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OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT OF GOA GAZETTE



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GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Environment &
Climate Change

Notification

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1. Whereas, there exists a water body known as Betal Lake admeasuring an area of 4400 sq. mts. located in village Querim of Ponda Taluka, South Goa district, State of Goa, which is considered to be critically significant for its ecosystem services and biodiversity values for the local communities and society at large (hereinafter referred to as the "Said Betal Lake"); which is more particularly described in Schedule-I herein under;

2. And whereas, it is considered that for sustaining these values, the ecological character of the wetland ecosystem needs to be maintained by regulating developmental activities within the wetland as well as within its zone of influence;

3. And whereas, in terms of sub-rule (1) of rule 7 of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017, the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DoE&CC) Government of Goa, through GSWA by engaging services of CSIR-NIO had prepared a Brief Document for identifying the Said Betal Lake as wetland;

4. And whereas, based on the Brief Document Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA) in the 13th meeting of the GSWA recommended the Government of Goa to draft notify the Said Betal Lake as a wetland under the provisions of Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017.

5. Hence a Draft Notification was issued by the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DoE&CC) Government of Goa in the exercise of powers conferred under rule 7 of Wetland (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017, hereinafter referred to as the said rules;

6. And whereas the time for receiving objections is now over in the fixed duration the objections of the general public have been heard and decided, according to the said rules;

7. Hence this notification is issued by the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DoE&CC), Government of Goa, in exercise of powers conferred under Rule 7 of Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 read with Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) is hereby published for the information of the persons;

8. The extent of the wetland and its zone of influence is described in Schedule I of this notification;

9. Activities prohibited within the wetland and its zone of influence are listed in Schedule II of this notification. Such prohibitions shall not apply for areas designated under other Acts and Rules and listed at para 1.2 (a), (b) and (c) of Schedule-I. Relevant provisions of respective Acts and Rules shall apply in such areas.

10. Activities regulated within the wetland and their zones of influence, i.e. permitted only with permission of State Government are listed in Schedule-III of this notification. Request for permissions can be made to the Member Secretary, Goa State Wetland Authority, c/o Department of Environment and Climate Change (DoE&CC), o/o Goa State Biodiversity Board, opposite Saligao Seminary, Saligao, Bardez, Goa-403511 or at email-ms-gswa.goa@gov.in. Such regulations shall not apply for areas designated under other Acts and Rules and listed at para 1.2 (a), (b) and (c) of Schedule-I. Relevant provisions of respective Acts and Rules shall apply in such areas.

11. Activities permitted within the wetland and its zone of influence are listed in

Schedule-IV of this notification. Such permissions shall not apply for areas designated under other Acts and Rules and listed at para 1.2 (a), (b), and (c) of Schedule-I. Relevant provisions of respective Acts and Rules shall apply in such areas.

12. The Goa State Wetland Authority and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change shall monitor the enforcement of the provisions of this notification.

13. All the pre-existing ownership rights and privileges pertaining to identified and notified wetlands will be maintained. Further, no pre-existing ownership rights or property will be transferred to GSWA as a part of this notification. The status quo of the existing ownership of the notified property will be maintained.

By order and in the name of the
Governor of Goa.

Johnson B. Fernandes, Director (Environment & Climate Change).

Panaji, 1st January, 2025.

Schedule I: Location and Extent of Wetland and its Zone of Influence

1.1. Wetland

The Said Betal Lake admeasuring an area of 4400 sq. mts., surveyed under the following Survey Nos.

Taluka/Village	Survey No./Sub-Div. No.	Approximate area in sq. mts.
Ponda/Querim	118/2	4400
Total		4400

1.2. Boundary of area already designated under provisions of other Acts and Rules:

1.2. (a) Area designated under Indian Forest Act, 1927; Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; State Forest Act and amendments thereof.

No area of the proposed wetland known as Said Betal Lake falls under the above mentioned Act.

1.2. (b) Area designated under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and amendments thereof.

No area of the proposed wetland known as Said Betal Lake falls under the above mentioned Act.

1.2. (c) Area designated under the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011 and amendments thereof.

No area of the proposed wetland known as Said Betal Lake falls under the above mentioned Act.

1.3. Zone of influence:

The Zone of influence of the Said Betal Lake admeasuring 46781 sq. mts., includes 50m buffer and the properties surveyed under the following Survey Nos.

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Taluka/ /Village	Survey No./ /Sub-Div. No.	Approximate area in sq. mts.	Survey No./ /Sub-Div. No.	Approximate area in sq. mts.
Ponda/ /Querim	Buffer Zone			
	1/12(P)	300	1/13(P)	1474
	1/14(P)	273	118/1	375
	118/3(P)	584	118/4(P)	5314
	118/5(P)	3269	121/1(P)	8
	220/1(P)	4794	225/4(P)	2165
	226/2(P)	2366	226/5(P)	1230
	Area outside Sy. No.	2192	Total	24344
Ponda/ /Querim	Zone of Influence			
	1/15(P)	61	1/16(P)	125
	1/16-A(P)	70	78/2(P)	386
	78/3(P)	84	78/4(P)	79
	78/5(P)	101	78/6(P)	113
	79/7(P)	131	79/8(P)	67
	79/9(P)	261	79/10(P)	3
	80/11(P)	52	80/13(P)	69
	80/14(P)	80	80/15(P)	90
	80/16(P)	58	80/17(P)	56
	80/18(P)	239	80/20(P)	89
	94/3(P)	5	94/4(P)	178
	94/5(P)	41	94/9(P)	395
	94/10(P)	49	94/11(P)	242
	94/12(P)	166	95/1(P)	149
	95/2(P)	13	95/4(P)	136
	95/6(P)	490	95/7(P)	17
	95/8(P)	576	95/9(P)	246
	95/10(P)	520	5/11(P)	192
	95/12(P)	172	95/13(P)	130
	95/15(P)	69	95/16(P)	200
	95/17(P)	65	96/1(P)	286
	96/2(P)	135	105/1(P)	192
	105/2(P)	668	105/6(P)	84
	105/7(P)	174	105/8(P)	345
	105/20(P)	52	106/5(P)	273
	106/7(P)	21	106/8(P)	176
	106/9(P)	180	106/11(P)	36
	106/12(P)	491	108(P)	883
	109(P)	1349	112/1(P)	249
	112/2(P)	440	112/3(P)	120
	112/4(P)	307	112/5(P)	203
	112/6(P)	60	112/7(P)	98
	112/8(P)	317	113/1(P)	293
113/2(P)	309	113/3(P)	44	
113/4(P)	62	113/9(P)	32	

114/1(P)	273	114/2(P)	28
114/3(P)	28	114/4(P)	26
114/5(P)	93	114/6(P)	132
114/7(P)	127	114/8(P)	141
114/9(P)	99	114/10(P)	75
114/11(P)	170	114/12(P)	69
114/13(P)	122	114/14(P)	187
114/15(P)	143	114/16(P)	162
114/17(P)	63	114/18(P)	92
114/19(P)	124	114/20(P)	136
118/3(P)	448	Area outside sy. No.	5555
Total	22437		
Grand total	46781		

The map of the wetland mean high flood level (depicted as a blue line) of the Said Betal Lake with the Zone of influence is at Annexure-I. (For an enlarged map to scale kindly visit <https://gswa.goa.gov.in/>).

1.4. For the purpose of this wetland known as the Said Betal Lake the same is located within revenue village of Querim.

1.5. For the purpose of this wetland known as the Said Betal Lake the Zone of Influence is located within revenue village of Querim.

Schedule II: List of activities prohibited within wetland boundary

1. Conversion for non-wetland uses including encroachment of any kind;
2. Setting up of any industry and expansion of existing industries; with the exception of modernization of existing industries which will not affect the ecological balance of the wetland under consideration.
3. Manufacture and/or handling and/or storage and/or disposal of construction and demolition waste covered under the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016; hazardous substances covered under the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989 or the Rules for Manufacture, Use, Import, Export and Storage of Hazardous Micro-organisms Genetically engineered organisms or cells, 1989 or the Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008; Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016; electronic waste covered under the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016; and other Acts and Rules as notified by Central Government and State Government applicable to wetlands.
4. Solid waste dumping and plastic waste dumping covered under Municipal Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016;
5. Discharge of untreated wastes, chemical fertilizers, pesticides, effluents and any other chemicals effecting the ecological character of the wetland from industries, cities, towns, villages and any other human settlements and/or activities;
6. Any construction of a permanent nature except for boat jetties within fifty meters (demarcated as a buffer zone on Annexure-I) from the mean high flood level observed in the past ten years calculated from the date of commencement of these rules; and,
7. Poaching and illegal hunting covered Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and amendments thereof;
8. Extraction of soil, mud, rock and sand for commercial purposes.

Note: For the rules and acts mentioned under point No. 3, 4 and 7 any amendments made thereof will be applicable.

[Any other activity other than mentioned above if taken up in the surrounding area that will have a direct or an indirect adverse effect on the ecological character of the wetland including water quality the same shall be prohibited.]

Schedule-III: List of activities regulated within the boundary of wetland and its zone of influence and for which prior approval of [State Government/UT Administration/MoEFCC] is required to be obtained.

Activity	Regulations	
	Within the boundary of wetland as shown in Annexure I	Within the zone of influence as shown in Annexure I
Grazing and wallowing	Regulated	Permitted.
Withdrawal of water for irrigation or plantation	Withdrawal of water by community for irrigating and maintaining existing Arecanut plantations and kulaghara by ensuring sustainable measures and without over extraction subject to approval of WRD and GSWA	Permitted in consultation with local Biodiversity Management Committee and local village Panchayat. Need to ensure no contamination of any type is allowed which serves as a source of degrading quality and ecological character of wetland.
Cultivation of crops	Pre existing traditional seasonal cultivation of crops permitted	Lands that previously existed will be allowed to be cultivated.

Approval of the GSWA shall be obtained for any other activity proposed to be conducted other than those mentioned above which may adversely affect ecological character of wetland.

Schedule IV: List of activities permitted within the boundary of wetlands and its zone of influence.

Activity	Levels and types not requiring permission	
	Within the boundary of the wetland as shown in Annexure I	Within the zone of influence as shown in Annexure I
Fishing Activities	Only hook and line fishing permitted within the wetland.	Permitted.
Religious practices	Existing religious practices like "Sateri-devi Sangod festival" will be allowed. Any activity that will adversely affect the ecological character of the wetland will not be allowed.	Permitted. Any activity that will adversely affect the ecological character of the wetland will not be allowed.
Deciding best possible wise use of wetland without affecting or impacting its ecological character and services offered presently	Permitted.	Permitted.

Approval of the GSWA shall be taken for any other activity to be conducted other than those mentioned above.

Annexure-I

