

PRESENT STATUS OF GANGES RIVER DOLPHIN AND STRATEGIES TOWARDS CONSERVATION OF AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY

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The Gangetic river dolphin is considered an indicator of the Ganga River's health. The National Aquatic Animal of the country is facing serious anthropogenic hazards over past few decades leading to decline in their population. Recent survey has shown that the animal has declined drastically both in numbers in upstream of the rivers, tributaries, as well as in its range. The species is facing severe threats owing to multifarious human interventions like damming, habitat destruction, pollution etc. In view of their biological significance, the present article provides information related to conservation and restoration strategies taken up by CIFRI under National Mission for Clean Ganga over past few years.
