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Maharashtra Sustainable Coastal Protection And Management

Maharashtra Maritime Board
Home Department
Government of Maharashtra



Maharashtra coastline comprises seven coastal districts, such as Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri, Raigad, Mumbai, suburban Mumbai, Thane, and Palghar, and supports a large population and economic activities.

- Climate change impacts are resulting in **increased risk of coastal erosion** and damage to coastal infrastructure and economic activities.
- About 24% of the 740 km coast is eroding.

Sustainable Coastal Protection and Management Investment Program (2010-2020)

- Loan support from the Asian Development Bank
- Executing agency and Implementing agency Maharashtra Maritime Board

Key Objectives

- Sustainable management and use of the coastal environment;
- II. Address the immediate coastal protection needs and coastal instability using environmentally and socially appropriate solutions;
- III. Enhance the capacities of institutions for effective shoreline management and development.





NATURE-BASED SOLUTION

- ☐ Provides a sustainable, long-term, environmentally friendly solution to mitigate erosion and enhance the resilience of the coastal site for future generations.
- ☐ Implementation of soft engineering sand dunes is an effective, economical and Nature-Based Solution to combat erosion.
- ☐ Plantation of Native vegetation on the dunes and its maintenance will promote biodiversity.

Before



NATURE BASED SOLUTION- BHATYE, DIST-RATNAGIRI(TRANCHE-1)

- □ Dune Construction at Bhatye, Ratnagiri, was completed in May 2019 under the Sustainable Coastal Protection and Management Investment Program
- ☐ Implementation of soft engineering sand dunes is an effective, economical and Nature-Based Solution to combat erosion.
- ☐ The Nature-Based Solution in the form of Beach Nourishment survived despite several cyclones since its construction.

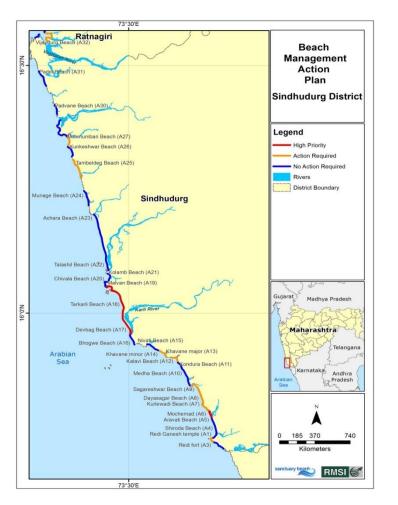




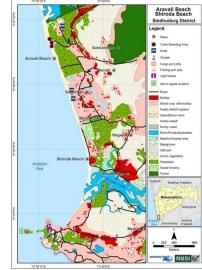
Every beach in Maharashtra was visited and documented, rather than considering larger regions only

Dadra and Nagar Haveli Maharashtra Beaches Legend District Boundary State Boundary Maharashtra Ratnagiri

Developed Action Plans for Individual Beaches



Presented to each of the Coastal District Collectors along with GPs and Community.







OBJECTIVES

- ☐ Protect, manage and sustain the shoreline
- ☐ Cleanliness of sea beaches by efficient garbage disposal
- Water sports activities
- Tourism Friendliness
- ☐ Eco-friendly energy like Solar, Bio-Gas, Wind etc.
- Beach Safety
- ☐ Skill development
- □ Conservation and Development of Mangroves

NIRMAL SAGAR TAT ABHIYAAN (NSTA)

Community projects with unique activities













Maharashtra Sustainable Climate Resilient Coastal Protection Management Project

On-going ADB Loan Project

Output 1: Implementation of Climate-resilient coastal protection measures

- Addresses coastal climate vulnerabilities, reducing coastal erosion by introducing a range of integrated measures for priority sub-projects.
- Building the climate resilience of selected shorelines using nature-based solutions (NbS)

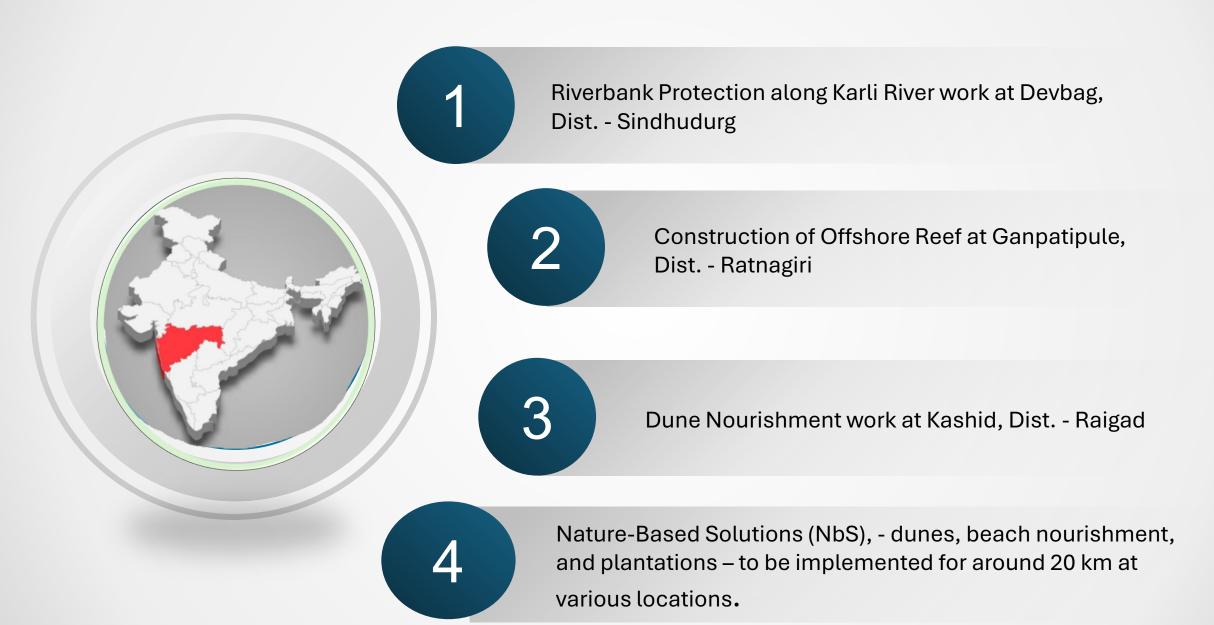
Output 2: Capacity for sustainable, climateresilient and integrated shoreline protection

Enhance state capacity for sustainable integrated shoreline planning and management through:

- Establishing and operationalising a Coastal Infrastructures Management Unit (CIMU) into the core operation of MMB.
- Upgrading Coastal Management InformationSystem (CMIS)
- Updating Shore Line Management Plan (SMP)
 for all five coastal districts and preparing a
 consolidated state-wide long-term coastal
 management and protection plan.
- Supporting livelihood activities and community participation in shoreline management with strong participation of women and disadvantaged groups.



Maharashtra Sustainable Climate Resilient Coastal Protection Management Project OUTPUT - 1



RIVERBANK PROTECTION ALONG KARLI RIVER AT DEVBAG DIST-SINDHUDURG

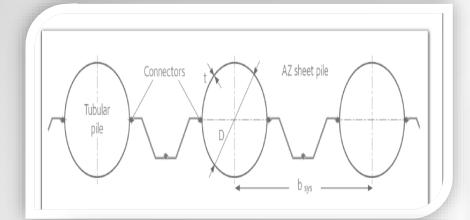
Components of the Project

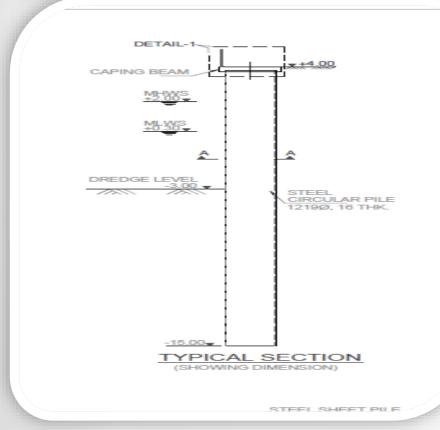
- Protection of the riverbank using a composite cantilever sheet pile wall
- ☐ Restoration of the eroded riverbank with dredged sand from the Karli River Channel,

Benefits

- ☐ Protection and stabilisation of the riverbank
- ☐ Flood-reduction
- Beneficial use of dredged sand
- ☐ Enhanced navigational safety for vessels.









Elevation and Cross section

Representation Image of Combi wall (Tubular & AZ)

CONSTRUCTION OF OFFSHORE REEF AT GANPATIPULE, DIST-RATNAGIRI

Components of the Project

- ☐ Construction of an offshore reef using steel caissons with a founding level at 3 m depth below CD, 300 m offshore
- Beach Nourishment with sand from the river entrance, to create a salient in front of the temple.

Benefits

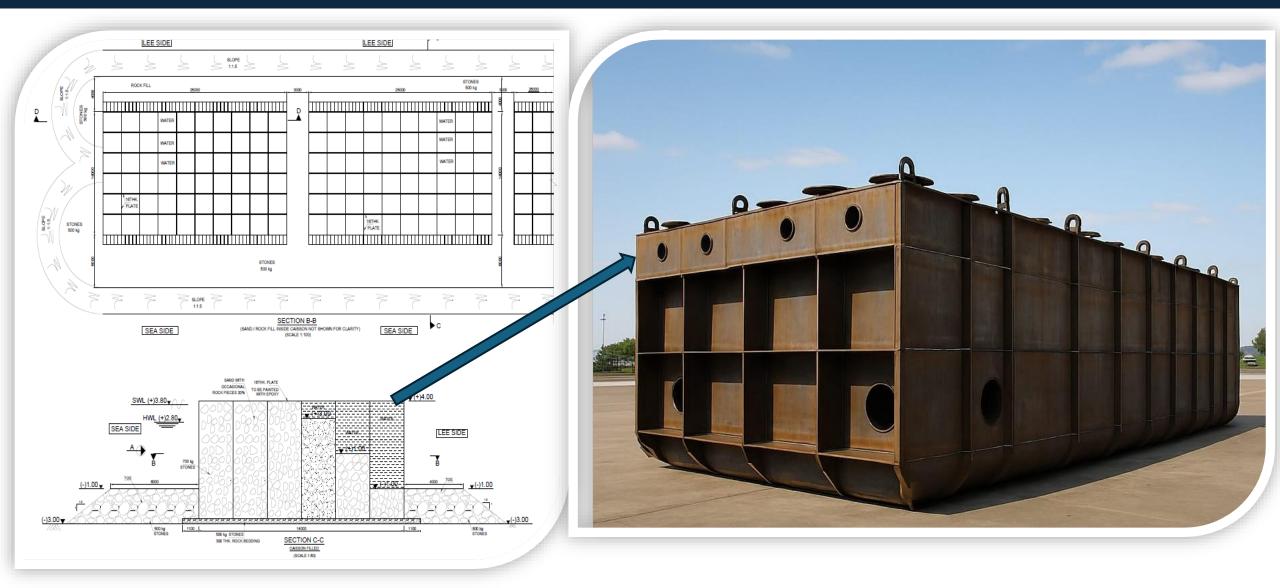
- Prevent erosion and damage to infrastructure
- ☐ Protect tourism activities in the area and the Temple complex.
- ☐ Protect the livelihood of the traders in the project area.
- ☐ Favourable impacts on employment and economic activities







Steel Caisson Reef



Elevation of the Steel Caisson

Sample Image of a Steel Caisson

Maharashtra Sustainable Climate Resilient Coastal Protection Management Project OUTPUT - 2



Maharashtra Sustainable Climate Resilient Coastal Protection Management Project

COASTAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (CMIS)

Collection and processing of Spatial and Non-Spatial coastal data

Publishing and promoting the use of coastal data within Ports department and by other stakeholders

Conducting issue based Coastal Research

The Coastal Infrastructure Management Unit (CIMU) will be responsible for Coastal Management Information system (CMIS)

COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT UNIT (CIMU)

WORKING RELATIONSHIP

National Guidelines and Regulations

Integrated Coastal Zone Management / CRZ Zone Management/CRZ

State Policies

Environmental, Industrial, Shipping, Fishery, Tourism, Forestry and Community

Local Needs and Priorities

District Administration, ZPs, GPs, ULBs, Communities

Support Livelihood Activities and Community Participation in Shoreline Management

Consultations with the coastal communities, focusing on women's groups, to understand their needs and collect baseline information. Prepare a GESI inclusive livelihood plan, including institutional and implementation arrangements, cost estimate, monitoring and reporting, and draft grant documents. ☐ Generate conceptual plans of sub-projects based on investment plans of stakeholders departments, Fisheries and Tourism, and communities' requirements. Coordinate with state skill and livelihood missions for the identification and promotion of livelihood opportunities for women and women SHGs

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