

Project Update: June 2010

We have organized three more nature education camps of the Schools in Kutch district.

1. On 27th June 2010 Moti Virani Boys Primary School Nature camp was organised at the Modhva Sea coast. Tree plantation was done by the students in Dhruhudi temple trust area.
2. On 4th July 2010 Sukhpur Primary School students were taken to Black Hill (1200 ft height) and great Rann of Kutch. Students walked on nature trails, identified fossils of Middle Jurassic times, bird watching and flora identification was organized for the students. 50 saplings of native trees were planted by the students and teachers in Guru Dattatreya hill area.
3. On 8th July 2010 a nature camp was organised for the Primary School Khombdi students. They were taken to Modhva sea coast. Seed sowing of native trees was done near the coastal sand dunes, students watched the greater flamingo, ghost crabs, Caspian terns, greater sand plovers and other birds.

It is monsoon season and we have started tree plantation work in schools and villages
So far, we have done plantation of 800 saplings in the schools and villages of Moti Virani, Sukhpur, Nakhtrana and Khombdi.

The 5,000 plants of *Salvadora persica* (Tooth brush plant) our main target of large scale halophyte plantation is ready to be planted in Banni grasslands and in saline wastelands.



