

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Original Application No.249/2023

News item on India's Sinking Islands appeared in the Hindu 19.03.2023
With

Original ApplicationNo.795/2023

News Item titled "Third of India's coastline vulnerable to erosion - here are the worst-hit states" appearing in Indian Express dated 06.12.2023.

Date of hearing: 03.10.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

Respondent: Dr. Swati Jindal Garg, Adv. for MoEF & CC in OA 249/2023
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Awalgaonkar, Advs. for the State of Goa (Through VC)
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(Through VC)
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Mr. Prabhu G, Adv. for Kerala CZMA (Through VC)
Ms. Madhuri Donti Reddy, Adv. for Andhra Pradesh CZMA (Through VC)
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Mr. Nishe Rajen Shonker, Adv. for the State of Kerala
Mr. Maulik Nanavati, Adv. for Gujarat CZMA (Through VC)
Mr. Apoorv Kurup, Adv. for UT of Lakshadweep (Through VC)

ORDER

1. Presently, Tribunal is examining the issue of preparation of CZMPs and IIMPs by Coastal States and Union Territories (UTs).
2. Tribunal by order dated 11.09.2024 had directed the MoEF&CC to place on record comprehensive report and accordingly, additional reply has been filed by MoEF&CC dated 10.09.2024 disclosing that CZMPS as per CRZ Notification, 2019 have been approved for States of Maharashtra, Odisha and Karnataka and Island Coastal Regulation Zone

Plans (ICRZP) have been approved for Great Nicobar Island and Little Andaman Island of A&N Islands.

3. Learned Counsel appearing for MoEF&CC has informed that subsequently CZMP for State of Kerala has also been approved. In respect to other States and UTs, the status has been disclosed in the tabulated form as under:

“STATUS OF UPDATION/ REVISION OF THE CZMP/ ICRZP AS PER CRZ/ ICRZ NOTIFICATION, 2019

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Coastal State's/UT's</u>	<u>Agency preparing CZMP/ ICRZ P-2019</u>	<u>Status as per NCSCM/Concerned States/UTs</u>	<u>Status as per affidavit submitted by the States before Hon'ble NGT</u>																																	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	NCSCM	- As per information received from APCZMA, NCSCM prepared draft CZMPs & Land Use Land Cover(LULC) maps as per CRZ Notification 2019 and submitted to APCZMA. - As per the procedure involved, Public Consultation process started in 13 Coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh. Details of Public Hearings conducted in 11 Coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh by the APCZMA on the draft CZMPs: <table><tr><th>S. No.</th><th>Name of the coastal District</th><th>Date of Public Hearing conducted</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>West Godavari District</td><td>18.07.2024</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Vizianagaram District</td><td>19.07.2024</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>Tirupati District</td><td>19.07.2024</td></tr><tr><td>4.</td><td>SPSR Nellore District</td><td>23.07.2024</td></tr><tr><td>5.</td><td>Anakapalli District</td><td>23.07.2024</td></tr><tr><td>6.</td><td>Srikakulam District</td><td>25.07.2024</td></tr><tr><td>7.</td><td>Bapatla District</td><td>26.07.2024</td></tr><tr><td>8.</td><td>Krishna District</td><td>26.07.2024</td></tr><tr><td>9.</td><td>Eluru District</td><td>30.07.2024</td></tr><tr><td>10.</td><td>Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Konaseema District</td><td>31.07.2024</td></tr></table>	S. No.	Name of the coastal District	Date of Public Hearing conducted	1.	West Godavari District	18.07.2024	2.	Vizianagaram District	19.07.2024	3.	Tirupati District	19.07.2024	4.	SPSR Nellore District	23.07.2024	5.	Anakapalli District	23.07.2024	6.	Srikakulam District	25.07.2024	7.	Bapatla District	26.07.2024	8.	Krishna District	26.07.2024	9.	Eluru District	30.07.2024	10.	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Konaseema District	31.07.2024	October, 2024
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3.	Daman & Diu	NCSCM	As per DDCZAM letter dated 05/09/2024, Objections/ suggestions have been sent to NCSCM, Chennai vide email dated 5th July 2024 for their consideration and finalization of CZMP.Copy of the 05/09/2024 is annexed herewith and marked as Annexure-R1/ 6.	October 2024																																
4.	Goa	NCESS	As per the information received from GCZMA, in a meeting held on 30/08/2024 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for EF & CC, the NCESS has assured for providing the draft CZMP 2019 by mid or end of December 2024 which will be placed in public domain for inviting suggestions/objections for a	January, 2025																																

			period of 1 month. Subsequently public hearings will be conducted in the month of March 2025 and upon accessing the views submitted by the public at the time of public hearings, necessary amends if need be would be incorporated in the draft CZMP 2019 for onwards submission to the MoEF & CC for final notification.							
5.	Gujarat	NCSCM	Public hearing completed in all coastal except Kachchh. The draft plan will be presented before the next TSC	A period of about 04 months i.e. end of September, 2024 is likely to be consumed for holding and completing the consultation process and sending comments/suggestions and objections to the NCSCM, Chennai.						
6.	Karnataka	NCSCM	Approved on 02/09/2022							
7.	Kerala	NCESS	As per KCZMA letter dated 06/09/2024, Details of Coastal Zone Management Plan has been submitted to NCSCM & Govt. of Kerala for further necessary action. A copy of the KCZMA letter dated 06/09/2024 is annexed herewith and marked as Annexure-R1/7.							
8.	Lakshadweep (UT)	NCSCM	As per the letter dated 03/09/2024 received from Lakshadweep Administration (Director of Science & Technology), NCSCM, Chennai has submitted the final draft IIMP for Kadmat, Minicoy and Suheli Islands. The same has been placed in the .public domain for suggestions/comments. The revised drafts will be submitted to MoEF&CC after public hearing/Consultation in co-ordination with NCSCM. Draft Executive Summaries and IIMP maps for Agatti, Amini, Andoth, Kalpeni, Cheriyaam and Kavaratti Islands is received from NCSCM on 30/08/2024 and the same is being processed for stakeholder consultation and placing in public domain thereafter. The preparation of IIMPs for the remaining islands namely Chetlat,Kiltan, Bitra, Bangaram and Thinakkara is underway at NCSCM, Chennai. A copy of the letter dated 03/09/2024 received from Lakshadweep Administration (Director of Science& Technology), NCSCM, Chennai is annexed herewith and marked as Annexure-R1/8.	December, 2024						
9.	Maharashtra	NCSCM	Approved on 29/09/2021 and 25/08/2023.							
10.	Odisha	ORSAC/SAC	Approved on 01/06/2021.							
11.	Puducherry (UT)	NCSCM	Draft CZMPs submitted in September 2022. Fisheries related infrastructure incorporated in the draft CZMPs Tamil version submitted in February 2024 to published in website and for public hearing/ consultation.	July, 2024 No update available						
12.	Tamil Nadu	NCSCM	Draft CZMPs published in website in October 2022 Tamil version submitted in July 2023 as per Madras High court direction. As per NGT direction, meeting with ACS and Fisheries commissioner decided to incorporate details information about fisheries related infrastructure in the draft CZMPs: task completed NCSCM to submit final revised draft maps in English and Tamil language on 30th April 2024 to publish in website and for public hearing consultation.	October,2024						
13.	West Bengal	IESWM	WBCZMA vide letter dated 06/09/2024 the following updated status has been received: <table><tr><td>S.N</td><td>District</td><td>Status</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>PurbaMedinipur</td><td>The draft CZMP of PurbaMedinipur District has been completed and submitted to MoEF&CC in May, 2024.</td></tr></table>	S.N	District	Status	1	PurbaMedinipur	The draft CZMP of PurbaMedinipur District has been completed and submitted to MoEF&CC in May, 2024.	October,2024
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			3.	South 24 Parganas	Public Hearing on draft CZMP, 2019 OF south 24 Parganas district has been completed. The draft CZMP,2019 would be placed before the Steering Committee for approval before being submitted to MoEF&CC. A copy of the WCZMA letter dated 06/09/2024 is annexedherewith and marked as Annexure-R1/9.		

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4. Learned Counsel for MoEF&CC has informed that a meeting of the Chief Secretaries of all the concerned States and UTs has been convened by MoEF&CC tomorrow wherein this issue will be discussed and needful will be done. Hence, MoEF&CC is directed to file a fresh report indicating the progress in this regard within eight weeks.

5. List on 07.01.2025.

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Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

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