

INDIA SAND WATCH

**Data Sprint
REPORT CARD:**

River Chambal

Date: *13th Jan 2024*

Place: *Online*



What happened at the sprint, and how did it happen?

- *Introduction & orientation to India Sand Watch (ISW)*
- *Participants were trained to search for data and upload it to the ISW platform*
- *We then split ourselves into 2 breakout rooms*
 - *Breakout room 1: participants searched for reports of sand mining on the Chambal and uploaded the results to a spreadsheet*
 - *Breakout room 2: participants accessed the spreadsheet and uploaded the data as reports on to the ISW Platform*



ATTENDEES

*Students, Researchers /
Scientists, Designers,
Professors, Nature
enthusiasts, Consultants,
Ecologists / Biologists,
Journalists, Architects,
Filmmakers and
Activists*

attended the sprint

*Government ministry,
Non-governmental
organisations,
Academic institutes,
Think tanks, Media
Organisations*

Their background

This was the first experience of a data sprint for all 40 participants, and in-depth learning about sand mining for a lot of them.



REPORTS

Reports added to google sheet:	~100
Reports archived on India Sand Watch:	82
Data points from archived reports:	1240

Break up of archived reports:

	NEWS REPORTS	COURT DOCUMENTS	CASE REPORTS
Documents	59	1	17
Data points	1003	19	170
	DISTRICT SURVEY REPORT	TENDER DOCUMENTS	GUIDELINES AND RESEARCH DOCUMENTS
Documents	-	-	5
Data points	-	-	>48



CASE REPORTS:

on ground observations of sand mining



Satellite view of sand mining activity on the Chambal



Photographic evidence of sand mining activity. Credits: WCT India

REMARKS:

Simultaneously, our partners at Wildlife Conservation Trust uploaded 17 case reports of sand-mining on the Chambal & Parbati rivers, based on their own observations & evidence from the field.



FEEDBACK/REVIEWS

“Uploading the articles and knowing what goes into that, building a relationship with the issue (sand mining) has been interesting, and the range of documents from case reports to long form articles, has helped paint a richer picture of what's going on. There is a sense of purpose when everyone is sitting and doing it together.”

Aditi Kim Karoli,
Agami

“Fun way to upload, as a community. It would have been boring to do it alone and would have taken much longer to figure out the uploading on my own”

Rohit Nandakumar
Dusty Foot Foundation

“Data looks different to different people, and the sprint was a different way of looking at data, interpreting data, and uploading it.”

Ritika Gupta
Reap Benefit





PLAYLIST *some songs played in our breakout rooms*

Light my Fire - The Doors

Castles made of Sand - Jimi Hendrix

Maa Rewa- Indian Ocean

River - Joni Mitchell

Ocean (2012 studio version) - John Butler

*Isa Lei (A Meeting By The River) - Ry Cooder &
Vishwa Mohan Bhatt*

My Favourite Things - John Coltrane

What They'll Say About Us - FINNEAS

Pictures in the Sand - The Kinks

Scenery - Ryo Fukui



What next?

Future of the collected data and possibilities emerging from the sprint:

1. Evidence of sand mining on the Chambal (from even before the recent legalisation)

2. Holding authorities accountable by assembling multiple types of data and creating data trails

3. Using the data to build a strong case for NOT de-notifying the National Chambal Sanctuary for the purpose of legalised sand mining

4. Advancing of the Machine Learning model being built by our partners at Global Policy Lab, UC Berkeley - to identify sand mining at scale using satellite imagery





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How you can support our work!

- *Checkout the data from the Chambal sprint*
- *Join the next sprint.*
- *Co-organise future sprints.*
- *Donate to India Sand Watch*

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