

**Full Title of the Project: Diversion of 0.2260 Ha forest Land for the Development of Mangrove Conservation Center and Mangrove Park at Gorai by Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit (MMCU).**

**File No. :**

**Date of Proposal:**

**Checklist Serial No 10**

**Justification for locating the project in forest area**

Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit is planning to develop Mangrove Conservation and Development Park at Gorai. The objective of this project is to educate the citizens of Mumbai about the value of the mangrove ecosystem to their well-being, and in turn running a drive for environmental awareness in the citizen and visitors.

Setting mangrove conservation and a mangrove interpretation centre right next to three of the most well-known tourist attractions in Mumbai: Essel World, Water Kingdom and Global Vipassana Pagoda. This will bring in the population. Taking advantage of this pull of crowd MMCU wants to set up a centre which will emphasize on environmental importance of mangroves and bio-diversity of the coastal areas.

The project site is specifically selected for the mangrove park for the conservation of current mangrove and mudflat area. Also the site is on the border of Closed Dumping Yard which is in the process of scientific closure. The project site is specifically selected considering the eco-tourism potential of the site for the development mangrove park, thus there is no alternate land suitable for development of this project.



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