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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Environment Department
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Date : 10.03.2023

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS Char Balidanga has two islands in the river Hooghly under Gobra Gram Panchayat of Kaliganj Development Block, Nadia district having tropical riverine vegetation admixed with tall grasses and trees and some swampy flat lands covered with algal mats periodically inundated with tidal ebbs, offering habitat for nearly 100 species of birds both migratory and resident, along with Golden Monitor Lizards — Schedule I Part A, IUCN-EN (*Varanus flavescens*), Smooth Coated Otter — Scheduled I Part A, IUCN-VU (*Lutrogale perspicillata*), Golden Jackel Schedule I Part A (*Canis aureus*), Bengal Fox — Scheduled I Part A (*Vulpes bengalensis*), Mongoose - Scheduled IV Appendix III (*Herpestes edwardsii*), Small Indian Civet — Schedule I Part A (*Viverricula indica*), Fishing Cat — Scheduled I Part A, IUCN-VU (*Prionailurus viverrinus*) and members of rodents, amphibians, snakes and lizards.

AND WHEREAS to strengthen the biodiversity conservation and to stem the habitat degradation in Char Balidanga, the State Government upon recommendation of the West Bengal Biodiversity Board has felt it necessary to declare the area as the Char Balidanga as Biodiversity Heritage Site.

AND WHEREAS the collection of species of plants, animals and microbes from the Char Balidanga requires to be regulated as per the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and West Bengal Biological Diversity Rules, 2005.

AND WHEREAS no-objection regarding declaration of Char Balidanga as Biodiversity Heritage Site has been issued by the office of the District Magistrate of Nadia District.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and sub-rule (2) of rule 20 of the West Bengal Biological Diversity Rules, 2005, the Governor is hereby pleased to declare Char Balidanga as Char Balidanga Biodiversity Heritage Site.

The details of the area and boundary of Char Balidanga Biodiversity Heritage Site is given below :-

CHAR BALIDANGA BIODIVERSITY HERITAGE SITE

The Area covered :

Mouza : Char Balidanga, **JL No.:** 097, **Land Class :** Poyosti, **Gram Panchayat :** Gobra, **Block :** Kaliganj, **Police Station :** Kaliganj, **District :** Nadia

Plot No :

Char Balidanga Island I : 51, 52, 53, 59, 58, 57, 56, 216, 217, 218, 151, 152, 219, 155, 156, 157, 166, 185, 186, 184, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 195, 196, 197, 165, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 223, 222, 220, 221, 272, 271, 270, 266, 55, 54, 274, 275, 273, 268, 177, 269

Char Balidanga Island II : 45, 46, 50, 279, 278, 277, 276, 289, 267, 262, 261, 260, 259, 258, 257, 255, 256, 227, 228, 229, 231, 232, 233, 182, 181, 183, 187, 194, 193, 251, 252, 253, 315, 314, 311, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 292, 300, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 291, 290, 288, 287, 280

Point GPS co-ordinates for individual islands :

Char Balidanga Island I : 23.614510°, 88.213070°

Char Balidanga Island II : 23.611840°, 88.217530°

Management of the BHS shall be done by a Char Balidanga Biodiversity Heritage Site Management Committee constituted by District Magistrate, Nadia involving Kaliganj Block Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC), Nadia District Level BMC, Department of Forests, Fisheries Department, Land and Land Reforms Department, Irrigation and Waterways Department, experts in the relevant field, other stakeholders, along with representatives from West Bengal Biodiversity Board, with overall supervision of the District Administration.

This notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in *The Kolkata Gazette*.

By Order of the Governor,

ROSHNI SEN

Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal