

NOTE CONTAINING JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROPOSAL IN PROTECTED AREA

Vedanthangal lake was notified as Vedanthangal Birds Sanctuary on 08.07.1998 with an area of 29.51 ha of main tank area and surrounding 5 km zonation comprising of revenue area.

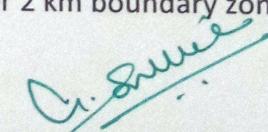
Over the years, it has been observed that, birds in Vedanthangal have been nesting only in the sanctuary lake and not in surrounding villages. The dependency for nesting materials is also from the local vicinity.

Since the surrounding 5 km revenue area is a sanctuary, establishment of any small, medium or large industries that provides employment to the local people is also seen with discouragement because it has to go for NBWL clearance.

This zonation prohibits any sort of non-forestry activity land conversion, commercial constructions and any other activity unless permitted by Chief Wildlife Warden in consultation with State and National Board of Wildlife. This has led to discouragement among people in 5 km zonation villages and their non participation in protected area management.

Hence, de-notifying the outer 2 km zonation from existing boundary of 5 km and redefining the balance 3 km zonation as 1 km core including tank area and next 2 km zone as buffer area would benefit most of the local people for carrying out small scale local enterprises, land conversions for their personal problems, construction of own houses and other activities. This would not only help in better management of sanctuary but also would bring back local community for the cause of bird conservation.

Hence, it is proposed to re-define the existing 5 km zonation boundary of Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary to 3 km zonation around lake area by de-notifying outer 2 km boundary zone.



Dr. Suresh
Forest Range Officer,
Sanctuary Range,
Chennai.