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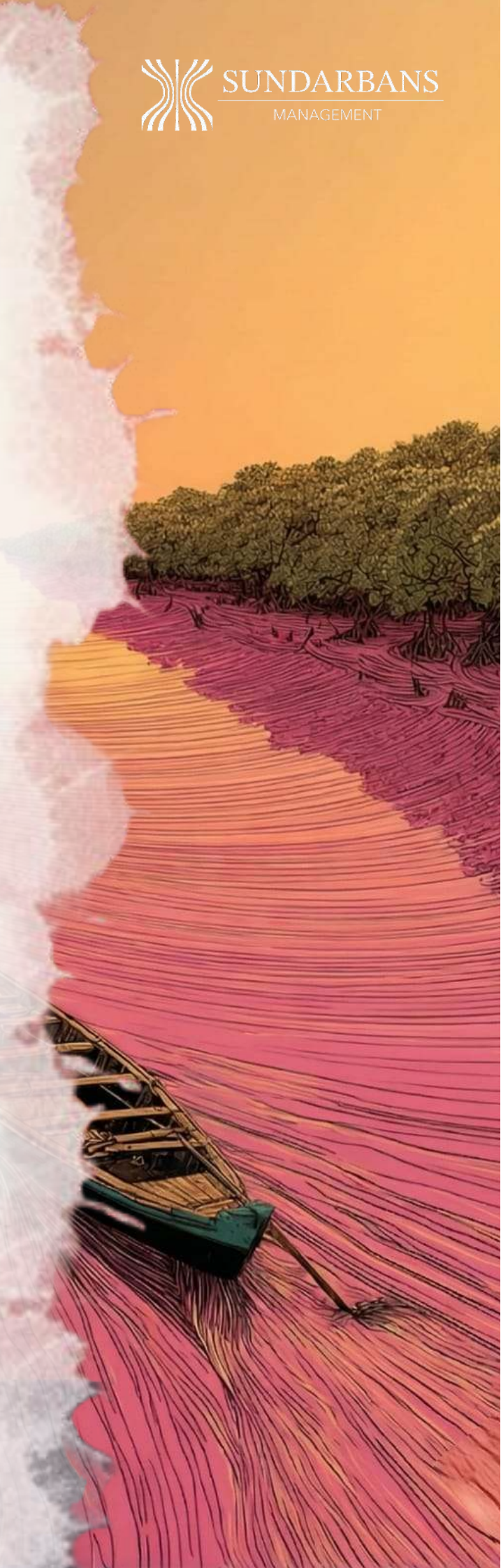


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Water Coverage (India)

- **AdaniConneX Adopts Air Cooling for Vizag Data Centres:** AdaniConneX, partnered with Google, will use air-based cooling at its Visakhapatnam data centre campuses to minimize water use. The **1 GW** project across three sites (Mudasarlova and Tarluvada) will consume less freshwater than an Olympic-sized pool, with **80%** for non-industrial use, on-site recycling, and zero domestic wastewater discharge. This addresses environmental concerns near Mudasarlova Reservoir; the state notes a **6.5 GW** ecosystem could need **~3 TMC** water annually. Reliance and Bharti Airtel are also expanding in the region.





- **Fishworkers Claim Victory as MPA Withdraws Baina Lease Plan:**

The Mormugao Port Authority withdrew its expression of interest to lease approximately **1 km** of Baina beach in Goa for water sports, following opposition from the National Fishworkers Forum. The NFF demanded guarantees against future proposals without transparent public consultation and impact assessments. General Secretary Olencio Simoes recalled the **October 2010** marina lease disputes at Nauxim and Sancoale, warning the MPA must not function as a "state within a state" over coastal lands vital to fishing communities.

Water Coverage (Global)

- **Drone-Hit Tanker with 9 Indians Reaches Safely:** Chemical tanker YARA J, hit by a drone at Sulina Anchorage, Romania, has docked at the **Port of Constanta** with all **9** Indian seafarers safe. Crude tanker MT ST 3, carrying **15** Indians, was also struck in the **Strait of Hormuz**. Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal confirmed all **24** seafarers are uninjured. Earlier, **3** Indians were rescued from attacked vessel MV Royad Mammadov. India supplies **311,936** seafarers (**12.16%**) of the global workforce.

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