

“Mangroves and Carbon trading, Carbon market and REDD”

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Venue: Regenta Resort, Bhuj

Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology (GUIDE), as part of its IUCN-MFF project endeavoured to conduct series of workshops on different aspects of mangroves, community and climate change. In this connection the 3rd workshop on "Mangroves and Carbon trading, Carbon market and REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) was held at Bhuj-Kachchh on 7th July 2015 at Hotel Regenta Resort, Bhuj. As the repository of the largest mangrove formation of west coast of India, GoK (Gulf of Kachchh) mangroves are to be better understood and its role *vis-a-vis* biodiversity, climate change and carbon trading are to be discussed for its long term conservation and economic significance. With this background this workshop attempted to sensitize the coastal industries, CBOs, forest officials and other coastal resource stakeholders on issues related to mangrove conservation, their economic significance and policy issues. Inculcating awareness and capacity building among coastal communities, industries and other mangrove stakeholders and to understand climate change, carbon economics, carbon credits, trading and carbon programs were the main objectives of conducting this workshop. Eminent forest managers, industries' representatives, NGOs and other coastal community representatives participated in this workshop.