




## Recommendation Report

**Project :** Barachukki 2X2.5 MW Mini Hydel Project

**User Agency:** M/s Madhyranga Energy Private Ltd.

Inspected the proposed site of the above project on 8.12.2015 with the concerned officials. The proposed project site is located within the proposed eco-sensitive zone of the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary. Elephants from the Dhanagur Reserved forest (north of river Cauvery) move through the proposed forest patch to Sathhegal Jageri forests then to Chikkailur Reserved forest (south of river Cauvery). Both Dhanagur and Chikkailur Reserved forests are included in the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary. Already the elephant habitat has been disturbed and fragmented in the northern bank of the Cauvery river, while the southern river bank has been intact in this critical area of elephant habitat. The proposed project would cause irreparable damage to the elephant habitat and come in the way of elephant movement, which increases the human-elephant conflict. Hence I agree with the recommendations of the DCF.

Thus, the project is not recommended.

  
Chief Conservator of Forests,  
(Territorial),  
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