

## EU LiveDiverse Project - Case Study Committee meeting

18 January 2011 | Kolhapur

With a view to facilitate an interaction between the members of Case Study Committee (CSC) of Indian CS Area and the visiting partners of the LiveDiverse project from different countries and also to report on the progress of the project SOPPECOM organized a half-a-day meeting on 18th January 2011 at Kolhapur as part of the larger Consortium meeting. In this meeting, SOPPECOM also invited few more persons outside the CSC who have contributed to the project significantly.

K J Joy from SOPPECOM introduced the meeting and welcomed the participants. Prof. Geoffrey Gooch made the first introductory presentation. He talked about the project and also discussed briefly about the critical issues in each of four case study areas viz. Ba Be and Na Hang nature reserve (Vietnam), Warana River Basin (India), The Grand Terraba River Basin (Costa Rica) and the Greater Kruger area (South Africa). He defined Vulnerability as ability to manage or ability to cope up with threats. This presentation was followed by the detailed presentations about all the four CS areas by the partners. Also, at last there was a presentation about the future scenario development for each of the CS area.

During this meeting few very crucial issues pertaining to each CS areas were discussed. There was discussion about the Impact of Development on wetlands and involvement of local community in market economy for the case of Costa Rica. There were questions about role of headmen (village chiefs), status of women in community and also the literacy level in the study villages in South Africa. For Vietnam there were queries related to National Park management and the participation of women in community. Also the very important issues like change in Rainfall pattern, salinity and sugarcane, shifting cultivation and the level of participation of state government to the project were discussed about the Indian CS area. At last, Suchita Jain expressed her gratitude to all the invitees and presenters on behalf of SOPPECOM team.

The detailed proceedings of the meeting would be posted shortly.