

# ‘Mangroves crucial for well-being of humans’

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INTERNATIONAL Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem was observed at ENVIS centre on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree improvement at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB) on Monday.

Kunhikannan, Director, IFGTB during his address, said that the structural complexities of mangrove vegetation create unique environments which provide ecological niches for a wide variety of organisms. “Most of fish and crustaceans on which thousands of people rely for their livelihood use mangroves as breeding, feeding, and rearing grounds. Mangroves give protection to the coastline and minimize natural disasters,” he pointed out.

Kannan CS Warriar, Senior Principal Scientist and ENVIS Coordinator, said that the estimated global area of mangrove forests is 167,000-181,000 km<sup>2</sup>. “These play a critical role in supporting human well-being,” he noted.

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