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**INTERACT-Bio: Integrated sub-national action for
Biodiversity- Supporting Implementation of
National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)**

**Workshop and Scoping: Nature’s Benefits in Kochi**

**Date: 28th March 2018**

**Venue: The Grand Hotel, MG Road, Kochi**

**Program Schedule**

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| 09:00- 09:30  | **Registration** |
| 09:30-10:00 | **Inaugural Session** |
| 09:30- 09:40 | **Introductory Remarks :** Dr. Monalisa Sen, Programme Coordinator (Biodiversity), ICLEI- South Asia  |
| 09:40-10:00 | **Welcome Address :** Mrs. Soumini Jain, Hon’ble Mayor, Kochi Municipal Corporation |
| 10:30-11:00 | **Tea** |
| 11:00-12:00 |  *‘****What are ecosystem services, and why should urban administrators/policy makers take them into account?****’*  | UFZ and ICLEI South Asia |
| 12:00-13:00 | **Exercise 1: Scoping ecosystem services*** Which ecosystem services (ES) do the backwaters/Mangalavanam provide for Kochi?
* Where are they generated? What is their current status and trend?
* Where do trade-offs between ES occur and how?
* *Desired outcome: recognition that healthy backwaters and mangroves are crucial for a urban sustainability and that measures are needed to maintain and enhance ES provision*
 | Facilitation: ICLEI/UFZ2-3 working groups on backwaters; 2-3 working groups Mangalavanam One moderator per group |
| 13:00-13:30 | **Reporting back from groups and synthesis** | Facilitation: ICLEI/UFZ |
| 13:30 - 14:30 | **Lunch** |
| 14:30-14:45 | ***Ecosystem service opportunities*** | UFZ |
| 14:45-15:45  | **Exercise 2: Understanding activities and actors*** Which activities influence the provision of relevant ES? Which actors are involved and how?

*Desired outcome: joint understanding of how activities and actors relate to ecosystem service provision by the backwaters/Mangalavanam* | Facilitation: ICLEI/UFZ |
| 15:45-16:00 | **Reporting back from groups and synthesis** | All participants |
| 16:00-16:15 | **Tea** |  |
| 16:15-16:45 | **Brainstorming session** to collect ideas how to improve the situation (for instance which policy measures or instruments could help) | Facilitation: ICLEI and UFZGroup work: each group comes up with 3 main ideas on how to improve the situation |
| 16:45-17:00 | **Reporting back from groups and synthesis in plenary** | Facilitation: ICLEI |
| 17:00-17:15 | **Wrap-up** | ICLEI |