

NON GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION (NGO) AND COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT IN INDIA

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There has been a wide converse between various stakeholders who use the coastal resources over the years about its decline in the production capacity of various valuable products. One of such important degraded coastal zone has been the Indian coast zone. The reason for such a decline is due to several abnormalities caused in the coastal zone due to over capitalisation for which the consequents and the impact has been well studied and reported. The role of public sector in managing the coastal zone is the routine activity and the very recently the emergence of Non-government organisations in many parts of coastal India have made the process of CZM so close with the people and for the people. The emergence of new roles has been the most important among them. This paper gives an insight into the efforts of NGOs in preserving the Coastal Zone of India. There are about thousands of NGOs working on different issues of the coastal zone. The NGOs network has grown to an extent by which their representation have been widely recognised and their views have been incorporated into the policy framework of the country with special reference to management of Coastal Zone of India. As the public sector they are very particularly growing in the teaching, research and extension domains of the coastal issues. This paper gives a status report on the efforts of NGOs in preserving the coastal zone areas, their issues and their capacities of staging national demonstrations. In addition to that their role in policy framework and rural development with other initiatives proposed by them for effective management of Coastal Zone in India is also dealt in detail. Secondary and primary data were collected for analysis. Reports from several NGOs working for the development of the coastal zone in India were collected and analysed with the identified parameters for effective discussion and interpretation. The paper concludes with the effective suggestions from various quarters to propose NGOs as effective machinery for the development of the coastal zone management in India.