

Project Update: August 2009

- 24th -26th June 2009 - exposure visit and fieldwork arranged with Prof. Madhav Gadgil at Navegaon National Park. The main agenda of discussion was to show results and open discussion of the RSG grant with gathered people.
- Meeting arranged with local fishermen and labourers regarding establishment of the labour union for the river revival through NREGA work.
- Monsoon fieldwork arranged with the local fishermen. Traditional fishing gadgets have been studied. Fish inventorying done.
- Our delegation meets chairmen of the tribal commission at Mumbai, India regarding Lower Penganga Dam. The dam is sanctioned on the point where river Adan meets Penganga. The proposed dam is not ecologically and economically viable.
- Book of mine *Fresh Water Fishes of Central India: A Field Guide* has been published by Vigyan Prasar, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.
- Interaction with the K.N. college students made. Soon the new batch of the academic year 2009-2010 will engage in our riverine conservation work.



Left: First Monsoon Sampling Event. Right: Stones along Adan River worshiped before the starting of the fishing season by local fishermen.