BRIEF DOCUMENT OF KALLAYI

State / Union Territory : Kerala

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Section 1: Identification, Location and Jurisdiction

- **1.1** Name of the Wetland (Alternative names, including in local language should be given in parenthesis after official name) : **Kallayi**
- **1.2** Name of the Village(s), Tehsil(s), Municipal area (s):

Villages : Kasaba
Taluks : Kozhikode
Corporation : Kozhikode

- **1.3** District(s) in which wetland complex is located: Kozhikode
- **1.4** Geographical coordinates (Latitude and Longitude, to degree, minutes and second)

: Latitude: From 11°13'36.818" to 11°14'21.714" N : Longitude: From 75°46'45.063" to 75°47'49.472" E

1.5 Name of the Department / Agency which has jurisdiction over the wetland / wetlands complex :

Local Self Governments, Irrigation Department, State Wetland Authority Kerala and the Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority (in CRZ Area)

Section 2: Site Characteristics

- **2.1** Area of wetland / wetlands category (ha) : 33.31
- **2.2** Wetland type (Please tick appropriate categories and sub-categories):

Category	Subcategory			
□Natural (Inland)	☐ Permanent lakes			
	☐ Seasonal/ intermittent lakes			
	□Permanent streams/ creeks			
	☐ Seasonal/ intermittent streams/ creeks			
	□ Oxbow			
	☐ River floodplain			
	☐ Permanent freshwater marshes			
	☐ Seasonal/ intermittent freshwater marshes			
	☐ Shrub-dominated wetlands			
	☐ Tree-dominated wetlands			
	☐ Geothermal wetlands			
	☐ Karst and other subterranean hydrological systems			
✓ Natural	☐ Coastal lagoon			
(Coastal)	Estuary			
	✓ Intertidal mud, sand or salt flats			
	✓ Mangroves			
	☐ Coral reefs			
☐Human-made	☐ Aquaculture pond			
	□ Tank			
	□ Saltpan			
	□ Dam / Reservoir			

2.3 Depth (m) : No data available

2.4 Elevation (m above mean sea level) : 0 to 120m (Including Zone of Influence)

2.5 Water regimes

a) Main source of water (tick all applicable)

	inflow from river Others, ple	case specify	Direct / indirect
b)	Water permanence		
	✓ Mostly permanent ☐ Mostly int	ermittent	
c)	Destination of water from wetland		
	☐Feeds groundwater ☐To downstr	ream catchment To river	To sea
d)	Water pH		
	☐ Acidic (< 5.5)	eutral (5.5 – 7.4) ☐ Alkaline (>	7.4)
e)	Water salinity		
	□Fresh (< 0.5 g/l) ■Brackish (□Hypersaline (>40g/l))- 40 g/l)
f)	Nutrient in water		
	□Eutrophic	Oligotrophic	□Not known
2.6 Cl	imatic setting:		
	a) Annual Rainfall (mm)b) Temperature (°C)c) Humidity (%)	: 3130 : Minimum 23.3°C, Maximum : Minimum 67 %, Maximum	
2.7 Ar	ea of zone of influence (in ha)	: 8703.91ha	
2.8 Ma	ajor land use within zone of influence	e (provide as approximate % of	catchment area)
	Forests	: 1.18	
	Plantation	: 0.00	
	Agriculture	: 9.84	

Settlements (Rural) and (Urban) : 87.52

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Water body : 1.20

Industrial : 0.27

2.9 Map of wetland complex and zone of influence

Section 3: Biodiversity

3.1 Notable plant species present in wetland:

Mangroves: Aegiceras corniculatum, Avicennia marina, A. officinalis, Bruguiera cylindrica, Excoecaria agallocha, Kandelia candel, Rhizophora apiculata, R. mucronata, Sonneratia alba and Sonneratia caseolaris

Grasses: Dimeria hohenackeri, Limnopoa meeboldii

Marshy Plants: Lindernia manilaliana

Aquatic macrophytes: Nymphoides sivarajanii

3.2 Notable animal species present in wetland:

Fishes: Carinotetraodon travancoricus, Monopterus digressus

Birds: Sypheotides indicus, Phoenicopterus roseus, Botaurus stellaris, Ixobrychus sinensis, Ixobrychus cinnamomeus, Ixobrychus flavicollis, Gorsachius melanolophus, Nycticorax nycticorax, Butorides striata, Ardeola grayii, Bubulcus ibis, Ciconia nigra, Ciconia episcopus, Ciconia ciconia, Ardea cinerea, Ardea purpurea, Ardea alba, Ardea intermedia, Egretta garzetta, Egretta gularis, Threskiornis melanocephalus, Platalea leucorodia, Pseudibis papillosa, Plegadis falcinellus, Phalacrocorax fuscicollis.

3.3 Species of conservation significance (rare, endangered, threatened, endemic species)

Plants: Dimeria hohenackeri, Limnopoa meeboldii, Lindernia manilaliana (EN); Nymphoides sivarajanii (CR).

Animals: Sypheotides indicus (CR), Threskiornis melanocephalus, Ciconia episcopus (NT), Carinotetraodon travancoricus (VU),

3.4	Major plant invasive alien species						
	Ageratum	conyzoides,	Alternanthera	philoxeroides			
3.5	Major animal inv	vasive alien species					
	No data available	2					

Section 4: Ecosystem services

Importance	Relevant site (plea or no)	t for the ase tick yes	If Yes, Details (up to 50 words for each category)
Source of drinking water for people living and around	□Yes	✓ No	-
Source of water for agriculture	☐ Yes	✓ No	-
Fisheries	✓ Yes	□ No	Not assessed quantitatively
Cultivation of aquatic food plants	☐ Yes	✓ No	-
For buffalo wallowing and use of domesticated animals	✓ Yes	□No	Not assessed quantitatively
Medicinal plants	✓ Yes	□No	Not assessed quantitatively
Is a recreational site/tourism	Yes	□No	Kallayi Iron Bridge built by the British is a perfect spot to witness a breathtaking sunset. Other recreational activities are also taking place there like angling, boating etc.
Buffering communities from extreme events as floods and storms	Yes	□No	Not assessed quantitatively
Groundwater recharge	✓Yes	□No	Not assessed quantitatively
Water purification	✓ Yes	□No	Not assessed quantitatively
Acts as a sink for sediments	Yes	□No	Not assessed quantitatively

Importance	Relevant for the site (please tick year no)	If Yes, Details (up to 50 words for each category)
Has significant cultural and religious values	¥Yes □No	Kallai had a glorious past of trade and prosperity. It has an archaic charm and was a busy timber trade centre during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
Supports noteworthy plants species	✓ Yes □No	Supports noteworthy plants as mentioned in section 3.1
Supports noteworthy animal species	✓ Yes □No	Supports noteworthy animal species as mentioned in section 3.2
Site of high congregation of migratory water birds	¥Yes □No	Bird watchers have spotted a rare migratory bird called Lesser Florican. Also the wetland is a site of high congregation of various other migratory birds.
Supports life cycle of fish or amphibians	✓ Yes □No	Supports life cycle of estuarine, river fish and molluscs
Mining	□Yes □No	No data available
Any other, please list		

Section 5: Pre-Existing Rights and Privileges

Nature of right and	Relevant for	Does this negatively	Brief description (up to
privilege	the site	impact the	50 words for each
	(please tick	wetland's	category)
	yes or no)	ecological health?	
Community Fishing (without	Yes	□Yes ✓ No	The local people engaged
any lease or permission from	□No	□Not assessed	in, the harvest or
government department)			processing of fishery
			resources to meet their
			dietary needs
Fishing under lease from	□Yes	□Yes □No	-
government department	No	□Not assessed	

Nature of right and privilege	Relevant for the site (please tick	Does this negatively impact the wetland's	Brief description (up to 50 words for each category)
	yes or no)	ecological health?	
Harvest of plants (without	□Yes ✓	□Yes □No	-
any lease or permission from government department)	No	□Not assessed	
Harvest of plants under lease	□Yes ✓	□Yes □No	-
from government department	No	□Not assessed	
Agriculture or horticulture	□Yes ✓	□Yes □No	-
within wetland	No	□Not assessed	
Grazing	□Yes	□Yes □No	-
	No	□Not assessed	
Religious practices	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	Not assessed
		☐ Not assessed	
Withdrawal of water for	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	-
domestic use		□Not assessed	
Withdrawal of water for	□Yes	□Yes □No	-
agriculture or fisheries	No	□Not assessed	
Bathing or wallowing of	✓ Yes	□Yes No	Not quantitatively
domestic animals	□No	□Not assessed	assessed
Plying of boats	Yes	□Yes ✓ No	Fishing boats are used
	□No	□Not assessed	here for the livelihood
			of the fishing
			community. Boats for
			local commuting are also seen here.
Any other, please list here	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	
		□Not assessed	

Section 6: Present and Potential Threats

Threat	Degree	Present or	Additional information, if
		Potential	any
Pollution	□High ✓ Medium □Low	✓ Present ☐Potential	Pressures from urban settlements and other industrial activities cause pollution in the wetland. The area is seen with sewage inflows, industrial effluents & solid waste. But not assessed quantitatively.
Mining	☐High ☐Medium ☐Low	□Present □Potential	Not assessed quantitatively
Siltation	☐High ✓Medium ☐Low	✓ Present ☐Potential	The accumulation of silt and the poor flow of water is reported in few selected locations
Encroachment	□High □Medium □Low	✓ Present ☐Potential	The revenue department conducted surveys and found encroachment in the area including Kallayi river region.
Spread of invasive species	☐High ☐Medium ☐Low	□ Present □ Potential	No data available
Degradation of Mangrove ecosystem	□High ✓ Medium □Low	✓ Present ☐Potential	The timber deposition from saw mills seriously affects mangroves there.
Unsustainable harvest of biological resources	□High □Medium ✓Low	□Present ✓ Potential	It may be a potential threat due to over harvesting of the fishery resources

Section 7: Activities Proposed to be prohibited [other than those listed in Rule 4(2) of Wetlands Rules]

Activity	Prohibited within wetlands or zone of influence	Details of specific area wherein activity is prohibited	Name of department / agency responsible for regulation	Additional information, if any
Further fragmentation of	Wetland	Within the	Wetland	More fragmentation of
the estuary	/ Wetlands	wetland	Management	the wetland will affect
	complex		Unit, SWAK,	the whole ecosystem.
	boundary		KCZMA in	
	☐ Zone of		CRZ area	
	influence			
Any other, please list		☐ Wetland /		
		Wetlands		
		complex		
		boundary		
		☐ Zone of		
		influence		

Section 8: Activities Proposed to be regulated

Activity	Place a tick mark if relevan t	Regulation within wetlands or zone of influence	Level of regulation (in terms of people, restricted area or any other)	Name of department/ agency responsible for regulation	Additional information, if any
Silt/sediment removal	✓	✓ Wetland / Wetlands complex boundary ☐ Zone of influence	Regulated within the wetland boundary	Wetland Management Unit, SWAK, Revenue Department, KCZMA in CRZ area	Large scale removal need to get prior permission from the Wetland Management Unit/SWAK, KCZMA in CRZ area
Hydrological interventions such as diversion, impoundment	✓	Wetland / Wetlands complex boundary	Within the wetland	Wetland Management Unit, SWAK, Irrigation Department	Need to get prior permission from the Wetland Management

Activity	Place a tick mark if relevan t	Regulation within wetlands or zone of influence	Level of regulation (in terms of people, restricted area or any other)	Name of department/ agency responsible for regulation	Additional information, if any
		☐ Zone of influence		and KCZMA in CRZ area	Unit/SWAK, KCZMA in CRZ area
Discharge of treated effluents/wastewater	✓	Wetland / Wetlands complex boundary Zone of influence	Regulated within the wetland boundary	Wetland Management Unit, SWAK, PCB, KCZMA in CRZ area.	Need to take prior permission from the Wetland Management Unit/SWAK, KCZMA in CRZ area
Any other, please list		☐ Wetland / Wetlands complex boundary ☐ Zone of influence			

Section 9: Activities Proposed to be permitted

Activity	Place a tick mark if relevan t	Within wetlands or zone of influence	Additional information, if any
Sustenance based capture fisheries	✓	Wetland / Wetlands complex boundary Zone of influence	Local inhabitants are permitted to do capture fisheries for their dietary needs and daily sustenance

Section 10: Listing of Available Scientific Resources Used

- 1. Alex, R, 2015. Seasonal changes in water quality, biodiversity and distribution of phytoplankton in Chaliyar and Kallai rivers of Kozhikode, Kerala.
- 2. Bhat, S. G., & Sreekanth, P. M, 2018. Riverine biodiversity monitoring with reference to true mangroves in comparison with pre flood data. Final Report to Kerala State Biodiversity Board.
- 3. Kerala State Biodiversity Board, 2018. Final Report Riverine Biodiversity Monitoring with Reference to True Mangroves in Comparison with Pre Flood Data Impact of Floods/Landslides on Biodiversity of Kerala.
- 4. Pillai, N. G., & Harilal, C. C, 2018. Inventory on the diversity and distribution of mangroves from the coastal ecosystems of Kerala State, India. International Journal of Recent Scientific Research, 9(2), 24002-24007.

CHECKLIST

Responsible agency has been clearly identified and details of contact person included

Wetland/ wetlands complex boundary has been delineated using GIS and firmed up by adequate ground truthing

Wetland/ wetlands complex map has been provided at required scale

Zone of influence has been delineated and included in wetland map or a separate map

Wetland zone of influence is sufficient to manage all activities

Site's importance have been listed, and for major categories, justification is provided

Site's biodiversity values are listed, and for major categories, justification is provided

List of pre-existing rights and privileges is provided

Consistency or inconsistency of pre-existing rights and privileges is indicated to be best of available knowledge

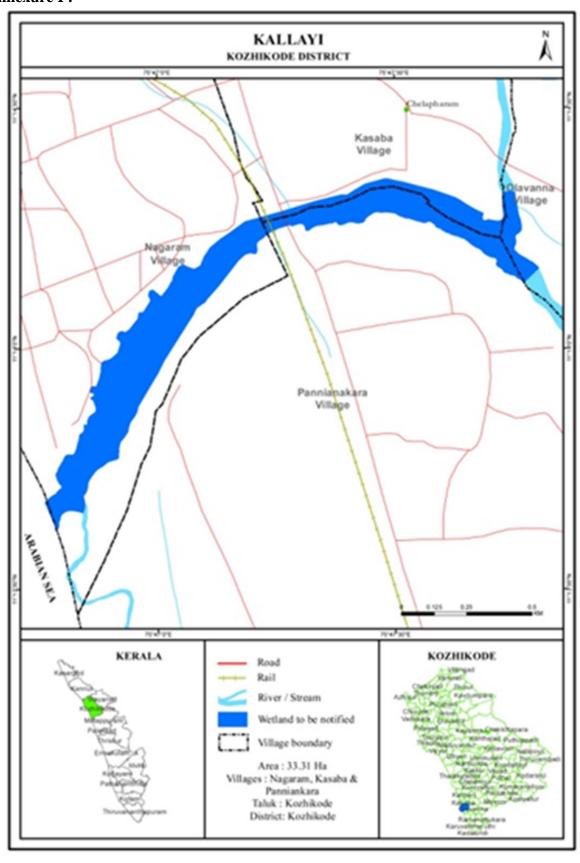
Threats to site are listed, and for major categories details are provided

Activities prohibited, beyond those already listed in Rule 4(2) have been mentioned

List of activities to be regulated within wetlands and zone of influence is provided

List of activities to be permitted is provided

Annexure I:



Annexure II:

