

FIELD INSPECTION REPORT

The site proposed for diversion of 72.08 Ha for "Production of 0.5 MTPA of Iron Ore from mining Lease, Zamblidagdga Dongor Iron and Manganese Ore Mine ML No. 3 FeMn 78" at Cavern Village of Quepem Taluk, South Goa district under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 was inspected on 26/08/2022. Shri. Srish pal, Shri. Sandeep C Morajkar and Shri. Abhjit Padeker (Representatives from the User Agency), DCF (South), RFO (Quepem) and the Forest Guard of the beat accompanied in the inspection.

The proposed Forest Land falls in the Survey No: 19/0 of Cavern Forest Beat, Maina Round of Quepem Range. The proposal includes the access path to the Mining and area of the access path is calculated as 1.88 Ha. The lease area for mining as approved by the competent authority amounts to 70.20 Ha and hence a total of 72.08 Ha is proposed for diversion under FCA, 1980. It is learnt that the Safety Zone is designated as 7.5 Metres from the Break-up area. Necessary protection measures should be insisted so as to avoid any damage to the nearest forest.

The proposed forest has more of Cashew trees (*Anacardium occidentale*). During the inspection, no Endemic Species of Trees and Wild animals are observed. The tree species found in the proposed land is abundantly available in the nearby forest areas also.

Hence, the proposal diversion of 72.08 Ha for "Zamblidagdga Dongor Iron and Manganese Ore Mine ML No. 3 FeMn 78" at Cavern Village of Quepem Taluk, South Goa district" is hereby **recommended** for consideration under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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Date : 26/08/2022.
Place: Panaji.