

Additional Information for the proposed area –

As per the working plan of Jalpaiguri Division for the period 2007 – 08 to 2016 – 17, which was approved by the MoEF, Government of India vide no 13/FCWP/WB-JP dt 14.03.2008, the proposed area is within the limit of the Divisional Forest Officer on behalf of Department of Forest, Government of West Bengal. In the volume I of this plan the Table 1.10 says about the reserved forest under other Department or Directorates and the land are the property of the Forest Department. Other Departments or Directorates have the right of use only.

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Divisional Forest Officer
Jalpaiguri Division

Legal position

The district of Jalpaiguri came into an administrative unit on 1st January 1869, by the amalgamation of the Western Duars district with Jalpaiguri Sub-Division of Rangpur. The so-called Western Duars was formed in 1864 from land taken from Bhutan.

The forests dealt with in this plan, before they came under the British rule in 1865, continued to be open to indiscriminate felling and were described as "open forests." The first reservations were made in 1879 according to the Indian Forest Act (Act VII of 1878). Rights were inquired into by the Forest Settlement Officer during the years 1890 to 1896 and revised notification was issued in the year 1895 (Notification No. 3147-For, dated 2.7.1895). The forests have been reserved from unoccupied waste.

A complete statement showing progress of reservation made since 1880 is given below:

Table 1.10

Number and date of gazette notification	Section of forest act	Name of forest reserve	Area in acres	Remarks
23 rd January 1879	34	Diana	15,855.40	73084-For dated 23 rd January 1927. As per 4" = 1 miles Reserved Forest map, river and published in 1919 under the direction of the Surveyor General of India.
23 rd January 1887	-	Moraghat	11,740.00	Vide Bengal Forest Report of 1895-96. Eastern Bengal and Assam Forest Report for 1908-09 notification under 3147 For date 2 nd July 1895.
23 rd January 1887	34	Dalgaon	1,471.00	Renotified under No. 7314-For, dated 23 rd May 1927.
23 rd January 1887	-	Tondu, Upper and Lower (including North of Pangjhora)	49,986	Renotified under section 19 of the Indian Forest Act on 23 rd July 1880. North of Pangjhora transferred from Darjeeling Division under orders of the 19 th January 1882; Renotified under notification No. 3147-For, dated 2 nd July 1895 and again notified under Eastern Bengal and Assam Government notification No. 150 FS dated 12 th April 1900 excluding 595.20 acres under notification No. 4906-F dated 2 nd May 1907 (vide 4' = 1 miles reserve forest map revised and published in 1919 under the direction of the Surveyor General of India.
6 th March 1880	19	Rehti	3,263	
29 th April 1882	4	Salbari	16	Renotified under section 19 of the Indian Forest Act on the 6 th December 1884. Renotified under No. 7315-For, dated 23 rd May 1927.
29 th December 1884	19	Kl aianti	64	Renotified under 7310-For, dated 23 rd May 1927.

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3147- For, dated 2 nd July, 1895	-	Gosaihat	1,876.00	Renotified under 7312-For, dated 23 rd May 1927. (including Moraghat)
4369 - For dated 1 st June 1895	19	Khairbandar	575.00	Renotified under 7311-For, dated 23 rd May 1927.
1232TR dated 12 th October 1914	19	Addition of Rehti Forest	220.00	Renotified under 7313-For, dated 23 rd May 1927.
2812-For, dated 9 th April 1921	19	South Khairbandar	246.00	Excluding 0.36 acres under notification No. 3965-For dated 11 th March 1927.
7819 - For, dated 2 nd September 1921	-	Murti Extension to Tondur Reserved	453.00	
1165 - For, dated 5 th February	19	Ramshai Ext. to Lower Tondur and Daina Forest	3,800.00	This also refers to the exclusion of 561.97 acres under notification No. 11720-For 19 th November 1925. Renotified under 11721 - For dated 19 th November 1925.
1431TR dated 2 nd November 1923	19	Extension of Lower Tondur Range	19.46	
		Total	89,584.93	Or say 89,584.00 (36,253.35 ha.)

Notification No. 7308 to 7318 For., dated 23rd May 1927 give amended and more accurate description of the boundaries of all blocks and their areas, except Tondur, Diana, South Khairbandar, Murti Extension and Extension to Lower Tondur Reserves. The areas given in the above notification have been using in compiling the statement given in paragraph. Where amended notification have not yet published the areas given in the 4" = 1 miles Reserved forest maps of 1918-19 have been used.

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