

Project Update: August 2014

A. Community-Led Mangrove Plantation & Restoration in Degraded Land

One of the major components of this project is plantation and restoration of mangroves in identified degraded land. Around 20,000 mangrove saplings were planted. It is noted here that we established a central nursery in Badkot village to produce quality mangrove saplings that has been used in our planting activity. Prior to the mangrove planting, tidal channels were made in plantation site by creating man days for the villagers. Apart from that, we have also been replacing the casualty in previous year's mangrove plantation. We have to continue mangrove restoration and plantation efforts for next month with the active participation of local communities.



Figure 1- Mangrove Sapling Plantation in Tidal Creeks

B. Community Awareness Campaign on Mangroves

We have been initiated mangrove awareness campaign in the project villages in order to mobilise and elicit support and commitment of community members towards the sustainable mangrove conservation efforts. In this regards we conducted community awareness campaign at four villages and three schools.



Figure 2- Training on promotion of alternative sustainable livelihood for mangrove dependant families

C. Promotion of Alternative Sustainable Livelihood for Forest Dependant Families

The project has organised training programmes for mangrove forest dependant families especially women members in Debendranaraynpur village on 'Mushroom' production. Altogether, 54 mangrove dependent families of nearest villages participated in the training programmes. The training programme was attended by scientist of Krushi Vigyan Kendra of Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology (OUAT), Kendrapara as resource persons and imparted training on various aspects of mushroom cultivation. The project team has been distributed mushroom spawn and provides mentoring support to the participants who are starting ventures. Apart from that, we have been provided coconut saplings to 26 mangrove dependent families in project area by convergence with Horticulture Department, Government of Odisha.