

NOTIFICATION

Forest and Environment Department,
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
Dated 29th January, 2025

ગુજરાત બાયોડાયવર્સિટી બોર્ડ,
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Biological
Diversity
Act, 2002

No. GVN/2025/01/VPS/102018/SF-13/W:- **WHEREAS** mangroves found within the areas of Guneri village, Tehsil Lakhpat of the Kutch District is a unique site in respect of the Biodiversity of the State, which have significant importance and requires immediate conservation;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Gujarat has decided to notify the said area as a Biodiversity Heritage Site;

AND WHEREAS the Guneri Juth Gram Panchayat has been consulted by the concerned Authority for the purpose of notifying the Inland Mangrove of Guneri as Biodiversity Heritage Site;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (18 of 2003) and Rule 13(C) of the Gujarat Biological Diversity Rules 2010, the Government of Gujarat, on recommendation of the Gujarat Biodiversity Board (GBB), hereby notifies "Inland Mangrove of Guneri" in the District of Kutch as a 'Biodiversity Heritage Site' (Hereinafter referred to as "the BHS area") of Gujarat, as shown in the Schedule appended hereto, subject to following condition, namely :-

Schedule

Sr. No	Site Characteristic	Details
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	Location	Village: Guneri Taluka: Lakhpat District: Kutch
2	Boundaries of Guneri BHS:-	
	GPS Co-ordinate's	Main Patch Latitude: 23°48'24.26"N Longitude: 68°48'31.75"E
	Distance from Great Runn of Kutch	1.75 Km
	Distance from Kori creek	4 Km
	Distance from Arabian sea	45 Km
	Distance from CRZ Boundary	1.25 Km



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	Distance from Nearest Protected Area (Narayan Sarovar Wildlife Sanctuary)	15.19 Km
3	Mangrove species	<i>Avicennia marina</i>
4	The total area covered	32.78 hectare.

- (1) Any change in land use of the area notified under the schedule shall be prohibited.
- (2) The collection of the Species of plants from the area shall be prohibited except with the approval of Gujarat Biodiversity Board and only for the purposes of :-
- Scientific Research;
 - Herbarium and Museum;
 - Propagation; and
 - Any other Scientific investigation.

Such that the collection will not destroy the structure and sanctity of the BHS area.

- (3) The Gujarat Biodiversity Board shall:-
- Undertake the Management Plan for Conservation of the natural flora and fauna of the BHS area;
 - Respect the Rights and Privileges of Local People shall be respected in the Management of the Sites;
 - Conduct capacity Building Programme(s) for front line staff of Forest Department, local forest dwellers and Tribals to conserve Biodiversity;
 - Propagate Species for in-situ and ex-situ conservation and rehabilitation; and
 - Provide full participation of local people in the Management of this site.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,




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Joint Secretary to Government.

To,

- The ACS to Hon. Chief Minister, Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
- The P.S. to Hon. Minister (Forest & Environment), Gandhinagar.
- The P.S. to Hon. Minister of State (Forest & Environment), Gandhinagar.
- The Additional Secretary to Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.

5. The Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change (MoEF&CC), Government of India, CGO Complex, Paryavaran Bhavan, New Delhi
6. The P.S. to Principal Secretary, Forest and Environment Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
7. The Member Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, 475, 901 South Cross Street Kapaleeswar Nagar, Neelankari, Chennai.
8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HOFF, Aranya Bhavan, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar.
9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Aranya Bhavan, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar.
10. The Chairman, Gujarat Biodiversity Board, Gandhinagar.
11. Director, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar
12. The Director (Environment), Forest & Environment Departments, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
13. Member Secretary, Gujarat Biodiversity Board, Gandhinagar.
14. Collector, Kutch.
15. The Manager, Government Central Press, Gandhinagar.

With a request to publish the Notification in Gujarat Government Gazette and send 50 copies to this Department and 200 copies to the Chairman, Gujarat Biodiversity Board, Aranya Bhavan, Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar.

16. The System Manager, Forest & Environment Department, Sachivalaya uploading the document on IWDMS.
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