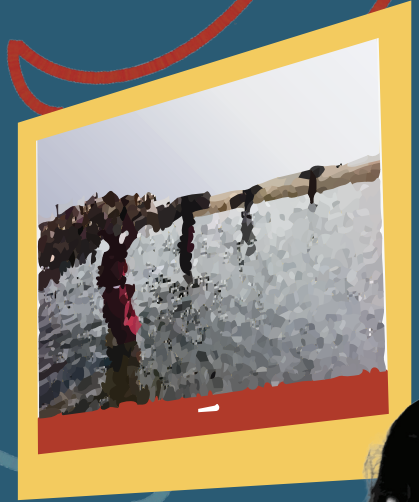
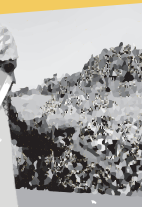




4 COHORTS
30 FELLOWS
300 KM COASTLINE

Coastal Grassroots Fellowship

EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR
RESILIENT COASTAL FUTURES



About the Coastal Grassroots Fellowship (CGF)

Empowering women for collective change



Women play a vital role in sustaining coastal fishing communities. Yet, we can count the number of women leaders in decisions that affect their lives, economies and wellbeing.

The Coastal Grassroots Fellowship programme was launched in 2021 to meet the need to set right the gender imbalance in coastal and oceanic governance.

Built around a Learn-Act-Reflect model, the fellowship is a year-long programme, which provides structured learning opportunities, financial support and mentorship. The idea is to bring about effective social change and sustainability to coastal India.

Select cohorts of women from fishing communities learn skills to engage in active, ground-up leadership to address urgent and contemporary complex interrelated problems and opportunities. Subject areas include climate change, health impacts, blue economy-based livelihoods and environmental degradation.

Through the intensive one year engagement, fellows engage with ideas of conservation of coastal and marine commons, learn skills of writing, photography and critical visual documentation. Importantly, they have an opportunity to directly participate in decision making spaces, take initiative and sharpen their leadership potential.

Fellows participate in consultations, build governance knowledge, and develop practical skills that support community-level initiatives such as mapping, producing participatory photographic narratives, documentation of distress migration, conservation of coastal commons, and facilitating access to entitlements. They also represent community concerns in diverse decision-making spaces.



Towards the Future

The Coastal Grassroots Fellowship programme is building a **growing network of women leaders** who are driving change in coastal fishing communities. By connecting leadership with climate resilience, health, livelihoods, and local governance, the fellowship equips women to respond to emerging challenges while strengthening **community-led solutions for more resilient and inclusive coastal futures.**