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Executive Summary

The patch of mangrove wetland sandwiched between the Diu Island and the Gujarat state in the west coast of India was notified as Fudam Bird Sanctuary (FBS) in 2006. The sanctuary is part of the Diu district of the Union Territory of Dadra Nagar haveli and Daman and Diu. The small island of Diu (20° 44' - 20° 42' N and 71°00'- 70°52' E) lies off the coast of Kathiawad near the Port of Veraval in southern coast of Saurashtra (Gujarat) with a coastline of 21 km. There was no management plan for the sanctuary so far and there were no significant management interventions made in the sanctuary.

Despite Fudam Bird Sanctuary being the only sanctuary in Diu, not many facilities are available currently for the tourists and only few tourists keenly interested in nature and bird watching are visiting the sanctuary. There is also lack of information available on the faunal and floral wealth of FBS. There is a need for scientific documentation of biodiversity resources at FBS. Owing to the isolation and difficult access, the Sanctuary faces only minimal anthropogenic pressure. Trespassing, pollution from the nearby waste dump and the feral dogs are the major potential threats to the sanctuary and its avifauna. These issues need to be addressed for effective conservation and management of the Sanctuary.

The present management plan envisions the Fudam Bird Sanctuary as a significant site on the northern west coast of India for conservation of mangroves, birds and also as an eco-tourism destination. Management requirements for the FBS, such as Boundary demarcation, Eco-sensitive zone around the sanctuary, Eco tourism and associated infrastructure and human resource developments, Research, documentation and monitoring, effective protection of the Sanctuary from anthropogenic threats are discussed in the plan.