

## **Conservation and Sustainable Management of Coastal and Marine Protected Areas, India (CMPA)**

Marine coastal areas are among the world's most productive ecosystems. In India, they sustain the livelihoods of over 20 million people across nine coastal states and four union territories. These coastal ecosystems have come under immense pressure from various human activities. In many regions, they have reached a critical condition, with insufficient conservation measures in place to counter the increasingly serious challenges. Meanwhile, the adverse impact of climate change on these ecosystems is likely to grow. It is therefore, necessary to establish and support protected areas and improve conservation measures.

In recognition of the urgent need for action, the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India (MoEF) has entered into a technical cooperation agreement with the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) for implementing the project 'Conservation and Sustainable Management of Existing and Potential Coastal and Marine Protected Areas (CMPA)'. The BMUB has commissioned the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH to jointly implement the Project with the MoEF in selected states in India. *The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the improvement of the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in the pilot protected areas, while taking into consideration the economic circumstances of the local population.*

The CMPA Project intends to improve the protection of biodiversity by promoting participatory approaches to the conservation and management of existing coastal and marine protected areas, and supporting the creation of new protected areas in the future. By involving stakeholders at local, state and national levels, it is expected to make a significant contribution to the conservation of areas rich in biodiversity, without compromising the resource use and livelihood options of the local population.

Location: Ansure Creek, Ratnagiri

Implementing Agency: Mangrove Cell of State of Maharashtra and Bombay Natural History Society



Dr. Deepak Apte during the visit to Germany at Max-Planck Institute