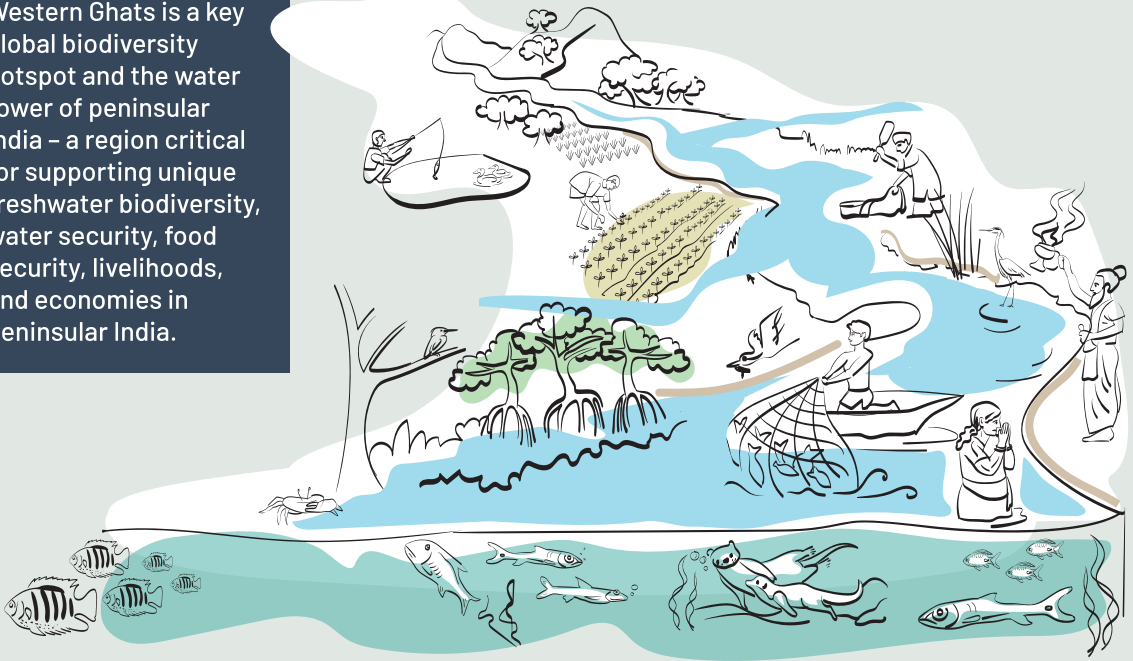




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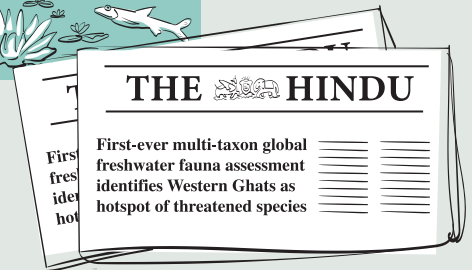
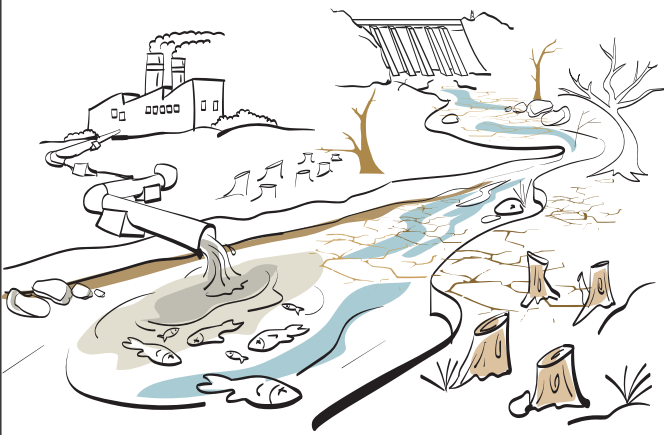


Western Ghats is a key global biodiversity hotspot and the water tower of peninsular India – a region critical for supporting unique freshwater biodiversity, water security, food security, livelihoods, and economies in peninsular India.

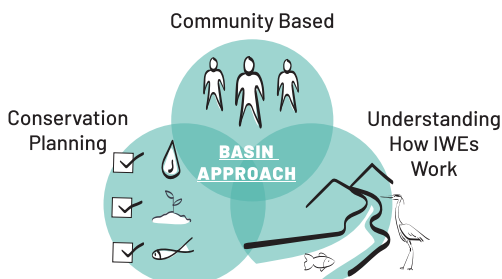


However, inland water ecosystems (IWEs) face several threats from pollution, overexploitation, habitat loss/modification and climate change.

Due to which, freshwater biodiversity in Western Ghats is one of the most threatened in the world.



Our goal: Conserve and restore IWEs and their biodiversity in Western Ghats through a multi-pronged approach...



One focal basin in the Western Ghats is the Upper Bhima basin, Maharashtra. Here, we have:

1. Helped the formation of a collaborative of local organisations.

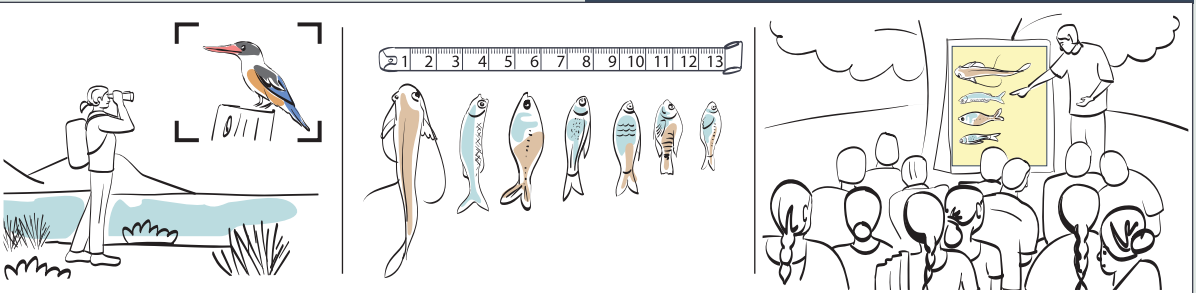
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2. ...and supported the development of a freshwater conservation action plan for the basin - a guidance for implementing local conservation actions for basin wide impacts.

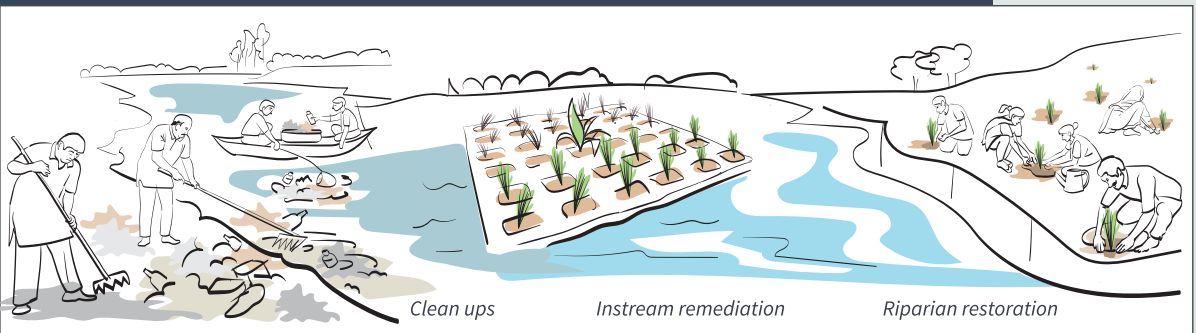


Upper Bhima Collective (UBC)

3. We have also strengthened knowledge on freshwater biodiversity and conservation opportunities in the basin which is being shared with the local communities to spread awareness.



4. Ultimately, through improved knowledge and community involvement, conservation actions will be piloted to address key issues along the River Bhima...



Our vision: Healthy IWEs with thriving biodiversity, ecosystem services and people as a result of widespread, collective, science-based, efficient conservation actions in the Western Ghats.



Our partners

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