

Bangladesh Delta Bulletin 7

This quarterly newsletter contains short messages, news and announcements, with the objective to share knowledge and experience related to adaptive delta management and the implementation of the Bangladesh Delta Plan. Initiated by Delta Alliance, the Delta Bulletin Editorial group actively cooperates with JCP, Delta Forum, UDW-Planning Toolkit and welcomes other contributions.

1. DeltaCap Project Closing Session

DeltaCap organized a closing session online with participants from Delta Alliance Bangladesh Wing (IWM, CEGIS, BWDB, LGED, WARPO, BCAS, BWP, BUET), Dutch partners IHE Delft, Wageningen University and Research and CAS and the external advisors on 31 March 2021. Collaboration between the various partners has been key in this project, as well as flexibility and an innovative approach (urban demonstrators) ([more info](#)).

2. Joint Cooperation Programme(JCP) and Living Deltas Hub(LDH) at ICWFM8.

At 30th March a dual session of the JCP and LDH took place during ICWFM8 focussing on "Fit for Purpose Modeling: what does it mean and what does it bring?" Key messages: Modelling is done to answer a question. Involvement of users and communication are essential. Further reporting in the JCP newsletter - mail to jcpbdnl@gmail.com – and the one of LDH, register at <https://www.livingdeltas.org/news>

3. At ICWFM8: IUCN discussed NbS Standards

IUCN organized a special session at ICWFM8 on the new global [Nature based Solutions Standards](#). Discussants highlighted the need of localization of the standards, showcasing international examples, need for more policy dialogues and consultation. More info: IUCN and [NbS Bangladesh network](#)

4. At ICWFM8: NWO-UDW Planning Toolkit

The NWO [research](#) discussed a new tool for assessing institutional ability to implement Participatory Water Management in Bangladesh during ICWFM 2021 ([see book of abstract, page 218](#)).

5. Jamuna River Economic Corridor Development

The World Bank is developing a proposal based on the concept of stabilization of the Jamuna river and enhancing navigation routes. The Bank aims for funding [the project](#) and has recently engaged a group of consultants supporting the implementing agencies BIWTA and BWDB in preparing feasibility

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studies, detailed design, and DPP. ESIA of Phase 1 Stage 1, is also taken up.

6. Online Training on River Conservation for Sustainable Life

Bangladesh River Foundation, RDRC & other riverine organization arrange a 7 -8 Days training on River Conservation for Sustainable Life. More information: [link](#)

7. Hugh Brammer passed away

On 13th January 2021, Hugh Brammer passed away, aged 95. He worked over 60 years as a soil scientist, agricultural advisor, and scientist on climate change and agro-ecology of Bangladesh, for which he received Bangladesh President's Gold Medal in 1978 . For memories/condolences ([link](#)). Channel-i broadcasted a program in his honour ([link](#)).

8. Recent papers

- Umme Kulsum, Jos Timmermans, Marjolijn Haasnoot, M. Shah Alam Khan, Wil Thissen, *Why uncertainty in community livelihood adaptation is important for adaptive delta management: A case study in polders of Southwest Bangladesh*; Environmental Science & Policy, Volume 119, 2021, Pages 54-65 ISSN 1462-9011, ([link](#))
- Danielle Lindamood, Derek Armitage, Dilruba Fatima Sharmin, Roy Brouwer, Susan J. Elliott, Jennifer A. Liu, Mizan R. Khan, *Assessing the capacity for adaptation and collaboration in the context of freshwater pollution management in Dhaka, Bangladesh*; Environmental Science & Policy, Vol. 120, 2021, Pages 99-107, ISSN 1462-9011, ([link](#))
- Pakulski, Ingrid; Laroche, Virginie; Kazi, Swarna; Shawk, Ahmed; Khaleduzzaman, A.T.M.; Urrutia, Ignacio; van Ledden, Mathijs; Browder, Greg; Engle, Nathan. 2021. *The Bangladesh Delta : A Lighthouse Case Study*. World Bank, Washington, DC. ([link](#))

9. Agenda

- late May 2021: online monthly seminar Delta Forum. Contact Prof. Dr. Hamidul Huq, Convener of Delta Forum. Email: hamidulhuq@idss.uju.ac.bd
- 3rd Coastal Water Convention, Khulna, 2-3 October 2021. More info: secretariat.cwc@gmail.com

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