As a follow up of the decision taken in the last meeting of the Odisha Coastal Zone Management Authority held on 7th - 8th May 2012, sensitization workshop on CRZ Notification-2011 are to be organised by SPMU, Odisha in the coastal district of Odisha in consultation with respective District Collectors. The Collector Puri was first to respond to the request made by SPMU and promptly accepted the proposal of organisation of the workshop in Puri District on 26.08.2012. Due to his personal initiative 79 number of participants from Revenue, Puri Konark Development Authority, Forest & Environment, Industries, Agriculture, Fishery & ARD, Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, Health & Family Welfare, Works, Public Health & Engineering Department, Energy, Tourism and Culture department including various district level officers such as ADM, PD - DRDA, Sub-collectors of Puri, BDOs of Astarang, Brahmagiri, Krishnaprasad, CDMO, Puri, Officials of Puri Konark Development Authority, Executive Engineer of Works Department, PHED and RD, CESU, GM, District Industry Centre, ACF of Puri & Chilika Wild Life Divison of Puri participated in the one day workshop.

The workshop was also attended by members of Hotel & Restaurants Association of Puri, Block Chairmen of Kakatpur, Krishnaprasad and Brahmagiri Blocks, Zilla Parishad Members of different zones of Puri district, Sarpanch, PS Members and other elected PRI members of the district along with the local media representatives. The participants were from grass root level to district level of the Puri District. The district level sensitisation workshop on CRZ Notification 2011 was organised by State Project Management Unit, ICZM Project Odisha at Hotel Holiday Resort, Puri.

After a brief welcome, Shri N.K. Nayak Collector Puri apprised the participants about the necessity of this sensitisation workshop on Coastal Regulation Zone Notification 2011. He requested all the participants to be attentive and take the maximum advantage of this workshop. He urged the
participants to actively participate and clarify their doubts if any during the course of discussion. He thanked the Department of Forest & Environment, Govt of Odisha and the SPMU, ICZM Project Odisha for taking this initiative by way of organising this workshop.

Dr. A.K. Pattnaik, Project Director ICZMP made a presentation on the salient features of the CRZ Notification 2011. He gave a brief history of evolution of the CRZ notification, the difference between 1991 Notification and the present Notification, prohibited activities, permissible activities, procedures for CRZ clearance, post clearance monitoring, preparation of ICZM Plan and enforcement.

Dr. D.P. Rath from Center for Environment Education was the main Resource Person. He explained in great detail the each and every aspect of the notification. Dr. A.K. Sahu, Ecologist SPMU, ICZM Project Odisha dealt with the frequently asked questions.
Dr. B.K. Sahoo, Junior Scientist, Forest & Environment Department, Govt. of Odisha explained about the enforcement mechanism, penal provisions and the role of State Coastal Zone Management Authority in detail. Finally a session on question and answer was held and the panel members replied to the questions by the participants. Adequate time was given for the floor participation and there was very active participation from all section of the participants.

The response from the participants was overwhelming and all the participants attended the workshop till the end. It was possible due to the initiative by the District Collector of Puri.