

World Wetland Day

2nd, FEB'2010. Bhadrak, ODISHA, INDIA



On 2nd, FEB'10 World Wetland Day celebration cum workshop was organized by Bhadrak(W.L)division with the support of ODISHA FORSTRY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. The celebration was inaugurated by Sri R.N.Senapati IAS, Agricultural production commissioner in the presence of Sri A.K.Bansal, IFS, PD, OFSDP .In the workshop inaugural address Project Director ,OFSDP focusing on the importance of Mangrove wetland on the live & livelihood security of the people of Bhadrak /Baleswar districts. It is the main sources of fishery resource and the only solution to mitigate natural calamities. So the community should realize the resource values and avail the benefit by conserving the Mangrove wetland as a God's gift. The OFSDP ready to support directly and through convergences for the socio-economic development of the mangrove dependant community for a healthy Mangrove Wetland. Mr R.N.Senapati,IAS in his address appealed to community to take active participation in the coastal mangrove plantation project & choose alternative IGA programme to reduce pressure on the wetland through the Govt's NREGA,SGSY ,Horticultural mission, Pisciculture and other programmes. Addressing the participants Sri. D.D.Biswal IFS,JDP told that the wetland's functions equal to the function of kidney in the body . Damage of kidney the body will not survive. So the wetland are the kidney of the earth please conserve it.



In this celebration 50 participants representing 2440 active(892 women members) EDC members of the 1169 HHs from 22 Eco-Development Committees formed by OFSDP in the Bhadrak & Baleswar Districts for the Management of the Mangrove Wetlands. The EDC members also shared their experience about project intervention for the Mangrove Conservation & afforestation .In this process the benefits are , Regular availability of fodder from Mangrove due to control collection, easy collection of fish from Fishbone Channel designed for tidal inundation & Mangrove plantation, very good harvest of paddy from due buffalo grazing control & direct working days created for the poor people through 951ha Mangrove plantation & 4500 ha. Mangrove protection activities. Mr.A.Brahma,DFO Baleswar & Mr.S.Patra,DFO Bhadrak requested the EDC members to be prepare to achieve the coming year Mangrove plantation in 1409ha. Prize awarded to six student out of 156 student participated in the essay competition “ the Importance of Mangrove Conservation”



It was a first occasion of this kind of programme organized to give realization to the other departments, Media, Student community member from different villages and general people at large about the Importance of wetland conservation .145 participants of various publics learn ,know, realize through poster, picture of activities, power presentation, video documentation, Potted Mangrove plants display, Slogan poster.The major vernacular media publishing the news with due importance.

