

Annex 8. Events organized for community consultations and declaring the tropical freshwater swamps as conservation reserves

Date	Event details	Venue	Participants
June 2017	Meeting with Deputy Conservator of Forests Sirsi and Assistant Conservator of Forests Sirsi, field visit to Nilkund fresh water swamp (FWS)	Sirsi and Nilkund	Deputy Conservator of Forests Sirsi, Assistant Conservator of Forests Sirsi and member Western Ghats task force, Karnataka government and front line staff of forest department
July 2017	Meeting with Chief Conservator of Forests, Canara circle for discussing about designating the FWS as conservation reserve	Office of Chief conservator of forests, Sirsi	Chief conservator of forests, former chairman Western Ghats task force, Karnataka government, member Western Ghats task force
July 2017	Meeting to establish a farmer producer company for collective marketing and forest conservation	Vanalli	Local community members, directors of cooperative society,
September 2017	Meeting with governing body members of Dhollalli village forest committees	Dhoolalli	Governing body members of Dhollalli village forest committees, deputy range forester, state forest department
October 2017	Meeting with governing body members of Talakeri village forest committees	Talakeri	Governing body members of Dhollalli village forest committees, deputy range forester, state forest department
December 2017	Consultative workshop with representatives of village forest committees (forest resource management and local governance)	Vanalli	Representatives of village forest committees, former chairman Western Ghats task force, Karnataka government, teaching staff Gajanana high school Vanalli
January 2018	Meeting with Torme FWS conservation committee (people who involved in ecological restoration process successful in the previous CEPF funded	Torme	Members of FWS conservation committee and women representatives of women self help group Kudgund

	project)		
February 2018	Consultation meeting, nature walk and awareness programs	Mukti hole and Kodigadde	Chairman bio-fuel task force, New Delhi, former chairman Western Ghats task force, forest department officials, presidents and members of taluk panchayat and Gram panchayat (local administrative units), scientists, researchers, students of forestry college, science and high school, local people
February 2018	Training on value addition and agronomy of Non Timber Forest Products (towards promoting sustainable production methods of both cultivated and wild recourses)	Jajigudde	Forest dwelling people in and around FWS and members of women self help group
March 2018	Meeting at Danmavu with members of village forest committees	Danmavu	Representatives of village forest committees, former chairman Western Ghats task force, Karnataka government
April 2018	Meeting at Unchalli with members of village forest committees and field visits to FWS at Bagginpal Jaddi	Unchalli	Representatives of village forest committees, former chairman Western Ghats task force, Karnataka government
April 2018	Meeting at Kuddegodu with members of village forest committees and field visits to FWS at Kharse Kaanu and Bhootan Jaddi	Kuddegodu	Representatives of village forest committees, former chairman Western Ghats task force, Karnataka government
June 2017 till date	Meeting with forest officials of various levels	Hulekal, Sirsi, Janmane, Siddapur, Kyadgi	Range forest officers

Note: We have involved former chairman of Western Ghats task force, Karnataka government at every stage of the project activities, since he is the key person involved in declaring the four conservation reserves in the district during his tenure. Besides, the project

activities of swamp restoration through CEPF funded project was amplified in the government, since he provided plat form for presenting the results of the project activities in front of high level decision making bodies including that of state forest minister, and because of this the project has become a program for state government in the later stage.