



Sahyadri Nisarga Mitra

Chiplun

Annual Report for 2009-2010

Our Mission

Nature conservation through field protection, awareness, education and scientific based action

Turtle Festival

The Turtle Festival is organized this year jointly by SNM, KMM, Forest department and Grampanchayat, Velas. The residents of Velas have handled the festivals traditionally with latest technology and by adopting conservation through livelihood method for the first time in India. KMM has excellently organized the festival at their level by our technical assistance. The information like list of members of KMM along with contact numbers, status of nests, the emergence of hatchling from the nest, the best

Sahyadri Nisarga Mitra, Chiplun has successfully accomplished its programs during the year 2009-2010. The tourists were enjoying the Turtle festival for a months period. They were making sure of their arrival by contacting directly to the members of Kasav Mitra Mandal, Velas with the help of our website /blog. Conservation through livelihood is the peerless project through out the country for the marine turtle which is the splendid performance of the year. SNM has planed to establish a permanent center for conservation of marine turtle at Velas and has owned a piece of land admeasuring 26 gunthas to begin with. A monitary assistance is absolutely needed and we are sure to have this through your cooperation.

UNDP, GEF, CEE Central Project

A Project of Marine Turtle Protection and awareness through participation of community in Maharashtra is carried out successfully during last 2 years. The main outcome of the project is establishment of Kasav Mitra Mandal, Velas (KMM). "The conservation through livelihood" is the unique project through the country and which is good going currently. SNM is keenly attempting to implement such project at other centers also during the years to come. The conservation project for marine turtles has been implemented successfully due to the

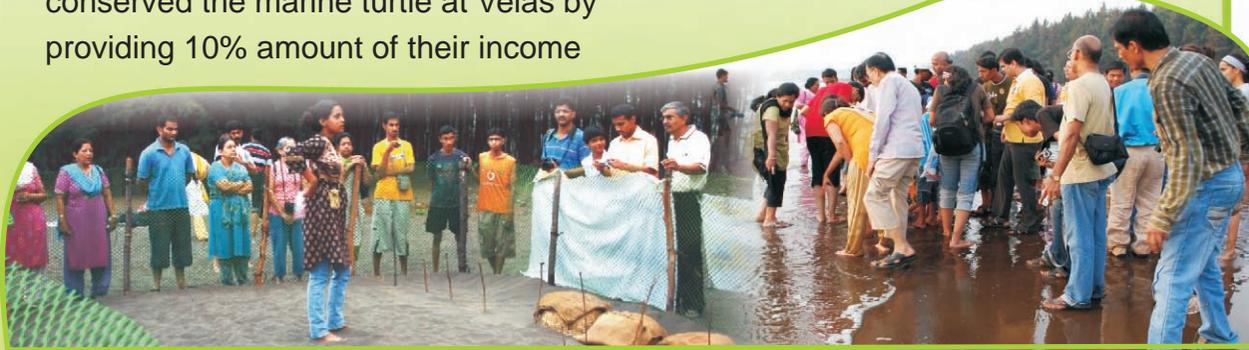


cooperation of UNDP during last 2 years at Velas, Kelashi, Anjarla, Kolthare and Dabhol.

The nesting during the initial period was badly affected due to "fayan" storm which has resulted in reducing this year's nesting. This years figure of 71 nests, comparing to the last years nesting, is less than the half which is certainly causing concern. Let us hope for better in ensuing season. This year the project is implemented in 36 villages and 2851 hatchlings are released in to the sea by protecting 71 nests.

dates for observance etc. were being uploaded on our website and blog and updated twice a day. The tourist are benefited by this in enjoying the festival by directly liaisoning the members of KMM. The festival was a grand gala during 10th March and 15th April 2010. The members of KMM has conserved the marine turtle at Velas by providing 10% amount of their income

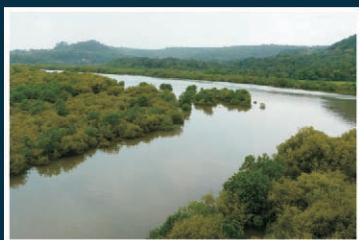
to the Marine Turtle Conservation Fund. The numerous villagers are joining the KMM by experiencing the success which is significant. The valuable guidance and cooperation from UNDP, GEF, SGP, CEE Central is received during these programs.





Vulture Protection Project

This year in vulture project 12 nests were active and 3 chicks were fledged. We are in search of adequate land away from village to develop vulture project as locals are not supporting due to dead animals bad smell.



Mangroove Project

The project for saving mangrove is being implemented with BNHS since last 3 years. Lecture, Slide shows etc. are arranged by us at 317 School under this project and 40048 students have participated in it. Such programs were included marine environment, mangrove, marine turtles and over all conservation of nature etc. These programs are held in the school at coastal area of Ratnagiri district and in other area.



Survey of Marine Turtles

The status survey of marine turtles has been carried out in entire 720kms coastline of Maharashtra in last 2 years during the project under UNDP by collecting every information . The 160 villages and other centers are included in our status survey and the report is published on 10th January this year. The same is submitted to the various government departments, institution with our due recommendations and is made available to all on requisition.

Permanent Research Center



So also various types of information about marine turtle are made available for tourists, studios people at this center.

A piece of land of 26 gunthas is purchased at Velas by SNM to start Marine Turtle Conservation, Research and Rehabilitation Center. The facilities like actual collection of information on the beaches, organization of various programs will be established at this center.

A Permanent Research and Information Center is established at Velas in rented house. This center collects the detail information about the nests in breeding season such as temperature, humidity, weight of hatchlings, measurement etc.

School Nature Club



This year program on environment, nature conservation, save mangrove, lectures, slide shows are arranged under this scheme at 28 schools and total 1722 students and teachers are benefited.

Maharashtra Pakshi Mitra Sammellan.

The 23rd Sammellan of Maharashtra Pakshi Mitra was held at Sawarde, tal Chiplun on 26th and 27th December, 2009 with cooperation of Sahyadri Shikshan Sanstha, Sawarde. 248 members from all over Maharashtra have attended to it. Debates, presentation etc. have been arranged during this sammellan.

Padmashri and Padmabhushan Hon'ble Madhavrav Gadgil has graced the chairmanship and Mr. Shekhar Nikam, President, Sahyadri Shikshan Sanstha, Sawarde, has occupied the chairmanship of Welcome Committee. The formation of new working committee is the main outcome of this sammellan. Mr. Bhau Katdare is elected as the President and Mr. Vishwas Joshi as the Secretary of new working committee. The administrative



office as now shifted to Chiplun which has motivated the movement of Maharashtra Pakshmitra. The efforts are being made to assemble the friends of birds scattered all over Maharashtra.

Other Activities

SNM has totally conducted 21 programs of lectures, slide shows, film shows etc. The programs conducted by us were published and reviewed through magazines, publication, T.V. etc.



We are successfully working, only because of your strong support at all the times. We are thankful to all donors, well-wishers, supporters of SNM. We also thankful to UNDP, CEE, Turtle Action Group, MTCA of the US Fish & Wildlife Service, forest department, government bodies, NGO's, individuals for their kind support in our activities. Thanks!





Proposed Projects

- 1) Marine Turtle Conservation, Research and Rehabilitation Center at Velas permanently.
- 2) Center to educate the nature.
- 3) Conservation Center for Vulture.
- 4) Monitoring and protecting breeding colonies of Indian Swift lets in India.
- 5) Linking the School Nature Clubs in Konkan area.
- 6) Publication of CD/DVD'S on flora and fauna.



India has a rich bio-diversity. Conservation work. Should be undertaken before it's too late considering the threats to it. Our efforts are going on, but there are limitation. Any form of your support will help us in our activities.

SNM Nature Conservation Fund

Rs.25,00,000/-

Members of SNM have contributed rupees one lack and founded this fund. The interest earned from this fund is utilized for implementation of project of biodiversity conservation.

Donate towards this fund to help in saving our biodiversity.
(Exempted from I-Tax under 80 G).

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