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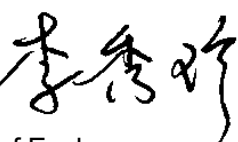
Dear Executive Committee of Future Earth Coasts,

I came to know Dr. Sourav Paul when he applied for the Project “Periodic cyclone effects on Gangetic food web” to be affiliated to the Mega-Delta Programme, UN-Ocean Decade (2021-2030). The project was successfully endorsed in September, 2022. He came to Shanghai to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Mega-Delta Meeting in November, 2023, when we met in person.

Sourav is an ecologist, obtained his doctoral degree from the University of Otago, New Zealand where he studied the ecological-physiology of the estuarine crustaceans. He did his postdoctoral research on coastal ecology and ecological physiology in the University of the Republic, Uruguay and Nelson Mandela University, South Africa, respectively. He currently holds the SERB Research Scientist Position at the School of Oceanographic Studies, Jadavpur University, India. Previously he was a DST Inspire Faculty at the University of Calcutta, where he carried out research of cyclones and plankton of Indian estuaries. Dr. Paul has led national and international projects funded by various agencies and published scientific articles on eco-physiology, zooplankton, estuarine ecology and policies related to coastal fisheries.

He is the Director and Co-founder of the Estuarine and Coastal Studies Foundation (ECSF), India. He visions for a holistic development of estuarine and coastal issues of India for an inclusive and sustainable development. From my point of view, he is a very dedicated person in promoting research and collaboration in the field of estuarine and coastal research. Joining the Future Earth Coasts community will benefit for both his career and the FEC network.

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