

The Programme of Mangrove and Beach Clean-up



On this World Wetlands Day (Feb. 02) the Mangrove Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with seven different organisations viz. Beach Please led by Malhar Kalambe, Vanashakti led by Stalin Dayanand, With Them For Them led by Ashish Sawant, Environment Life (Mangrove Soldiers) led by Dharmesh Barai, For Future India led by Harshad Dhage, Luna Story Foundation led by Lisbon Ferrao and Nirdhar Foundation led by Chirag Patel, who are regularly conducting mangrove and beach clean-ups in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane and Palghar areas. Under this umbrella partnership the Mangrove Foundation will provide logistical and financial assistance to the organisations and work together in a coordinated manner to maximize the output of the clean-ups. These clean-ups will be conducted twice a month and will also enable us to share resources such as volunteer base, equipments and so on.

Today on Feb. 20, 2022, we conducted the first of the clean-up wherein six sites were targeted Sarsole jetty - Nerul, Sector 19 and Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Centre – Airoli, Navi

Mumbai, Bhandup Pumping Station, Mumbai, Bhyander West Creek, Thane and Bhuigaon beach, Palghar. Post the clean-up we realized that the major portion of waste collected from mangroves was cheap rubber footwear, followed by plastic bottles, garland and flowers wrapped in plastic bags and some amount of medical waste as well. In this drive more than 1,500kg of solid waste was removed from mangroves and beaches with the help from numerous volunteers who are committed to the cause.

Lastly, the details of the upcoming mangrove and beach clean-up activities will be posted on the social media handles of Mangrove Foundation for active participation.