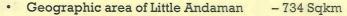


May kindly like to see the PUC dated 15.10.2016 of Director, Emaho Films, Pune regarding grant of permission to document video of monitoring activities at the Leatherback Turtle Camp in Little Andaman Island (January to March, 2019) for Education and Outreach.

It has been informed that Emaho Films, a Pune based society is working on a project titled "The Turtle Walkers", a film documentary the story of sea turtle research and conversation in the ANI through the years. The film follows the life of wildlife environmentalist Satish Basker and his work with turtle conservation in the A&N islands is supported by the Department of Environment and Forest, Port Blair. The objective of the film stated to educate audiences on the relentless efforts of the Department of Environment and Forest, ANET and Satish Bhasker and the above mentioned groups in wildlife conservation – specifically in relation to the leatherback turtles that breed in the island's coastal habitats. Their second objective is to facilitate a conservation amongst the youth in India to pursue a livelihood in wildlife research and conservation. They shall carry out the documentary work at the Leatherback turtle camp situated in West Bay, Little Andamans from January to March, 2019.

The demography of Little Andaman is as under: -



 The entire area of Little Andaman was initially notified as tribal reserve in 1957 from which 330.97 Sq Km was de-notified from tribal reserve in April, 1972 & May, 1977

• Area under Tribal Reserve - 403.37 Sqkm

Area under Reserved Forest – 700.05 Sqkm

Initially the Onges population was dispersed throughout Little Andaman Island, in bands, but after 1976 the Onge have been settled at two places viz. Dugong Creek and South Bay in Little Andaman Island. After Tsunami 2004, the Onges of South Bay were shifted to Dugong Creek.

Later, the tribes of Nicobar District have also been settled in Harminder Bay, Little Andaman.

As per Section 7 of PAT Regulation, 1956, the Dy Commissioner is the competent authority to grant necessary permission to enter in the reserved area.









