

ICZMP REPORT

CHIEF SECRETARY REVIEWED THE PROGRESS OF ICZM PROJECT IN ODISHA

Bhubaneswar:

The Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (ICZMP) in Odisha, State Project Management Unit, will partner with state institutes to share the outcome of Regional Coastal Process Study (RCPS) under the aegis ICZM Project. Odisha is the first state which undertook the robust study on coastal process dynamics to prepare a Shoreline Management Plan later as part of the ICZM Project. ICZM Project will also introduce eco-friendly battery operated boats in Chilika. The existing boats with indigenous engines operated by local tourist boat associations creating noise and environment pollution will be phased out in coming months. Shri Bijay Kumar Pattnaik, Chief Secretary of Odisha directed ICZMP and OTDC to implement the ecofriendly initiative to safeguard the Irrawaddy dolphins of the Chilika lake and reduce other pollution levels for the other aquatic animals of the lake. "The benefits of the alternative livelihood programmes under ICZM Project will be extended to more fisher families and similar welfare and development programmes will be integrated for the benefit of the affected fishers," said Shri Bijay Kumar Pattnaik, Chief Secretary during the third steering committee meeting of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Society (ICOMS) held at the state secretariat on July 10, 2012. Chief Secretary, the Chairman of the Steering Committee of the ICOMS also directed that the research programmes under the aegis of ICZMP such as Regional Coastal Process Study must create comprehensive knowledge base on coastal zone which will be beneficial for different agencies in standardizing parameters for coastal zone management. He also directed the concerned departments to expedite the projected expenditure and achieve the financial targets during the review meeting.

Dr. Ajit Kumar Pattnaik, Project Director of the ICZM Project made a presentation on the progress and achievements of the ICZMP in the meeting. He also shared the importance of the Regional Coastal Process Study under the ICZMP as the study would cover the entire 480kms of the coastline of Odisha based on the sediment cell. The output of the study will be useful for the preparation of "Shoreline

Management Plan” and ICZM Plan for the Odisha coast. Chief Secretary directed that the scientific study should emphasize more on the impact of coastal structures. Chief Secretary also directed to bring in industry expertise and PPP mode of infrastructure developments in the eco-tourism components of ICZMP.



(Shri Bijay Kumar Pattnaik, Chief Secretary of Odisha reviewing the progress of the World Bank assisted ICZM Project at the Odisha Secretariate on Tuesday)

The steering committee meeting was attended by Shri J.K.Mohapatra, Principal Secretary of Finance Department, Shri Ashok K Tripathy, Principal Secretary of Tourism & Culture, Shri R.K.Sharma, Commissioner-cum-Secretary of Forest & Environment, Shri Sidhant Das, Member Secretary of OSPCB, MD, OSDMA and senior officials from Revenue & Disaster Management, Fishery & ARD, Housing & Urban Development, MSME, CDA with other key officials of the Forest & Environment Department.