

## **Site Inspection Report**

I have inspected the proposed site of bridge construction across Kumaradhara river at km 1.80 of Subrahmanya – Udupi road (SH 37) in sullia taluk Dakshina kannada district on 17-01-2015.

The area of 0.161 ha that is proposed for diversion is located in Subrahmanya village survey number 121/P of Kidu reserve forest. The proposed diversion area is on the demarcation line of Kidu reserve forest adjoining to northern bank of river Kumaradhara. The area consists of common western ghat plant species like, Hopea parviflora, Lagerstroemia lanceolate and some jungle wood species. Along with 30 small seedlings, the total number of trees marked for felling in the proposed area is 43. During my visit, no violation of forest (Conservation) Act 1980 has been noticed. The area does not contain any protected archeological / heritage site and it is not marked area for defence establishment. Further, the area does not form national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve or elephant corridor. As per the estimation, the areal distance from the boundary of Pushpagiri wildlife sanctuary whose eco-sensitive zone is yet to be notified is 4 km. However, there is no perceived threat to wildlife due to the project. Later, the area proposed for compensatory afforestation is visited. The proposed area is in Kidu reserve forest whose canopy density is less than 0.2 with Mecaranga peltata. This area is found suitable for acacia fuelwood plantation.

Since the proposed site is on the edge of the forest and the area required for diversion is only 0.161 h.a. which is bare minimum requirement for the project, in my opinion the proposal may be considered for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.



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