# An Initiative for Ensuring Community Base Participatory Management of Sundarban of Bangladesh

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### **Appointment of team leader and associate:**

Kazi Zaved Khalid Pasha was appointed as team leader and Marina Juthi was appointed as associate for accomplishing the project activities.

**TOR with IRV:** A ToR between IRV and Kazi Zaved Khalid Pasha was signed. IRV will provide support to Mr. Zaved for organizing all of the activities in the field level.

#### **Expanding Network**

**Formation of network:** At the very beginning of the project a Network Formation Meeting was organized on January 17, 2010 at Conference room, IRV. In the meeting the participant agreed to organize all the activities under the network "Citizens Manch for Conservation of Coastal Environment (CMCCE) and IRV will also engaged implementing the project. In the meeting proposal for Include more NGOs working in Khulna, Shatkhira and Bagerhat districts of Khulna Division and Barishal Division interested in the Campaign was accepted Besides Involvement of journalists and media in the network including Dhaka based NGOs was also suggested. All agreed to develop relationship with Citizens' Forums, CBOs, and Press Club. The meeting was charmed by Advocate Firoz Ahmed, Environment activist and divisional Coordinator of Bangladesh Environment Movement.

Coordination meeting with network members: A coordination meeting was organized with the presence network member and with other organizations of the working areas (Satkhira, Bagerhat and khulna) on 23 January at IRV office. The meeting was chaired by Advocate Firoz Ahmed, Environment activist and divisional Coordinator of Bangladesh Environment Movement and conveyor of the Citizens Manch for Conservation of Coastal Environment (CMCCE). All the activities of the project has been implementing in three districts (Khulna, Satkhira & Bagerhat). As par the work plan in this year database of the professional groups has been going on in Bagerhat. So the participants of the meeting emphasize to organize large portion of programs in Bagerhat district. They proposed organizing two capacity building training in Bagerhat. They also took decision to organize 4 grassroots meeting in Bagerhat.

Concise the title of the project: The main title of the Project is "An Initiative to strengthen capacity and increasing awareness of the forest depended community and conducting policy advocacy for ensuing community based participatory management of forest resources Sundarban of Bangladesh". The title was concise as "An Initiative for Ensuring Community Base Participatory Management of Sundarban of Bangladesh with the permission of network members and also it shared with RSG authority.

Awareness creation among the resource user, extractors, nature conservation groups, Mouali, Bouali, Fisher man, and forest department in the union level.

**Grassroots meeting:** for raising the voice of the Forest people and for demanding their rights, better livelihood and access to natural resources grassroots meeting are organizing a gross roots meeting was organized at 20 Marh in Gulishakhali Sardarbari Primary School, Nishanbaria, Morelgoni, Bagerhat.

**Database of Sundarban dependent community**: Activity for developing the data base of the professional group is going on. As per the plan this year data base in the Bagerhat district will complete. For the data base three upazialla(sub district) Maralganj, Sarankhala and Mongla for the working areas. This upazillas are adjacent to the Sundarbans and most of the professional group are living here.

## Capacity Building of Forest People (Mawali, Bawali, fisherman) for proper management of the forest

Capacity Building of Forest People (Mouali): Capacity building training for the Forest People (Mouali) was organized at nishanbaria Union Parishad complex, Morelgonj, 31 March 2010. The training was facilitated by Advocate Firoz Ahamed, expert in environmental law, Advocate Habibur Rahman, Ahoka fellow, and Marina Pervin Juthi, associate of the project. Base on the tool kit they provided the training. Through the project the capacity of the forest depended communities will be increased and their involvement in the forest conservation will be enhanced.

### Promotional/campaign Material development

**Print and fix poster:** Poster (1000 pic) highlighting the livelihood of communities living nears the mangrove forest and demand for the modernization of existing forest law was printed. Conservation of mangrove and sustainable management of mangrove were printed and fixed in public paces throughout the project are to raise awareness of the people living around the mangrove areas. This colorful poster included the sketches of a women living on mangrove where an expected biodiversity is existed. The messages included the values and some suitable always of sustainable management of mangrove. , the poster was targeted mainly for the people have only literacy or not, to help them to understand the mangrove and the professional group

**Print and distribute leaflets:** Leaflet (1000 pic) was printed to aware people on the mangrove values and to create broader constituency for conservation of mangrove forest. The leaflet described the broader perspectives of mangrove forest and the professional group who are living on Sundarbans to supplement messages of the leaflet.

**Tool kit:** A tool kit on the environment laws, biodiversity conservation and Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was developed and will be used in the meeting and training

### Media Campaign:

As a part of media campaign two articles were published in national daily news paper. One article was published in the Bangla(Local language)daily Protham Alo. The title of the article is "The bloody history of honey of Sundarbans". Another was published in another Bangla news paper the daily Janakantha. The title of the article was "The loss of Sundarbans is increasing".

### Photography of the accomplished activities (January-March 2010)

















