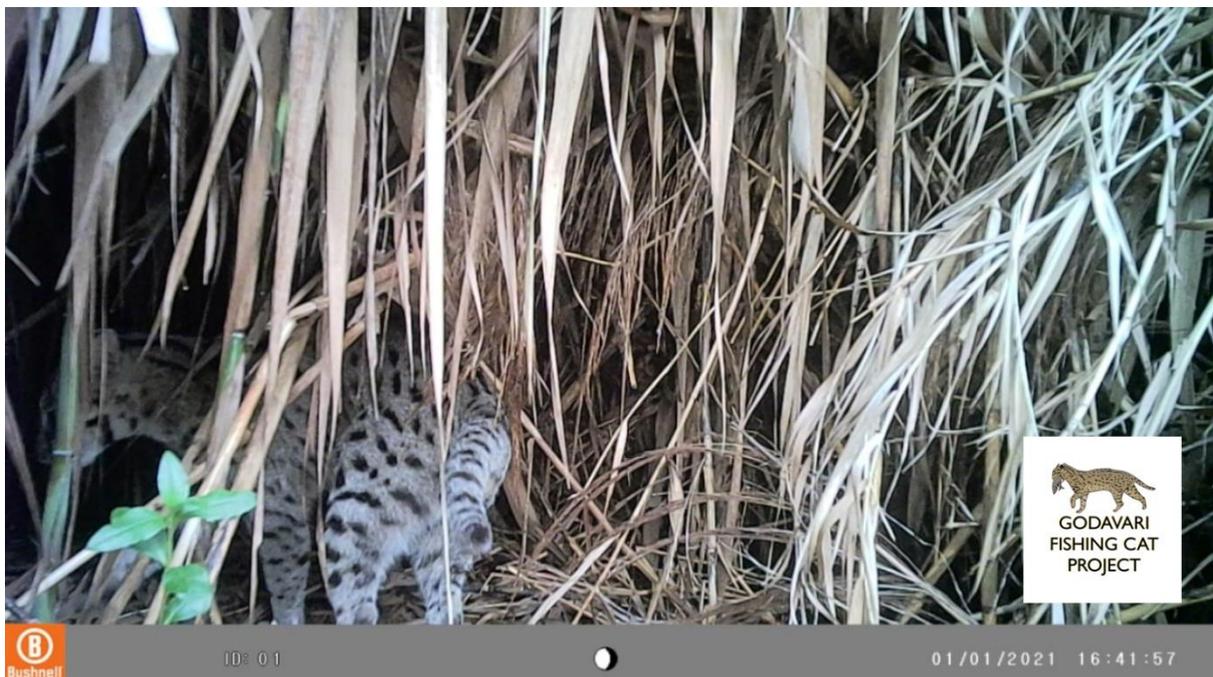


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1. We have successfully initiated the camera trapping exercise in a few non-protected mangrove areas as part of our ongoing efforts to conserve the habitat of the fishing cat. The initial results have been highly promising, with significant sightings of fishing cats utilising these fragmented landscapes. The captured images provide valuable insights into the presence and behaviour of fishing cats in these specific areas. This information is crucial for our conservation efforts and will aid in formulating effective strategies to protect and preserve their habitat.
2. We have also commenced community conservation programmes in collaboration with the local Yanadi tribes in the study area. Their active involvement is instrumental in our endeavour to identify suitable areas where fishing cats are present and to initiate successful habitat restoration projects. The local Yanadi tribes, with their deep understanding of the region, are invaluable partners in this conservation journey. Their insights into the dynamics of the landscape and their commitment to the cause enhance our ability to identify key areas for conservation efforts and ensure the sustainable coexistence of the fishing cat and the local community.
3. Lastly, we have identified around 50 ha of suitable areas for successful mangrove restoration in these areas. We are in discussions with the local forest department and the local communities who will be helping us in this regard.





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