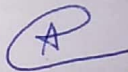


**SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER,**  
**VILUPPURAM REGARDING SETTING UP OF DESALINATION PLANT AT**  
**KOONIMEDU FOREST BLOCK BY TAMILNADU WATER SUPPLY AND**  
**DRAINAGE BOARD**

District Forest Officer, Villupuram, inspected the proposed area in Koonimedu Forest Block of Villupuram Forest Division on 06th December 2019 and then on 23rd March 2020 along with Tindivanam range field staff and TWAD board staff. The area proposed for diversion is along the sea coast. The area falls within Koonimedu forest block which has been notified under section 4 of Tamilnadu Forest Act 1882. Soil in the area has a very high sand content. The area is having standing casuarina and palmyrah trees. TWAD board staff explained the location of the various components of the desalination plant. They also explained that based on hydrological studies, including study of ocean characteristics, this area has been found apt for setting up of desalination plant. As informed by the field staff, no major wildlife sighting has been reported in the proposed area.

  
09/04/20  
District Forest Officer  
Viluppuram Forest Division  
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