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Dated the 14th June, 2022.

To,

The Secretary
Department of Environment and Forests,
Andaman & Nicobar Administration,
Port Blair.

Sub: Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2022-23 of UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands CAMPA – regarding.

Sir,

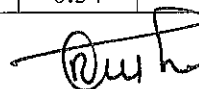
I am directed to refer to letter No. CAMPA/2/(SCM) 2021-22/15 dated 08.04.2022 on the above mentioned subject and to convey the approval of the Executive Committee of the National Authority under Section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act, 2016 for the Annual Plan of Operation- Andaman & Nicobar Islands (2022-23) at a total cost of **Rs.6.91 crore** [Rupees six crore ninety-one lakhs only] out of proposed outlay of **Rs.15.73 crore** as recommended by the Steering Committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund- Andaman & Nicobar Islands” created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The Executive Committee of National Authority deliberated in detail and noted that as per information submitted by State Authority, they have backlog of 1954 ha of Compensatory Afforestation. So far, the UT’s share of Rs 16.41 crore has been transferred. The EC approved mandatory CA and other plantation activities pending reconciliation and directed PCCF A&NI and DDG, IRO Chennai to reconcile pending CA and funds collected against diversion and confirm the details to NA. A&NI Authority may furnish the updated status for consideration of remaining parts of APO.

2. The APO was discussed in the 17th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 01.06.2022. The EC approved the APO of 2022-23 with financial outlay of **Rs.6.91 crore** and activities amounting to **Rs. 8.82 crore** deferred as per following component wise details

Amount in Rs. crore

S. No.	Activity	Proposed Outlay		CAF Rules	Remarks
		Physical Target (in ha./Km/nos)	Financial Target		
1. Site Specific Activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016					
	Compensatory Afforestation (CA) Component			Mandatory Activities	
	Creation of New Plantation	56.16 ha	1.15		
	Maintenance of plantations	66.83 ha	0.34		



S. No.	Activity	Proposed Outlay		CAF Rules	Remarks
		Physical Target (in ha./Km/nos)	Financial Target		
	Subtotal	122.99 ha	1.49		
2. Activities as per Rule 5 (2) & (3) of CAF Rules, 2018					
I	Raising of Fruit bearing seedlings and its planting in outside forest areas to improve the availability of food and wood				
A	Raising of fruit bearing seedlings/ planting stock to take up roadside plantation, avenue plantation, plantation in public premises, institutions, Govt. lands private lands and in homesteads				
1	Diglipur Divison	4,00,000	0.68	5(2)(a)(b)	
2	Mayabunder Division	4,00,000	0.68	5(2)(a)(b)	
3	Middle Andaman	4,00,000	0.68	5(2)(a)(b)	
4	Baratang	2,00,000	0.34	5(2)(a)(b)	
5	South Andaman	6,00,000	1.02	5(2)(a)(b)	
6	Havelock	2,00,000	0.34	5(2)(a)(b)	
7	Little Andaman	1,00,000	0.17	5(2)(a)(b)	
8	Nicobar Islands	3,00,000	0.51	5(2)(a)(b)	
	Total	26,00,000	4.42		
B	Planting of Fruit bearing seedlings/ plants on roadside plantation/ Avenue plantation/Public premises/ Institutions/ public lands/ private lands/ Homestead				
1	Diglipur Division	1,00,000.00	0.150	5(2)(a)(b)	
2	Mayabunder Division	1,00,000.00	0.150	5(2)(a)(b)	
3	Middle Andaman	1,00,000.00	0.150	5(2)(a)(b)	
4	Baratang	50,000.00	0.075	5(2)(a)(b)	
5	South Andaman	1,00,000.00	0.150	5(2)(a)(b)	
6	Havelock	50,000.00	0.075	5(2)(a)(b)	
7	Little Andaman	50,000.00	0.075	5(2)(a)(b)	
8	Nicobar Islands	50,000.00	0.075	5(2)(a)(b)	
	Total	6,00,000.00	0.900		
	Subtotal		5.32		
II	Conservation of Wildlife and Management of Protected Areas in Great Nicobar Island/ Nicobar Islands				
A	Consolidation of Sanctuary area				
i	Survey and demarcation of Sanctuary boundaries (@Rs.5 lakhs for each PA)	Entire area	0.10	5(3)(e)	
ii	Erection of boundary pillars of 1.2m X1.2Mx1.0m masonry structure in land areas and floating buoys in water areas (@ Rs. 10 lakhs for each PA)	All major points	0.20	5(2)(d)	Deferred
B	Strengthening of Protection measures				
I	Establishment of protection Camps in GNI	4	0.30	5(3)(e)	Deferred
ii	construction of Watch towers	2	0.20	5(2)(d)	Deferred

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		Physical Target (in ha./Km/nos)	Financial Target		
iii	Establishment of a Camp office	1	0.20	5(3)(e)	Deferred
iv	Procurement of boat	1	0.75	5(2)(d)	Deferred
v	Procurement of Dugout Dinghies	2	0.15	5(2)(d)	Deferred
vi	Procurement of utility vehicle	2	0.20	5(2)(d)	Deferred
vii	Establishment of wireless stations including repeater/ mobile facility with handheld sets	2	0.10	5(2)(d)	Deferred
C	Habitat Improvement and Management activities				Deferred
i	forests, Near Shore Habitats, Intertidal Habitats, Pelagic habitats, Coral Reefs and Seafloor Habitats	Entire area	0.10	5(2)(d)	Deferred
ii	Identification and management of Megapode mounds including abandoned ones	Entire area	0.10	5(2)(d)	Deferred
D	Research and monitoring				
i	Survey and assessment of terrestrial animals, birds, benthic invertebrates, fishes, seabirds, and marine animals	1	0.1	5(3)(g)	Deferred
ii	Monitoring studies on Coral Reefs and improvement of reef areas	1	0.15	5(2)(d)	Deferred
iii	Monitoring studies on Nicobar Megapode and its habitat	1	0.15	5(2)(d)	Deferred
iv	Procurement of Scuba Diving Equipment viz. BCDs, Depth gauge, Pressure gauge & Compass, Dive Computer, Scuba tanks/ Cylinders, masks, snorkels, wetsuits, fins, gloves, weight belts, Tank Bangers, Defoggers, Dive knives, underwater lights, writing states, and Dive long book, and one high pressure Scuba air Compressor portable and underwater camera	10 sets	0.15	5(2)(d)	Deferred
v	Establishment of a weather station	1	0.03	5(2)(d)	Deferred
E	Turtle Management Programme				Deferred
i	Beach management protection from predators	Entire area	0.05	5(2)(d)	Deferred
ii	Hatchery management Establishment of hatchery, Collection of eggs and its	1	0.10	5(2)(d)	

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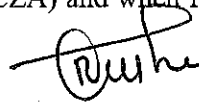
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		Physical Target (in ha./Km/nos)	Financial Target		
	maintenance in Hatchery, release of hatchlings back into sea, Protection from predators				
F	Education and outreach activities				
i	Preparation of Management Plan/ Conservation Plan for Leatherback turtles	1	0.20	5(2)(d)	Deferred
ii	Preparation of management Plan/ Conservation Plan for Megapode	1	0.20	5(2)(d)	Deferred
iii	Training programmes for frontline staff and other stakeholders	2	0.02	5(2)(d)	Deferred
iv	Documentary on Leatherback Turtle/ Megapode	2	0.04	5(2)(d)	Deferred
g.	Recreation and wildlife Tourism activities				
i	Visitor amenities - 4 umbrella huts and 2 wash rooms		0.15	5(2)(d)	Deferred
ii	Nature Trail		0.05	5(3)(d)	Deferred
IV	Infrastructure for Protection				
A	Inspection Path (6 feet wide) from North bay light House to Old Madhuban, Old Madhuban to Mirchidera, and Mirchidera to Shoal Bay 19	26 km	1.3	5(3)(d)	Deferred
B	Inspection Path from Badakhadri to Jhaji beach Rutland	10KM	0.3	5(3)(d)	Deferred
C.	Inspection huts at Jhaji Beach	1	0.3	5(3)(e)	Deferred
D	Inspection Log huts at Pongibalu	1	0.45	5(2)(d)	Deferred
E	Protection Camp at Shalbay 19	1	0.3	5(3)(e)	Deferred
F	Protection Camp at Mirchi Dera	1	0.3	5(3)(e)	Deferred
G.	Protection Camp at Madhuban	1	0.3	5(3)(e)	Deferred
H	Construction of Inspection Hut at Diglipur	1	0.3	5(3)(e)	Deferred
I	Construction of Inspection Hut at Mayabunder	1	0.3	5(3)(e)	Deferred
V	Field vehicles/ machineries/ Equipments for frontline staff to enhance the forest/ wildlife protection efforts				

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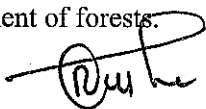
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		Physical Target (in ha./Km/nos)	Financial Target		
A	Fibre coated Engine Dinghies with 20 hp engines	4	0.4	5(2)(d)	Deferred
B	Procurement of Multi Utility Vehicle	4	0.4	5(2)(d)	Deferred
C	Procurement of motorcycle	20	0.2	5(2)(d)	Deferred
3. Interest Component					
VI	Expenses for STATE CAMPA				
A	Procurement of Desktop Computers with 2 Printer and two Scanners for data processing & management	3	0.04	6(b)(ii)	1 Desktop+ 1 Printer Approved for Rs0.01 crore out of Rs.0.04 crore
B	Office Expenses including sitting fee/allowances for non-official members including wages for contractual staff engaged under CAMPA and third-party monitoring	LS	0.07	6(a)(v)	
C	Engagement of consultants on contractual basis for documentation and Accounts	2	0.11	6(a)(iv)	Not Approved
D	Procurement of one DSLR camera with telescopic lens	LS	0.04	6(b)(ii)	Not Approved
E	Contingency	LS	0.02	6(b)(v)	
Grand total deferred			8.82		
Grand total approved			6.91		

4. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- i. The approved activities shall be carried out as per Rule- 4 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Rules, 2018 i.e. as per the provisions of the State Financial Rules or any such rules applicable from time to time in the State.
- ii. Utilization of State Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) shall be done in such a manner that at least 80% is used for afforestation, forest development and wildlife habitat improvement and up to a maximum 20% amount is to be used for infrastructure/capacity building related items.
- iii. All the records of CAMPA activities including amount sanctioned and expenditure incurred should be maintained by State CAMPA since its inception. The records should be properly maintained with Range, Division office and CEO State CAMPA in prescribed formats and placed on their websites.
- iv. The construction and maintenance of Rescue Centre should only be taken up after vetting of Central Zoo Authority (CZA) and when funds are not available from other sources.



- v. A website of the State CAMPA should be properly developed, if not done earlier. It should have all relevant data, information, plantation maps, KML files of other assets and photographs of various activities carried out under CAMPA. In respect of CA, plantations/ regeneration activities before and after photographs should be uploaded.
- vi. If required and approved by National Authority, casual engagement of local people or local labours may be hired to assist regular staff of State Forest Department for works for protection of forest and wildlife to be undertaken from State fund as per rule 5(3)(f).
- vii. Monitoring and evaluation of the works undertaken shall be the highest priority for the State Authorities. Executive Committee and Steering Committee of all the State/UT Authorities should ensure adequate measures for regular internal and third party monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA activities.
- viii. For third party monitoring, State should engage agencies, who are professionally/ technically competent and independently working. It should not be local NGOs/ organisations already working with the Forest Department or State Government.
- ix. The monitoring and evaluation report of the works done up to the year 2021-22 should be ready by September, 2022 and made available to National Authority. Similarly report on CAMPA activities taken up in 2022-23 must be made available in time by September 2023.
- x. A statement that the Annual Report, Annual accounts and the Audit Report together with a memorandum of action taken on recommendations contained therein has been laid in each house of the State legislature as per requirements of section 29 of the CAF Act 2016, shall be invariably submitted with the proposal for approval of the APO by the EC of NA.
- xi. Prior to implementation of approved APOs, the EC of the State Authority shall ensure that a certificate is available with them to the effect that the proposed activities are being taken up after due consultation with Gram Sabha and are as per provisions of FRA 2006. Activities proposed in forest areas are in consonance with approved working plan; and activities proposed in protected areas (PAs) are in consonance with approved Wildlife Management Plan. Whereas, activities proposed in forest fire prevention and control operations should be as per Integrated Fire Management Plan.
- xii. Soil and Moisture Conservation works should be carried out in an integrated manner from ridge to valley approach in degraded forests. This shall focus on rejuvenation of rivers and achievements should be placed as per the DPRs for 13 major rivers released by MoEF&CC recently. APOs in future should indicate the reference of DPRs being implemented. The data of afforestation, aided forest regeneration and efforts for increasing tree cover outside should be shared with FSI for continuous assessment of green cover and evaluation.
- xiii. The State /UTs Authorities should make a detail record and status of all the lands under protected areas/ forests below transmission lines and submit the status of their management to MoEF&CC.
- xiv. The State EC shall also ensure that there is no overlapping of activities / funding with other schemes and may provide a certificate to that effect.
- xv. Local and indigenous species, especially fruit and fodder species should be given preference in afforestation/ regeneration to be carried out; monoculture and planting of exotic species should be avoided.
- xvi. Compensating the loss of ecological services due to forest diversion for non-forestry purposes is the main objective of Compensatory Afforestation Fund. Regeneration and development of forests should, therefore, be given priority in degraded forests as well as non-forest lands. Also, priority should be accorded to labour intensive activities for regeneration and development of forests.



- xvii. The Executive Committee of the State shall also ensure that proposed activities have adequate forward and backward linkages and are being taken up as per prevailing approved minimum wage rate, schedule of rates, model estimates etc. The APOs that are sent to the National Authority for approval must be accompanied with rationale of activities proposed, information on approved minimum wage rate, schedule of rates, model estimates etc.
- xviii. There should not be any reduction in allocation for forestry sector in the regular State Budget due to flow of CAMPA funds to the states. In addition, the State Government shall also make timely and adequate budget provision as per approved APO and release money so that approved activities could be implemented in time. The tabular information on total proposed outlay of APO submitted by State/UT CAMPA, the funds approved by National Authority, the funds released by state Government and funds utilised during last year.
- xix. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development should be taken up following relevant rules and guidelines after taking necessary approvals.
- xx. Purchase of vehicles is not permitted. Vehicles are to be hired as per approved APO. The repair/ maintenance of vehicles shall be limited to the vehicles purchased from the CAMPA funds previously.
- xxi. State Forest Departments to complete the demarcation and digitization of forest boundaries for protection of forests and plantation activities within six months.
- xxii. IRO should also monitor and evaluate CAMPA activities. Sufficient budgetary provisions should be kept for monitoring by IRO, in the State APOs under monitoring head. IRO should submit the Monitoring and Evaluation reports within three to four months to National Authority.
- xxiii. The validity of APO (2022-23) shall expire on 31.03.2023. Further continuation of the incomplete activities shall be permissible only if they are included in the APO (2023-24) and are approved.
- xxiv. The final approval of APO (2022-23) shall be considered only after the State Government/UT Administration submits a compliance report as per the guidelines regarding utilization of unspent balance of the Ad-hoc CAMPA issued vide letter No.NA-15/1/2020-NA dated 15.07.2020 of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Yours faithfully,



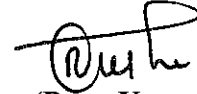
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4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Port Blair.
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