

## Project Update: March 2016

We have conducted the meetings with two village communities. Both villages needed a fish net repair sheds and widening of boat canals. They have signed an agreement with our organisation to participate in the protection of local seagrass beds in their territory, and importantly reducing the push nets (tiny trawlers using sails) instead to go for gill nets without disturbing the sea bottom.

It would take some more time to bring the practical boundaries of community based seagrass protected area.

The photos below, which shows that the construction materials for building net repairing centres for two fishers villages, who agreed to support seagrass conservation with our organization.

Besides, today I was called for a site in which a dead, young, female dugong found. Please see this photos here <http://palkbay.blogspot.in/2016/04/dead-dugong-washed-ashore-in-palk-bay.html>

These dead dugong showed how important our field work is for the conservation of seagrass beds and dugongs.

We still need to do the field work to wider public to increase the awareness about dugongs and their habitat.



