
- A dedicated training schedule/ calendar at national and state levels should be provided to have a comprehensive program on wetland management and its wise use.

Session II. Sahbhagita dialogue

Hon'ble Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mr Bhupender Yadav, and Hon'ble Minister of State, Environment, Forest and

Climate Change, Mr. Ashwini Kumar Choubey were received at the venue.

Prof. R Ramesh (Director, NCSCM) welcomed the dignitaries to the workshop. This was followed by an address from Prof. R Velraj (Vice-Chancellor, Anna University). Prof Velraj recounted the history of the establishment of Anna University and its diverse contributions to sustainability research.

Mrs Manju Pandey (Joint Secretary, MoEFCC) and the three roundtable chairs - Prof. TV Ramachandra, Dr Surabhi Mehrotra, and Prof. Rajiv Sinha presented the key discussion points of the roundtables to the Union Minister and the Minister of State.

Mrs Manju Pandey introduced Wetlands Champions to the workshop participants. She invited

three of the Wetland Champions – Mrs Ganga Rajput from Madhya Pradesh, Mr Sangay Lama Sherpa from Sikkim, and Mr Ramveer Tanwar from Uttar Pradesh to share their wetland conservation experience.

Hon'ble Union Minister Mr Bhupender Yadav and Hon'ble Minister of State Mr Ashwini Kumar Choubey felicitated thirteen Wetland champions from across the country with a memento. The Wetland Champions felicitated include Mr Tambor Lyngdoh from Meghalaya, Ms Shweta Hule from Maharashtra, Mr Sangay Lama Sherpa from Sikkim, Mr Ramveer Tanwar from Uttar Pradesh/National Capital Region, Mr Meerasa from Tamil Nadu, Mr Manish Rajankar from Maharashtra, Mr Kochu Muhammed from Kerala, Ms Ganga Rajput and Ms Babita Rajput from Madhya Pradesh, Mr Bijay Kumar Kabi from Odisha, Mr Arturo D'Souza from Goa, Ms Aditi Deodhar from Maharashtra and Mr Sankar from Tamil Nadu.

Mr R Mukundan (Chair, CII Environmental Committee and CEO and MD, Tata Chemicals Limited) elaborated on the importance of collaborative actions to conserve biodiversity. Talking about wetlands, he informed participants about the MoU signed between CII and MoEF&CC for working towards the protection of wetlands for conservation of biodiversity and addressing climate change risk.

A Memorandum of Cooperation between Indian Business and Biodiversity Initiative (established by the MoEFCC and the Confederation of Indian Industries to enable Indian Businesses to make commitments for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use) and the MoEFCC was signed to establish a joint work programme on wetlands. The Memorandum was signed by Mrs Manju Pandey (Joint Secretary, MoEFCC) and Ms Seema Arora (Deputy Director-General, CII).

Mrs Leena Nandan (Secretary, MoEFCC) welcomed the Hon'ble Ministers to the workshop and the participants and stressed the importance of wetlands and the immediate need to protect and preserve them through an appropriate policy-making level. She lauded the efforts of the wetlands champions and called for increased citizen engagement and participation in the conservation and wise use

of wetlands. In her address, Mrs Nandan reaffirmed according high significance of wetlands conservation by the Ministry and seeking to mainstream their full range of values at all levels of developmental planning and decision-making. Water resource challenge that India presently faces is not limited just to water allocation for various uses but is also about balancing water for food, development, nature and society. Mrs Nandan stressed that a harmonized understanding of wetlands and their hydrological functions in a landscape is the foundation step. It is imperative that conservation and wise use of wetlands form an integral part of solutions for building resilient societies.

Hon'ble Minister of State Mr Ashwini Kumar Choubey, in his address called for urgent scaling up of efforts on wetlands conservation and wise use. He mentioned that wetlands loss and degradation is a pressing developmental challenge today. Concerted actions are therefore required across different ministries and agencies of the government. Civil society can play a meaningful role in rooting the policies on the ground, inculcating the adoption of best practices and building the capacity of wetlands managers. A focus on changing the behaviour of communities and society at large toward wetlands is essential in securing the conservation of these fragile ecosystems. He called upon all stakeholders to prioritise wetlands as 'societal assets' and consider wetlands with their full range of ecosystem services and biodiversity values while developing conservation and development strategies.

Hon'ble Union Minister Mr Bhupender Yadav had a dialogue with wetlands managers of states and took account of significant developments and challenges. In his address, the Union Minister highlighted the critical role of the wetland ecosystem as kidneys of the landscape and thereby the need for conservation and wise use. He also stressed that wetlands constituted an integral part of India's cultural heritage and traditions. He mentioned the government's initiatives to bring wetlands conservation to the fore. Mention was made of Mission Amrit Sarovar, which aimed at developing and rejuvenating 75 water bodies in each district of the country as a part of the celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The Union Minister underlined the need to balance nature conservation and development at various levels. He recommended the following:

- The Indian National Flag may be placed at each of the wetlands of national and international significance along with an inscription highlighting the wetland values. Public events may be organized at these sites to promote awareness and build citizen participation for conservation and wise use of these sites.
- A Standard Operating Procedure for participatory conservation and wise use of wetlands may be drafted by the Ministry and shared with the state for implementation.
- Sahbhagita workshops may be arranged at regional /state levels to promote an intersectoral and collaborative approach for conservation and wise use of wetlands.

The workshop ended with a vote of thanks to the dignitaries.



Workshop session 2 in progress (From left to right: Prof R Ramesh (Director, NCSCM), Mrs Manju Pandey (Joint Secretary, MoEF&CC), Mrs Leena Nandan (Secretary, MoEF&CC), Mr. Bhupender Yadav (Hon'ble Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change), Mr. Ashwini Choubey (Hon'ble Minister of State, Environment, Forest and Climate Change), Prof. R Velraj (Vice-Chancellor, Anna University)



Ms Babita Rajput (Wetland Champion) addressing the workshop participants



Roundtable discussions in progress



Wetland Champions with workshop dignitaries



Mrs. Manju Pandey, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC and Ms. Seema Arora, Deputy Director-General, CII signing a Memorandum of Cooperation to establish a program on wetlands within IBBI



Mr. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Hon'ble Minister of State, Environment, Forest and Climate Change addressing the workshop participants



Mr. Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change addressing the workshop participants

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0900–0930 hrs **Registration**

Plenary
Delta Conference Hall

0930 hrs **Participants' Welcome**
Prof R Ramesh, Director, NCSCM

0935 hrs **National Policy Perspectives on Wetlands - Introduction to the Workshop purpose and objectives**
Smt. Manju Pandey, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC

0945 hrs **Ramsar Site Network of India – Current status**
Dr Ritesh Kumar, Director, Wetlands International South Asia

1000 hrs **Introduction to the Sahbhagita Roadmap roundtables**
Roundtable 1: Building convergence with conservation and development plans, programmes and investment at various levels
Roundtable 2: Creating an enabling governance environment for Sahbhagita
Roundtable 3: Bridging science-policy-action divide to support Sahbhagita
Smt. Manju Pandey, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC

1030–1100 hrs **Tea Break**

1100–1245 hrs **Roundtable sessions [Three Parallel sessions]**

Roundtable 1

Chair: *Prof. T. V. Ramachandra, Member National Wetlands Committee*

Moderators: *Shri Suresh Babu, Director, Wetlands Programme, WWF-India & Shri Rajasekhar Ratti, Scientist D, MoEFCC*
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Roundtable 2

Chair: *Dr. Surabhi Mehrotra, Member National Wetlands Committee*

Moderators: *Dr Goldin Quadros, Principal Scientist, SACON & Shri Chandan Singh, Consultant, MoEFCC [Latitude Hall]*

Roundtable 3

Chair: *Prof. Rajeew Sinha, Member National Wetlands Committee*

Moderators: *Dr Purvaja Ramachandran, Scientist G, NCSCM & Dr Raghu Kumar Kodali, Director (Wetlands), MoEFCC [Rosette Hall]*

1245 – 1345 hrs **Lunch**

1345 – 1500 hrs **Report back from the roundtable sessions**
10 mins for each group + 10 Minutes discussions
[Delta Conference Hall]

1500 hrs **Plenary**
Delta Conference Hall

1500 hrs **Arrival of** Hon'ble Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change **Shri BHUPENDER YADAV** and Hon'ble Minister of State, Environment, Forest and Climate Change **Shri ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY**

1500 hrs **Welcome to the dignitaries**
Prof R Ramesh, Director, NCSCM

1505 hrs **Address by Prof. R Velraj, Vice-Chancellor, Anna University**

1510 hrs **Presentation of Roundtable Results**
Smt. Manju Pandey, JS, MoEFCC

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1605-1610 hrs	Announcement of formal collaboration between MoEFCC and CII for a corporate sector engagement programme on wetlands
1610 hrs	Address by <i>Smt Leena Nandan, Secretary Environment, Forest and Climate Change</i>
1620 hrs	Address by <i>Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forest & Climate Change</i>
1650 hrs	Address by <i>Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change</i>
1720 hrs	High Tea



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**NATIONAL LEVEL WORKSHOP FOR
DEVELOPING A ROADMAP FOR CONSERVATION AND WISE-USE OF WETLANDS
21st May 2022, NCSCM, Chennai**

List of Participants

S.No	Full Name	Designation	Stakeholder Category	Signature
1.	Mrs. Manju Pandey	Joint Secretary, MoEFCC	MoEFCC	✓
2.	Dr. Raghu Kumar Kodali	Director, Scientist-F, Wetland Division, MoEFCC	MoEFCC	✓
3.	Mr. Chandan Singh	Consultant ,Wetland Division, MoEFCC	MoEFCC	✓
4.	Mr. Rajasekhar Ratti	Scientist 'D',Wetland Division, MoEFCC	MoEFCC	✓
5.	Dr. Ritesh Kumar	Director, Wetlands International South Asia	Knowledge Partners	✓
6.	Dr. Surabhi Mehrotra	Department of Architecture and Planning, MANIT	National Wetland Committee	✓
7.	Dr. T. V. Ramchandra	Co-ordinator, Energy & Wetlands Research Group (CES TE 15), Centre for Ecological Science	National Wetland Committee	✓
8.	Professor Rajiv Sinha	Department of Earth Sciences, IIT Kanpur	National Wetland Committee	✓
9.	Dr. Pronoy Baidya	AWC Goa Coordinator, Goa Biodiversity Conservation Network	NGOs	✓
10.	Dr. Malancha Dey	Sr. Scientific Officer, South Asian Forum for Environment (SAFE)	NGOs	✓
11.	Ms. Purnima Devi Barman Ph.D	Project Manager, GASCP, Aaranyak	NGOs	✓
12.	Ms. Vanjulavalli Sridhar, I.F.S	Deputy Conservator of Forests at Dept of Forests & Wildlife, Puducherry	Site Manager	✓

13.	Mr Mudasir Mehmood Malik	Project Coordinator, Wular Conservation and Management Authority	Site Manager	✓
14.	Mr. C Selvam, IFS	Divisional Forest Officer , Eluru	Site Manager	✓
15.	Mr. Nalin Yadav, IFS	Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife), Ferozpur	Site Manager	✓
16.	Mr. Dharamveer Dairu, IFS	Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife), Ropar	Site Manager	✓
17.	Mr. Rajesh Kumar, IFS	Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife), Pathankot	Site Manager	✓
18.	Dr. John C Mathew	Environment Manager, Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, Govt of Kerala (Nodal officer - Vembanad-Kol)	Site Manager	✓
19.	Er. Kalaarasan P	Environmental Engineer, Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, Govt of Kerala (Nodal officer - Ashtamudi Lake)	Site Manager	✓
20.	Mr. Rashid Yahya Naqash	Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir	Site Manager	✓
21.	Mr. Vijay Kumar	Wildlife Warden, Kathua	Site Manager	✓
22.	Mr. Atul Kant Shukla	Divisional Forest Officer, Etawah	Site Manager	✓
23.	Mr. Prakhar Gupta	Divisional Forest Officer, Balrampur.	Site Manager	✓
24.	Ms. Jayashree Naiding, IFS	Divisional Forest Officer-Manager Deepor Beel	Site Manager	✓
25.	Dr. R. Murugan, I.F.S	District Forest Officer and Wildlife Warden, Tirunelveli	Site Manager	✓
26.	Mr. Bakan Jagdish Sudhakaran, I.F.S	Wildlife Warden of, Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere,Ramanathanpuram	Site Manager	✓
27.	Mr. M.Ilayaraja, I.F.S	District Forest Officer and Wildlife Warden,Kanyakumari	Site Manager	✓
28.	Dr. K. Arivoli	District Forest Officer and wildlife warden,Tiruvarur	Site Manager	✓
29.	Ms. V. Priyadarshini,	District Forest Officer,Chennai	Site Manager	✓
30.	Mr. Selvam, I.F.S,	District Forest Officer,Cuddalore	Site Manager	✓

31.	Mr. Rahul M. Rohane	Divisional Forest Officer(WL), Hamirpur (PA Manger for Pong Dam Wetland)	Site Manager	✓
32.	Mr. N. Ravi Shankar, IFS	Divisional Forest Officer(WL), Shimla (PA Manager for Renuka & Chandertal Wetland)	Site Manager	✓
33.	Mr. E. Prasanth, I.F.S,	Wildlife warden, Guindy National Park, Chennai,Chengalpattu	Site Manager	✓
34.	Mr. C.Subbu Subramanya	Ornithologist	Site Manager	✓
35.	Mr. Thally.T.Azyu	Deputy Conservator of Forests,Mara Autonomous District Council(madc) Mizoram	Site Manager	✓
36.	Mr. Jagyandatt Pati, IFS	Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Forest Division (WL), Rajnagar	Site Manager	✓
37.	Ms. Anshu Pragyan Das,	Divisional Forest Officer, Hirakud(WL) Division, Sambalpur	Site Manager	✓
38.	Mr. Amlan Nayak	Divisional Forest Officer, Berhamapur Forest Division	Site Manager	✓
39.	Mr. Saroj Kumar Panda	Divisional Forest Officer,Satkosia(WL) Division, Angul	Site Manager	✓
40.	Mr. Pratik N.Joshi	Assistant Conservator of Forest, Marine National Park, Jamnagar	Site Manager	✓
41.	Dr. Sakkira Begum, IFS	Incharge-Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nal Sarovar Sanctuary, Saanand	Site Manager	✓
42.	Dr. T.Karuppasamy, IFS	Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nadiad	Site Manager	✓
43.	Mr. Ravirajsinh Rathod	Deputy Conservator of Forests, Vadodara Wildlife Circle, Vadodara	Site Manager	✓
44.	Mr. Adarsh Reddy	Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai	Site Manager	✓
45.	Mr. A. W. Nimje	Divisional Forest Officer,Wildlife, Akola	Site Manager	✓
46.	Mr. Y. S. Keskar	Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Nashik	Site Manager	✓

47.	Mr. Shiv Singh	Divisional Wildlife Officer, Rohtak(Manager, Bhindawas Wetland)	Site Manager	✓
48.	Mr. Rajender Prashad	Divisional Wildlife Officer, Gurugram(Manager, Sultanpur Wetland)	Site Manager	✓
49.	Mr Raza Ali Abidi	Divisional Forest Officer/Wildlife Warden Kargil	Site Manager	✓
50.	Mr. S. Narayanan, IFS	Director General-cum-Secretary to Government of Haryana, Environment & Climate Change Department, Haryana	State Wetland Authorities	✓
51.	Dr. V. Karikalan,IFS	Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mysore Wildlife, Mysore.		✓
52.	Mr.Rajesh S. IFS	Chief Conservator of Forests (Env & Climate Change) - Member Secretary, State Wetland authority, Arunachal Pradesh.	State Wetland Authorities	✓
53.	Mr. D.Dohu Robin	Director Environment, GoAP- Convenor Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) State Wetland Authority.	State Wetland Authorities	✓
54.	Mr. M. Asnikumar Singh	Chairman, Loktak Development Authority (Minister of State Rank)	State Wetland Authorities	✓
55.	Mr. Lokendra Thakkar	Sr. Scientific Officer,Environmental Planning & Coordination Organisation	State Wetland Authorities	✓
56.	Dr. Manoj Kumar Viswakarma	Environmental Planning & Coordination Organisation	State Wetland Authorities	✓
57.	Mr. Vikram Kesharee Pradhan	Member Secretary, State Wetland Authority Rajasthan	State Wetland Authorities	✓
58.	Ms. Smita Patil	Project Analysts, Maharashtra State Wetland Authority	State Wetland Authorities	✓
59.	Mr. Saurabh Newalkar	Officer (Wetland Cell), Maharashtra State Wetland Authority	State Wetland Authorities	✓
60.	Mr. Prasanna Vispute	Officer (Wetland Cell),Maharashtra State Wetland Authority	State Wetland Authorities	✓

61.	Mr. Raman Kant Mishra, IFS	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Chief Wildlife Warden(CWWL), Punjab	State Wetland Authorities	✓
62.	Dr. Satyendra Singh, IFS	Addl Principal Cheif Conservator of Forests -Member Secretary, Assam State Wetland Authority	State Wetland Authorities	✓
63.	Mr. Deepak Srivastava, I.F.S	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority, Chenani	State Wetland Authorities	✓
64.	Mr. S. Kalanithi, IFS	Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wetlands), Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority	State Wetland Authorities	✓
65.	Ms. Urmila Thapa	Joint Director-cum- Member Secretary, State Wetland Authority (SSWA), Environment & Soil Conservation Forest and Environment Department, Government of Sikkim	State Wetland Authorities	✓
66.	Mr. Vijay Mohan Raj V. IFS.	Principal Secretary to Govt (Ecology and Environment) Forest, Ecology and Environment Department.	State Wetland Authorities	✓
67.	Dr. Shaiesh Morajkar	Scientific Officer, Goa State Wetland Authority	State Wetland Authorities	✓
68.	Mr. Sangay Lama Sherpa	Office Secretary of the Tsomgo Pokhri Sanrakshan Samiti (TPSS), the Tsomgo Lake Conservation Committee	Wetland Champion	✓
69.	Ms. Aditi Deodhar	Director, Jeevit Nadi - Living River Foundation	Wetland Champion	✓
70.	Mr. Tambor Lyngdoh	Secretary, of the Federation of 10 Indigenous Traditional kingdoms call Synjuk that implement the "Khasi Hills REDD+ Project"	Wetland Champion	✓
71.	Mr. Khrawborlang Lyngdoh	Assistant to Mr Tambor Lyngdoh		✓

72.	Mr. Ramveer Tanwar	Founder of Say Earth, Environmentalist & Water conservationist.Trained in CPCB, MOEF, Govt. of India.	Wetland Champion	✓
73.	Mrs. Ganga Devi Lodhi	led the women to successfully revive ponds of villages under the Chhatarpur district of Bundelkhand	Wetland Champion	✓
74.	Mr. Manvendra Singh	Parmarth Samaj Sevi Sansthan	Wetland Champion	✓
75.	Mr. Bijay Kumar Kabi	Led community to restore 25-acre mangrove forest near Badakot	Wetland Champion	✓
76.	Mr. Arturo D'Souza	A former English and History teacher, had turned full-time social activist from Goa	Wetland Champion	✓
77.	Mr. Sankar	Community of Muthupet, located in Thiruvavur district	Wetland Champion	✓
78.	Mr. Manish Rajankar	Director- Foundation for Economic and Ecological Development, Principal Investigator- Freshwater Biodiversity Conservation Fishery Theme Coordinator- MahaRRA Network, Rivers and Wetlands Theme Coordinator- Indigenous and local Community Conserved Areas (ICCA) South Asia	Wetland Champion	✓
79.	Mr. Meerasa	A resident from Jameelabad restored Pulicat Mangroves	Wetland Champion	✓
80.	Mr. Shweta Satish Hule	Chairman of Swamini self-help group	Wetland Champion	✓
81.	Mr. Kozha Kuzhi Parambil Kochumohamed	President, Zilla Kule Karshaka Samithi (ZKKS)	Wetland Champion	✓
82.	Mr.Babita Devi Lodhi	led the women to successfully revive ponds of villages under the Chhatarpur district of Bundelkhand	Wetland Champion	✓
83.	Mrs. Geetanjali Kanwar	Coordinator Punjab State- WWF-India	Knowledge Partners	✓
84.	Dr. Goldin Quadros	Principal Scientist Wetland Ecology Division SACON	Knowledge Partners	✓

85.	Dr S Muralidharan	Director incharge, SACON, Coimbatore	Knowledge Partners	✓
86.	Dr. P Karunakaran	Senior Principal Scientist, SACON, Coimbatore	Knowledge Partners	✓
87.	Dr. P S Harikumar	Senior Principal Scientist and Head Ecology and Environment Research Group Centre for Water Resources Development and Management(CWRDM)	Knowledge Partners	✓
88.	Mr. Suresh Babu	Director, Wetlands Programme, WWF-India	Knowledge Partners	✓
89.	Mr. Ravindra Singh	Director , Indo -German Biodiversity Programme	Knowledge Partners	✓
90.	Dr. Avantika Bhaskar	Technical Expert	Knowledge Partners	✓
91.	Ms. Shambhavi Krishna	Jr. Technical Expert, GIZ	Knowledge Partners	✓
92.	Ms. Suchita Awasthi	Wetlands International South Asia	Knowledge Partners	✓
93.	Mr. M L Khan	Wetlands International South Asia	Knowledge Partners	✓
94.	Mr. Animesh Kar	Wetlands International South Asia	Knowledge Partners	✓
95.	Mr. Arghya Chakrabarty	Wetlands International South Asia	Knowledge Partners	✓
96.	Mr. Ravi Prakash	Wetlands International South Asia	Knowledge Partners	✓
97.	Ms. Preethi Vasudevan	Wetlands International South Asia	Knowledge Partners	✓
98.	Mr. R Mukundan	MD & CEO, Tata Chemicals Ltd.	Corporates	✓
99.	Mr. Laxmikant Deshpande	Senior Manger: Wetland Management & Sustainability, Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co.	Corporates	✓
100.	Mr. Mohan Varghese	Sr. Principal Scientist (Silviculture),ITC Life Sciences and Technology Centre	Corporates	✓
101.	Mr. Anirban Ghosh	Chief Sustainability Officer, Mahindra Group	Corporates	✓
102.	Mr Sathish Kumar R	Head-Environment, Southern Ports Adani Ports and SEZ Ltd.	Corporates	✓
103.	Mr. Ashok Nair	Head Sustainable Agriculture, AVT McCormick Ingredients Pvt Ltd	Corporates	✓

104.	Dr. Santanu Satapathy	Head Environment, Apraava Energy	Corporates	✓
105.	Mr. R.M. Aananth	Head ,Jhajjar Power Limited	Corporates	✓
106.	Mr Jyotindran Sastabhavan	Chief Sustainability Officer, Tata Motors	Corporates	✓
107.	Mr. Peter D'souza	DGM-Corporate Sustainability , Tata Motors	Corporates	✓
108.	Ms. Seema Arora	DDG, CII	Corporates	✓
109.	Dr. Pravir Deshmukh	Counsellor, CII CESD	Corporates	✓
110.	Dr. Saurabh Kumar	Associate Counsellor, CII CESD	Corporates	✓
111.	Mr. Saran Vivek	Forest Ranger	State Wetland Authorities	✓
112.	Mr. Pavetra Venkatesh	Architech	Corporates	✓
113.	Mr. Jayarajan K	Dhan Foundation	NGOs	✓
114.	Ms. Kajal Satish Hule	Swamini Sha	NGOs	✓
115.	Mr. Ashok Kumar sinha		State Wetland Authorities	✓
116.	Mr. M Krishnaveni	Director, IOM	Knowledge Partners	✓
117.	Mr. N.K Aunjh	APCCF	State Wetland Authorities	✓