

Minutes of the 124<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA) held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

Minutes of the 124<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA) held under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary, Environment on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 in his chamber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room no. 217, Environment Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai. List of the members present in the meeting is enclosed as Annexure-I.

**Item No. 1:** Draft CZMP of the Districts namely, Greater Mumbai, Raigad and Ratnagiri


The Authority noted that draft CZMP in 1:25000 scale of the Greater Mumbai has been received from the Institute of Remote Sensing, Chennai, after appropriately incorporating suggestions/ objections received from public domain, as per the provisions of the CRZ Notification, 2011. As per the provisions of the CRZ Notification, 2011, the said draft CZMP need to be submitted by State Government to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi for approval.

The Authority also took note of the deadline given by the National Green Tribunal, New Delhi vide order dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017. NGT has ordered State Governments to send the draft CZMPs to MoEF, New Delhi by 31<sup>st</sup> April, 2018.

The Authority discussed the said draft CZMP of Greater Mumbai with Dr. Ramkrishnan, Director, Institute of Remote Sensing, Chennai and decided that the said draft CZMP of Greater Mumbai be sent to MoEF&CC, New Delhi with the approval of the State Government and with following specific conditions, as indicated in the report of the IRS, Chennai:

1. All open spaces, parks, gardens, playgrounds indicated in development plans within CRZ-II area of Greater Mumbai shall be categorized as CRZ-III, that is, 'no development zone'.

  
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2. Koliwada namely, fishing settlement areas, as identified in the Development Plan of 1981 or revenue relevant records of the Government of Maharashtra, shall be treated as CRZ- III area, as specified in para 8.v of the CRZ Notification, 2011.
3. The land use information such as fishermen communities, fishing jetties, ice plants, fish drying platforms, Koliwadass, cyclone shelters, other infrastructure facilities etc. shall be indicated in separate layer of CZMP as a micro-planning tool for local bodies.
4. Extent of CRZ limit of tidally influenced water bodies such as creeks, river, nallas etc. shall be restricted, considering the criteria of 5 ppt saline concentration. Measurement of saline concentration shall be carried out and authenticated by one of the MoEF authorized agency.
5. Demarcation of the CRZ IV area in sea, lagoon, backwater, creek, bay, estuary shall be done based on terminology used by Naval Hydrographic Office.
6. 50 m buffer zone shall be applicable to mangrove vegetation having cover more than 1000 Sqm. However, 50 m mangrove buffer zone shall not be applicable on landward side of DP road or existing authorized structures. Development of gardens, parks can be allowed in 50 m mangrove buffer zone, in order to protect the said 50 m mangrove buffer zone from encroachment and dumping of debris/ Municipal solid waste.
7. Approved CZMP under CRZ Notification, 2011 shall not be applicable to projects already permitted, as per the approved CZMP under CRZ Notification, 1991 and as per the provisions of the CRZ Notification, 2011 i.e. Application of the CZMP under CRZ Notification, 2011 shall be prospective from the date of approval of CZMP by competent Authority.
8. Hazards line demarcated by the Survey of India, once made available, shall be superimposed on the CZMP.
9. Shoreline change map prepared by the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai shall be adopted to regulate the

  
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developmental activities in CRZ areas, as per provisions of CRZ Notification, 2011.

10. In case of Revision of CZMP, concerned State or Union territory Coastal Zone Management Authority shall refer the matter to the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management who shall verify the CZMP based on latest satellite imagery and ground truthing. The rectified map shall be submitted to MoEF for its record.

The Director, IRS, Chennai further informed that Draft CZMPs of Raigad and Ratnagiri will soon be provided to MCZMA/ Environment as per the corrections suggested in the meeting regarding survey boundary as per revenue records, CRZ III area of rural areas and urban areas and conditions as stipulated above. The Authority decided that the said CZMPs will also be sent to MoEF, new Delhi with the approval of State Government.

**Item No. 2:** Draft CZMPs of Districts namely, Sindhudurg, Thane and Palghar.

The Authority noted that Prof Ramchandran, NCEE, Kerala has informed that draft CZMP of Sindhudurg would be provided to MCZMA/Environment Department within 10 days. Regarding, Thane & Palghar, work of verification of suggestions & Objections in underway by the NCESS. The Authority decided that if necessary, the MCZMA members may visit the NCESS, kerala to expedite the matter.

**Item No.3:** Income- Expenditure Statement of MCZMA of the year 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018

The Authority noted and took on record the Income- Expenditure Statement of MCZMA of the year 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018, as indicated in the Annexure A of the minutes. The Authority also decided to release

  
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remaining fees of IRS, Chennai and NCESS, Kerala as per the demand received from them for the complete works, immediately.

**Item No. 4:** Regarding the land bearing CTS No. 1, Survey no. 161 of Pahadi, Goregoan.


The Authority noted that in order to comply with the directions of the MoEF, New Delhi regarding destruction of mangroves, the State Government constituted a committee, to ascertain status of land and cutting of mangroves, if any, on the land under consideration. The APCCF, Mangrove Cell vide letter dated 8.3.2018 has submitted a report in the matter, which has been submitted to Government for further directions.

**Item no. 5:** Regarding CRZ clearance to foreshore activities:

The Authority deliberated the Hon'ble NGT, New Delhi order dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017 in Mehdad matter, wherein the Hon'ble NGT directed the States not to grant the Environment Clearance, since the CZMPs are not prepared. NGT, New Delhi directed states to submit the draft CZMPs to MoEF, New delhi by 31<sup>st</sup> April, 2018. The Authority discussed that the MCZMA is unable to hold meetings for consideration of proposals. Especially, projects of foreshore facilities such as jetties, road, bridges, ports, harbours are stuck due to NGT order. The Authority opined that such projects/ activities are independent of CZMP and whatever the status of CZMP, they would be sanction-able, as per the provisions of the CRZ Notification, 2011. The MCZMA opines that permission of such activities would not be debarred by embargo imposed by NGT, New Delhi and could be considered by the MCZMA. By way of ~~abandoned~~ <sup>abundant</sup> precaution, in order to confirm the stand taken by the MCZMA, it was decided to refer the matter to Law and Judiciary Department for appropriate guidance and opinion.

\*\*\*\* The meeting ended with vote of thanks \*\*\*\*

  
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Annexure I

List of Members present during the meeting:

- 1) Mr. S.S. Chavan, Deputy Chief Engineer (DPII), MCGM
- 2) Dr Mahesh Shindikar, Expert Member, MCZMA, CoEP, Pune.
- 3) Dr. B. N. Patil, Director , Environment & Member Secretary, MCZMA
- 4) Dr. Ramkrishanan, Director, IRS, Chennai, Special invitee.

  
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