

Proceedings of the second meeting of the Core Committee held on December 15, 2014 at Sunway GRT Grand Hotel, Puducherry, under the UNDP funded project “ Biodiversity Conservation with Special Reference to Aquatic, marine and Coastal Biodiversity”.

The meeting was chaired by Shri Vinod Kumar, Director, IGNFA. The List of participants who attended the meeting is annexed as Annexure A.

The meeting commenced with welcome note by Dr. S. Senthil Kumar, Associate Professor, IGNFA, who also brief on the background of the project, deliverables, achievements and agenda for the meeting. He also informed the Committee that some of the Members could not participate in the meeting due to their preoccupation and to elicit views of various coastal states/ UT's on the project, IFS officers from Andhra Pradesh, Goa and Puducherry on request are attending as a Special Invitee for the meeting.

Following that, the Committee took stock of progress made in the project and on deliberations expressed its satisfaction on achievements as tabulated below:

| S.No. | Deliverables | Status |
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| 1. | Formation of Core Committee | Core Committee formed |
| 2. | Submission of draft work plan | Draft Plan submitted |
| 3. | Identify the resource persons and organize a workshop of the ‘Core Group’ | Meeting held on 14.03.2014 with the identified resource persons (proceedings enclosed) |
| 4. | Procure Resource Material | Resource material collected |
| 5. | Development and Compilation of resource material | Reference material for the topics has been compiled for all the modules finalized in the first core Committee proceedings |
| 6. | Conduct a three day Course | Organized in Pondicherry from 15th - 17th December,2014 |
| 7. | Hiring of support staff | One Research Associate is engaged in this project. |
| 8. | Capacity building of IGNFA faculty | Potential sites for exposure visits have been identified and correspondence is in progress with host institution/organizers. UNDP has been requested to extend the project up to June 2015 in order to complete this component. |

