

Project Update: May 2009

- Regular study group meetings are going on with the villagers in various villages. Fishermen and labours of the Dhamani village are agreed to set up Fresh Water Protected Area at one site along Adan River.
- Field visit arranged to Bhan Doh (future site for Fresh Water Protected Area) arranged with local fishermen and students.
- To establish partners in the fish culture programme, a one-day workshop arranged with the fishermen of Wai village of Akola district.
- Using maps and satellite imagery complete map of the Adan River basin prepared.
- Discussion meeting arranged with the concerned government officers. The important aim behind these meetings is to build rapport with the concerned line department so that they can participate in the conservation endeavour and local people can benefit.
- Popular speech delivered at Murtizapur and Kamargaon.
- Water analysis done at selected sampling point at Adan River basin. Due to dumping of the untreated water by sugar mill in the Adan River at Bodegaon village the river becomes polluted.
- Through discussion with the local people and outsider experts a complete, long-term and holistic plan of the Adan River conservation has been prepared.



Left: Awareness campaign by students at Dhamani village. Right: Nilesh Heda giving instruction to students before the starting of field work along Adan River.