

## **Site Inspection Report**

I have inspected the proposed site of 33/11 KV /HT line Kadaba to Subrahmanya passing through Kidu Reserve forest in sullia taluk Dakshina kannada district on 03-05-2015.

The area of 0.918 H.a that is proposed for diversion is located in Subrahmanya village survey number 121 of Kidu reserve forest. The proposed diversion area is along the SH 37 which is passes through Kidu reserve forest. The adjoining area of the site consists of common Western ghat plant species like, Hopea parviflora, Lagerstroemia lanceolate and some jungle wood species. As the proposed electric line runs along the SH 37 no trees are required to be felled for this project. 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, and 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 of 2.00 ha is in sy. No. 175/P of Bilinele Village at Palligadde in Kidu reserve forest. The proposed compensatory afforestation area is having a canopy density of less than 0.2 with Mecaranga peltata and is found suitable for accacia fuelwood Plantation.

Since the proposed site is along the state highway with no trees are to be felled in the proposed area and the area required for diversion is only 0.918 Ha. which is bare minimum requirement for the project, in my openion the proposal may be considered for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.



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