

Project Mangrove

This important project was initiated in 2007 by BNHS, in association with Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) in Gujarat and Maharashtra. Under the programme, BNHS assisted ONGC in restoring 200 hectares of degraded mangroves in Gujarat. A team of mangrove experts is also undertaking studies on mangroves along the Konkan coast of Maharashtra.

Project Mangrove has also developed two mobile education units working in these two states. Conservation education is undertaken through presentations, meetings, poster displays and rallies involving villagers, in order to conduct mangrove restoration work. There have been several awareness programmes involving teachers and students regarding coastal biodiversity and their role in conservation. More than 60,000 students and 1,500 teachers have participated in over 1,000 educational activities in the coastal areas till now. About 250 coastal villages (including 20,000 local villagers, primarily from the fishing community) have been covered under community education and socio-economic surveys. Moreover, this project has provided employment to 150 locals in Gandhar, Gujarat in nursery and restoration activities.



BNHS mangroves nursery



2007 – Site before restoration



2014 – Site after restoration



Mangrove awareness activities in schools



Awareness rallies