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## An unexpected journey: getting to Kumirmari

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In early December 2018, James and I headed to West Bengal to conduct a birdwatching workshop for budding tourist guides. The workshop took us all the way from Wandoor in the Andamans to the island of Kumirmari in the Sunderbans. Sunderban, “the only Mangrove-Tiger land of the planet” (Banerjee M, 2012) was definitely not love at first sight for us. After having lived for a while in the bright greens and blues of the Andamans, the Sunderbans seemed wet, brown and bleak. [Read more](#)

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## Strengthening livelihoods through bio-cultural connections

*[Shiba Desor](#)*

The Karen community settled in the Andaman Islands in the early 1920s. A forest-dependent community from erstwhile Burma, the Karens quickly developed linkages with the natural environment of the islands. Along with having a good traditional and developed knowledge of the forest and the sea, the Karens are adept craftspersons of wood, bamboo and cane. Today their population is composed of around 2500 people, primarily residing in North and Middle Andaman. [Read more](#)



## Development as freedom in Srikakulam

One of the most remarkable things about field visits is its ability to jolt you back to reality. Vulnerable communities who were earlier mere statistics in a larger, impersonal statistical picture that we absentmindedly scroll through as we sip our morning cup of chai, suddenly come to life as real people with real stories. A glance at their faces, stories of adversity etched into them, is enough to remind me just how far we are from bridging the inequality gap. [Read more](#)



## Connecting communities with conservation

[Mallika Vaznaik](#) and [Prakriti Mukerjee](#)

Situated near the southern periphery of Goa, the Galgibaga beach and village, along with its importance for olive ridley nesting, contains multiple ecosystems, a diverse collection of flora and fauna and is home to people with a rich cultural heritage. The Goa Forest Department and Dakshin Foundation have come together to work on developing the site to holistically represent the area it encompasses. [Read more](#)

## Events

To commemorate 12 years of publication, Dakshin Foundation and Current Conservation are organising "[Current Conservation Conversations](#)", an event celebrating the successful fusion of art and science in the magazine, and exploring ways to take it further. The event will be held on 3 March, 2019, at



# current conservation conversations

3rd March, '19  
Lahe Lahe,  
Indiranagar  
3pm - 8pm



- ♦ **Film screening**  
3:00pm- 4:50pm
- ♦ **Empowering communities  
to live with the sea.**  
a talk by Vik Mohan, Blue Ventures, UK  
5:00pm- 5:45pm
- ♦ **Connecting conservation  
to the real world**  
a panel discussion  
6:00pm- 7:00pm
- ♦ **Art exhibition**  
3:00pm- 7:30pm
- ♦ **Merchandise stall**  
3:00pm- 7:30pm



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