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SITE INSPECTION REPORT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF RADAR TOWER AT
EAST ISLAND

REPORT ON EAST ISLAND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY AT A GIST

The East Island is a tiny isolated landmass on the northern part of North Andaman located in the Andaman Sea about 50 kms from Diglipur Islands at position 13 deg 37.892 min North latitude and 93 deg 2.872 min East longitude near the light house of east Island. The entire land mass is surrounded by sea as its natural boundary covering an area of 6.11 Sq.Km. in total. East Island has been declared as reserve forest vide notification No. 115/47-5/60-DH dt. 08.09.1963 and finally declared as Wildlife Sanctuary vide notification No. CWLW/WL/31/706 dt. 29.08.1997.

The Island is gifted with pristine biodiversity with the sea beaches and sheet rocks on the coast. The Island is known for its unique topography and biodiversity. Conservation of ecological habitat of species which are endemic to this Island, the developmental activities which are not related to the improvement of habitat and of extreme emergency for security concern is suggested to the barest minimum.

Since the Island have no permanent residents except for the security personnel's of local Police and IRBn and the coastal forces including Navy and Coast Guard. Electricity department has its existence for providing power supply to the temporary residential buildings of the security forces and for the Light house at East Island being maintained by the Department of Light houses and Light ships. The security forces have been staying in Govt. building in the Island to monitor the ingress of Foreigners into our emerald islands.

There is always a threat of foreign poachers especially from Myanmar who infiltrate into the Andaman Sea into our Islands from the eastern and northern parts for looting marine as well as forest wealth from our islands. Controlling infiltration is one of the main agenda and motive for maintaining biological diversity of our islands.

The degrading phenomenon in this island like soil erosion, heavy rain, uprooting of trees and threat from foreign poachers is a threat upon the flora and faunal biodiversity limitations of this Island.

Status of Wildlife In East Island

Within the area of 611 hectares the Island houses the following wildlife as detailed below.

Mammals:-

Spotted Deer
Shrew.
Palm Civet.
Lesser short nose fruit Bat

Reptiles:-

Andaman Water Monitor Lizard
Andaman Gecko
Skinks
Rat snakes
Green bronze back snakes.
Tree snakes
Andaman Pit Viper.