

KOHAN SEED BANK

Maharashtra, Sindhudurg District



Sowing seeds
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The Kohan Community Seed Bank (CSB) was established in 2023 with the support of the Sindhudurg Diocesan Development Society and the NGO Caritas India. The CSB is located in the village of Bhatwadi in Sindhudurg district, Maharashtra, India.

The CSB is directly managed by 10 members who are for now the primary beneficiaries. They are in charge of managing the operation of the CSB, especially seed production and conservation.

As of 2024, the CSB is still in the establishment phase, focusing on the collection and conservation of local varieties to enhance food and nutrition security among its members.

The seed bank currently conserves four local varieties of vegetables, including ladyfingers, sorrel leaves, and beans. One of the CSB members utilizes his house as a storage center. Seeds are preserved in traditional clay pots to ensure their quality.

Sindhudurg Diocesan Development Society offers capacity-building programs to the CSB members.

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