

Item No.13:-

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI**

[Through Physical Hearing (Hybrid Option)]

Original Application No.152 of 2023 (SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Kumaresan Sooluran
Thiruvallur

...Applicant(s)

Versus

Tamil Nadu Coastal Zone Management Authority
Rep. by its Member Secretary
Chennai and Ors.

... Respondent(s)



Date of hearing: 09.07.2025.

CORAM:

HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE Dr. SATYAGOPAL KORLAPATI, EXPERT MEMBER

For Applicant(s): Mr. A. Yogeshwaran.

For Respondent(s): Dr. D. Shanmuganathan for R1 to R5.

Official present: Mr. R. Srinivas Reddy, Member Secretary,
Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority.

ORDER

1. Mr. R. Srinivas Reddy, Member Secretary of the Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority, appeared today through Video Conference and highlighted the findings of the NCSCM report, which do not support either manual or mechanical dredging.

2. However, the report unfortunately fails to propose any alternative mechanism for the removal of invasive Charru Mussels.

3. It is pertinent to note that the desilting carried out by the Water Resources Department over a stretch of 1200 meters was solely intended for the removal of fly ash (funded by the TANGEDCO) and not for addressing the issue of Charru Mussels.

4. It was also submitted that the final report from the NCSCM on this matter is still awaited. It is important to point out that even after more than two years, a conclusive study has not yet been completed. All further actions are proposed to be taken based on the findings of this pending report.

5. We only hope that the Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority, who appeared through Video Conference today, will take up the matter with the Government and come back with a feasible solution accompanied by a definite timeline for its implementation.

6. Post the matter on **29.07.2025**.

Sd/-
Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

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Dr. Satyagopal Korlapati, EM

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09th July, 2025. Mn.

