

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

I inspected the project site on 12-07-2017 at 10 A.M. The project site extends over 22.8 Ha in Maukal RF, a part of the notified buffer of Nagarhole Tiger Reserve. It is a fragmented extension of Tropical moist deciduous forest patch of Mavukal RF bounded on three sides by Coffee estates / plantations and one side by a public road. The diversion site is vulnerable to anthropogenic pressures. The project site has 1940 trees belonging to 37 different species. The dominant species are *Terminalia tomentosa* (Crocodile Bark tree), *Tectona grandis* (Teak), *Lagerstromia lanceolata* & *Pterocarpus marsupium*. Most trees fall in the girth class 150 ± 30 Cm. The site is frequented by Elephants and rarely/occasionally by other wildlife present in the landscape including Tiger and its prey.

The proposed project area is needed for relocation / rehabilitation of tribal families living in interior forest areas of Nagarhole Tiger Reserve. The benefits of the project outweigh any damage to Mavukal RF by removal of 1940 trees from the proposed 22.8 Ha, the project may be allowed. The 22.8 Ha of Mavukal Reserve Forest requested by the User Agency towards providing land for rehabilitation of tribals from Nagarhole Tiger Reserve is recommended for diversion.



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