

PROFORMA FOR SITE INSPECTION

The site was inspected on 11 November 20204 and discussions were held on 12 November 2024 in the presence of DCF and other Staff of the State Forest Department, Cdr. Amit Turan and Lt. Cdr. Chham kumari from the Sea Bird project of Indian Navy (Karwar)

	Title of the Project:	Proposal for change in land use of 150.89 ha. from already diverted 246.46 ha forest land in favour of Project Sea bird in Sy. No.7A1A1 of Nellurkanchinbail village, Belekeri Hobli, Ankola Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Karwar Forest Division) for construction of Naval/Civilian Airport.
1.	Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion:	Reserved Forest
2.	Item-wise break-up details of the forest land proposed for diversion:	Construction of Naval/Civilian airport – Components for which 150.89 ha land use is proposed: - Apron and Hanger Gate Complex and facilities ATC Complex
3.	Whether the proposal involves any construction of buildings (including residential) or not. If yes, details thereof:	It involves the construction of Gate Complex and facilities and ATC complex which are ancillary to the airport.
4.	Total cost of the project at present rates:	-
5.	Wildlife:	The proposed area does not form part of any declared National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, elephant corridor, etc.
6.	Vegetation:	Laterite plateau with abundant growth of grass and interspersed bushy and tree growth. The land is nearer to the coast and the foothills of western ghats. The land has been fenced and protected by the User agency
7.	Background notes on the proposal:	A total of 3505.46 Ha of forest land has been transferred to Project Seabird, Ministry of Defence from

		<p>MoEF&CC in three phases (excluding the approvals for rehabilitation and quarrying to the same user agency). Government of India vide letter No.8-472/83-For (Cons) dated 31.10.1986 has accorded the approval for diversion of 2259 ha of forest land for establishment of Naval base at Karwar with a limit of 200 Ha being permitted for non-forestry purpose and remaining area to be maintained as green cover.</p> <p>The 2259 ha of forest land covers the forest area right from Baithkol village to Algeri village. Thereafter F.Sy.No.7A1A1, consisting of 246.46 ha of forest land was released for establishment of Naval Air Station vide MoEFCC Letter No.8-60/96-FC dated 16.10.2001. However, the utilization of forest land for non-forestry purposes was limited to 200 Ha including the initial leased land of 2259 ha. Therefore, out of a total of 2505.46 ha (2259 + 246.46 Ha) of forest land leased to Project Seabird, only 200 Ha has been permitted to be used for non-forestry purposes.</p> <p>Further, MoEFCC vide letter No.8-81/99-FC dated 03.04.2002 has released an additional 1000 ha of forest land in Ankola Taluk for the purpose of Naval Base. Out of this 1000 Ha., only 250 ha has been allowed to be utilized for non-forestry purposes and the remaining 750 Ha has to be maintained as green cover. The 1000 Ha Forest area diverted is geographically separate i.e. at a distance from the proposed Naval Air Station.</p> <p>Further, the Deputy Director General (PI), Project Seabird, Karwar vide letter dated 19.09.2023 has requested for usage of 150.89 ha of forest land in Sy.No.7A1A1 of Nellurkanchinbail village, Belekeri</p>
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		<p>Hobli, Ankola Taluk, Uttara Kannda District (Karwar Forest Division) for construction of Naval/ Civilian Airport which is already diverted in favour of Project Seabird vide letter dated 16.10.2001.</p> <p>The State Government and PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA) has recommended approving the utilization of 150.89 ha out of 246.46 ha of diverted forest land for non-forestry purpose under Forest Sy. No.7AIAI Nellurkanchinbail village, Belekeri Hobli, Ankola Taluk, Uttara Kannada District (Karwar Forest Division) for construction of Naval/Civil Airport.</p> <p>Regional Office, MoEFCC, Bangalore vide letter dated 11.07.2024 returned the said proposal of State Government dated 24.04.2024 requesting the State Government to submit the proposal in completeness to Ministry.</p>																								
8.	Compensatory afforestation:	<p>As per the conditions stipulated by the MoEFCC, New Delhi, in diversion of 2259 ha, CA on NFL over 200 ha, and against approval 246.46 ha, another 246.6 ha CA over NFL was to be raised. i.e., over 446.46 ha CA on NFL. But the State Forest Department has raised CA in 479.85 ha degraded forest land. Status of CA raised in an area of 479.85 ha DFL in various divisions as furnished by the DCF, Karwar is as below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S.No.</th><th>Division</th><th>CA raised extent (ha)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>Shimoga</td><td>214.25</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>Yellapur</td><td>75.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>Haliyal</td><td>82.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>Sirsi</td><td>42.30</td></tr> <tr> <td>5</td><td>Honnavar</td><td>30.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>6</td><td>Karwar</td><td>36.30</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Total</td><td>479.85</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	S.No.	Division	CA raised extent (ha)	1	Shimoga	214.25	2	Yellapur	75.00	3	Haliyal	82.00	4	Sirsi	42.30	5	Honnavar	30.00	6	Karwar	36.30		Total	479.85
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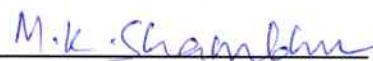
9.	Whether the proposal involves violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or not. If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials:	No
10.	Whether proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced people. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been prepared by the State Government or not:	No
11.	Reclamation Plan:	-
	Details and financial allocation:	-
12.	Details on catchment and command area under the project:	-
13.	Cost benefit ratio:	-
14.	Recommendations of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/State Government:	The proposal has been recommended by the State Government at all levels.
15.	Recommendations of Regional Chief Conservator of Forests along with detailed reasons:	Recommended. CA over NFL may be asked to be complied with.
16.	Regional Chief Conservator of Forests shall give detailed comments on whether there are any alternatives routes/alignments for locating the project on the non-forest land:	The area is already released and in possession of the user agency. Once approved they intend to put the land to proposed use. Since it is a defence related project, the strategic location as decided by the user agency may be accepted.
17.	Utility of the Project:	Defence and civilian airport
18.	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/religious value:	There are no protected/archaeological/heritage sites or important monuments in the area. It is near to Defence establishment and for the use of Navy primarily



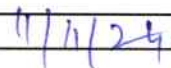
19.	Situation w.r.t. any P.A.	The proposed area does not form part of any declared National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, elephant corridor, etc.
20.	Any other information relating to the Project:	<p>The land is already in possession of the User agency and protected by them but not put to use. The forest area is lateritic with grass and dispersed trees and bush growth.</p> <p>The area has been fenced and protected by the user agency.</p>


Signature

Name and Designation
of Inspecting Officer: _____



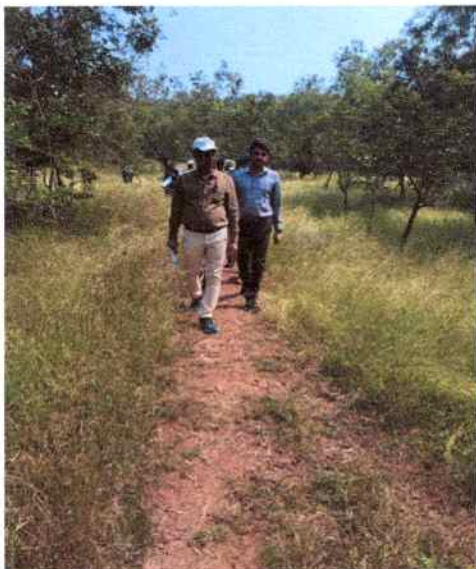
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Photos taken during the site inspection.



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