

## Collection of Mangrove Seedlings

HELP Foundation roped in the services of a trained indigenous person to handpick mangrove seeds from various islands around Ashtamudi Lake to enable us to keep the mortality rate low. They have been planted in the nursery to sprout.

Once the sprouts attain a minimum level of maturity we will transplant this to permanent clay-filled bags such so they can continue to mature into healthy saplings. The handpicking of the seedlings, transporting and then transplanting the saplings to clay bags, are time-consuming, costly and labour intensive processes, but worth the effort, we hope.



