

## Summary

### **National Workshop on “Climate Change with reference to Marine Ecosystem, Biodiversity Loss and Marine Pollution” (03<sup>rd</sup> and 04<sup>th</sup> July, 2023) at iCED, Jaipur**

International Centre for Environment Audit & Sustainable Development (iCED), organized National Workshop on “Climate Change with reference to Marine Ecosystem, Biodiversity Loss and Marine Pollution” from 03<sup>rd</sup> and 04<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. A total of 30 participants from 10 field offices including 10 Group Officers, participated in the workshop.



**Group photo during National Workshop on “Climate Change with reference to Marine Ecosystem, Biodiversity Loss and Marine Pollution” (03<sup>rd</sup> and 04<sup>th</sup> July, 2023)**

During the inaugural session of the Workshop, Dr Nanda Dulal Das, Director (Training & Research), iCED welcomed, Shri Ramawatar Sharma, Pr. Director (in-charge), iCED and the participants. Shri Ramawatar Sharma, Pr. Director (in-charge), iCED inaugurated the workshop and welcomed all the participants. He highlighted that Climate change is a major threat to the marine environment, leading to rising sea levels, ocean acidification, warming temperatures, and extreme weather events.

He further informed about various issues to be covered during the workshop and the role of auditing in addressing climate change issues.

During this two days' workshop various themes related to "Climate Change, Marine Ecosystem, Biodiversity Loss and Marine Pollution were covered by seven experts as detailed in following table.

**Feedback:** - Feedback on course designing, the time required, content, knowledge and its delivery by the resource persons and facilities available at iCED was also collected from the participants through SAI Portal. The average feedback of the participants is 9.23 out of 10, which is very encouraging. Sessions on "Importance of Mangrove Ecosystems for Coastal Protection and Biodiversity Conservation" was rated as the best.



**Shri Ramawatar Sharma, Pr. Director, iCED addressing the participants during Inauguration**

Sl. No.	Session	Speakers
1.	Climate Change: Its impact on Marine and Coastal Ecosystem	Dr. Fraddry D. Souza, Fellow & Area Convenor, The Coastal Ecology & Marine Resources Centre, TERI, Goa
2.	Environmental and Strategic Impact Assessments	Dr. Robin R.S., Scientist – C, National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai, Tamil Nadu
3.	Marine Spatial Planning	Dr. Dipnarayan Ganguly, Scientist – C, National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai, Tamil Nadu
4.	Importance of Mangrove Ecosystems for Coastal Protection and Biodiversity Conservation	Dr. Kathiresan Kandasamy, Professor, Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu
5.	Coral Reefs and Protected Areas: Challenges and Opportunities for Conservation	Commodore Debesh Lahiri (Executive Director), National Maritime Foundation (NMF), New Delhi
6.	Development of an Assessment Framework for Marine and Coastal Eco-system Conservation Measures	Ms. Anuja Shukla, Environmental Specialist, The World Bank Group, India
7.	Auditing Marine and Coastal Eco-system Conservation Measures	Dr. Nanda Dular Das, Director (T&R), iCED Jaipur

### **Summing-up and valediction:**

Shri Ramawatar Sharma, Pr. Director, iCED graced the valedictory session of the National Workshop through virtual mode. He thanked all the experts and participants for their contributions in making this event a success and he wished to organize more sessions in near future to understand the topic more broadly.



**Participants during valediction ceremony of the National Workshop on “Climate Change with reference to Marine Ecosystem, Biodiversity Loss and Marine Pollution”**