

ZSI Summary for the Month of May 2024

Highlights

1. Provided comments on Shared vision of India-Bangladesh Green Partnership for Sustainable Future as required by International Cooperation Division, MoEF&CC.
2. Provided comments on Marine biodiversity conservation and coastal resilience related to Message to Parties and Observers - The Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue 2024-inputs/initiatives/achievements to ensure proper representation of the country on UNFCCC's platform in June 2024 as required by Sustainable Coastal Management Division, MoEF&CC.
3. Provided comments on Binary indicators of the Monitoring Framework for Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advise (SBSTTA-26) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) as required by MoEF&CC.
4. Provided comments on supply of data for Updation of publication-“EnviStats-India-2024 as required by Environment Statistics Social Statistics Division, Ministry of Statistics & PI through ZSI.
5. Provided comments/inputs on Draft zero guidelines for Import and Quarantine of Seaweeds for their Culture and Propagation in India as required by Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying through ZSI.
6. Submitted revised proposal and concept note for EIACP Centre on Island Faunal Diversity to MoEF&CC for further necessary action.
7. Submitted proposal for Biodiversity Monitoring in the proposed water aerodrome at Swaraj Dweep, Saheed Dweep and Long Island to Directorate of Civil Aviation, Andaman and Nicobar Administration.
8. Submitted research proposal for National Coral Reef Research Institute (NCRRI) to ANIIDCO, Andaman and Nicobar Administration as directed to Green Tribunal, Kolkata in connection with the proposed International Transshipment at Great Nicobar Island.
9. Submitted audit reply to the Controller of Accounts, Office of the Principal Accounts Office (Internal Audit Wing), MoEF&CC.
10. ZSI identified confiscated material for the Police and Forest Departments of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Kerala and Maharashtra.
11. ZSI generated 52 DNA barcodes of reptiles, mammals and fishes, and submitted to NCBI.
12. ZSI conducted 2 long term surveys in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Telangana, and 19 days' local surveys in Andaman Islands, Bihar, Kerala and West Bengal during the month.
13. ZSI conducted two outreach activities through organising Internship programmes for M. Sc. students.
14. ZSI described 10 species of bugs and butterflies as new to Science, reported 7 species new to India and synonymised 6 species of Lepidoptera.
15. ZSI published 1 book and 15 research papers in reputed high impact journals.
16. ZSI identified and registered 6005 examples of 1977 species of various animal taxa during the month.
17. ZSI received 15,387 visitors, of which the MARC, Digha centre received 14,787 tourists including children & school students for during the month.
18. ZSI Annual Progress Monitoring Meeting of Senior Officers of HQ and Regional Centres continued till 01.05.2024.
19. ZSI conducted various activities under "MISSION LIFE" an initiative of MoEF&CC, GoI at its HQs and Regional Centres.