

Project Note

**Eco- Restoration of wildlife habitat and migration the hardship of
Human Habitants within Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary.**

Introduction:-

Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary is one of the important Protected area of the Maharashtra State, Which is located in the Western Ghat. Western Ghat area is considered among the top bio-diversity hot spots of the world. Koyna Wild life included in world heritage site by UNESCO'S world heritage committee on 1 July, 2012.

Govt. of Maharashtra has declared Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary vide notification No. WLP – 1085 CR-588/(I) dated 16th September, 1985 under section 18 of Wildlife (Protection) Act-1972 for the purpose of protecting, propagating and development of Wildlife there in and its environment. The total area of notified sanctuary is 423.55 sq.kms.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 26- A of the said Act and of all other power enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Maharashtra hereby, on recommendation of the National Board for Wildlife and as per proposed by the enquiry officer excluded non forest areas of 14 villages and altered the boundaries of the Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary and reconstituted the same with the area of 33530.41 Ha, (335.30 sq.km.) by notification dated 29th May 2019.

The Maharashtra State Government vide the notification No. WLP -1008/Pra. Kra.232/F-a, dated 5/1/2010 has notified and area of 741.22 Sq. Km. of the Chandoli National Park (317.67 Sq. Km.) and Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary (423.55 Sq. Km.) together as the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve.

The Sahyadri Tiger Reserve is located in the Sahyadri Ranges of the Western Ghats of Maharashtra. This area rich evergreen, semi- evergreen & moist deciduous forest. These forest areas encompass several river valleys like Krishna, Koyna, Warna etc. It is the first Tiger Reserve of Western Maharashtra & 4th Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra spreading over two protected areas ie, Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary and Chandoli National Park.

The central part of PA contains the Shivasagar Reservoir of Koyna River. As provided in the wildlife protection act and Maharashtra Land Revenue Code, the Collector has already enquired in to rights and concessions of the people and has also

ascertained the willingness of the people to relocation. The village Deur has given voluntary consent and is ready for rehabilitation.

Human habitation are mostly been established in fertile lands with assured water supply. Such sites within the forest area are limited and therefore are ecologically significant. Flat grounds along major nalas can support revival of floral and faunal attributes and such attributes are completely lost, with the presence of intensive agricultural attributes. Relocation in Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary have amply demonstrated the benefits of relocation, especially to wild herbivores and consequently to the whole eco-system. Relocation of village Deur will make available an area of about 34.36 ha. of private land, 560.67 ha. of irrigation acquired area (Submerged area), 119.71 ha. of revenue land and also area of 1425.45 ha. of Forest area total area 2140.19 ha. will be free from human interference.

Sr. No.	Details	Area (ha.)	Total
1	Revenue land area (ha.)	119.71	1579.52
2	Private Land area (ha.)	34.36	
3	Forest Land area (ha.)	1425.45	
4	Irrigation Acquired area (ha.)	560.67	560.67
	Grand Total	2140.19	2140.19

The project affected persons of Deur Village have selected Forest Land of Village Bopegaon, Tal. Wai, Dist. Satara. The project affected persons require 36.40 ha. of agricultural land and 6 ha. for gaonthan and additional approximate 10 % unsuitable land which makes the total required land to be 46.06 ha. The area of 46.06 ha. of village Bopegaon has been proposed for rehabilitation. Hence, the proposal for diversion of 46.06. ha. reserve Forest Land from compartment No. 42 and Gut No. 712,771 showing exact location of selected land by project affected persons of villages Deur is prepared and submitted herewith.



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