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## Preface



The State of Kerala established the Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) Scheme in 2009 to encourage afforestation, reforestation, and restoration/regeneration activities to compensate for forest land diverted for non-forest purposes and to enhance the state's forest cover. The Kerala Forests & Wildlife Department prepared the Annual Plan of Operations (APO) for the years 2009-2010, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, which the MoEFCC, GoI approved. As per the APOs, the state planned various activities including compensatory afforestation, soil and moisture conservation, biodiversity conservation, awareness campaigns on forests, wildlife and the environment, eradication of invasive alien weeds, river bank stabilisation, protection of research plots and seed production areas, creation of fire breaks and other essential maintenance activities towards forest conservation. All these activities were spread across the forest divisions of the state, including wildlife sanctuaries. The success and sustainability of these CAMPA activities, including structures established and plantations raised in terms of planning, implementation, the quantity of inputs, condition of health and survival, and outcomes, need to be evaluated and documented for monitoring purposes by an independent agency. Accordingly, ICFRE - IFGTB, Coimbatore, was awarded the monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA activities undertaken. A team of IFGTB staff including forest officers, scientists and technical personnel have been involved in the work since March 2022. The sampling methodology approved by MoEFCC was broadly followed, and a detailed survey, monitoring and evaluation exercises were conducted to represent all the forest circles and plantation models adopted in a given year. In total, 100 project sites were identified, and 141 activities for the first five years of CAMPA implementation from 2009 to 2014 were monitored and evaluated. Overall the CAMPA activities supported the forests and contributed in enhancing forest health in Kerala. I would like to acknowledge the Kerala Forests & Wildlife Department for their support and assistance in bringing out this document in a comprehensive manner.

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## FACT SHEET

S. No.	Item	Details
1.	Scope of evaluation	Third-party monitoring and evaluation of the CAMPA Activities of Kerala Forests and Wildlife Department (2009-2014)
2.	Period of evaluation work	Signing of MoU – March 2022 Field works – April to June 2022 Report preparation – July to September 2022
3.	Focus	Quality of conservation and development works. Assessment of compensatory afforestation activities. Public awareness campaigns.
4.	Number of evaluation teams	15 Evaluation Teams and one editorial team.
5.	Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To evaluate different plantations established under CAMPA in different forest divisions of Kerala.</li> <li>To evaluate the civil structures (buildings and soil &amp; water conservation structures) established under CAMPA in different forest divisions of Kerala.</li> <li>To suggest for improvement in quality of plantations for future.</li> </ul>
6.	Area covered	25 territorial forest divisions. 14 social forestry divisions. 11 wildlife divisions.
7.	Sample size	<p><b>Plantation:</b> 20% plantation randomly selected from various divisions. Sampling intensity for evaluation is nearly 10% for block plantations. For every hectare (ha) of plantation, the evaluation to be done on a 30 x 30 m plot. In the case of a linear plantation, evaluation of every 10th tree/planted sapling of each row for 25% of its length per running km basis.</p> <p><b>Soil and Moisture Conservation(SMC) activities:</b> 20% of SMC works evaluated in each division based on random selection from measurement book (Mbook).</p> <p><b>Eradication of weeds:</b> Density assessment and plot transects.</p> <p><b>Forest protection:</b> 10% of all firelines evaluated in each division.</p>
8.	Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The average survival rate in ecorestoration activities is 78%. Damage by wild animals is high in some divisions.</li> <li>The quality of other departmental works was rated as high (72%) .</li> <li>Check-dams and gullies are the major SMC works taken up.</li> <li>The involvement of the Vana Samrakshana Samidi in various department activities has ensured a participatory approach to the protection and conservation of forests.</li> </ul>





## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 was enforced to conserve and protect forest resources. The Act mandated that whenever forest land is diverted for non-forestry purposes usually the conditions relating to transfer, mutation and declaration as Reserve Forest/Protected Forest, the equivalent non-forest land for compensatory afforestation and funds for raising compensatory afforestation etc., are to be imposed. Additional conditions such as maintaining a safety zone area, fencing and regeneration etc., are prescribed for mining purposes, and catchment area treatment plans are stipulated for big and medium irrigation projects. Further, the Act provided that the non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) was to be identified contiguous to or close to Reserved Forest or Protected Forest. The funds for CA are received from the user agencies based on the rates fixed by the State Forest Department, which are site-specific and vary according to the species, type of forest and site. The fund received for compensatory afforestation, additional compensatory afforestation etc., has to be used as per site-specific schemes submitted by the state along with the approved proposals for diversion of forest land. After receipt of the fund, State Forest Department has to accomplish the afforestation for which money is deposited in the CA fund within a period of one year or two growing seasons.

The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) Kerala has been constituted with the objective of conservation, protection, regeneration and management of existing natural forests, wildlife and their habitat and raising site specific compensatory afforestation, penal compensatory afforestation etc. As per the provisions of CAMPA guidelines, the state CAMPA has been formulating Annual Plans of Operation (APO) since 2009-10.

The Government of India released **Rs. 7,18,64,000** for the period 2009-10 to 2013-14 to Kerala to implement the activities.

### The Assignment

As a range of activities were taken up under CAMPA, a technical evaluation of the activities by a thirdparty was considered essential. ICFRE - IFGTB was identified to carry out third party monitoring of all the CAMPA interventions since 2009-10 (File No. FC5-1433/2021 dated 28.01.2022). The broad scope of evaluation comprised all the components and sub-components of CAMPA implementation in Kerala.

### Study Area

The evaluation study covered 50 forest divisions of Kerala (25 territorial, 14 social forestry and 11 wildlife divisions) under 11 forest circles. In addition works plans and research divisions where CAMPA funds were utilised are also covered in the study.

### Study Approach and Methodology

Various CAMPA interventions were evaluated using appropriate sampling criteria, data collection approaches and, in view of diversity, nature of component and stakeholders involved. The study approach and methodology have been adopted from the evaluation formats of the MoEF & CC, Gol.





### Details of Data Collection

- ◆ **Primary Data:** First hand information was obtained using specifically designed formats for different components and subcomponents.
- ◆ **Secondary Data:** Secondary data relating to various activities undertaken in CAMPA were collected from the circle, division and range offices in pre-designed formats and checklists.
- ◆ **Focussed Group Discussion (FGD):** FGDs with the members of the Vana Samrakshana Samiti were conducted to evaluate peoples' perceptions and participation levels in implementing CAMPA activities in a given locality.
- ◆ **Consultation with Forest Officials:** Consultations were undertaken with a range of forest officers involved at various stages such as planning and decision making, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. This includes Divisional Forest Officers (DFOs), Forest Range Officers (FROs), Section Forest Officers, Forest Beat Officers (FBOs), etc.
- ◆ **Field Observation:** Data on survival, field measurements to assess growth in different plantations, condition of physical structures in SMC activities and weed density in plantation sites were collected. Notes were prepared on various activities under CAMPA implementation, which provides the basis for the entire evaluation process.

### Performance of CAMPA during the period 2009-10 to 2013-14

- ◆ The total funds received from the adhoc CAMPA up to APO year 2013-14 stands at Rs. 7.18 crores and the expenditure ending March 2014 was 6.38 crores which is 88.73% of the funds received. The core activities undertaken with the CAMPA funds comprise plantations, creation of SMC structures, forest protection, wildlife management and assistance to tribal Vana Samrakshana Samiti.
- ◆ The non-core activities comprised biodiversity conservation, capacity building, infrastructure development, forest Information Technology, monitoring, evaluation and accounting.
- ◆ During the initial years of CAMPA APOs, assistance to tribal VSS, improving the infrastructure for protection of soil and moisture conservation activities were prioritised (70%). The VSS members were engaged in almost all the activities.
- ◆ Various SMC structures in CAMPA APOs includes check dams, contour trenches, gully plugging etc. SMC structures undertaken by frontline forest officers under CAMPA are site-specific as per the site requirement.
- ◆ Focus on eco-restoration, planting and silvicultural operations were minimal (undertaken only in two circles) in the initial years of CAMPA implementation. Most activities were done departmentally, in an economical and time-saving approach. River bank stabilisation, vegetation barrier creation and eradication of weeds were taken up in one site.
- ◆ Inclusion of Vana Samrakshana Samiti members in patrolling, fire break creation, developing infrastructure in interior forest areas, has encouraged their active participation in conservation activities.





- ✦ Training and capacity development programmes were taken under CAMPA includes theme based trainings, strengthening communication and plantation skill development.
- ✦ Under infrastructure development, efforts were taken to repair / improve dilapidated structures. The major construction activities undertaken with the help of CAMPA funds were antipoaching campsheds.

### Recommendations & Suggestions

1. Species should be selected on the basis of floristic composition of the forest types and prevailing local soil conditions of the afforestation / plantation site.
2. De-centralized local nurseries for production of forest type-specific planting stocks may be promoted.
3. Maintenance and watch and ward may be continued for 4 to 5 years for better establishment.
4. Number of watchers should be increased proportionate to the size of the plantation site.
5. There should be a provision in CAMPA APOs for the periodic maintenance of SMC structures as most SMC structures are subject to heavy wear and tear due to recurrent floods.
6. Buildings / structures constructed during this period needs to be repaired and maintained. In some cases, renovation / refurbishing may also be done based on a fixed schedule.
7. It is better to avoid plantations deep inside forests, with heavy movement of wildlife, as monitoring of the plantations is difficult. Instead, manual seeding may be done by adopting seed ball technology. Seeds to be broadcast should match the floristic composition of the respective forest types.
8. The frontline staff may be trained on seed handling and nursery technologies of native tree species.





## Monitoring and Evaluation of CAMPA Plantations and Other Activities (2009-2014)

### 1. Introduction

#### 1.1 Background

Forests in India comprise diverse forest types and reserved areas accounting for about 24.62% of the country's geographical area. Forest provides livelihood support to the people living in and neighborhood. Forests are the most significant natural carbon sinks and regulate water regimes. Given that the forest sector provides goods and services to humankind, forest land is diverted for developmental activities for non-forestry purposes, consequently leading to considerable shrinkage of forest cover.

Kerala is endowed with rich natural resources. The conducive tropical climate favours forests with rich biodiversity and endemism. The Western Ghats, one of the biodiversity hotspots, runs all along the eastern boundary of Kerala. Unfortunately, the increasing population and changing lifestyles exert tremendous pressure on forests. The greatest challenge today is to accommodate developmental needs by minimising the destruction of its pristine forests.

#### 1.2 Forest Cover in Kerala

The forest cover in the state based on the interpretation of the Forest Survey of India (FSI, 2021) is 21,253.49 sq km which is 54.7% of the state's geographical area. Forest cover in the state has increased by 109 sq km compared to the previous assessment reported in ISFR 2019. Among forest canopy density classes, the state has 1944.32 sq km area under very dense forest, 9472 sq km area under moderately dense forest and 9837.17sq km area under open forest.

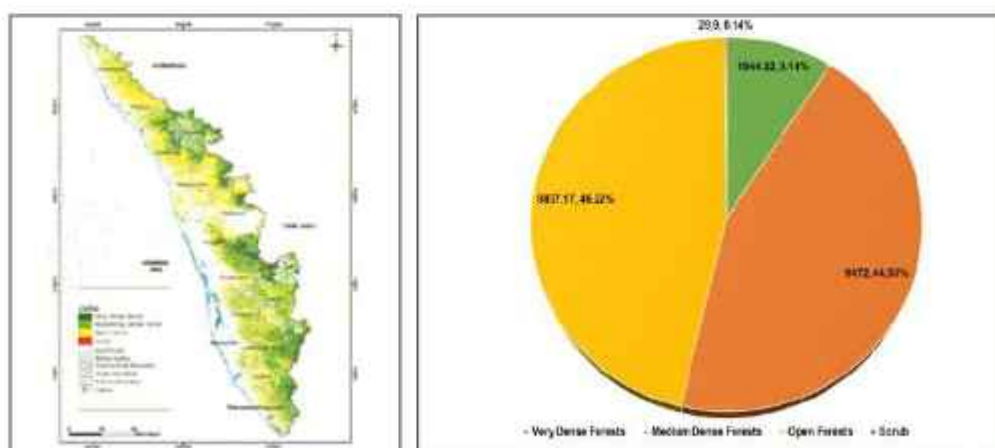
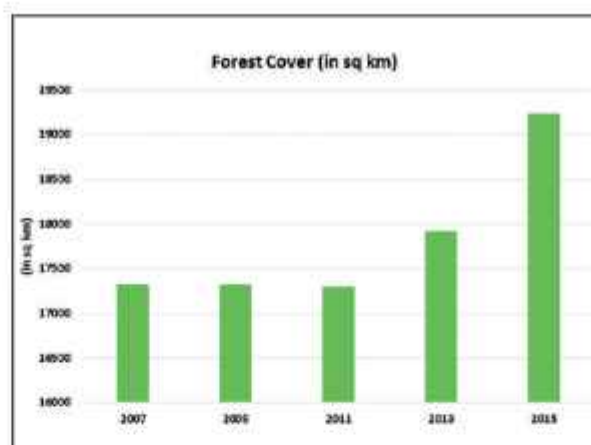


Fig. 1.1: Forest Distribution

Source: ISFR, 2021

#### 1.3 Forest Cover In Kerala From 2007 To 2015

Forest cover in the state has been increasing over the years. Forest conservation and afforestation activities are the key reasons for the improvement.



#### 1.4 District-wise Forest Coverage in Kerala

Table 1.1 provides the district-wise forest coverage in Kerala (Area in sq km), and the tree map at Fig 1.1 provides the distribution across districts.

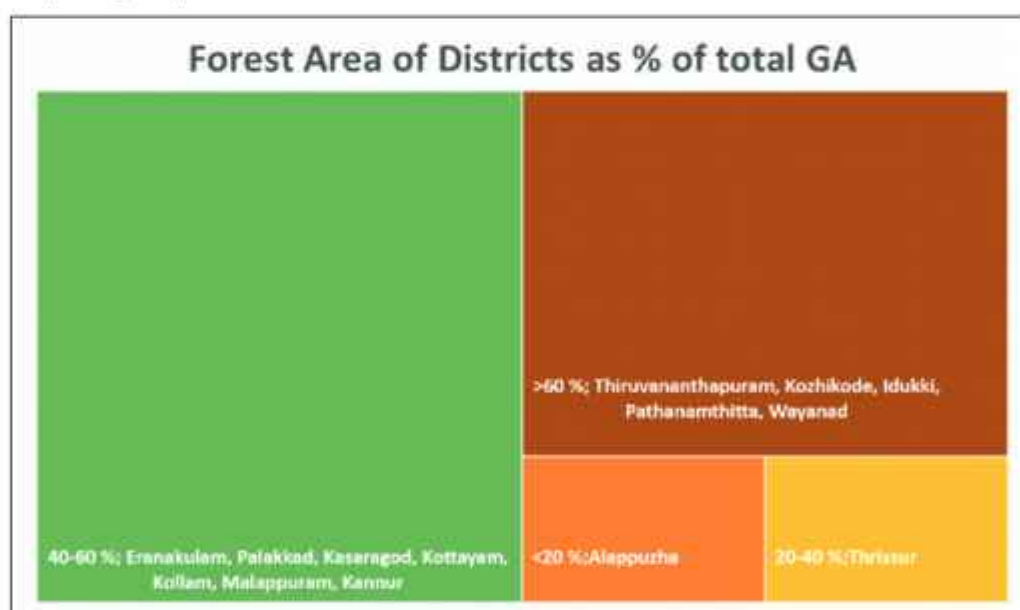


Table 1.1: District wise forest cover

District	Geo-graphical Area (GA)	VDF	MDF	OF	Total	%of GA	Scrub
Alappuzha	1415	0	27	53.54	80.54	5.69	0
Ernakulam	3063	165.52	614.4	604.56	1384.48	45.2	5.6
Idukki	4356	355.72	1783.33	1016.27	3155.32	72.44	2.51
Kannur	2961	58	489.63	1121.23	1668.86	56.36	0.18
Kasaragod	1989	1.9	288.7	692.97	983.57	49.45	0
Kollam	2483	104.4	656.88	572.5	1333.78	53.72	0
Kottayam	2206	11.31	525.73	562.01	1099.05	49.82	0





District	Geo-graphical Area (GA)	VDF	MDF	OF	Total	%of GA	Scrub
Kozhikode	2345	70.77	409.94	967.11	1447.82	61.74	0.8
Malappuram	3554	142.67	424.68	1416.32	1983.67	55.82	6.47
Palakkad	4482	402.14	637.77	1063.77	2103.68	46.94	12.71
Pathanamthitta	2652	164.92	1229.12	554.88	1948.92	73.49	0.51
Thiruvananthapuram	2189	59.12	702.42	555.5	1317.04	60.17	0.07
Thrissur	3027	218.86	477.79	469.6	1166.25	38.53	0.62
Wayanad	2130	188.99	1204.61	186.91	1580.51	74.2	0.43
Total	38852	1944.32	9472	9837.17	21253.5	54.7	29.9

Source: Kerala ENVIS, 2022

Comparing district-wise area cover in Kerala, Idukki has the largest forest cover (3155 sq km) in the state, followed by Palakkad (2104 sq km), Malappuram (1984 sq km), Pathanamthitta (1949 sq km) and Kannur (1669 sq km). In terms of percentage of forest cover concerning the total geographical area, Wayanad with 74.2% has the highest forest cover, followed by Pathanamthitta (73.49%), Idukki (72.44%), Kozhikode (61.74%) and Thiruvananthapuram (60.17%). The table reveals an increase in forest cover by 109 sq km compared to the previous assessment (in 2019).

Nearly 60 lakh ha of forest is degraded with less than 40% canopy density. This is the target area for the afforestation programmes. Forest plantations extend over 1.56 lakh ha, teak being the major species, covering almost 50% of the total plantation area, followed by mixed plantations and eucalypts. The natural forests, plantations and homestead gardens contribute to the state's green cover, and all these are required in forest management.

## 2. Project profile

Compensatory afforestation programmes in the state were initiated in 1993, and plantations were maintained until 2002-03. The Government of India notified the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) in April, 2004. The state CAMPA receives funds collected from user agencies towards compensatory afforestation, additional compensatory afforestation, penal compensatory afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV) and all other amounts recovered from such agencies under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Kerala state CAMPA was constituted in November 2009.

Kerala Forests & Wildlife Department (KFD) has been receiving funds since 2009 from CAMPA, MoEFCC, GoI for various developmental activities such as afforestation programs, soil and moisture conservation works, capacity building for staff and local communities, the establishment of civil structures, etc., in various forest divisions of Kerala. The funds were spent for compensatory afforestation, biodiversity conservation, soil and moisture conservation, etc. The Chief Executive Officer, CAMPA, Kerala, is responsible for preparing the schemes, Annual Plan of Operations (APO) for CAMPA, and getting it approved by the Executive Committee, Steering Committee and the Government of India, followed by implementation of the approved APO. After receiving the fund allotment under State CAMPA, the implementing officers, the District Forest





Officers (DFOs) execute the assigned activities as per the APO. Under each major heads, there are different subheads available, which vary according to site conditions and needs.

The total outlay of the CAMPA activities from 2009 to 2014 is Rs. **7.18** crores. The details of the Divisions, and the number of activities against different years are in Annexure-III.

### **3. Methodology**

#### **Physical Verification of Activities**

##### **I. Plantation - Methodology**

- ✦ 10% plantation randomly selected from various divisions.
- ✦ Sampling intensity for evaluation - 10% for block plantations.
- ✦ For every hectare of the plantation, the evaluation was done on a 30 x 30 m plot.
- ✦ Each plot was marked on a map of the plantation area, and GPS co-ordinates of all such (30 x 30 m) plots were collected.
- ✦ In case of linear plantation, every 10<sup>th</sup> tree/planted sapling of each row was evaluated for 25% of its length per running km basis (5 intermittent line transects – each for 5% of length per running km).
- ✦ The evaluation was done on 0.1 ha by laying a 30x30 m plot based on random sampling.

##### **II. Soil and water conservation measures**

- (a) The teams obtained the norms and expenditure of SMC activities taken up in the plantation site from the respective offices.
- (b) The teams assessed the quantity/ present condition/ treatment plans of the different SMC works. 20% sampling was carried out.
- (c) For civil works, 50% M&E was carried out, based on random selection from M-Books from various divisions.

##### **III. Eradication of weeds**

###### **Density assessment - plot counts**

- ✦ Three or more plots (quadrats) of size 10 x 10 m (located randomly over the site) were marked, and the number of plants within the plots was counted.
- ✦ To get the actual number per hectare, multiplied the average number of plants in the plots by 100.

###### **Plot transects**

- ✦ Marked out 100m transects, keeping them parallel to one another (10m-50m apart). Using a 2 x 2 m plot frame (using a rope) plots were placed at intervals along the transect.
- ✦ The number of plants within the plot was counted. The values were converted to density measure by averaging the number of plants in each of the plots (i.e. individuals per hectare).

##### **IV. Forest protection**

- ✦ 10% of all firelines were evaluated in each division based on random selection from Measurement Books from various divisions.



## V. Qualitative Aspects

**Focussed group discussion (FGD):** FGD was conducted for 10% of the villages in which CAMPA works were undertaken with at least 15 villagers in a commonplace within the village. The group comprised office bearers of Joint Forest Management Committee, Below Poverty Line households and village residents.

### Ranking of individual projects

The criterion below was used to evaluate the project needs since the site parameters, species and inputs provided vary from site to site.

Site suitability	High	Medium	Low
Suitable area with favourable site condition rainfall, soil, etc.	7 to 10	>3 to <7	< 3
Medium quality forest sites	>5	2-5	<2
Poor forest sites	> 4	2-4	<2

### Criteria for classifying a site into suitable site, medium site and poor site

- Suitable site: soil depth more than 61 cm, rainfall range between 1270 to 3810 mm, average prevalence of adverse biotic factors, gentle to moderate slopes.
- Medium site: Soil depth ranges between 30.4 cm to 61 cm, rainfall ranges between 889 to 1270 mm, average prevalence of adverse biotic factors, gentle to moderate slopes.
- Poor site: Soil depth less than 30.4 cm, rainfall less than 889 mm and excessive prevalence of mist and fog during monsoon, prevalence of adverse biotic factors and steep slopes. This approach involved aggregating the percentage of readings falling into the three higher ratings (3-5) under the 'satisfactory' heading and the two lower ratings (1-2) under 'unsatisfactory'. The introduction of these two broad categories allowed better tracking of performance trends. The ranking table is provided below.

Score	Assessment	Category
5	Highly satisfactory	Satisfactory
4	Satisfactory	
3	Moderately satisfactory	
2	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
1	Highly Unsatisfactory	

### Physical verification

Each of the selected plots were visited by the monitoring team and the following details were documented in the field.

- ✦ Plot location with GPS co-ordinates and area
- ✦ Plantation type and design (wherever available)
- ✦ Year of establishment
- ✦ Number of saplings planted initially (species wise)
- ✦ Height of the saplings while planting
- ✦ Number of plants surviving at the time of monitoring



- ✦ Average height of surviving plants
- ✦ Species composition and distribution
- ✦ Protection measures and maintenance
- ✦ Anthropogenic pressure, etc.

### Parameters considered during M&E

- ✦ **For plantations**
  - a. **Qualitative** – site suitability (both climatic and edaphic factors), condition of the plantation, choice of species, etc.
  - b. **Quantitative** - Total seedling/tree height, collar girth/GBH, survival percentage, etc.
  - c. **Other parameters** – Management practices, biotic and abiotic factors, etc.
- ✦ **For civil constructions**
  - a. Verification (sketch and dimensions) based on the original documents and 'M-book'.

### Deliverables and time schedule

Work plan submission	One week after signing the agreement
Field Data Collection	Two - three months
Draft report submission	One month after field data collection
Final report submission	Two months after draft report submission
Total Duration	6 months

## 4. Evaluation Details of the Circles and Divisions

The details of various circles and divisions evaluated are presented below.

	Circles	Divisions
<b>Territorial Circles and Divisions</b>	Northern Circle, Kannur	Kannur, North Wayanad, South Wayanad and Kozhikode Forest Divisions
	Eastern Circle, Palakkad.	Nilambur North, Nilambur South, Mannarkkad, Palakkad and Nemmara Forest Divisions
	Central Circle, Thrissur.	Thrissur, Chalakkudy, Vazhachal and Malayattoor Forest Divisions
	High Range Circle, Kottayam.	Kothamangalam, Mankulam, Munnar, Marayoor and Kottayam Forest Divisions
	Southern Circle, Kollam.	Ranni, Konni, Punalur, Thenmala, Achenkovil and Thiruvananthapuram Forest Divisions
<b>Wildlife Circles and Divisions</b>	Wildlife, Palakkad.	Aralam, Wayanad, Parambikulam, Peechi and Silent Valley National Park Wildlife Divisions.
	Field Director Project Tiger, Kottayam.	Munnar, Idukki, Periyar Tiger Reserve East & Periyar Tiger West Wildlife Divisions.





	Circles	Divisions
	Agasthyavanam Biological Park, Thiruvananthapuram.	Shendurney and Thiruvananthapuram Wildlife Divisions.
<b>Social Forestry Circles and Divisions</b>	Social Forestry, Kozhikode	Kasargode, Kannur, Wayanad, Kozhikode and Malappuram Social Forestry Divisions.
	Social Forestry, Ernakulam	Palakkad, Thrissur, Ernakulam and Idukki Social Forestry Divisions.
	Social Forestry, Kollam	Alappuzha, Kottayam, Pathanamthitta, Kollam and Thiruvananthapuram Social Forestry Divisions.
<b>Research Circles &amp; Research Divisions</b>	Working Plan & Research	Kozhikode, Palakkad, Munnar, Punalur and Kollam Working Plan Divisions as well as Research Division, Thrissur Research Division

### Northern circle, Kannur (2009-2014)

The evaluation covered four forest divisions of the circle. They include

1. Kannur
2. Kozhikode
3. North Wayanad
4. South Wayanad

Twelve different activities were undertaken in the circle. The distribution of activities is as follows:

S. No.	Activity	Divisions
1.	Assistance to tribal Vana Samrakshana Samidi	South Wayanad
2.	Cairns and boundary consolidation	South Wayanad
3.	Compensation to victims	South Wayanad
4.	Compensatory afforestation	North Wayanad
5.	Construction and maintenance of campshed	South Wayanad
6.	Construction of check dam	Kannur, Kozhikode, North Wayanad, South Wayanad
7.	Construction of solar fencing	South Wayanad
8.	Elephant proof trench	South Wayanad
9.	Joint patrolling and raids	South Wayanad
10.	Protection campshed and ration	South Wayanad
11.	Purchase of equipment	South Wayanad
12.	Soil and moisture conservation	North Wayanad, South Wayanad

#### 1. Assistance to Tribal Vana Samrakshana Samidi

The South Wayanad Division assisted the tribal VSS in the form of employment as mazdoor, fire watchers etc. The details pertaining to the payments were verified from records and found correct.



## 2. Cairns and boundary consolidation

This activity was completed in 2014-15 in three different locations, Bharanikkunnu (10), Attuvaikunnu (12) and Kottapady (12) sections. The records were verified and found correct.

## 3. Compensation to victims

The documents were physically verified and found correct. It involves payments to victims of elephant infiltration into human settlements.

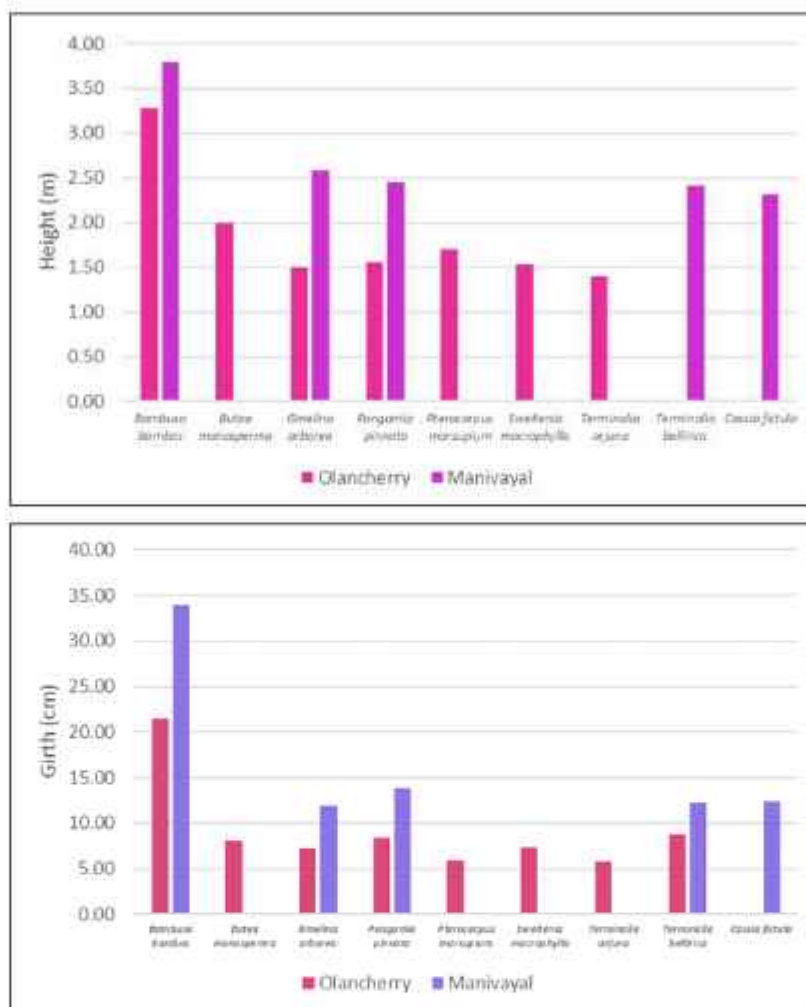
## 4. Compensatory afforestation

Compensatory afforestation was undertaken only in the North Wayanad Division in two locations.

Plant survival Rate: Plant survival rate varied between the two locations. Gap planting undertaken in Manivayal in Begur range showed the highest survival rates.

S. No.	Divisions	Area (ha)/ Planting	Species	Survival (%)	Remarks
1.	Olancherry	29.1 / Gap planting	<i>Bambusa bambos</i> , <i>Butea monosperma</i> , <i>Gmelina arborea</i> , <i>Pongamia pinnata</i> , <i>Pterocarpus marsupium</i> , <i>Sweetenia macrophylla</i> , <i>Terminalia arjuna</i> , <i>Terminalia bellirica</i>	80	Maintained subsequently for four years. Hence plantation established well. <i>Pterocarpus marsupium</i> did not perform well.
2.	Manivayal	6 ha/ Gap planting	<i>Cassia fistula</i> , <i>Gmelina arborea</i> , <i>Pongamia pinnata</i> , <i>Terminalia bellirica</i>	86	All the species established well.





S.No.	Species planted in compensatory afforestation programmes
1.	<i>Bambusa bambos</i>
2.	<i>Butea monosperma</i>
3.	<i>Cassia fistula</i>
4.	<i>Gmelina arborea</i>
5.	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>
6.	<i>Pterocarpus marsupium</i>
7.	<i>Sweitenia macrophylla</i>
8.	<i>Terminalia arjuna</i>
9.	<i>Terminalia bellirica</i>



## 5. Construction and maintenance of campshed

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m)	Remarks
1	N11°45'43.93" E76°06'11.51"	2009-2010	7 x 2 x 6	The condition of the structure is good. The activity was completed in 2012-2013.

The works were evaluated for the physical existence and for the quality. The specifications were checked by verifying the old vouchers and the estimates. It is observed that, the building maintenance was found necessary in some cases and was very useful to the occupants.





### Observations of the evaluation team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, <3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10)	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	Campshed/ Chedleth / Padiri / Ammani, Manalvayal	The shed is maintained well.	The shed is useful for the frontline staff.	7	High

### 6. Construction of check dam

The work is reported to be executed during 2013-2014. However, no physical verification could be done.

### 7. Construction of solar fencing

Location	Year	Remarks
Orkittammolla., Ammani	2013-14	The solar fencing was physically verified. There were minor damages to the fences. Records were verified and found correct.
Chakkitta, Ammani, Chedleth Range	2013-14	The solar fencing was physically verified. There were minor damages to the fences. Records were verified and found correct.

### 8. Elephant Proof Trench

Location	Year	Remarks
Punchakolly, Koodallor, Pambra Area	2013-14	The trenches were physically verified.
Maramala, Chedleth Range	2013-14	The trenches were physically verified.
Punchakolly, Chedleth Range	2013-14	The trenches were physically verified.
Maramala gate, Chedleth Range	2013-14	The trenches were physically verified.

### 9. Joint patrolling and raids

Vouchers, bills and payments made towards mazdoors for joint patrolling and raids were verified and found correct.

### 10. Protection campshed and Ration

The work is reported to be executed during 2013-2014.





## 11. Purchase of equipment

The fire fighting and fire protection equipment procured by the divisions were verified from records and found correct.

## 12. Soil and moisture conservation

S. No.	Asset /area details	Year	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Remarks
1.	Gully plugging / Nariyamthode, Sugandhagiri Section, Kalpetta Range	2013-14	5.27	The structure is in good condition
2.	Gully plugging / Kattimathode, Sugandhagiri Section, Kalpetta Range	2013-14	51.39	The structure is in good condition
3.	Pond digging / Tower kunu, Begur Range (N11° 52' 33.20", E76° 03' 44.42"; Elevation- 917m)	2013-14	-	The pond stores water at half capacity.



Four activities were taken up during 2012-13; two during 2010-11 while just one activity was taken up during 2009-10 and 2011-12. The Cairns & Boundary Consolidation activity to be taken up in 2011-12 was taken up during 2013-14. Overall, an amount of Rs. 120.58 lakhs was allotted to the circle during the period of which 90 percent financial achievement was observed.



### Eastern circle, Palakkad (2009-2014)

The evaluation covered five forest divisions of the circle. They include

1. Mannarkkad
2. Nenmara
3. Nilambur North
4. Nilambur South
5. Palakkad

Thirteen different activities have been undertaken in the circle. The distribution of activities is as follows:

S. No.	Activity	Divisions
1.	Assistance to tribal Vana Samrakshana Samidi	Nenmara, Nilambur North
2.	Construction and maintenance of campshed	Nenmara, Palakkad
3.	Construction of check dam/ pond	Mannarkkad, Nenmara, Nilambur North, Nilambur South, Palakkad
4.	Contour bunds	Nenmara
5.	Elephant proof trench	Nenmara
6.	Improving connectivity	Mannarkkad
7.	Interior campshed and ration	Nenmara, Nilambur South, Palakkad
8.	Joint patrolling and raid	Nilambur North
9.	Planting	Nenmara
10.	Purchase of equipment	Nilambur South
11.	Soil and moisture conservation	Nenmara, Palakkad
12.	Soil and moisture Conservation dry rubble	Nenmara
13.	Vegetation barrier by grass	Nenmara

#### 1. Assistance to tribal Vana Samrakshana Samidi

Discussions were held with two Vana Samrakshana Samidi groups in Mangalam dam (Nenmara) and Nilambur on the implementation of CAMPA activities in the Divisions. Employment through maintenance of plantations under compensatory afforestation, fire watchers, ecotourism activities, and facilities such as provision of skinwood door, door fittings, and fixing of doors has been done for their households. Both divisions have good rapport with the tribals in their divisions.

#### 2. Construction and maintenance of campshed

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m)	Remarks
1	N10° 28' 23.24" E76° 33' 11.85"	2010-11	4.0 x 6.0	The structure is in good condition.
2	N10° 34' 31.29" E76° 44' 31.19"	2012-13	6.0 x 3.7	The structure is in good condition. The activity was completed in 2014-15.





The camp sheds were evaluated for their physical existence and the quality of the assets. The specifications of the campsheds were checked by physical measurements and verifying the old vouchers and estimates.

#### Observations of the team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10)	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	Camp shed / Alathur/ Kadappara	The structure is in good condition.	It is regularly used by the frontline staff.	7	High
2.	Contour Bund/ Kollengode / Kalliyampara	The structure is in good condition.	It is regularly used by the frontline staff.	7	High

#### 3. Construction of Check Dam/ Pond

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m <sup>3</sup> )	Remarks
1.	N11°0' 23.16" E76°31' 43.17"	2012-13	210.0	The structure is in good condition.
2.	N10°34' 11.69" E76°39' 6.31"	2012-13	41.5	The structure is in good condition. The activity was completed in 2014-15.
3.	N 10°52'58.55" E 76°39'16.57"	2011-12	72	The structure is in good condition.



Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m <sup>3</sup> )	Remarks
4.	N11°18' 57.97" E76°11' 45.48"	2012-13	354.66	The structure is in good condition. The activity was completed in 2019-20.
5.	N11°18' 47.6" E76°21' 38.8"	2012-13	Plastering: 14.0 m <sup>3</sup> ; Earthwork: 107.0m <sup>3</sup> ; Foundation: 155.0m <sup>3</sup> RCC: 79 m <sup>3</sup>	The structure is in good condition.



The works were evaluated for the physical existence and quality. The specifications of both camp sheds were checked by verifying the old vouchers and the estimates.

#### Observations of the evaluation team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10)	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	Check Dam / Mannarkkad/ Vattappara	The check dam is maintained well and appears healthy	The moisture content in surrounding areas is improved, as evidenced by the green vegetation.	7	High





Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium >3 to<7, High 7 to 10	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
2.	Check Dam / Kollengode range Elavancheri	The check dam is maintained well and appears healthy	The moisture content in surrounding areas is improved, as evidenced by the green vegetation.	8	High
3.	Check Dam / Olavakkode range / Elival section / Velampotta	The check dam is maintained well and appears healthy	The moisture content in surrounding areas is improved, as evidenced by the green vegetation.	7	High
4.	Check Dam / Tharamattam/ Ottupalthodu	The check dam is maintained well and appears healthy	The moisture content in surrounding areas is improved, as evidenced by the green vegetation.	8	High
5.	Check Dam / Nilambur South/ Karulai/ Moochikkala	The check dam is maintained well and appears healthy	The moisture content in surrounding areas is improved, as evidenced by the green vegetation.	7	High

#### 4. Contour Bunds

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m)	Remarks
1	N10°34'27.42" E76°44'14.26"	2014-15	-	The structure is in good condition.

The bunds have been physically verified and the specifications were checked by physical measurements and verifying the old vouchers and estimates.

#### Observations of the evaluation team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium >3 to<7, High 7 to 10	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	Contour Bund/ Kollengode / Kalliyampara	The structure is in good condition.	It supports the soil stabilisation.	7	High



The works were evaluated for the physical existence and for the quality. The specifications of both camp sheds were checked by verifying the old vouchers and the estimates.

### 5. Improving connectivity

Records pertaining to maintenance of Patrolling routes in Mannarkkad Division - Ayyappan thavalam under Singappara forest station in Agali range (N10° 58' 10.413"; E76° 37' 54.89") were verified and found correct.

### 6. Interior campshed and ration

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m)	Remarks
1.	N11°18'25.92" E76°26'31.92"	2009-10	72m <sup>2</sup>	The structure is in good condition.
2.	N10°52'47.3" E76°48'09.0"	2011-12	72m <sup>2</sup>	The structure is in good condition.

The works were evaluated for the physical existence and quality. The specifications of both camp sheds were checked by verifying the old vouchers and the estimates.

### Observations of the evaluation team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium > 3 to < 7, High 7 to 10)	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	Camp shed / Nilambur South / Karulai / Panapuzha	Maintenance like tress work over the existing camp shed.	It is regularly used by the frontline staff.	7	High
2.	Camp shed/ Walayar	The structure is in good condition.	It is regularly used by the frontline staff.	7	High





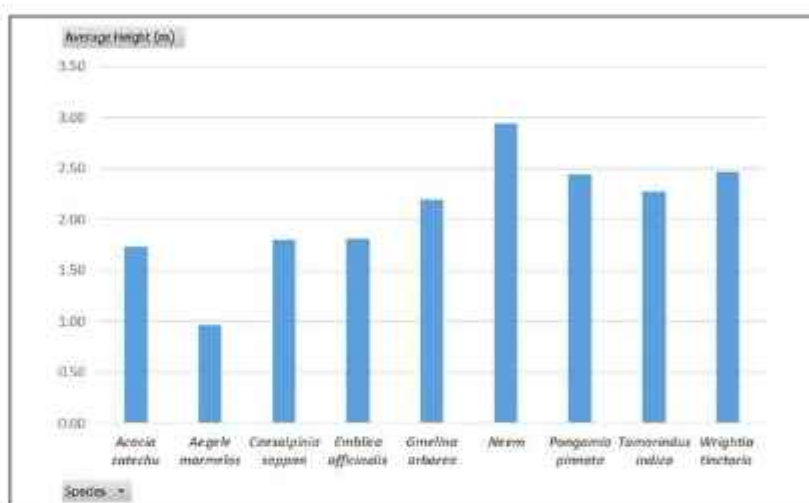


## 7. Joint patrolling and raid

Joint patrolling activities were taken up in Edavanna, Vazhikkadavu ranges of Nilambur north division. The activities were verified through inspection of records and found correct.

## 8. Planting

Planting was envisaged in the APO 2012-2013 in Nenmara Division. However, the same could be achieved only during 2015-2016. Nine species were planted in Killimala in Kollengode, Nenmara division in 15 ha area. Plant survival rate was good but varies between species.



Growth performance of the different species in Killimala, Nenmara division





There was heavy undergrowth of grasses, and the field was completely infested with weeds such as Lantana and Eupatorium. The plantation was well stocked with a survival of 76 per cent.

## 9. Purchase of equipment

The records revealed that field equipment for antipoaching squad and watchers such as torches, emergency life saving equipments, solar charged lights were procured and distributed.

## 10. Soil and moisture conservation dry rubble

Gully plugging using dry rubble was carried out in Vellakkalthittu, Kollengode range in an area of 82.5 m<sup>3</sup> (N10°31'44.22"E76°37'59.40" and N10° 31'42.93" E76°37'59.31"). The gullies are in good condition.

Two activities were taken up during 2009-10 in the circle, four during 2010-11, five each during 2011-12 and 2012-13. The circle implemented all the activities listed in the APO. Spillovers were observed with regard to planting and construction of campshed. Overall, an amount of Rs. 93.81 lakhs was allotted to the circle during the period of which 70 percent financial achievement was observed.

### Central circle, Thrissur (2009-2014)

The evaluation covered four forest divisions of the circle. They include

1. Chalakkudy
2. Malayattoor
3. Thrissur
4. Vazhachal

Nine different activities were undertaken in the circle. The distribution of activities is as follows:

S. No.	Activity	Divisions
1.	Assistance to tribal Vana Samrakshana Samiti	Chalakkudy, Vazhachal
2.	Cairns and boundary consolidation	Chalakkudy, Thrissur
3.	Compensatory afforestation	Chalakkudy
4.	Construction and maintenance of campshed	Chalakkudy
5.	Construction of check Dam/ Pond	Chalakkudy, Malayattoor, Thrissur
6.	Eradication of exotic weeds	Vazhachal
7.	Interior campshed & Ration	Malayattoor
8.	Joint patrolling and raid	Vazhachal
9.	Soil and moisture conservation	Malayattoor





### 1. Assistance to tribal Vana Samrakshana Samidi

Discussions were held with a Vana Samrakshana Samidi group on the implementation of CAMPA activities in Vazhachal Division. Employment through maintenance of plantations under compensatory afforestation, fire watchers, ecotourism activities, and skill development (tailoring units, honey processing) have been provided.

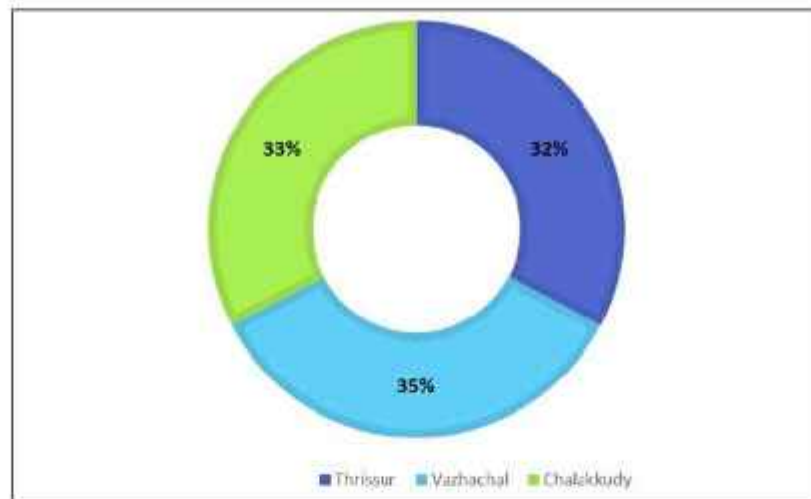
### 2. Cairns and boundary consolidation

The cairns at the boundary of forests in Mankuttipadam, Vellikulangara Range Chalakudy were inspected and found damaged. This work was envisaged in 2011-12; however, it was completed in 2014-15.

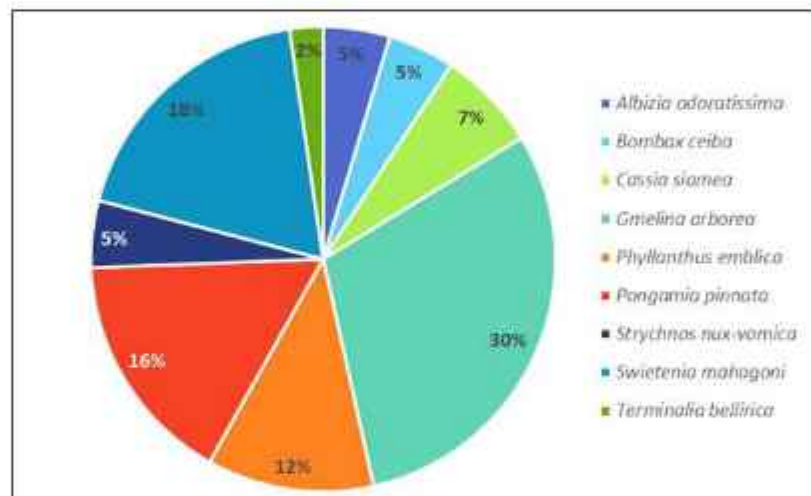
### 3. Compensatory afforestation

**Plant survival Rate:** Plant survival rates did not vary significantly between divisions; however, the species composition was different. *Gmelina arborea* was found to perform better in Thrissur and Vazhachal while *Artocarpus heterophyllus* survived better in Chalakudy.

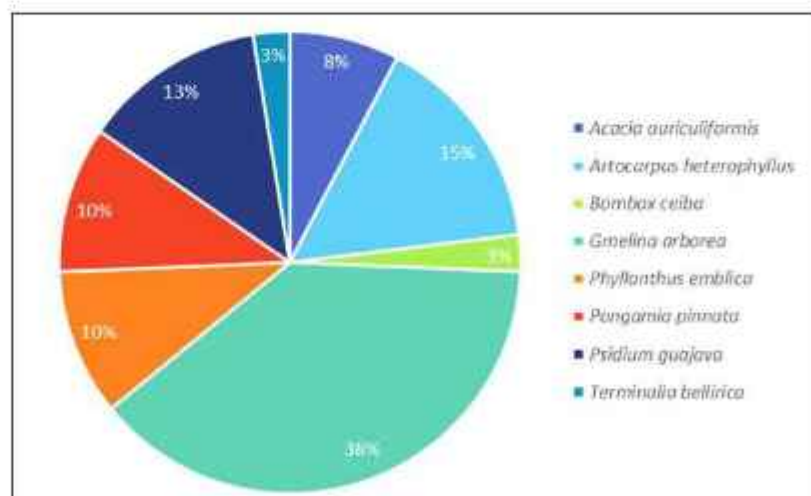
S. No.	Divisions	Area (ha)/ Planting	Species	Survival (%)	Remarks
1.	Thrissur	18.0 / Gap planting	<i>Albizia odoratissima</i> , <i>Bombax ceiba</i> , <i>Cassia siamea</i> , <i>Gmelina arborea</i> , <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> , <i>Pongamia pinnata</i> , <i>Strychnos nux-vomica</i> , <i>Swietenia mahagoni</i> , <i>Terminalia bellirica</i>	80	Pest: Leaf Defoliator Insect: Pungam Gall formation on leaves Leaf spot: Pungam, Leaf blight: Pungam Leaf scorching: Ailanthus (Yellow discolouration of leaves)
2.	Vazhachal	10.0 / Gap planting	<i>Acacia auriculiformis</i> , <i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i> , <i>Bombax ceiba</i> , <i>Gmelina arborea</i> , <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> , <i>Pongamia pinnata</i> , <i>Psidium guajava</i> , <i>Terminalia bellirica</i>	85	Pest Leaf Defoliator Insect Pungam Gall formation on leaves Leaf spot: Pungam, Algal leaf spot: Guava Leaf spot: Jack fruit
3.	Chalakudy	2.12/ Gap planting	<i>Ailanthus excelsa</i> , <i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i> , <i>Artocarpus hirsutus</i> , <i>Azadirachta indica</i> , <i>Dalbergia latifolia</i> , <i>Dendrocalamus strictus</i> , <i>Pongamia pinnata</i> , <i>Terminalia bellirica</i> , <i>Terminalia paniculata</i> , <i>Wrightia tinctoria</i>	80	1. Emblica - Damaged by sambar deer and caterpillar damage 2. Pungam - Leaf Gall



Overall survival rates (%) across divisions

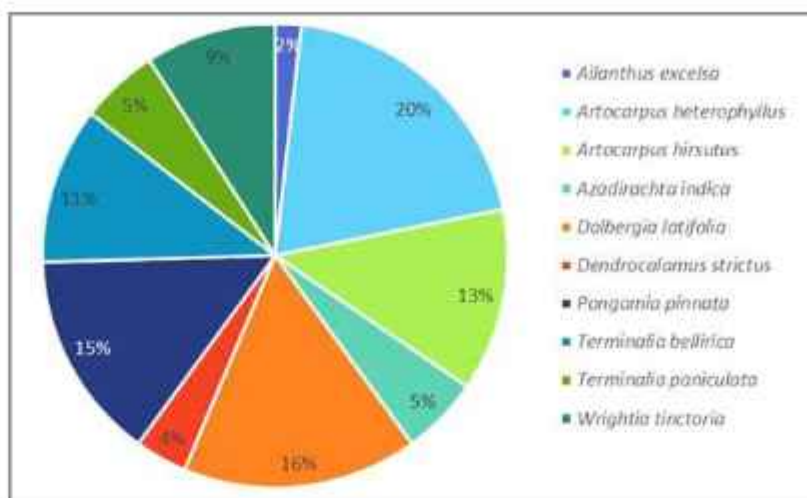


Survival pattern of species in Thrissur Division

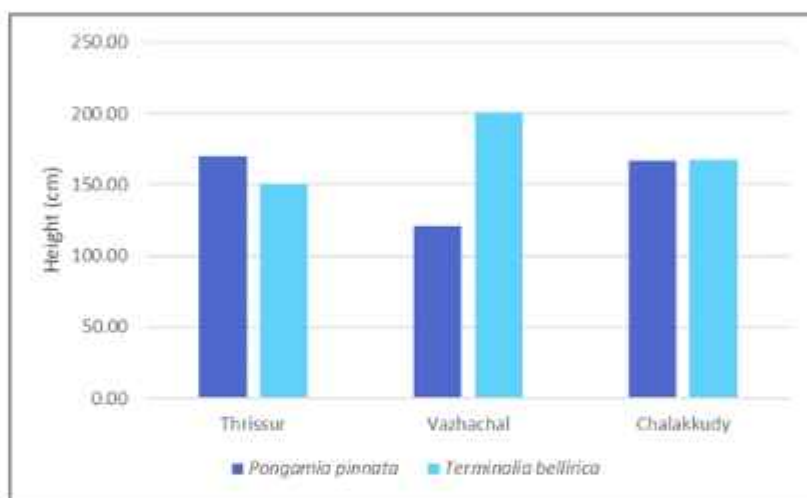


Survival pattern of species in Vazhachal Division

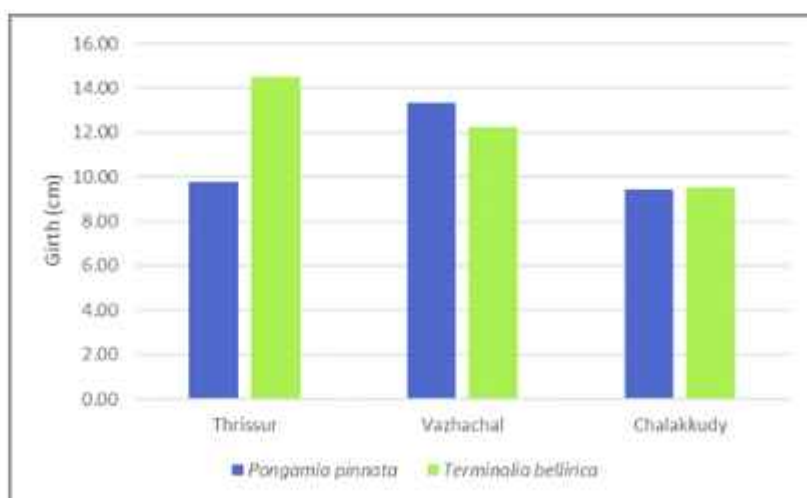




Survival pattern of species in Chalakkudy Division



Height (m) of *Pongamia pinnata* and *Terminalia bellirica* across divisions in Central Circle, Thrissur



Basal Girth (cm) of *Pongamia pinnata* and *Terminalia bellirica* across divisions in Central Circle, Thrissur







**Plant Protection Measures:** Different plant protection measures such as watch and ward, fire protection, weeding, etc have been taken in all the divisions to improve plant survival rate. In some cases, the VSS members were involved in maintaining the afforestation activities. Watch and ward was given priority over other protection measures.

Since these plantations were raised during the period 2009-2014, watch and ward provision was made for three years, excluding the plantation year. As a result, the survival rates are good. In the later stage, the site was covered under general monitoring and supervision. This could have led to a low stocking in some of the afforested sites.

**Record maintenance:** Different records / documents are maintained at the range office with respect to plantations and silvicultural activities. The site map, treatment map and data on survival and growth have been recorded meticulously in the journal. The records and bills related to the plantations are well maintained.

#### 4. Construction and maintenance of campshed

The construction of collection shed at Chakkiparambu, Malambatty Colony of Palappilly Range was reported to be executed during 2013-2014. Records related to the work were verified.

#### 5. Construction of check dam/ pond

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m)	Remarks
1	N10°33'43" E76°18'44"	2015	1.05 x 3.1 x 33.45	The activity was envisaged in 2012-13. The check dam is in good condition.
2	N10°10' 41.88" E76°39' 55.72"	2015	0.8 x 1.7 x 16.3	The activity was envisaged in 2012-13. The check dam is in good condition.
3	N10°11'46.9" E76°33'43.5"	2016	15.25 x 1.20 x 2	The activity was envisaged in 2012-13. The check dam wast is partially damaged.

The works were evaluated for the physical existence and for the quality. The specifications of all check dams were checked by verifying the old vouchers and the estimates. It is observed that, one of the check dams in Chalakudy was partially damaged.

#### Observations of the team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10)	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	Check Dam/ Pattathipara / Thrissur	The check dam is maintained well and appears healthy	The moisture content in surrounding areas is improved, as evidenced by the green vegetation.	7	High



Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, $\leq 3$ , Medium $>3$ to $<7$ , High 7 to 10	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
2.	Check dam/ Chemminkuthu /Thundaththil/ Malayattoor	The check dam is maintained well and appears healthy	The moisture content in surrounding areas is improved, as evidenced by the green vegetation.	8	High
3.	Check dam/ Vettilappara/ Chalakudy	The check dam has been partially damaged.	The check dam requires maintenance to improve moisture retention in adjoining areas.	5	Medium







## 6. Eradication of exotic weeds

Eradication of Exotic weeds was undertaken in Vazhachal Division during 2014-15 against the APO 2011-2012, based on the records verified.

## 7. Interior campshed and ration

The work is reported to be executed during 2009-2010 in Malayattoor Division.

## 8. Joint patrolling and raid

Joint patrolling activities were taken up in Vazhachal division. The activities were verified through inspection of records and found correct.

## 9. Soil and moisture conservation

This activity was undertaken in the Malayattoor Division during 2014 -15 against the APO 2010-2011. The work is reported to be executed at Nediapara in Pooyamkutty Forest Station, based on the records verified.

Four activities were planned during 2010-11 in the circle, two during 2011-12, one each during 2009-10, 2012-13 and 2013-14. Spillovers were observed in check dams, SMC activities. Overall, an amount of Rs. 54.81 lakhs was allotted to the circle during the period of which 97.8 percent financial achievement was observed.

### High Range circle, Kottayam (2009-2014)

The evaluation covered five forest divisions of the circle. They include

1. Kothamangalam
2. Kottayam
3. Mankulam
4. Marayoor
5. Munnar

Seven different activities were undertaken in the circle. The distribution of activities is as follows:

S. No.	Activity	Divisions
1.	Assistance to Tribal Vana Samrakshana Samidi	Kothamangalam, Munnar
2.	Construction and maintenance of campshed	Kothamangalam
3.	Construction of check dam/ pond	Kothamangalam, Kottayam, Mankulam, Marayoor, Munnar
4.	Interior campshed and ration	Kothamangalam
5.	Joint patrolling and raid	Marayur
6.	Purchase of equipment	Kothamangalam
7.	Soil and moisture conservation	Kothamangalam, Munnar



## 1. Assistance to tribal Vana Samrakshana Samidi

Discussions were held with two Vana Samrakshana Samidi groups on the implementation of CAMPA activities in Kothamangalam and Munnar Divisions. The Tribal Vana Samrakshana Samidi were engaged in protection mazdoor, collection, protection and sale of MFP at Thommankuthu Eco- Tourism Centre in Neduvakkadu Section in Kaliyar Range.

## 2. Construction and maintenance of campshed

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m <sup>2</sup> )	Remarks
1	N09°91025° E76°88235° Elevation-569 m	2010-2011	33.8	The work was carried out during 2013-2014 and completed in 2014-15.



Campshed completely destroyed by elephants

### Observations of the team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10)	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	Anti-Poaching Campshed/ Kothamangalam /Thodupuzha/ Keezhar	The campshed is completely destroyed by elephants.	Inconvenient for the anti-poaching squad.	Low	Low





### 3. Construction of check dam/ pond

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m <sup>3</sup> )	Remarks
1	N10°02'16" E76°7'33.8" Elevation- 56 m	2012-2013	12.75; 4.08; 2.04; 12.0	Four check dams were assessed. The structures are in good condition.
2	N09°27.402' E76°55.342' Elevation- 147 m	2012-2013	2.4; 7.68; 2.52; 2.52	The structures are in good condition. The work was carried out during 2014-2015 and completed in 2015.
3	N10°14' 39.88" E77°10' 39.96" Elevation- 1023m	2012-2013	9.408	The structure is in good condition.
4.	N10°04' 48.79" E77°56' 12.75" Elevation- 1056m	2014-2015	Plastering: 58.75 Earthwork: 58.05 Foundation: 33.15 RCC: 26.1	The structure is in good condition. The work was carried out during 2014-2015.







Observations of the team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	Check Dam/ Kothamangalam / Mullaringad	Water is stored to half-capacity	The moisture content of surrounding areas improved, as evidenced by the dense vegetation growth.	9	High
2.	Check dam/ Kottayam/ Erumely/ Kalaketty Parathode	Water is stored to full capacity.	The moisture content of surrounding areas improved, as evidenced by the dense vegetation growth.	10	High
3.	Check dam/ Marayoor/ Kanakayam /Kanthalloor	Water is stored to half-capacity	The moisture content of surrounding areas improved, as evidenced by the dense vegetation growth.	9	High
4.	Check Dam/ Mankulam/ Mankulam/ Kambany Kudy	Water is stored to half-capacity	The moisture content of surrounding areas improved, as evidenced by the dense vegetation growth.	9	High

#### 4. Interior campshed and ration

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m)	Remarks
1	N10°01'621" E76°78'644" Elevation- 78 m	2009-2010	Room: 5.0 x 4.0 Toilet : 1.25 x 1.5	The camp shed was constructed with steel structure and covered with GI corrugated sheets. The work was carried out during 2012-2013.



**Observations of the team**

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10)	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	Campshed/ Kothamangalam / Mullaringad	The camp shed is maintained well and in use.	The shed is regularly used by the frontline staff.	10	High

### 5. Joint patrolling and raid

Joint patrolling activities were taken up in Marayoor division. The activities were verified through inspection of records and found correct.

### 6. Soil and moisture conservation

Gully plugging was carried out in Marayoor Division.





Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m)	Remarks
1	N10°15' 32.98" E77°08' 55.42" Elevation- 1018m	2012-2013	7.6x 2.57	The structure is in good condition.
2.	N10°15' 11.72" E77°08' 57.77" Elevation- 967m	2012-2013	7.6x 2.57	The structure is in good condition.



Present status of gully plugging at Pobson Oda Thodu at Marayoor



Present status of gully plugging at Kozhippanna Thodu at Marayoor





### Observations of the team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, <3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10)	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	Gully Plugging/ Marayoor/ Marayoor/ Nachivayal Sandal Reserve (NSR-II)/ Pobson Oda Thodu	The gully plugging structure is intact.	The gully plugs have enabled stabilisation of the soil to a large extent.	8	High
2.	Gully Plugging/ Marayoor/ Marayoor/ Nachivayal Sandal Reserve (NSR-II)/ Kozhippanna Thodu	Four gully pluggings undertaken in Kuppanodu Thodu, Pobson Oda Thodu, Kozhippanna Thodu and Eco Point Thodu are intact.	The gully plugs have enabled stabilisation of the soil to a large extent.	7	High

In Kottayam division, this work was carried out during 2017-18.

Two activities were taken up during 2009-10 in the circle, four during 2010-11, one during 2012-13. Construction of check dams was the major activity taken up in the Circle during the period. No new activities were taken up during 2013-14. Activities envisaged in 2012-13 were completed during this period. Check dam construction at Mankulam is reported to be executed during 2012-13 however, no physical verification was done. SMC works at Kothamangalam is reported to be executed during 2013-2014. The circle implemented all the activities listed in the APO. Overall, an amount of Rs. 43.5 lakhs was allotted to the circle during the period of which 92 percent financial achievement was observed.

### Southern circle, Kollam (2009-2014)

The evaluation covered six forest divisions of the circle. They include

1. Achenkovil
2. Konni
3. Punalur
4. Ranni
5. Thenmala
6. Thiruvananthapuram

Nine different activities were undertaken in the circle. The distribution of activities is as follows:



S. No.	Activity	Divisions
1.	Assistance to tribal Vana Samrakshana Samidi	Konni, Ranni
2.	Interior campshed and ration	Konni, Ranni
3.	Catchment area treatment	Ranni
4.	Compensatory afforestation	Konni, Ranni, Punalur, Thenmala
5.	Construction and maintenance of campshed	Achenkovil, Punalur
6.	Construction of check dam/ pond	Konni, Ranni
7.	Joint patrolling and raid	Konni, Ranni
8.	Purchase of equipment	Ranni
9.	Soil and moisture conservation	Achenkovil and Ranni

### 1. Assistance to tribal Vana Samrakshana Samidi

Discussions were held with two Vana Samrakshana Samidi groups on the implementation of CAMPA activities in Konni and Ranni Divisions. Employment through maintenance of plantations under compensatory afforestation, fire watchers, ecotourism activities, and facilities such as gas connections, support for childrens' education, solar lights, skill development (tailoring units, hand made products) have been provided.

The Focussed Group Discussions revealed that the departmental interventions in these areas are in consultation with the people. In those areas, where there is scope for revenue from NTFPs, people have taken interest in the management and protection of the worked areas. The people have taken care to prevent fire and restrict grazing. In other areas, where usufructs are not forthcoming immediately, the people have not shown much interest about the management of the forest areas. The involvement of the Scheduled Tribes in the divisions was very evident. The department has taken sufficient care to address the interests of the Scheduled Tribes while developing management plans with sufficient flexibility.







## 2. Interior campshed and ration

Vouchers were verified and found correct. Ration was provided to Ranni and Konni division. The supply and items were verified through inspection of records and found correct.

## 3. Catchment area treatment

River bank stabilisation efforts were undertaken for a stretch of 2.5 km along the Kallar river. *Bambusa bambos* was planted as part of the stabilisation efforts, however, due to heavy and frequenting floods, most of the bamboos have been washed away. Natural vegetation has established in the area, acting as a vegetative cover.



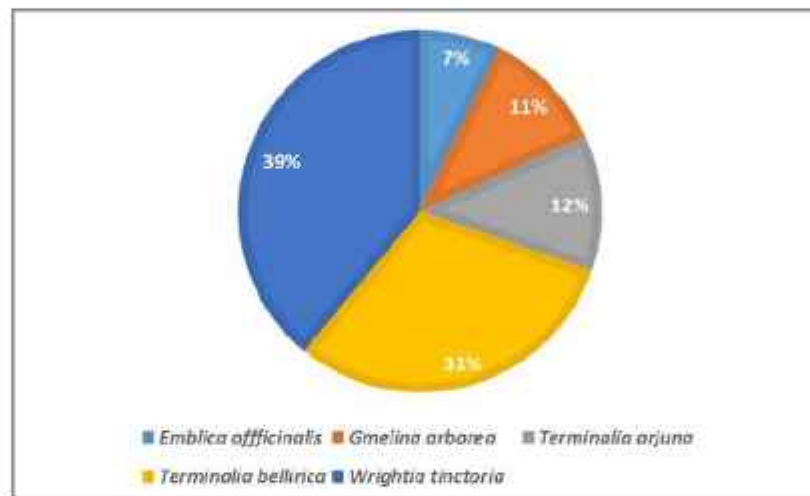
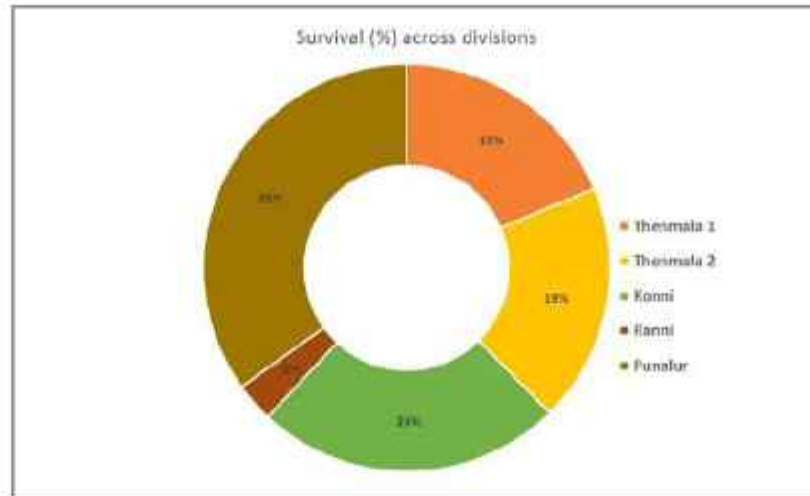
## 4. Compensatory afforestation

Plant survival Rate: Survival rate of different species varies between divisions. Within the same division (Thenmala), however, no differences were observed in the survival rate in two different sites. Gap planting undertaken in Punalur showed highest survival rates.

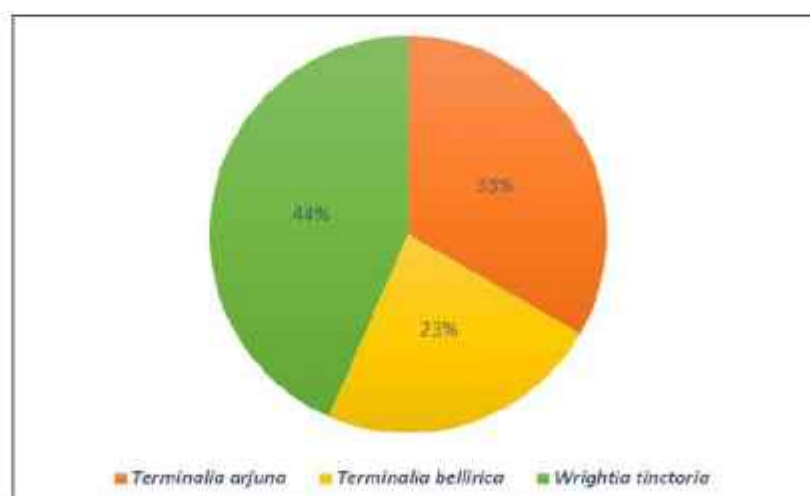




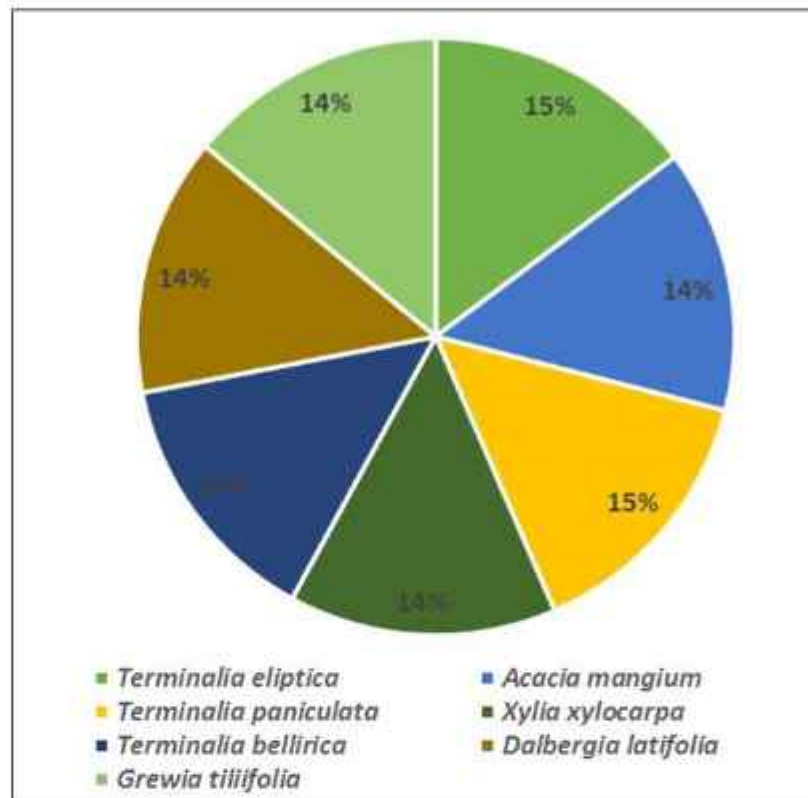
S. No.	Divisions	Area (ha)/ Planting	Species	Survival (%)	Remarks
1.	Konni	4.25 / Gap planting	<i>Terminalia elliptica</i> , <i>Terminalia paniculata</i> , <i>Xylia xylocarpa</i> , <i>Lagerstroemia microcarpa</i> , <i>Terminalia bellarica</i> , <i>Dalbergia latifolia</i> , <i>Grewia tiliifolia</i>	58	Maintained subsequently for 4 years. Hence plantation established well. <i>Lagerstroemia microcarpa</i> was not recorded.
2.	Ranni	10/ Gap planting	<i>Hopea parviflora</i> , <i>Dysoxylum malabaricum</i> , <i>Cassia fistula</i> , <i>Artocarpus</i> <i>hirsutus</i> , <i>Dalbergia latifolia</i> , <i>Schleichera oleosa</i> , <i>Terminalia bellarica</i> , <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> , <i>Syzygium cumini</i>	7.0	Heavy infestation of the invasive - Kurinji ( <i>Strobilanthes</i> sp.) which prevented establishment of the planted saplings. <i>Cassia fistula</i> , <i>Dalbergia</i> <i>latifolia</i> and <i>Artocarpus</i> <i>hirsutus</i> established well. Further, as the planting was within adense forest, wild animals such as elephants, bear, wild boar and deer prevented effective plantation. <b>Replanting has been attempted.</b>
3.	Punalur	5 / Gap planting	<i>Terminalia bellirica</i> , <i>Hopea parviflora</i> , <i>Xylia xylocarpa</i> , <i>Schleichera oleosa</i> , <i>Artocarpus hirsutus</i>	83.2	The site was well stocked due to subsequent maintenance. Most of the species established well. Natural regeneration of species such as bamboos and <i>Macaranga peltata</i> was observed.
4.	Thenmala	125 / Gap planting	<i>Wrightia tinctoria</i> , <i>Emblca officinalis</i> , <i>Swietenia mahagoni</i> , <i>Gmelina arborea</i> , <i>Terminalia bellirica</i> , <i>Tamarindus indica</i>	45	<i>Emblca officinalis</i> , <i>Swietenia mahagoni</i> , <i>Gmelina arborea</i> , <i>Tamarindus indica</i> did not survive in the plantations. Heavy loss of plants recorded due to elephant trampling.
5.	Thenmala	235 / Gap planting	<i>Swietenia mahagoni</i> , <i>Gmelina arborea</i> , <i>Wrightia tinctoria</i> , <i>Terminalia bellirica</i> , <i>Terminailia arjuna</i>	45	Damage to the plantation due to grazing, sambar deer and elephant.



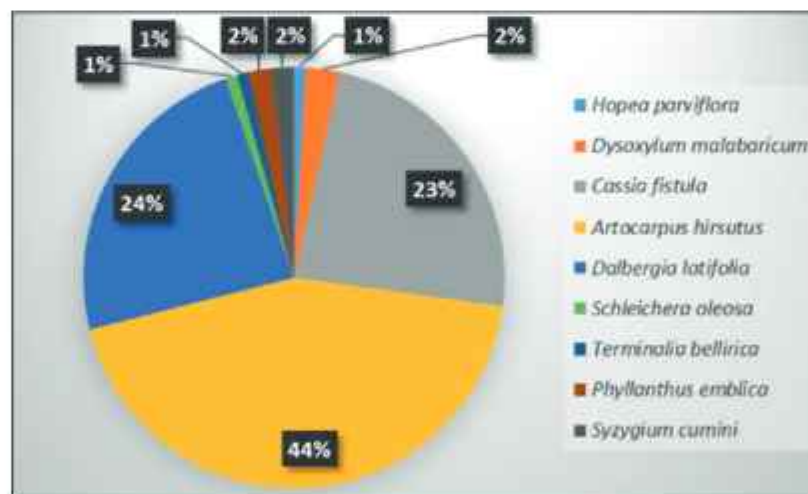
Survival rates of different species in Thenmala1



Survival rates of different species in Thenmala2

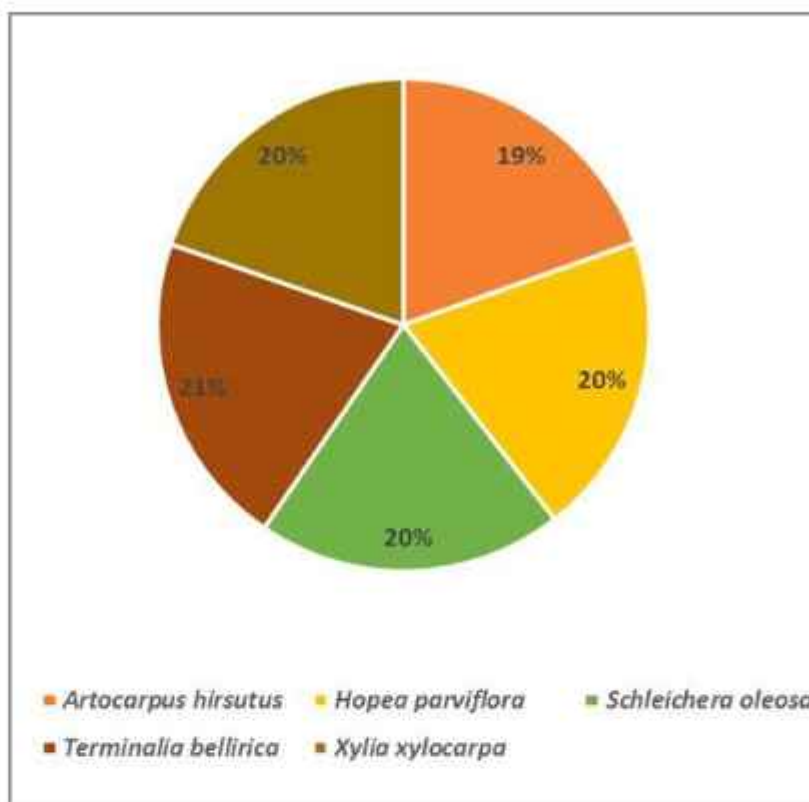


Survival rates of different species in Konni



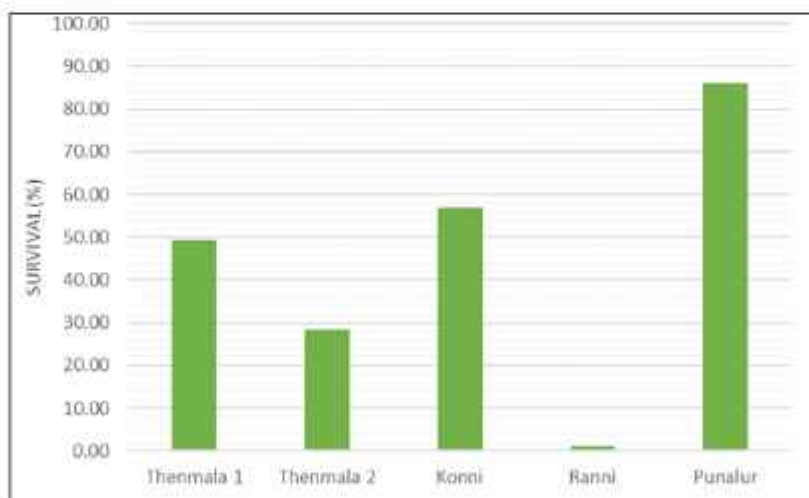
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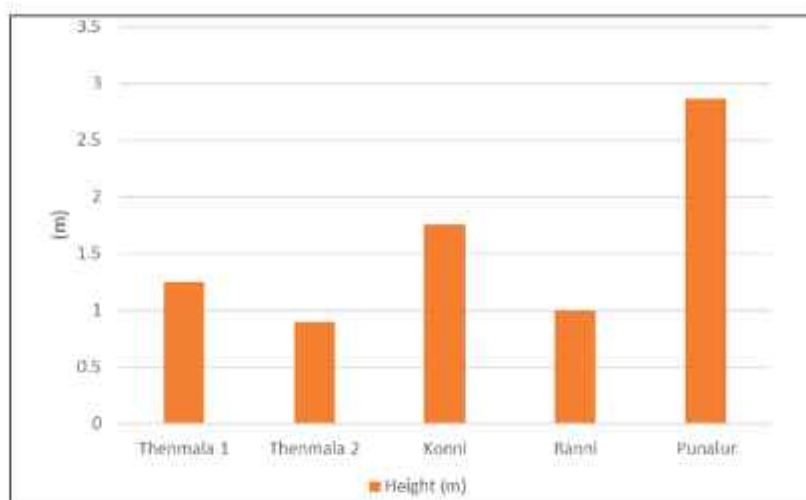


Survival rates of different species in Punalur

*Terminalia bellirica* was the only species planted across divisions. The species varied in survival and growth performance in different sites.



Survival of *Terminalia bellirica* across locations



Growth (Height in m) of *Terminalia bellirica* across divisions in SC Kollam

**Plant Protection Measures:** Different plant protection measures such as watch and ward, fire protection, weeding, etc have been taken in all the divisions to improve plant survival rate. In some cases, the VSS members were involved in maintaining the afforestation activities. Watch and ward was given priority over other protection measures.

Since these plantations were raised during the period 2009-2014, watch and ward provision was made for three years, excluding the plantation year. As a result, the survival rates are good. In the later stage, the site was covered under general monitoring and supervision. This could have led to a low stocking in some of the afforested sites.

**Record maintenance:** Different records / documents are maintained at the range office with respect to plantations and silvicultural activities. The site map, treatment map and data on survival and growth have been recorded meticulously in the journal. The records and bills related to the plantations are maintained well.

### Remarks

- ✦ Indigenous tree species are selected for planting.
- ✦ Most of the plantation activities were carried out by frontline officials without additional labour. Hence, no additional expenses were incurred.
- ✦ Maintenance work was done by the VSS members.
- ✦ It was learnt from the forest officials that due to grazing by Sambar deer and elephant lot of casualties reported in this plantation.



Current status of compensatory afforestation plantation at Nedungalloor Pacha, Edamon section (2014)



Current status of compensatory afforestation plantation at Nedungalloor Pacha, Edamon section (2014)



Current status of compensatory afforestation plantation at Nedungalloor Pacha, Edamon section (2014)





Review team of compensatory afforestation plantation at Nedungalloor Pacha, Edamon section (2014)



Review team at Gap Planting site at Pinangathodu, Kakkathodu Forest Station, Naduvathumoozhy, Konni (2014)





S.No.	Species Planted in Compensatory Afforestation Programmes
1.	<i>Acacia mangium</i>
2.	<i>Artocarpus hirsutus</i>
3.	<i>Cassia fistula</i>
4.	<i>Dalbergia latifolia</i>
5.	<i>Dysoxylum malabaricum</i>
6.	<i>Emblia officinalis</i>
7.	<i>Gmelina arborea</i>
8.	<i>Grewia tiliifolia</i>
9.	<i>Hopea parviflora</i>
10.	<i>Schleichera oleosa</i>
11.	<i>Syzygium cumini</i>
12.	<i>Terminalia arjuna</i>
13.	<i>Terminalia bellirica</i>
14.	<i>Terminalia elliptica</i>
15.	<i>Terminalia paniculata</i>
16.	<i>Wrightia tinctoria</i>
17.	<i>Xylia xylocarpa</i>

##### 5. Construction and maintenance of campshed

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m <sup>2</sup> )	Remarks
1	N09°7'58.848" E77°11'55.518"	2010 -2011	120	The camp shed was constructed at Kattikuzhy for the convenience of the anti-poaching squad. The shed has an elephant trench of dimensions 20 x 3 x 2.5 m around it. Despite this, the camp shed has been damaged by elephants. The camp shed requires maintenance.
2	N08°59' 47.48" E77°03' 30.78"	2010 -2011	46.96	The camp shed constructed during 2010-2011 was damaged. It was refurbished later with funding from other sources.





The works were evaluated for the physical existence and for the quality. The specifications of both camp sheds were checked by verifying the old vouchers and the estimates. It is observed that, the building maintenance was found necessary in Kattikuzhi, and is very useful to the frontline staff.



Camp Shed at Kattikuzhy with elephant trench

#### Observations of the team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	<b>Campshed/</b> Achenkovil/ Kattikuzhi	The campshed has been established at Kattikuzhy. Temporarily used by Anti-Poaching squad. Solar panel installed in the camp shed. Though there is a protective EPT, the campshed has been damaged and requires maintenance.	Temporarily used by Anti Poaching squad in transit.	5	Medium
2.	<b>Campshed/</b> Punalur/ Mambazhathara	The structure was damaged so it may demolished and rebuilt later using funds from other sources.	Presently in use by VSS.	8	High





## 6. Construction of check dam/ pond

It was reported that heavy and recurrent floods completely damaged the check dams.

## 7. Joint patrolling and raid

Joint patrolling activities were taken up in Konni division. The activities were verified through inspection of records and found correct.

## 8. Purchase of equipment

The records revealed that field equipment for antipoaching squad and watchers such as torches, emergency life saving equipments, solar charged lights were procured and distributed.

## 9. Soil and moisture conservation

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m)	Remarks
1	N09°7'26.58" E77°11'24.912"	2010 -2011	7.8 x 1.26 x 1.65; 6 x 1.00 x 1.5; 5 x 1.0 x 1.0; 4 x 0.5 x 0.5; 7.0 x 1.5 x 1.0; 4 x 1.2 x 1.6; 5.6 x 1.45 x 1.0	Inspected six gullies at Vazhaperiyar. They displayed minimal damage which the staff mentioned was due to washing away in floods.
2	N09°8'09.06" E77°12'0.006"	2010-2011	3.8 x 1.5 x 0.65; 13.33 x 1.37 x 0.73; 0.55 x 1.6 x 0.35	Inspected three gullies at Kattikuzhi. All the three gullies are in good condition. The frontline staff regularly inspect the gullies, as it is the breeding ground for endemic fishes.



Gully plugging at Kattikuzhi





Three gullies in line at Kattikuzhi



Gully Plugging at Vakkalar



Gully plugging at Goodrickal



Two activities were taken up during 2009-10 in the circle, four during 2010-11, two each during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14. The circle implemented all the activities listed in the APO. No spillovers were observed. Overall, an amount of Rs. 103.9 lakhs was allotted to the circle during the period of which 95 percent financial achievement was observed.

### Wildlife circle, Palakkad (2009-2014)

The evaluation covered four divisions of the circle. They include

1. Peechi
2. Parambikulam
3. Silent Valley
4. Wayanad

Seventeen different activities were undertaken in the circle. The distribution of activities is as follows:

S. No.	Activity	Divisions
1.	Assistance to tribal Vana Samrakshana Samidi	Parambikulam, Peechi
2.	Check dam	Wayanad, Parambikulam, Peechi
3.	Construction and maintenance of campshed	Silent valley, Wayanad
4.	Eco development	Peechi
5.	Eco-Tourism and training	Peechi
6.	Fire protection	Peechi
7.	Habitat improvement	Peechi
8.	Improving connectivity	Parambikulam, Peechi, Silent Valley, Wayanad
9.	Infrastructure development	Peechi
10.	Joint patrolling and raid	Silent valley
11.	Mitigation man-animal conflict	Peechi
12.	Protection and maintenance of antipoaching campshed	Parambikulam, Aaralam, Peechi, Silentvalley, Wayanad
13.	Protection campshed and ration	Silent Valley, Wayanad
14.	Publicity and awareness	Peechi
15.	Research and development	Peechi
16.	Road maintenance	Peechi
17.	Soil and moisture conservation	Peechi, Silent valley, Wayanad

#### 1. Assistance to tribal Vana Samrakshana Samidi

Discussions were held with two Vana Samrakshana Samidi groups on the implementation of CAMPA activities in Parambikulam and Peechi Divisions. The Tribal VSS were engaged in Protection Mazdoor, for collection, protection and sale of MFP at Parambikulam Eco-Tourism Centres.





## 2. Check dam

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m)	Remarks
1	N10°38'54" E76°74'42.4"	2012-13	21 x 3 x 1	The activity was carried out during 2014-15.
2	N10°38'54" E76°74'42.4"	2012-13	13 x 1.2 x 3	The activity was carried out during 2014-15.
3	N11°5'1.213" E76°28'50.35"	2013-14	13.50 x 1 x 3.2	The activity was carried out during 2014-15.
4	N11°3'5.4912" E76°30'52.121"	2013-14	7 x 1.5 x 0.5	The activity was carried out during 2014-15.

The works were evaluated for their physical existence and their quality. The specifications of all check dams were checked by verifying the old vouchers and the estimates. It is observed that, one of the check dams in Chorakulam were partially damaged.

### Observations of the team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10)	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	Check dam/ Parambikulam WLS / Karimala / Chorakulam	The structure is partially damaged (~10 per cent) and requires renovation.	The check dam requires maintenance to improve moisture retention in the adjoining areas.	5	Medium
2.	Check dam/ Parambikulam WLS / Karimala / Chorakulam	The structure is in good condition.	The moisture content in surrounding areas is improved, as evidenced by the green vegetation.	8	High
3.	Check dam/ Silent Valley NP /Bhavani/ Panthanthod	The structure is in good condition.	The moisture content in surrounding areas is improved, as evidenced by the green vegetation.	8	High
4.	Check dam / Silent Valley NP /Bhavani/ Keeripara	The structure is in good condition.	The moisture content in surrounding areas is improved, as evidenced by the green vegetation.		



### 3. Construction and maintenance of campshed

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m <sup>2</sup> )	Remarks
1	N11°3'5.4912" E76°30'52.181"	2009-2010	136.62	The work was carried out during 2013-2014.
2	N11°5'1.213" E76°28'50.35"	2013-2014	6.93	The work was carried out during 2014-2015.

The camp sheds were evaluated for their physical existence and quality. Vouchers and the estimates were verified and found correct.

#### Observations of the team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10)	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	Silent Valley National Park/ Bhavani / Keeripara	Only maintenance activities were taken up – Repair of ceiling, basement, replacement of door and windows should be done / carried out.	The shed is regularly used by the frontline staff.	8	High
2.	Silent Valley National Park/ Silent Valley/ Panthanthode	Earthwork and excavation activities pertaining to maintenance were carried out.	The shed is regularly used by the frontline staff.	8	High

### 4. Eco-Tourism and Training

The activities were verified through inspection of records and found correct.

### 5. Fire protection

The activities undertaken between Mampara and Kotikattipura, and Champallam to Mampara were verified through inspection of records and found correct.

### 6. Improving connectivity

Patrolling routes were cleared and maintained in Parambikulam, Peechi, Silent Valley and Wayanad. The activities were verified through inspection of records and found correct.





Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m)	Remarks
1.	N11°55'46.058" E75°51'23.063"	2011-12	Width: 3.2m Length: 2.5km	Trek path-Chullikandam
2.	N11°55'59.4474" E75°48'32.2303"	2011-12	Width: 3.2m Length: 5km	Trek path at Kariankappu Meenmutti

### 7. Infrastructure development

Improvements were made to the division office and inspection bungalow at Peechi. The activities were verified through inspection of records and found correct.

### 8. Joint patrolling and raid

Joint patrolling activities were taken up in Silent Valley division. The activities were verified through inspection of records and found correct.

### 9. Protection and maintenance of antipoaching campshed

The activities were verified through inspection of records and found correct.

### 10. Protection campshed and ration

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m)	Remarks
1	N11°09' 04.0" E76°31' 44.2"	2009-2010	4.0 x 6.0	The structure is in good condition.
2	N11°36' 28.1" E76°22' 52"	2009-2010	6.0 x 3.7	The structure is in good condition.

The protection campsheds were evaluated for their physical existence and the quality of the assets. The specifications of the campsheds were checked by physical measurements and verifying the old vouchers and estimates.

Camp shed at Thudukki







### Observations of the team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10)	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	Protection Camp shed / Thudukki/ Bhavani/Silent Valley	The structure is in good condition.	It is regularly used by the frontline staff.	7	High
2.	Protection Camp shed / Cheeradankolli / Muthanga/ Wayanad	The structure is in good condition.	It is regularly used by the frontline staff.	7	High

### 11. Publicity and awareness

The activities carried out in Peechi were verified through inspection of records and found correct.

### 12. Road maintenance

It is reported that coupe road maintenance in Peechi-Vazhani WLS was taken up.



Coupe road in Peechi-Vazhani WLS



### 13. Soil and moisture conservation

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m <sup>2</sup> )	Remarks
1.	N11°03'29.48" E76°03'23.79"	2013-14	6.14	The activity was completed in 2015.
2.	N11°03'29.40" E76°03'27.97"	2013-14	6.85	The activity was completed in 2015.
3.	N11°03'29.46" E76°03'23.79"	2013-14	6.54	The activity was completed in 2015.
4.	N11°43'42.222" E76°21'17.514"	2013-14	124	The creation of bunds was completed in 2015.
5.	N11°38'31.2" E76°25'21.264"	2013-14	118	The creation of bunds was completed in 2015.
6.	N11°47'52.416" E76°13'43.492"	2013-14	440	Maintenance works were carried out.
7.	N11°46'11.002" E76°17'59.288"	2013-14	377.60	Maintenance works were carried out.
8.	N10°26'39.24" E76°27'27.828"	2013-14	9.8	The activity was completed in 2015.



The works were evaluated for the physical existence and for the quality. The specifications of all SMC activities were verified with measurement books and found correct.





Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	Gully pluggings/ Silent Valley NP/ Bhavani/ Keeripara	The gully is healthy	The gully has helped arrest soil erosion and rehabilitates surrounding areas	8	High
2.	Gully pluggings/ Silent Valley NP/ Bhavani/ Paalichola	The gully is healthy	The gully has helped arrest soil erosion and rehabilitates surrounding areas	8	High
3.	Gully pluggings/ Silent Valley NP/ Bhavani/ Paalichola	The gully is healthy	The gully has helped arrest soil erosion and rehabilitates surrounding areas	8	High
4.	Contour bunding & Earthen bunding / Wayanad / Kalavayal	The bunds are in good condition.	Helps slow down the run-off in the hilly terrain.	8	High
5.	Contour bunding & Earthen bunding / Wayanad/ Muthappan kuzhi	The bunds are in good condition.	Helps slow down the run-off in the hilly terrain.	8	High
6.	Contour bunding & Earthen bunding / Wayanad/ Charakullasi	The bunds are in good condition. Only maintenance works were taken up.	Helps slow down the run-off in the hilly terrain.	8	High
7.	Contour bunding & Earthen bunding / Wayanad / Golur	The bunds are in good condition. Only maintenance works were taken up.	Helps slow down the run-off in the hilly terrain.	8	High
8.	Pond Desiltation/ Peechi WLS/ Aiyappangundu	The pond area has increased by 25 per cent.	Helps collect water, and prevents run-off.	10	High





This circle undertook the highest number of activities during the period 2009-2014. Fourteen activities were carried out in Peechi. The circle implemented most activities listed in the APO. Spillovers were observed in many of the activities, especially where structures were created / maintained. Overall, an amount of Rs. 148.85 lakhs was allotted to the circle during the period of which 81 percent financial achievement was observed.

#### **Field director project tiger, Kottayam (2009-2014)**

The evaluation covered four forest divisions of the circle. They include

1. Periyar East
2. Periyar West
3. Idukki Wildlife sanctuary (WLS)
4. Munnar Wildlife sanctuary (WLS)

Eight different activities were undertaken in the circle. The distribution of activities is as follows:

S. No.	Activity	Divisions
1.	Anti poaching squad	Idukki WLS
2.	Assistance to tribal Vana Samrakshana Samidi	Periyar East Division, Periyar West
3.	Awareness and natural camp	Periyar West
4.	Construction and maintenance of campshed	Periyar West
5.	Construction of check dam	Idukki WL, Munnar WLS
6.	Improving connectivity	Periyar East
7.	Joint patrolling and raid	Periyar East
8.	Protection campshed and ration	Periyar West



### 1. Anti poaching squad

Provision of ration to the anti poaching squad was undertaken. The activities were verified through inspection of records and found correct.

### 2. Assistance to tribal Vana Samrakshana Samidi

Discussions were held with two Vana Samrakshana Samidi groups on the implementation of CAMPA activities in East and West Periyar Divisions. The Tribal Vana Samrakshana Samidi were engaged in protection related activities, for collection and sale of MFP.

### 3. Awareness and natural camp

The staff informed that the activities pertaining to awareness have been completed. However, it could not be verified through records.

### 4. Construction of check dam

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m)	Remarks
1	N10°07'45.35" E76°44'58.25"	2011-12	12 x 1.2 x 1.5	The structure remains intact and in good condition.
2	N10°07'39.10" E76°45'09.56"	2013-14	11 x 0.8 x 1	The structure is in good condition.

The works were evaluated for the physical existence and for the quality. The specifications of check dams were verified from the old vouchers and the estimates.



Urulanthanni Check dam





### Observations of the team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10)	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	Check dam/ Idukki WL/ TBS/ Vettuthandu/ Bharnikuzhi	The structure is in good condition. Water is stored in full capacity.	Water is made available to neighbouring villages.	9	High
2.	Check dam/ Idukki WL/ TBS/ Urulanthanni	The structure is in good condition. Water is stored in full capacity.	Water is made available to neighbouring villages.	9	High

### 5. Improving connectivity

Patrolling routes were cleared and maintained in Periyar East Division. The activities were verified through inspection of records and found correct.



### 6. Joint patrolling and raid

Joint patrolling activities were taken up in Periyar East Division. The activities were verified through inspection of records and found correct.

### 7. Protection campshed and Ration

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m)	Remarks
1	N09°27'51.22" E77°05'28.41"	2009-2010	5 x 4.8 x 5	Records verified for brick work, RCC Work roofing with AC, Flooring with concrete, engaging man mazdoor etc.





The works were evaluated for the physical existence and for the quality. The specifications of the camp sheds were checked by verifying the old vouchers and the estimates. It is observed that, the building maintenance was found necessary; the APC is very useful to the frontline staff.



Protection Campshed at Uppupara with Forest Department staff

#### Observations of the team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, <3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10)	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	APC/ PTR (West)/ Azhutha/ Uppupara	The campshed has been established at Uppupara. Used by Anti-Poaching squad. Good structure requires minimal maintenance.	Used by Anti Poaching squad during transit.	8	High

Four activities were taken up during 2009-10 in the circle, three during 2011-12, and one during 2012-13. No activities were taken up in 2010-11 and 2013-14. The circle implemented all the activities listed in the APO. Overall, an amount of Rs. 26.60 lakhs was allotted to the circle during the period of which 99 percent financial achievement was observed.

#### Agasthyavanam biological park circle, Thiruvananthapuram (2009-2014)

The evaluation covered both Shendurney and Thiruvananthapuram Wildlife Divisions of the circle. Three different activities were undertaken in the circle.



### 1. Construction and maintenance of campshed

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m)	Remarks
1	N08°32'48.1" E77°13'03.5"	2013 - 2014	5 x 4.8 x 5	The camp shed was constructed during the financial year 2013 – 2014 using wooden poles, GI sheets and foundation was made with rocks. The walls and the roof are covered with GI sheets. Also, a watch tower has been constructed near it.
2	N08°31'38.9" E77°13'38.5"	2010 - 2011	5 x 4.8 x 5	The camp shed was constructed during the financial year 2013 – 2014 using wooden poles, GI sheets over a foundation made with rocks. Four walls and the roof were covered with GI sheets. The structure was damaged so it should demolished and rebuilt later under using funds from other source.
3	N08°52'22.517" E77°7'6.832"	2010 - 2011	2.6 x 1.55 x 2.5; 2.6 x 1.55 x 2.10	The bathroom was constructed near the Rockwood camp shed site in the Rockwood estate using bricks and cement. The roof is covered with GI sheets. The interior is tiled and has water connection. The condition of the bathroom is excellent.
4	N08°55'59.346" E77°7'35.6"	2010 - 2011	4.5 x 4.5 x 3	There are two campsheds on the site and both are well maintained.

The works were evaluated for the physical existence and for the quality. The specifications were checked by verifying the old vouchers and the estimates. It is observed that, the building maintenance was found necessary in some cases and was very useful to the occupants.



Campshed at Site 1



Campshed at Site 2





Debris of the Damaged structure at Site 2



Campshed at Site 3



Campshed at Site 4



Check Dam at Site 5



## 2. Construction of check dam

Sites	GPS Location	Year of Construction	Dimensions (m)	Remarks
1	N08°33'35" E77°10'19"	2012 -2013	8 x 1 x 0.90	The check dam is well maintained and we could observe soil moisture and good vegetation in the surrounding areas.



### 3. Joint patrolling and raid

Joint patrolling activities were taken up in both the wildlife divisions. The activities were verified through inspection of records and found correct.

#### Observations of the Evaluation Team

Sl. No.	Type of Assets/ Division / Range	Type of current use/ Observations	Impact	Score (Low, < 3, Medium >3 to <7, High 7 to 10)	Assessment on the quality of the asset - Low, Medium or High
1.	<b>Campshed/</b> Thiruvananthapuram Wildlife/ Neyyar, Kottor section/ Uttaramkayam	The campshed has been established near the Aayiramkaal tribal settlement. Also, a watch tower has been constructed near it.	Presently supports the tribals.	5	Medium
2.	<b>Campshed/</b> Thiruvananthapuram Wildlife/ Neyyar, Klamala-I section/ Valliyar	The structure was damaged so it was demolished and rebuilt later under using funds from other source	Presently in use.	8	High
3.	<b>Campshed/</b> Shenduruney Wildlife / Shenduruney Kalluvaranbu section / Rockwood estate	The bathroom was repaired.	Well maintained.	8	High
4.	<b>Campshed/</b> Shenduruney Wildlife / Shenduruney Wildlife Kalamkunnu section / Idimuzhanganpara	Two camp sheds are present.	Both camp sheds are well maintained and used.	8	High
5.	<b>Check dam/</b> Thiruvananthapuram Wildlife/ Agasthyavanam Biological Park Range Kottor / Kadakamvetty	The check dam constructed in 2012-13 is well maintained. Due to silt deposition the depth of the check dam got reduced.	Enhanced soil moisture and good vegetation are observed in the area.	5	Medium





Three activities were taken up during 2010-11 in the circle, while just one activity (check dam construction) was taken up during 2012-13. One camp shed which was to be constructed in 2010-11 was taken up only during 2013-14. Overall, an amount of Rs. 10.00 lakhs was allotted to the circle during the period of which 75 percent financial achievement was observed.

### Social Forestry, Ernakulam, Kozhikode and Kollam (2009-2014)

The social forestry wing has three circles operating at Ernakulam, Kozhikode and Kollam. During the period, Extension & Campaign activities were undertaken.

#### 1. Extension and campaign activities

The staff report that the social forestry wing at Kollam carried out these activities at Thenmala division. Hence, no records were available in social forestry Kollam division. Similarly no records were available with the social forestry, Ernakulam division also.

The social forestry wing at Kozhikode conducted extension and campaign activities in five districts. Activities such as fire awareness camp, one-day classes on fire awareness nature camp, Seminar on World Water Day, Sea Turtle and Marine Bio-Diversity Conservation etc., were conducted. The evaluation team verified all the related documents such as vouchers and photographs.

#### Extension and campaign activities

Sl. No.	Location/District	Activities carried out	Proof of verification
1.	Thirunelli (Wayanad)	Fire awareness classes / camp.	✓ Expenditure vouchers tallied.
2.	Janakikkad (Kozhikode)	One day nature camp and Fire awareness classes / camp.	✓ Physical verification of each site and item purchased are verified.
3.	Hosdurg (Kasaragod)	Fire awareness classes / camp.	✓ Verified related images / documents.
4.	Kasargod town (Kasaragod)	Fire awareness classes / camp.	
5.	Thariyode (Wayanad)	One day nature camp, participated approx. 150 students and VSS members	
6.	Kadalundi town (Kozhikode)	Two nature camp and Fire awareness classes / camp.	
7.	Perinthalmanna (Malappuram)	Nature camp for the students of the ISS college of teacher education.	
8.	S N College (Kannur)	One day seminar in connection with and World Water Day.	
9.	Thalaserry town (Kannur)	One day seminar on World Forest Day.	



Sl. No.	Location/District	Activities carried out	Proof of verification
10.	Malappuram town (Malappuram)	Members of Yuva Sakthi under Kerala state youth welfare board organised half day nature awareness camp.	
11.	Thanur (Malappuram)	One day seminar on turtle and marine diversity conservation.	

The work carried out under CAMPA was satisfactory. Overall, an amount of Rs. 3.00 lakhs was allotted to the wing during the period of which 98 percent financial achievement was observed.

### Forest headquarters, Thiruvananthapuram

At the Forest Headquarters, the interests generated from the funds of the CAMPA account were utilised for secretarial assistance at the office of the nodal officer to support works related to monitoring and evaluating the implementation of APOs. Under the Net Present Value (NPV) of the Forest Land Fund, 23 vehicles were purchased within the budget allotted against orders No. P3-5666/2011/03/11 dated 4/5/11 and P3-5666/2012/03/12 dated 3/5/12. The allotment orders, purchase orders, bank statements, utilisation certificates, cheque issue register and bills were verified and found correct. The Headquarters allocated funds to purchase equipment and minor implements for plantation work to different divisions. The details of fund utilisation, details of Items, quantity and rates of minor implements for forestry works, are with the concerned divisions.

### Recommendations and suggestions

The proposed evaluation had multiple objectives. *Inter alia*, this evaluation examined the impact of various activities in terms of increase in vegetation spread, soil and water conservation measures, infrastructure development, capacity building and the extent to which the objectives of CAMPA were achieved. The qualitative data were used to support further analysis of variations across regions and categories. The following are the recommendations and suggestions arising out of this present monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA activities in Kerala

- (a) The success rate of the plantations was high overall and species-wise survival rates with progressing age across the regions revealed suitability of certain species over others. Some of the species though were slow growing, had established well despite minimal or no maintenance. These species could be used in future planting programmes, subject to the fact that the species selected could be matching with floristic composition of the respective forest types. A striking feature was the involvement of the local communities in the selection of the species, especially in the fringe areas, followed by planting and watch and ward. In most cases, gap planting has been taken up, with contour trenches established in the sites. This has facilitated natural regeneration of many species. In some sites, very poor establishment were observed. The major reasons included (i) heavy infestation of the invasives which prevents establishment of the planted saplings (ii) trampling of saplings by wild animals such as elephants, bear, wild boar and deer. Regular maintenance enables better establishment. A provision of watch and ward





provision for 4 to 5 years, excluding the plantation year would ensure good survival rates and better stocking in afforested sites.

- (b) Composition of species was observed to differ between divisions and within sites a division too. The number of species selected for planting in each site was also low. Though, efforts have been taken to match the species with sites, a larger native species mix would improve success rates, and enable better planning for future plantings. Proper assessment of soil quality and climate condition, would be very helpful for establishment of the saplings. All planting sites require at least 5 years of maintenance. This investment must be done to ensure success of the plantations. In areas of high biotic interference, 8 years of maintenance is desirable.
- (c) Enrichment planting in the forest areas by involving local communities, field staff of SFDs, forestry research institutions, NGOs and other stakeholders.
- (d) Technical support can be obtained from forestry research institutions for transferring/developing seed handling techniques and nursery technologies for indigenous species prioritized for Afforestation / Enrichment planting.
- (e) In remote locations and in locations with high damages to the planted seedlings by wild animals, manual seeding of indigenous species using seed ball technologies can be attempted.
- (f) Maintenance costs should be linked to survival rates and strict guidelines should be framed regarding replanting in failed sites.
- (g) Protection measures were not effective in many places. It is essential to provide maintenance provisions for five years so that the purpose is well achieved.
- (h) Fodder plantations should be prioritized in elephant corridors which would act as deterrents to their entry into human-habitation.
- (i) Most SWC works carried out in the forest areas are effective. The SMC activities, in most places have increased the vegetation, indicating the moisture retention impacts. However, certain SWC structures are very crucial as they connect different ranges within a division. Such chappaths deserve special attention. Due to frequent flooding, heavy wear and tear is observed in most chappaths. The depth and width of rivers has increased in many sections. Such chappaths need to be replaced with concrete structures with the support of the PWD. Some of the water-holding structures are old, and not capable of holding water to the designed potential. Such structures may be abandoned.
- (j) Anti-Poaching Camps (APC) have been established throughout the state in almost all divisions. The APCs are sufficiently equipped with staff and modern equipment for protection activities. There is a need to regularly support the staff with protective gears and field survival kits.
- (k) GIS-based forest survey monitoring has been attempted in the state. The staff reported that this has helped prevent, contain and douse forest fires in many places. All staff have to be provided basic training in the use of advanced methods of monitoring for protection. The procedures of fire management / fire protection can be extended to the forest fringe area inhabitants in addition to school/ college students.



- (l) Provisions need to be made in the budget for procuring more field vehicles, as a dearth in availability of these was observed.
- (m) In almost all divisions, the maintenance of buildings, roads, SMCs are taken up regularly. A fixed cycle could be adopted for maintenance and repair of civil works, rather than taking a routine annual maintenance.
- (n) A decentralised allotment to the social forestry wings may be considered of, to meet the local needs for each division.
- (o) Encourage more research on development of artificial breeding or incubation units for sea turtles. In addition to census, research on habitat, feeding, breeding and migratory patterns will help in the management of key stone faunal species. It will also help the managers in identifying in appropriate conservation related works.
- (p) Incentives to temporary staff associated with the department's activities for more than ten years.
- (q) Digitisation of records would enable easy access to information.
- (r) Internal evaluation needs to be strengthened and a database must be established to monitor the changes. This would enable regular assessment of seasonal works like protection camps, fire protection works etc. Further, this report should also be made available during third party monitoring and evaluation.
- (s) Timely fund release is viewed to be more helpful for executing the plantation activities in the respective APO execution years.
- (t) Permanent structures created should be acknowledged through suitable markings to ensure proper visibility of CAMPA-funded activities.





## ANNEXURES

### Annexure I

**Minutes of meeting**  
**Third Party Evaluation of State CAMPA Activities in Kerala**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**  
**Venue: VC Hall, IFGTB**

Participants:

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Dr. Rekha R Warriar, Scientist F	
Dr. S. Saravanan, Scientist F	
Dr. A. Rajasekaran, Scientist F	

An online meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 at 10.00 am to discuss the modalities of third party evaluation of CAMPA-related works undertaken in Kerala by Kerala Forest Department.

Under CAMPA, various activities have been taken up to accelerate preservation of natural forests, management of wildlife, infrastructure development in the sector and other allied works.

Shri Rajesh Ravindran, CEO-CAMPA listed the different circles where CAMPA activities have been taken up. He sought evaluation of different protection activities, labour deployed for watch and ward, fire protection, and site suitability, especially regarding



ecore restoration of monoculture plantations, the species planted and their performance, etc.

Dr. S. Saravanan, Scientist F, presented the need for third-party evaluation to assess the various activities taken under State CAMPA. He elaborated on the requirements of the National CAMPA Authority concerning the monitoring while carrying out the evaluation. He also detailed the methodology for the evaluation process and the extent of sampling for the different activities taken under CAMPA based on the guidelines provided by the IIFM, Bhopal with necessary modifications. He also informed that IFGTB has experience working towards the evaluation of NAP of the NAEB in Kerala and providing consultancies to various industries. A team has been formed for the execution of the work.

This was followed by a discussion on the modalities for execution of the evaluation. The following points emerged.

1. An MoU would be signed between the Kerala Forest Department and IFGTB towards the activity. IFGTB would complete the evaluation within a period of six months from the date of release of funds.
2. State CAMPA would provide information, plantation journals, maps, measurement books, and all relevant records pertaining to the CAMPA works from 2009 to the present. Co-ordination in the state, local travel, lodging, and field support of personnel would also be provided by the Department.
3. The Department looks forward to APO-wise reports. Thus, six reports are envisaged at the end of the evaluation.
4. The sampling intensity was agreed upon.
5. A proposal including financial requirements and draft MoU would be sent to the CEO-CAMPA for perusal.
6. The CEO-CAMPA would visit IFGTB during the last week of November, 2021 for a detailed discussion and finalising the proposal.



**Annexure II****Timelines of the Evaluation**

Milestone	Activity
September 2021	Identification of ICFRE - IFGTB for third party monitoring
November 2021	Finalisation of activities under the third Party monitoring
January 2022	Acceptance of project proposal of ICFRE - IFGTB for monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA activities in Kerala. Approval of the MoU.
March 2022	Signing of the MoU and release of the first instalment
April to June 2022	Field works
July to September 2022	Report preparation
September 2022	Release of the second instalment
October 2022	Submission of final report



## Annexure III

## APO-wise components implemented in various Circles

Year	Component
2009-10	Assistance to tribal Vana Samrakshana Samiti
	Construction and maintenance of campshed
	Extension and campaign activities
	Monitoring and evaluation of implementation of APOs
	Interior campshed and ration
	Joint patrolling and raid
	Purchase of vehicle and maintenance
	Protection campshed and ration
	Purchase of equipment
	Purchase of equipments and machinery for protection works
2010-11	Assistance to tribal Vana Samrakshana Samiti
	Compensatory afforestation
	Construction and maintenance of campshed
	Joint patrolling and raid
	Soil and moisture conservation
2011-12	Anti poaching squad
	Awareness and natural camp
	Cairns and boundary consolidation
	Compensation to victims
	Compensatory afforestation
	Construction of cairns and boundary consolidation
	Construction of check dam/ pond
	Construction of solar fencing
	Elephant proof trench
	Eradication of exotic weeds
	Improvement of patrolling routes
	Interior campshed and ration
	Protection and maintenance of anti poaching campshed
	Soil and moisture conservation
2012-13	Check dam
	Compensatory afforestation
	Construction of checkdam/ pond
	Contour bunds
	Planting
	Soil and moisture conservation dry rubble





Year	Component
	Vegetation barrier by grass
2013-14	Catchment area treatment
	Compensatory afforestation
	Eco development
	Eco tourism and training
	Fire protection
	Habitat improvement
	Infrastructure development
	Mitigation man - animal conflict
	Protection and maintenance of anti poaching campshed
	Publicity and awareness
	Research and development
	Road maintenance

S.No.	Species Planted in Compensatory Afforestation Programmes
1.	<i>Bambusa bambos</i>
2.	<i>Butea monosperma</i>
3.	<i>Cassia fistula</i>
4.	<i>Gmelina arborea</i>
5.	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>
6.	<i>Pterocarpus marsupium</i>
7.	<i>Sweetenia macrophylla</i>
8.	<i>Terminalia arjuna</i>
9.	<i>Terminalia bellirica</i>

APOs	Divisions implemented
APO 2009-10	29
APO 2010-11	29
APO 2011-12	29
APO 2012-13	29
APO 2013-14	29



## Annexure IV

## Monitoring and evaluation teams

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