

**Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangrove Cell
& Nodal Officer, UNDP Sindhudurg Project**

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To,

Mr. Ajay Govale
Director, Community Impact
United Way Mumbai
Nirman Kendra, Famous Studio Lane,
Dr. E. Moses Road, Mahalaxmi Estate,
Mumbai – 400 011

Sub: The Mangrove Cell of Forest Department's support of United Way Mumbai's Mission Mangroves.

Dear Mr. Govale,

I am pleased to learn that United Way Mumbai, in partnership with the NGO, Vanashakti, has launched a special initiative, "Mission Mangroves" with the goal of planting over one lakh mangroves in the wetlands around Mumbai city. It is heartening to note that hundreds of volunteers from the corporate sector, students from schools and colleges, NGOs and citizen groups in Mumbai have joined the mission towards this noble cause. I am certain that you will be able to make a big difference to the conservation efforts aimed at protection of mangroves and wetlands in the city. In this regard, the Mangrove Cell wholeheartedly supports all such initiatives that involve different stakeholders and will be glad to be associated with this mission.

In this context, it will be relevant to mention that the Government of Maharashtra has recently established a 'Mangrove and Marine Biodiversity Conservation Foundation' with the objective of protecting mangroves and marine biodiversity of the State with the support of sources from within and outside the government. This Foundation can act as a vehicle for channelizing resources from the non-governmental sector toward the conservation of mangroves of Maharashtra, in general and that of Mumbai, in particular.

I look forward to our association under this mission!

Yours sincerely,



(N. Vasudevan)

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