PUC is an application received from Mr. Evan Nazareth Project Intern in Nature Conservation Foundation, Mysore regarding grant of permission to carry out research project title "Long term study to monitor dugong habitat use and seagrass health in Andaman and Nicobar Islands". The component of the project includes studying the ecological role of sea-grass meadows as fish nursery grounds. This will be carried out over a period of 1year (1st November 2019 to 1st November 2020) at Sea-grass meadows in coastal areas around Little Andaman Island.

Necessary NOC from PCCF (Wildlife) A & N islands has also been obtained by him to carry out the research activity. It has been stated that the research study will be carried out in the nearby area of Harminder Bay, which is a tribal reserve.

In this context, it is submitted that under Section 7 of the A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation. 1956, the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman is the authority concern to consider the application for the Tribal Pass. Hence the tribal pass is to be obtained from the District Administration.

In view of the above, we may issue NOC to Mr. Evan Nazareth to carry out the above said study in Little Andaman, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The study should be carried out under the overall supervision of Tehsildar, Little Andaman
- 2) He should be escorted with Police personnel
- 3) No undue interference in the lives of tribes during the course of study
- 4) He should share the outcome of the study with the PCCF (Wildlife), A&N islands
- 5) Necessary tribal Area Permits may be obtained from the District Commissioner, South Andaman

Submitted for kind approval please

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