

BIODIVERSITY CHAMPIONS



The Programme

Many Cities around the world including in India are abounded by diverse and rich flora and fauna within its boundaries. Yet urban biodiversity, is a neglected subject. Very little is known about these ecosystems.

Our concept aims at bridging this knowledge gap by involving youth in urban biodiversity mapping and management. Through this project we can help develop a live inventory of urban biodiversity in Indian cities but also help in drawing a much needed connect between urban residents with their surrounding environments. This connection is necessary to break the general perception in urban areas of nature being “Out There” to “Right Here” and also’ to help in attaining Environmental Stewardship.

This initiative would involve youth as assessors, awareness drivers and advocates of biodiversity protection and management in Urban areas. This programme would actively engage youth in urban biodiversity conservation through activities aimed at observing, monitoring and recording information on species population and behavior vis-à-vis their environmental surroundings.

The Components

Following are the components of the programme:

- Awareness Trainings on identifying, monitoring and documenting biodiversity in 50 institutions
- Seasonal Assessment of species presence, absence and development
- Development of 2 city level E -tools (Maps, Information Banks, Mobile Apps, Blogs, Websites) of urban biodiversity in India
- 50 Biodiversity Champions in each city

Expected Outcomes

- 500 youth/ city involved in the initiative
- Yearly City Biodiversity Reports Prepared and Published
- 1 Website dedicated on City Biodiversity with a running blog

