

ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.WLIOI/R/E/21/00035**Applicant Name** M D Gupta**Text of Application**

Sub: Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction for project of Assessment of ecological status of the select 6 Indian rivers under National River Conservation Plan by Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun at an estimated cost of Rs. 24,56,25,094.00. Kindly provide the following information regarding above subject under RTI Act 2005 : 1. Certified photocopy of office order No. File No. J-24037/1/2019-NRCD-II, dated 11th September 2020 issued to Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun by Government of India, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, National River Conservation Directorate, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi along with Annexure -I (Break-up of cost of the project proposal) containing 13 pages in all.

Reply of Application

kindly see the attached cover letter and Annexure

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	11/04/2021	Nodal Officer	
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO	12/04/2021	Nodal Officer	Forwarded to CPIO(s) : (1) P.K.Aggarwal
3	REQUEST UNDER PROCESS	11/05/2021	P.K.Aggarwal-(CPIO)	
4	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	16/06/2021	P.K.Aggarwal-(CPIO)	

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No. WII/RTI/CPIO/2021-22 (Qtr-I)/09

Date: 16th June, 2021

To,

Shri M.D. Gupta
8/11, Kaulagarh Road
Anand Vihar, Dehradun

Sub.: Information under RTI Act, 2005-reg.

Ref.: Your Online RTI No. WLIOI/R/E/21/00035 dated 11/04/2021

Dear Sir,

With reference to your RTI application cited above under RTI Act, 2005 and the requested information sought by you is attached herewith as **Annexure-I**.

In case, you are not satisfied with the information provided above, you may file an appeal to the First Appellate Authority indicated below within thirty days from the date of receipt of this letter.

Director, WII
FAA & Director
Address: Wildlife Institute of India, Chandrabani, Dehradun
Phone No.: 01352640910

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


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Encl.: as above.

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File No. J-24037/1/2019-NRCD-II
Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
National River Conservation Directorate

Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

To

Dated: 11th September, 2020

The Pay and Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Jal Shakti,
D/o WR, RD and GR,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110 001.

Subject: Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) for project of **"Assessment of ecological status of the select 6 Indian rivers** (namely Cauvery, Godavari, Periyar, Mahanadi, Narmada & Barak River)" under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) by Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun at an estimated cost of Rs.24,56,25,094/- (Twenty four crore fifty six lakh twenty five thousand and ninety four only).

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President to the grant of Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) for project of **"Assessment of ecological status of the select 6 Indian rivers** (namely Cauvery, Godavari, Periyar, Mahanadi, Narmada & Barak River)" under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) by Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun at an estimated cost of Rs. 24,56,25,094/- (Twenty four crore fifty six lakh twenty five thousand and ninety four only). The project cost shall be fully borne by Government of India. Break-up of sanctioned cost is at Annexure -I.

- The project should be completed within 30 months from the date of sanction (i.e. 31st March 2023).
- Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction for the project is granted subject to the following conditions.

1) General Conditions:

- Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, will work as an Executing Agency (EA) for implementing the project and shall be responsible for effective implementation of the programme.
- The central government will share 100 percent cost of the project.
- WII need to report the progress of implementation (both physical and financial progress including fund utilization certificate) on regular basis.
- The reporting arrangement shall be based on annual report, i.e. one report in a year and a final report at the end of the project.
- Progress implementation of the project shall be closely monitored by NMCG so as to ensure that the project is completed within the stipulated period of time.

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- vi. Any cost escalation /time overrun will be the responsibility of WII.
 - vii. WII need to follow all the observation of NRCD, and Third Party Inspection (TPI) agency, if any being during the project implementation.
 - viii. All components of the project shall be completed within specified time limits and the resources and outputs and outcomes are to be ensured as envisaged in the approved project completion report that shall be submitted to NRCD on completion of the project.
 - ix. Any additional component relevant for project or any component which requires modification or deletion, may be added or modified or deleted as the case may be, only with the prior approval of the competent authority. Any intra or inter-component variation without increase in overall project cost can be approved at the level of PD, NRCD.
 - x. Staffs that may be employed for preparation, execution or operation of the programme by WII are not to be treated as employees of the NRCD. The deployment of such staff at the time of completion or termination of the project will not be the concern or responsibility of the NRCD.
 - xi. WII shall ensure that all provisions of the RTI Act 2005 are adhered to as far as information pertaining to the project is concerned.
 - xii. WII shall ensure conformity to GFRs/codal procedures/CVC guideline during the execution of the proposed work.
 - xiii. As and when required, WII may engage other government and non-government agencies working on proposed objectives. Identified and involve such organization at the early stage of the project.
 - xiv. WII may publish the ecological information after the preliminary assessment, prepare biodiversity profile for these identified rivers, and later identify the ways to upscale the conservation efforts.
 - xv. The EA may depute experienced personnel to NRCD office for effective coordination and implementation of the project activities.
 - xvi. All the equipment's/data generated out of the study would be property of Govt. of India and decision as to its storage/ownership and disposal would be undertaken with the approval of competent authority on completion of study.

2) The release of funds is subject to the following terms and conditions:-

2.1 Annual Plan and Procurement Plan:

- i. The Annual Plan and yearly Procurement Plan (if any) shall be governed by Government of India rules.
- ii. WII shall furnish to NRCD annually a report of its work within three months from the closing of the respective financial years.

2.2 Financial Aspects:

- i. WII is an autonomous institute of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India. It receives Grant-in-Aid from MoEF&CC Therefore; the Funds shall be made available to WII as per the format "Grant-in-Aid" of Government of India.

The fund releases by the NRCD shall be remitted by Electronic transfer. The following details may be kept updated from time to time enable electronic remittance:-

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- a) Bank account details of EA, both in figures and words, to NRCD.
- b) MICR Code and IFSC Code of the Bank Branch (es).
- ii. Any cost escalation over and above the sanctioned cost shall be borne by WII.
- iii. WII to take all the necessary legal and executive measures to ensure adequate resources available for operation and maintenance of the assets created under the project to fulfil its mandate.
- iv. The funds released for the project should be operated through a separate bank account. For any diversion of funds, the signatory of the bank account shall be held responsible.
- v. The NRCD / Government of India reserves the right to withdraw the sanction at any stage if it is convinced that the fund has not been properly utilized or appropriate progress is not being made.
- vi. Executing Agency (EA) is not permitted to seek or utilize funds for the same purpose from any other organization (Government, semi-Government, autonomous or private) without prior approval of the competent authority.
- vii. The sanctioned cost of the project will be borne under the Demand No. 61 of the Ministry of Jal Shakti Object Head 3435.04.101.06.02.31 Grants-in-aid, NRCP "General" National River Conservation Plan for the financial year 2020-2021 (Plan). The sanctioned amount should be spent exclusively thereon as per the scope of the project and within the stipulated time. For carrying forward any work(s) /activities beyond the specified time limit prior approval of the NRCD should be obtained.
- viii. It is the responsibility of the WII to ensure that the assets are exclusively used for the purpose for which grant is sanctioned and to maintain the assets and their records properly.
- ix. All the assets acquired/created out of the grants shall not be disposed of, encumbered, or utilized for any purpose other than that for which sanctioned without prior approval of the Government.

2.3 Audit:

- i. The Comptroller & Auditor General of India (the External Auditor) at his discretion shall have the right of access to the project related books and accounts of WII for the purpose of Audit.
- ii. The books of accounts of the grantee, relating to this grant, shall be open to Audit by the Internal Audit Wing of this Ministry.

2.4 Submission of Annual Physical Progress Report (APPR):

- i. The Annual Physical Progress Reports (APPRs) shall be submitted by the First week of April regularly by the EA to NRCD.
- ii. The APPRs in standard format, to be developed by the EA in consultation with NRCD, shall be signed by at least two designated officers of the EA, one of whom will be Chief Project Coordinator/Team Leader, WII.
- iii. The signing officers will indicate her/his name and designation in full in capital letters and affix official seal under the signature. While MPPR submitted by fax will be acceptable for commencement of processing the case, ink-signed MPPR must follow by Post.

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- iv. Consistency between physical progress and expenditure shall be maintained and reasons for substantial variations.

2.5 Submission of 'Accounting and Financial Reports (AFR)' by the EA:

- i. The 'Accounting and Financial Report (AFR)' in standard format, to be developed by the EA in consultation with NRCD, shall be signed and stamped by the Head of the Accounts Department and Head of the Organization. The AFR need to be submitted in the first week of every six months to NRCD.
- ii. The name and designation of the officers signing the AFR shall be clearly mentioned in full and in capital letters. While AFR submitted by fax will be acceptable for commencement of processing the case, ink -signed AFR must follow by Post.
- iii. WII has to submit the Utilization Certificates (UC) as per the specified format provided in the GFR Annually.

2.6 Inspection and Monitoring:

- i. The Government of India may depute any person to visit the executing agency for the purpose of monitoring of its work. Full facilities will be provided by the executing agency to the person deputed for inspection.
 - ii. The implementing agency shall maintain separate audited accounts for the project. If it is found expedient to keep a part or the whole amount in a bank account, the interest thus earned has to be reported as a credit to the grantee adjustable towards further installment of grant.
 - iii. Project Director, NRCD will monitor the overall progress of the project periodically preferably quarterly by setting up of a monitoring committee. Committee may co-opt additional member if required. The proposed constituents of the monitoring committee is as follows:
 - a. Project Director, NRCD (Chairperson)
 - b. Advisor, NRCD (Member)
 - c. Joint Director, NRCD (Member)
 - d. Director, WII (Member Secretary)
 - e. Representative from NMCG (ED Level)
4. The period of completion of the proposal of "**Assessment of ecological status of the select 6 Indian rivers** (namely Cauvery, Godavari, Periyar, Mahanadi, Narmada & Barak River)" will be for two years six months. The detail time line and are as mentioned in **Annexure-II**.
5. The NRCD/ Government of India reserves the right to withdraw the sanction at any stage, if it is convinced that the fund has not been properly utilized or appropriate progress is not being made.
6. In case of violation of any of the conditions of the grant or in case of closure or dissolution of the grantee organization, the Central Government shall take possession of all the assets of the organization acquired out of the Government grants and use them in any manner deemed appropriate or to recover from the organization the value of such assets at its discretion.
7. The project details are as follows:

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This proposal aims to strengthen the aquatic biodiversity conservation measures at six identified Rivers. This study is to spearhead river conservation in identified Indian rivers for biodiversity conservation.

Objective of the proposal:

- a) Prepare biodiversity profile of the identified rivers to derive the current status.
- b) Identify direct and indirect drivers affecting the integrity of these rivers.
- c) Assess the extent of morphological alteration of these rivers which disrupt the natural hydrologic regime and connectivity.
- d) Derive the current trend in genetic variability and gene flow of identified species which might have been disrupted due to fragmentation of the longitudinal connectivity of the rivers.
- e) Assess the concentration of key pollutants such as micro- and macro-plastics, heavy metals and endocrine disruptive substances (EDSs) in identified rivers and bioaccumulation in species of conservation concern.
- f) Pinpoint the problematic areas and identification of conservation priority zones at identified rivers.
- g) Prepare a conservation action plan to minimize the negative impact of the direct and indirect drivers on river ecosystem processes.
- h) Establishment of a Functional Centre for river conservation at Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun for assisting National River Conservation Directorate, Ministry of Jal Shakti in planning river conservation and information dissemination.

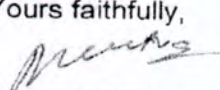
DELIVERABLES

- a) Consolidated study report on biodiversity status of the identified Indian rivers.
 - b) Quantified information on drivers of change of aquatic environment and their scale of operation identified.
 - c) A risk assessment framework that would aid in selection of management option.
 - d) Database on biodiversity and habitat condition in spatial framework.
 - e) Publications as popular and research articles.
 - f) Conservation priority zones identified to assist in conservation action planning.
 - g) Site-specific action plans.
8. The expenditure is debitable to Demand No. 61 of the Ministry of Jal Shakti Object Head 3435.04.101.06.02.31 Grants-in-aid, NRCP "General" National River Conservation Plan for the financial year 2020-2021 (Plan).
9. This issues under the powers delegated to the Ministry of Jal Shakti and with the approval of Minister for Jal Shakti as well as with the concurrence of IFD vide their N/52/AS&FA dated 14/08/2020.

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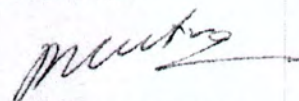

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Yours faithfully,


(Pramod Kumar Patra)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Copy to:

1. Drawing & Disbursing Officer, NRCD – 2 copies
2. Director, Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Post Box No. 18, Chandrabani, Dehradun -248001, Uttarakhand.
3. Director (Environmental Audit), O/o Principal Director of Audit (SD), AGCR Building, 3rd Floor, New Delhi-110 002.
4. PS to Secretary, MoJS, Government of India
5. PPS to PD(NRCD)/Adv(BBB)/ JD(SM)/US(IF)/Sanction Folder/Guard file/ Computer Cell-MIS, NRCD.



(Pramod Kumar Patra)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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Annexure-I

Break-up of cost of the project proposal of "Assessment of ecological status of the select 6 Indian rivers (namely Cauvery, Godavari, Periyar, Mahanadi, Narmada & Barak River)" under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP).

Each component of the project is for two years six months duration. The overall financial outlay for the three approved components is **Rs. 245625094/-** as per the details given below.

Year wise consolidated Budget (Rs.)

Budget Heads	Manpower	Equipment	Creation of Centralized facilities	Operational	Travel	Office management costs	Contingency	Institutional charge (@ 10%)	GRAND TOTAL
Year 1	38788000	49920000	18000000	8500000	2000000	1000000	2000000	12020800	132228800
Year 2	42646800	6580000	7000000	8500000	3000000	1000000	2000000	7072680	77799480
Year 3 (6 months)	26570740	990000	0	2800000	1000000	500000	500000	3236074	35596814
Total	108005540	57490000	25000000	19800000	6000000	2500000	4500000	22329554	245625094

Total consolidated budget outlay (Rs.)- Component wise

BUDGET HEADS	RATE	UNIT	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3 (6 months)	TOTAL
MANPOWER						
Project Scientist	56000	3	2016000	2217600	1219680	5453280
Project Associate	42000	7	3528000	3880800	2134440	9543240
Project Fellow (Aquatic Ecology)	32000	6	2304000	2534400	1393920	6232320
Project Fellow (Conservation Genetics)	32000	6	2304000	2534400	1393920	6232320
Project Fellow (Ecotoxicology)	32000	6	2304000	2534400	1393920	6232320
Project Fellow (Aquatic Botanist)	32000	6	2304000	2534400	1393920	6232320
Project Fellow (Fish)	32000	6	2304000	2534400	1393920	6232320
Project Fellow (Birds)	32000	6	2304000	2534400	1393920	6232320
Project Fellow (Mammals)	32000	6	2304000	2534400	1393920	6232320
Project Fellow (Spatial Analyst)	32000	2	768000	844800	464640	2077440
Project Assistant	20000	18	4320000	4752000	2613600	11685600
Field Assistant	10000	18	2160000	2376000	1306800	5842800

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT						
Project Incharge/ Consultant	125000	1	1500000	1650000	907500	4057500
Project Manager	100000	1	1200000	1320000	726000	3246000
Database Operator	32000	1	384000	422400	232320	1038720
Graphic Designer	32000	1	384000	422400	232320	1038720
Office Assistant	15000	2	360000	396000	217800	973800
Store Keeper	30000	1	360000	396000	217800	973800
Account Officer	40000	1	480000	528000	290400	1298400
Hiring of additional labours	LS		200000	200000	200000	600000
Allowances (Insurance, medical and others)	LS	-	5000000	5500000	6050000	16550000
TOTAL MANPOWER			40588000	44626800	27659740	108005540
EQUIPMENT						
ADCP with accessories	3000000	6	18000000	0	0	18000000
DSLR Camera	100000	12	1200000	0	0	1200000
Camera lenses	50000	12	600000	0	0	600000
Depth recorder	30000	8	240000	0	0	240000
Binoculars	20000	20	400000	0	0	400000
GPS	20000	30	600000	0	0	600000
Water testing kits and accessories	700000	6	4200000	0	0	4200000
Range finders	20000	30	600000	0	0	600000
Field gears	LS	-	2000000	1000000	0	3000000
Database management systems	100000	20	2000000	0	0	2000000
Database management work stations	600000	2	1200000	0	0	1200000
Spatial database (digital data, digitisation)	LS	-	1000000	1000000	0	2000000
Software & applications	LS	-	1000000	1000000	0	2000000
Lab equipments (Analytical)	LS	-	10000000	2000000	0	12000000
Laboratory consumables (Reagents and primers)	LS	-	2500000	1000000	500000	4000000
Inflatable Boats and maintenance	400000	6	2400000	200000	200000	2800000
Outboard engines for boats and maintenance	300000	6	1800000	200000	200000	2200000

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Survey vessel @ 3000 per day	3000 per day	60	180000	180000	90000	450000
TOTAL EQUIPMENT			49920000	6580000	990000	57490000
CREATION OF CENTRALIZED FACILITIES – RIVER CONSERVATION CENTRE						
i. Establishment and maintenance of analytical lab	LS	-	8000000	2000000	0	10000000
ii. Establishment and maintenance of GIS infrastructure	LS	-	4000000	2000000	0	6000000
iii. Establishment and maintenance of Centralized database	LS	-	2000000	1000000	0	3000000
iv. Establishment and maintenance of Centralized resource repository	LS	-	2000000	1000000	0	3000000
v. Establishment and maintenance of Centralized training facilities	LS	-	2000000	1000000	0	3000000
TOTAL FOR CENTRALIZED FACILITY			18000000	7000000	0	25000000
OPERATIONAL						
Publications (digital and print)	LS	-	500000	500000	200000	1200000
Photographic and videographic documentation	LS	-	500000	1000000	200000	1700000
Population/habitat surveys (Hiring of vehicle, boat, POL, fooding & lodging, hiring of boat man, field labours)	LS	-	5000000	5000000	1000000	11000000
Site-level meetings with stakeholders (Hiring of venue, refreshments, fooding & lodging, workshop material, local travel)	LS	-	500000	1000000	200000	1700000
Exposure visit and conferences for information dissemination	LS	-	1000000	1000000	1000000	3000000

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Survey vessel (country boats) POL and maintenance	LS	-	500000	500000	200000	1200000
TOTAL OPERATIONAL		-	8500000	8500000	2800000	19800000
Travel & accommodation of Pls to field stations, survey sites, base camps, and venues of meetings and workshops	LS	-	1000000	2000000	500000	3500000
Travel and accommodation of project personnel	LS	-	1000000	1000000	500000	2500000
TOTAL TRAVEL		-	2000000	3000000	1000000	6000000
Office management costs such as electricity, communication etc.	LS	-	1000000	1000000	500000	2500000
CONTINGENCIES			2000000	2000000	500000	4500000
TOTAL			120208000	70726800	32360740	223295540
Institutional charge (@ 10%)			12020800	7072680	3236074	22329554
GRAND TOTAL			132228800	77799480	35596814	245625094

TIME LINE AND OUTCOMES OF ACTIVITIES

Annexure-II

Timeline of activities

No.	Activities	Project Phase (Half yearly)				
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
1.	Appointment of project personnel	■				
2.	Establishment of Centralized Laboratory – River Conservation Centre	■	■			
3.	Procurement of equipment and field gears	■	■			
4.	Procurement of maps and GIS layers and satellite images	■	■			
5.	Literature review, baseline survey	■	■	■		
6.	Ecological assessment to determine the biodiversity profile, status of species of conservation concern and their habitat in identified Indian rivers	■	■	■	■	
7.	Ecotoxicological and genetic assessment	■	■	■	■	■

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No.	Activities	Project Phase (Half yearly)				
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
8.	Database on aquatic biodiversity and habitat conditions					
9.	Publications in print on subject matters					
10.	Identification of conservation priority zones					
11.	Development of conservation strategy and site-specific action plan					
12.	Coordination meetings with managers, planners and policy makers					
13.	Functional Centre for river conservation in the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun					

Log frame:

TASK	ACTIVITIES	MEASURABLE INDICATORS	MEANS OF VERIFICATION	IMPORTANT ASSUMPTIONS IF ANY
Objective 1: Prepare biodiversity profile of identified Indian rivers.	1. Review of literature (First year onwards). 2. Regular strategic survey for current state of aquatic environment and biodiversity in identified rivers (First year onwards).	1. Status of key aquatic fauna in the identified rivers. 2. Geo-spatial distribution of aquatic species of conservation significance in identified rivers.	1. Number of ecological surveys. 2. Publications of brochures, booklets, resource materials. 3. Status and distribution of species of conservation significance in GIS domain.	1. Adequate funds are made available on time. 2. Necessary approval obtained from concerned agencies.
Objective 2: Identify direct and indirect drivers affecting the integrity of these rivers.	1. Identification of activities in the basin affecting ecological integrity of the identified rivers through ecological surveys (First year onwards).	1. Drivers of change of aquatic environment and their scale of operation identified.	1. Drivers and their relationship with the aquatic biodiversity derived.	1. Adequate funds are made available on time.
Objective 3: Assess the extent of morphological alteration of these rivers which disrupt the natural hydrologic regime and connectivity.	1. Regular strategic survey for current state of aquatic environment (First year onwards).	1. Major dams, barrages and structures disrupt connectivity identified.	1. Map of dams, barrages and structures disrupt connectivity	1. Adequate funds are made available on time. 2. Necessary approval obtained from concerned agencies.

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Objective 4: Derive the current trend in genetic variability and gene flow of identified species which might have been disrupted due to fragmentation of the longitudinal connectivity of the rivers.	1. Regular strategic survey for sampling for genetic variability assessment (First year onwards).	1. Report on factors affecting genetic variability of species of conservation significance.	1. Number of ecological surveys. 2. Genetic variability of species of conservation significance defined for identified rivers.	1. Adequate funds are made available on time. 2. Necessary approval obtained from concerned agencies.
Objective 5: Asses the concentration of key pollutants such as micro- and macro-plastics, heavy metals and endocrine disruptive substances (EDSs) in identified rivers and bioaccumulation in species of conservation concern.	1. Samples collected for water quality and ecotoxicology assessment (First year onwards).	1. Report on ecotoxicology of identified rivers.	1. Risk map developed.	1. Adequate funds are made available on time. 2. Necessary approval obtained from concerned agencies.
Objective 6: Pinpoint the problematic areas and identification of conservation priority zones at identified rivers.	1. Procurement of maps and GIS layers and satellite images (First year onwards). 2. Identification of conservation priority zones in identified rivers (Second year onwards). 3. Coordination meetings with state forest departments and other line agencies for management of the priority zones (Third year).	1. Ecological status of identified rivers. 2. Conservation priority zones in identified rivers identified. 3. Number of coordination meetings.	1. Digitized maps of priority areas. 2. Ecological status report.	1. Timely availability of budget. 2. Line agencies provided adequate support.
Objective 7: Publications in the form of popular and research articles on the resources of the identified rivers.	1. Compilation and collation of information (First year onwards).	1. Numbers of reports, popular articles, brochures, booklets published.	1. Numbers of publications disseminated to stakeholders.	1. Timely availability of budget.
Objective 8: Prepare a	1. Development of conservation	1. Number of site-specific action	1. Consultative meetings to	1. Timely availability of

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conservation action plan to minimize the negative impact of the direct and indirect drivers on river ecosystem processes.	strategy and site-specific action plan at identified rivers (Third year).	plans developed.	develop strategies for implementation of site specific conservation action-plans.	budget. 2. Responsive target groups.
Objective 9: Establish a Centre for river conservation at Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun for assisting NRCD, MoJS in planning river conservation and information dissemination.	1. Digital data repository on aquatic wildlife and habitat condition of identified rivers (First year onwards).	1. Publications of reports, brochures, resource materials, booklets. 2. Number of occasions River Conservation Centre provided decision support in matters of conservation of Indian rivers.	1. Scientific publications, popular articles, on identified rivers. 2. Digital information repository.	1. Timely availability of budget.

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