

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal.

Sub: **Diversion of 100.00 ha of Forest land (PF -188) for Relocation of Village "Kamda and Malani Part 5" from Bori Sanctuary in Satpura Tiger Reserve Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh -reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, FCA, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-5/893/2019/10-11/2116 dated 08.07.2020 on the subject mentioned above and to inform that after due examination of KML/ Shape-file through GIS-DSS tools the following shortcoming have been observed: -

- i. **With regard to KML/ Shape-file of Malni-5 & Khamda forest villages :-** The parameter/ method for selection of the Malni-5 & Khamda village boundary through KML file is not clear because as per Google earth imagery most of the nearby areas of Malni-5 & Khamda village are having non-forestry activity in form of Agriculture and as per DSS portal, these Non-forestry activity/ encroached areas are also part of Forest land i.e. the legal status of the nearby Non-forestry activity/ encroached areas are found as forest land as per DSS but these Non-forestry activity/ encroached areas are not covered in the KML boundary of village's **Map enclosed as Annexure-I.**
- ii. **With regard to proposed forest patches for relocation of Malni-5 & Khamda village comprising an area of 100 ha. :-** It is learnt through time series data available on the Google earth imagery that during the period year 2000 to year 2018 heavy deforestation and encroachment in form Agriculture and settlements occurred in the nearby forest area of the site proposed for re-location. Moreover, de-forestation of the forest land in form of encroachment is consistently increasing at the nearby site of forest patches proposed for re-location. It is also not clear whether this deforestation/ encroachment are part of any re-location project or any diversion. **Map enclosed as Annexure-II**

In view of the above, I am directed to request the Government of Madhya Pradesh to furnish comments/report on the points raised above at Sr. No. i to ii for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

**Encl: As above**

Sd/-  
(Brijendra Swaroop)  
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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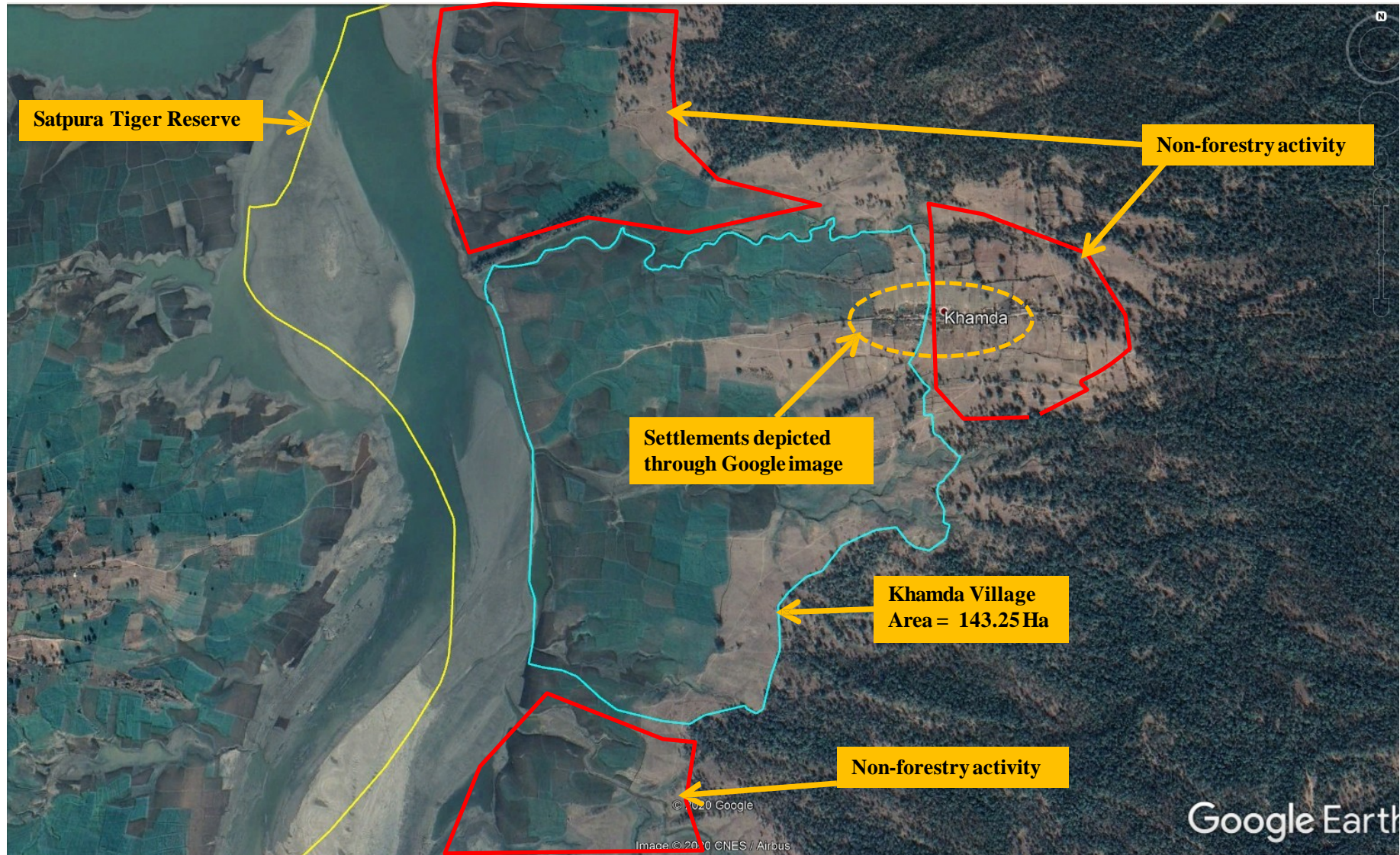
1. The PCCF & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The DDG (C) Regional Office, (WZ) Bhopal, MoEF&CC, Bhopal.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

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Google Earth Imagery dated 11.01.2019 showing the location of **Khamda Village** and Non-forestry activity which are not covered in the KML boundary of Khamda Village shown in **Red color**



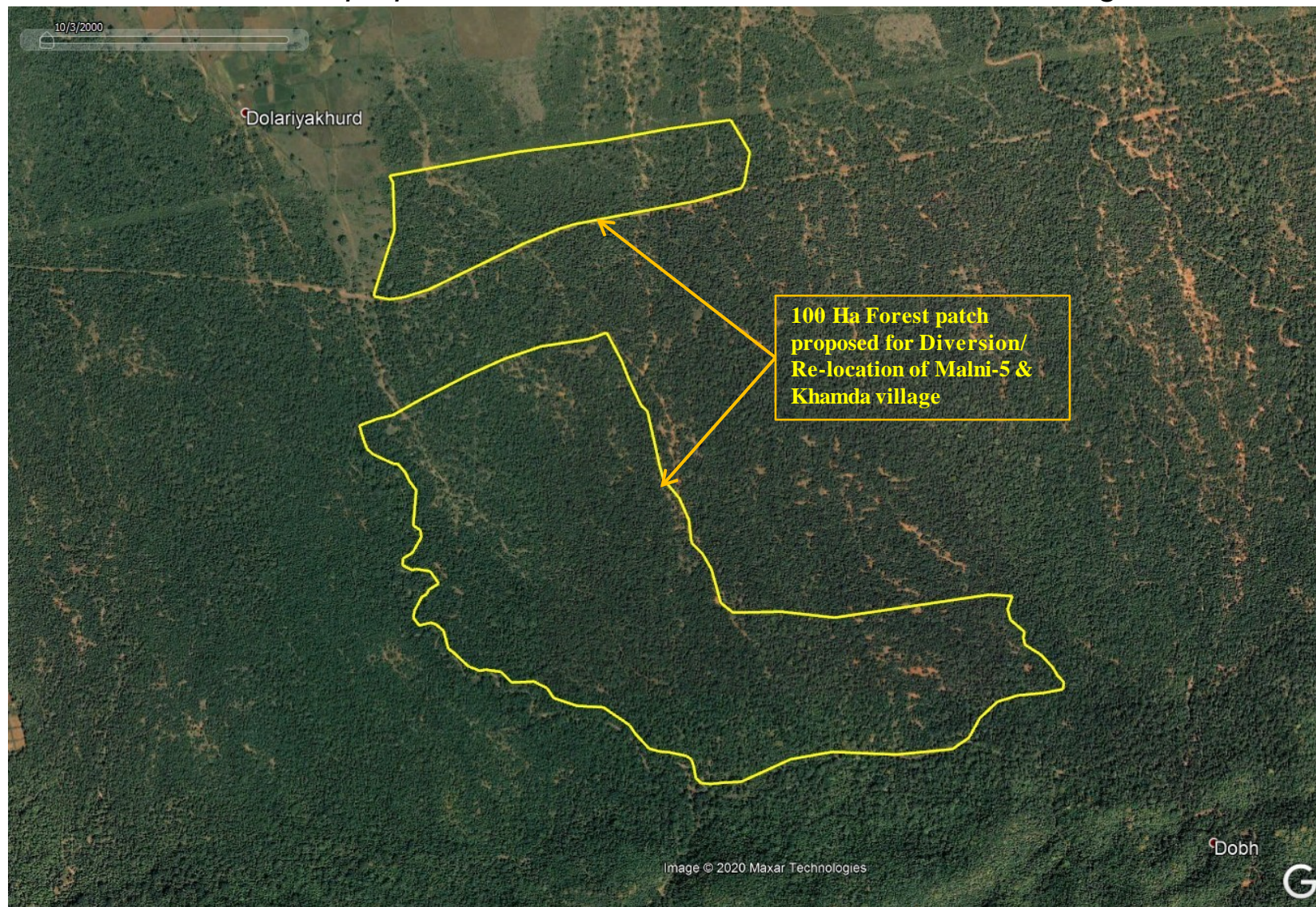


Google Earth Imagery dated 15.11.2018 showing the location of **Malni Village** and Non-forestry activity which are not covered in the KML boundary of Malni Village shown in **Red color**





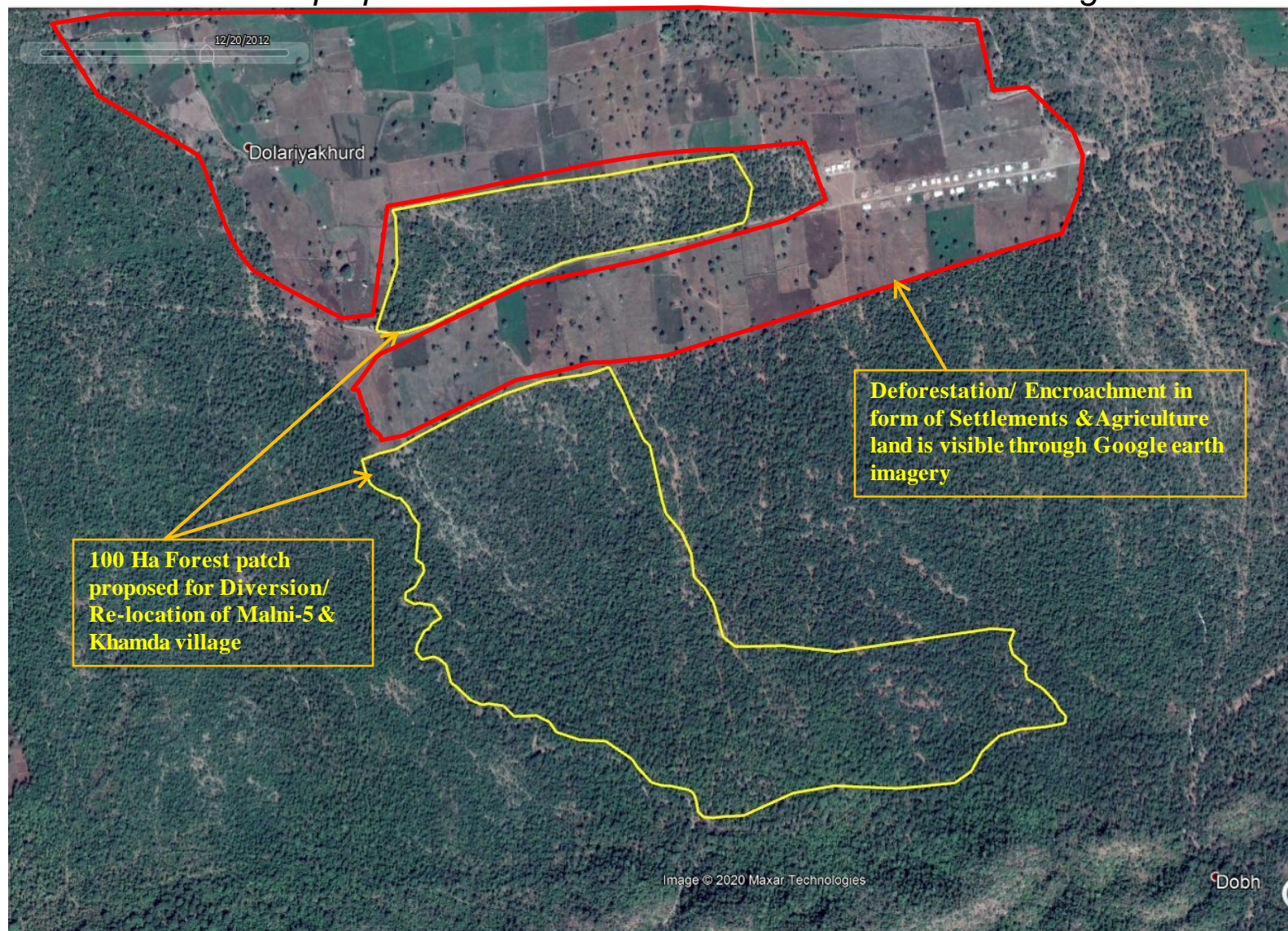
*Google earth imagery dated 03.10.2000 showing the location & nearby forest cover of the 100 Ha Forest area proposed for re-location of malni-5 & Khamda village*



In above Map, during the year 2000, no encroachment/ de-forestation is visible through Google earth imagery nearby the site proposed for diversion/ re-location of Malni-5 & Khamda village.



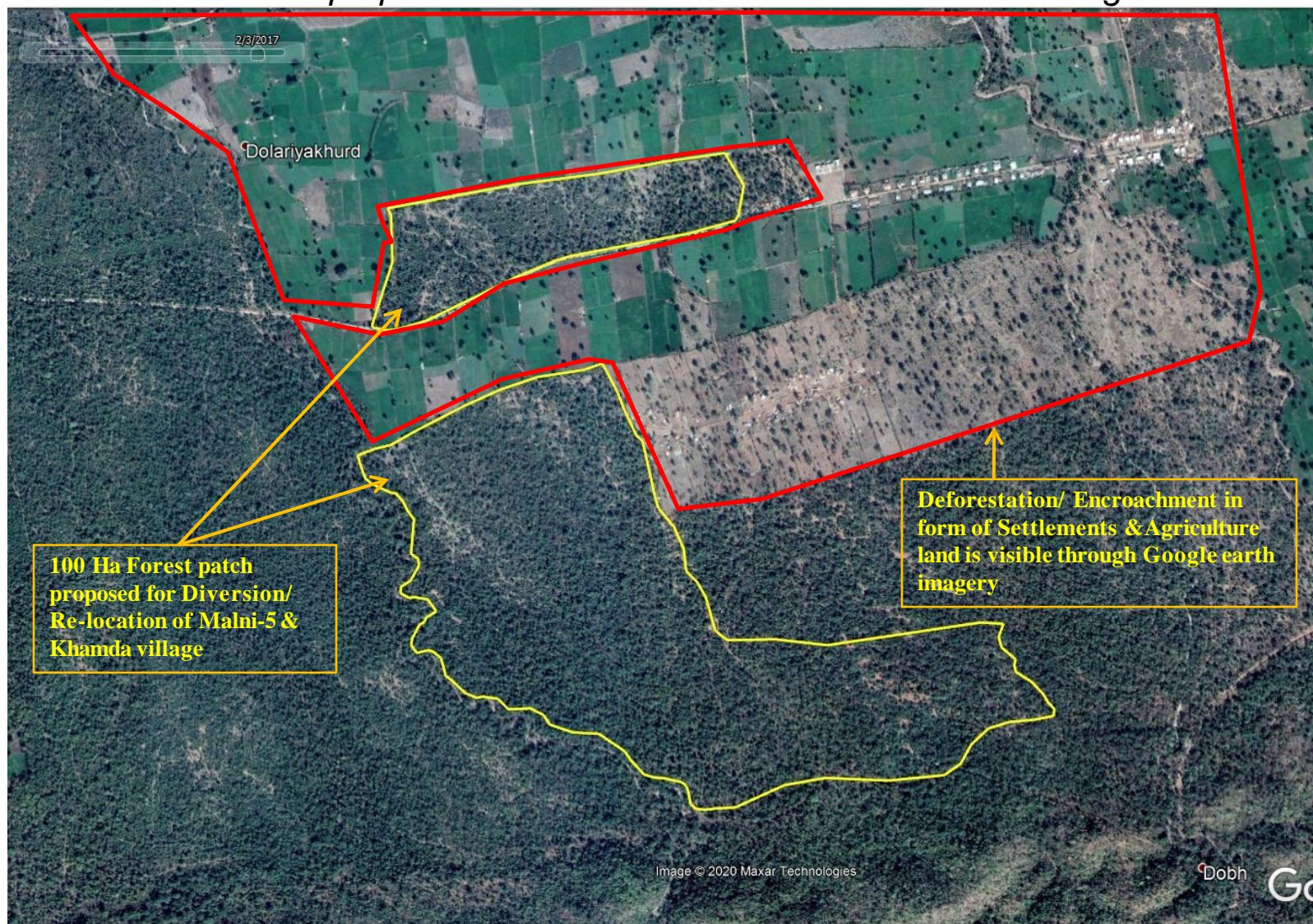
*Google earth imagery dated 20.12.2012 showing the location & nearby forest cover of the 100 Ha Forest area proposed for re-location of malni-5 & Khamda village*



In above Map, during the year 2012, significant encroachment/ de-forestation is visible through Google earth imagery nearby the site proposed for diversion/ re-location of Malni-5 & Khamda village. This encroachment is shown through red colour in above map.



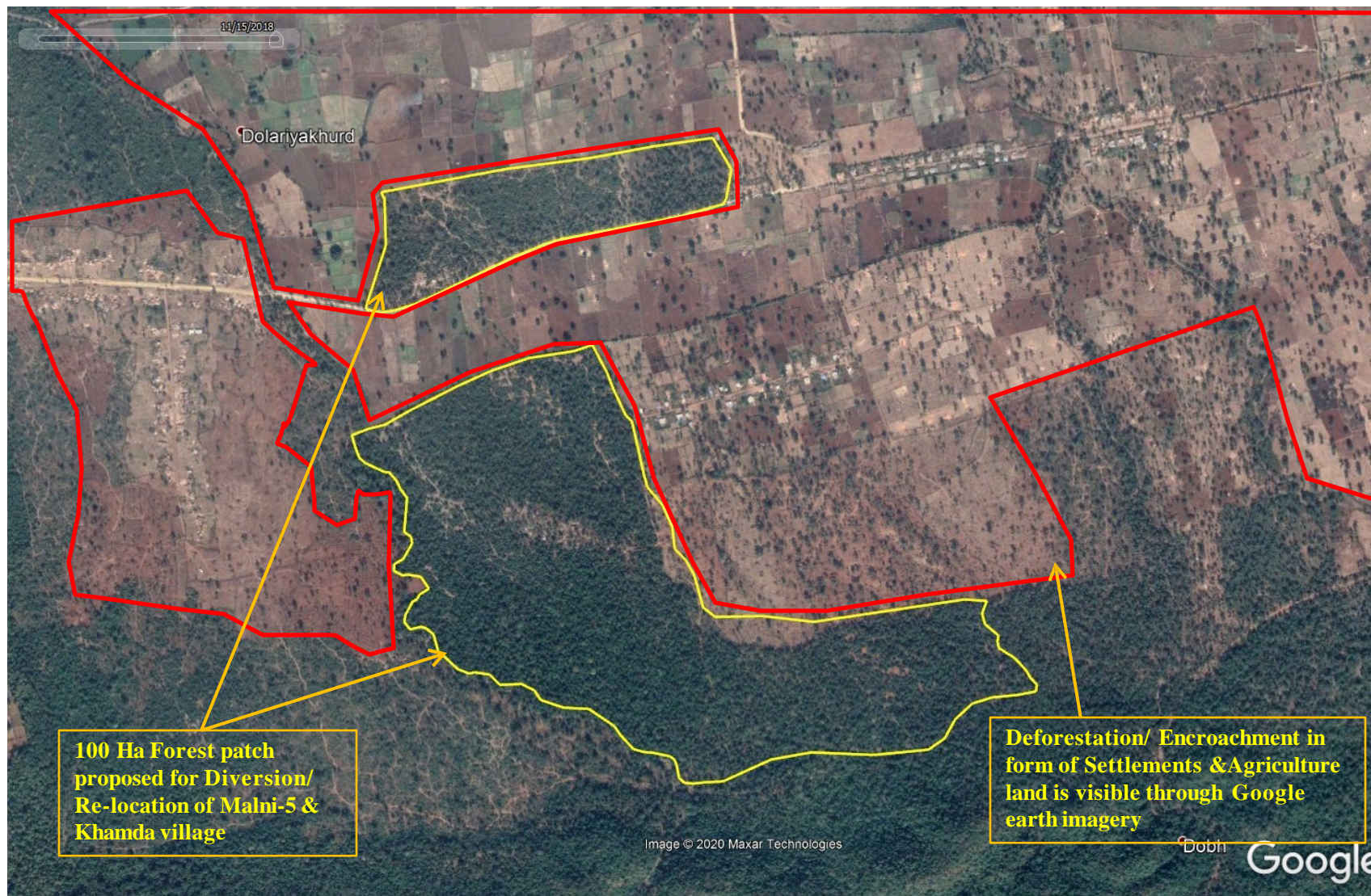
*Google earth imagery dated 03.02.2017 showing the location & nearby forest cover of the 100 Ha Forest area proposed for re-location of malni-5 & Khamda village*



In above Map, during the year 2017, significant encroachment/ de-forestation is visible through Google earth imagery nearby the site proposed for diversion/ re-location of Malni-5 & Khamda village. This encroachment is shown through red colour in above map.



*Google earth imagery dated 15.11.2018 showing the location & nearby forest cover of the 100 Ha Forest area proposed for re-location of malni-5 & Khamda village*



In above Map, during the year 2018, significant encroachment/ de-forestation is visible through Google earth imagery nearby the site proposed for diversion/ re-location of Malni-5 & Khamda village. This encroachment is shown through red colour in above map.