

### **Theme 3: Biodiversity – Terrestrial, Aquatic**

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#### **DIVERSITY OF WATERBIRDS IN KAIGA, UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT**

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Kaiga village, a rich source of Biodiversity, is located between 14 51' 00'' N lat and 74' 26' 00'' E in Uttara Kannada district. A preliminary survey was carried out for a period of two years from November 2007 to October 2009. Survey was held in a total of 18 sampling sites namely Kuchegar, Virje, Hartuga, Irpage, Mallapur, Kadra, Devkar, Devlamakki, Halaga, Ulga, Katne, Baire, Hapkarni, Sakli, Keravadi, Kaiga plant site area, Bare and Haroor. Census was carried out during daytime between 7 am and 9 am. A total of 48 species of waterbirds belonging to 9 families were recorded. The results indicate that Kaiga region is enriched with diverse waterbird species including rare and migratory birds.