



# Activities in Short



## 1. Environmental Awareness:

- a) **Environmental Education and Training:** Main thrust of the organization; the organization has trained over 1000 Primary School Teachers of Sundarbans Impact Zone (SIZ) by developing Environmental Education (EE) package consists of teachers *manual*, students *booklet*, *poster* and a colorful Flip chart in cooperation with Directorate of Primary Education, Primary Training Institute and Khulna University. Recently 300 teachers have been trained on Tiger-Human conflict minimization with the development of tiger conservation booklets and a documentary film / DVD.
- b) **Cultural pot songs:** As part of mass conservation awareness on Sundarbans conservation, Tiger in Education & Awareness, Sundarbans Jagoroni pot song, Biodiversity conservation of Sundarbans cultural pot songs have been developed in cooperation with Sudipti cultural team and performed in the local community locations of Sundarbans region.

2. **Sundarbans Resource Dependent Community Cooperatives:** Sundarbans stakeholder cooperative society is formed in Shyamnagar, Dacope and Mongla Upazilla (sub district) involving members from *bawali* (wood and thatch cutter), *mawali* (honey extractor), *jellay* (fish harvesters), and *jellay* (crab harvesters). They have open their own Bank account for their own to be united following the principles of Directorate of Cooperatives, Government of Bangladesh. Noted they do not follow the traditional micro credit program used in Bangladesh. 600 Nypa collectors have been trained on Sustainable harvesting (report attached) in cooperation with Forest Department.

3. **Mangrove Regeneration and Plantation:** Signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), the organization has leased out 57 acres of land for seven years (2008-2014) and planted more than 60000 mangrove saplings outside embankment stretches about 10 km along the Malancha River coast in polder 5 Shyamnagar, Satkhira by forming a Mangrove Protection Society (MPS) consists of members living around the polder embankment.

## 4. Tiger Conservation Activities:

- a) **Tiger-Human conflict mitigation:** Formation of 18 Tiger Conservation Group consists of 21 members each group thus 378 members are engaged in Tiger-human conflict mitigation in Shyamnagar. Establishment of four Tiger Conservation Club based on the four Forest Range offices of Sundarbans Forest Division.
- b) **Tiger-widow:** Reduce fuel wood collection from Sundarbans (illegally) and energy efficiency by tiger-widow and other women, a number of Improved Cooking Stove (ICS) have distributed among tiger-widow in order to reduce deforestation from Sundarbans.

5. **Sundarbans Handicraft Development:** The organization has created sewing opportunity for women for income generation and constructed a shed in Gopalpur village of Shyamnagar and initiated souvenirs (such as wall mat, hand fan) production for Sundarbans tourists with wildlife (tiger, deer logo) by involving rishi (minority Hindu community, lower cast), tiger widow and indigenous munda communities. One of the concerns is to disseminate the image of Sundarbans, UNESCO World Heritage site among the global communities.

6. **Climate Vulnerable Sundarbans Stakeholder Forum:** A 51 member forum as pressure group reducing impacts of climate change and raising voices for climate compensation in Shyamnagar Upazilla. Similar forum is underway to form in other Upazilla the Sundarbans Impact Zone.