

## **MINUTES OF THE 42<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 2021 AT NEW DELHI.**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the National Coastal Zone Management Authority (NCZMA) was held on 23.03.2021 through video conferencing due to prevalent pandemic situation under the chairmanship of Secretary (EF&CC). The list of participants, is given at Annexure. The deliberations held and decisions take in the meeting area as under:

### **1. Presentation on ICRZ plans of Great Nicobar Island as per ICRZ Notification, 2019:**

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, presented the status of ICRZ plans of Great Nicobar Island. Director, NCSCM, Chennai highlighted the observations of the Technical Scrutiny Committee (TSC) on Great Nicobar and stated that the TSC has found ICRZ Plans of Great Nicobar Island in order and can be considered for approval.

The Authority took note that the draft CZMPs/ICRZPs are being prepared in 1:25000 scale map identifying and classifying the CRZ areas within the respective territories in accordance with the guidelines given in the respective notifications. Further, local level CRZ maps are required to be prepared to facilitate implementation of CZMPs/ICRZPs. NCZMA decided that a Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Shailesh Nayak may be constituted to revisit the scale specification for preparation of CZMPs/ICRZPs and also possibility of preparation of digital maps where scale becomes immaterial. The NCZMA decided that the Sub-Committee shall comprise of Director, NCSCM, one or two experts as required.

*Based on the deliberations held, the NCZMA recommended the ICRZ Plans of Great Nicobar Islands prepared on the basis of ICRZ Notification, 2019 for approval.*

### **2. Brief by Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority on Status of CZMPs as per CRZ Notification, 2019:**

Principal Secretary & Chairman, Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA) briefed on the status of CZMPs as per CRZ Notification, 2019. It was informed that CZMPs for two districts Mumbai city and Mumbai Suburban have already undergone stakeholder's consultation and after incorporation of the objections/ suggestions received from various stake holders, as admissible, the same have also been scrutinised by the TSC constituted for the task, at NCSCM, Chennai. It was further informed that these plans are recommended by MCZMA and now to be placed for approval of State Government. It was also informed that the plans for remaining five districts have undergone stakeholder's consultation and the objections/suggestions received from various stake holders have been examined and suitably incorporated as admissible. Principal Secretary informed that the CZMPs of all coastal districts will be finalised by 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 and submitted to the Ministry for further consideration.

*The NCZMA noted the submission of MCZMA and asked to expedite the process of finalization of CZMPs, 2019.*

### **3. Presentation by Odisha Coastal Zone Management Authority on CZMPs of the State of Odisha:**

Principal Secretary & Chairman, Odisha Coastal Zone Management Authority (OCZMA) made a presentation on the Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs) of all the seven coastal districts viz. Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghapur, Puri, Khorda, Ganjam of the State of Odisha. It was informed that these plans have undergone stakeholder's meetings and duly approved by the State Government. It was also informed that objections/suggestions received from various stake holders have been examined and suitably incorporated as admissible. It was further informed by Director, NCSCM that the CZMPs of Odisha have been scrutinised by the Technical Scrutiny Committee constituted for the task, at NCSCM, Chennai and are in order.

*Based on the presentation made and deliberations held, the NCZMA recommended the CZMPs of Odisha for approval. The NCZMA also congratulated Odisha CZMA for being the first State for completing their updation/revision of CZMPs as per CRZ Notification, 2019.*

### **4. Status of CZMP of Goa as per CRZ Notification, 2011**

The Director, Environment Department and Member Secretary, Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) briefed on the status of CZMPs as per CRZ Notification, 2011. It was informed that the public hearings have been completed and consolidation of stakeholders' comments are under progress. It was further informed that the CZMPs of Goa will be finalised at the earliest possible and submitted to the Ministry for further consideration.

*The NCZMA noted the submission of GCZMA and expressed that more efforts are required by the state for expeditious finalisation of the CZMPs 2011 and NCZMA also desired that the state should endeavour to take up simultaneous exercise for updation/ revision as per CRZ 2019 to avoid repetition of process and saving of time.*

### **5. Status of updation / revision of CZMPs of all Coastal States/UTs based on provisions of the CRZ Notification, 2019:**

The NCZMA was informed that Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change have issued the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2019 vide GSR 37(E), dated 18.01.2019. This notification at para no.6 prescribes that that all coastal States and Union territory administrations shall revise or update their respective coastal zone management plan (CZMP) framed under CRZ Notification, 2011 number S.O.19(E), dated 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2011, as per provisions of this notification and submit to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for approval at the earliest and all the project activities attracting the provisions of this notification shall be required to be appraised as per the updated CZMP under this notification and until and unless the CZMPs is so revised or updated, provisions of this notification shall not apply and the CZMP as per provisions of CRZ Notification, 2011 shall continue to be followed for appraisal and CRZ clearance to such projects. It further also prescribes that the CZMP may be prepared or updated by the coastal State Government or Union territory by engaging reputed and experienced scientific institution(s) or the agencies including the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai, of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and in consultation with the concerned stakeholders. To facilitate the coastal States/UTs, the Ministry have issued 'Guidelines for updation of

*coastal zone management plan prepared as per CRZ Notification, 2011 to align it with CRZ Notification, 2019', on 26.06.2019 and circulated to all Coastal States/UTs Management Authorities.*

NCSCM presented the status of CZMPs of all Coastal States/UTs based on provisions of the CRZ Notification, 2019, duly endorsed and updated by the representatives of SCZMAs as below:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>States/UTs</b>	<b>Agency entrusted for preparation</b>	<b>Status of CZMPs 2019</b>
1	Odisha	ORSAC/SAC	NCZMA recommended the CZMPs, 2019 for approval
2	Maharashtra	NCSCM	Expected to submit the proposal by 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
3	Karnataka	NCSCM	Expected to submit the proposal by June 2021
4	Kerala	NCESS	Expected to submit the proposal by September 2021 after State Assembly Elections
5	Andhra Pradesh	NCSCM	Expected to submit the proposal by July 2021
6	Tamil Nadu	NCSCM	Expected to submit the proposal by September 2021
7	Puducherry	NCSCM	Expected to submit the proposal by September 2021
8	West Bengal	IESWM	Yet to initiate the process
9	Goa	NCSCM	CZMPs as per CRZ Notification, 2011 & 2019 is pending. Expected to submit the proposal as per CRZ Notification 2011 by May 2021
10	Gujarat	NCSCM	Expected to submit the proposal by July 2021
11	Andaman & Nicobar	NCSCM	NCZMA recommended the ICRZ plan of Great Nicobar for approval. Other 28 islands are expected to be completed by July 2021
12	Daman & Diu	NCSCM	Expected to submit the proposal by April 2021
13	Lakshadweep	NCSCM	Expected to submit the proposal by May 2021

*The NCZMA deliberated the status and decided that the coastal State Government/ Union Territory Administration shall expedite the updation/revision of CZMP's and shall submit to this Ministry for early approval.*

**6. Amendments proposed in CRZ Notification, 2019 in line with CRZ Notification, 2011 and its amendments, which was inadvertently missed out:**

The amendments proposed in CRZ Notification, 2019 in line with CRZ Notification, 2011 and its amendments, which was inadvertently missed out, were detailed as below:

S.No.	Background	Provisions as per CRZ 2011	Proposed amendments in CRZ 2019
1	<p><u>Demarcation of HTL in Khazan Land to the bund/slucice gate</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government of Goa requested that the HTL shall be restricted up to the line along the bund or the sluice gate</li> <li>Matter was recommended by the NCZMA in its 39<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13.01.2020</li> <li>Accordingly, the following provision was incorporated in the CRZ 2011 through an amendment vide Notification S.O. 1422(E) dated 01.05.2020</li> </ul>	<p><i>“Provided that in case there exists a bund or a sluice gate constructed in the past, prior to the date of notification issued vide S.O. 114(E) dated 19<sup>th</sup> February, 1991, the HTL shall be restricted up to the line long along the bund or the sluice gate and in such a case, area under mangroves arising due to saline water ingress beyond the bund or sluice gate shall be classified as CRZ-IA irrespective of the extent of the area beyond the bund or sluice gate. Such areas under mangroves shall be protected and shall not be diverted for any developmental activities”.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CRZ Notification 2019 was notified on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019.</li> <li>Same provision, as available in CRZ 2011, is proposed to be suitably incorporated in the CRZ 2019.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Observation/Decision of NCZMA</b></p> <p><i>The NCZMA observed that the proposed amendment is a provision in CRZ Notification, 2011 which has been included vide Notification S.O.1422(E) dated 01.05.2020, after finalization of CRZ Notification, 2019 and there is a valid reason to be included in the new CRZ Notification, 2019.</i></p>			
2	<p><u>Delineation of HTL and CRZ categories in the Sundarbans Biosphere Reserve (SBR)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government of West Bengal requested that the categorization of CRZ and delineation of the HTL and CRZ boundaries in SBR shall be done in consonance</li> </ul>	<p><i>“... except in the case of the Sundarbans Biosphere Reserve, wherein, the categorization of CRZ and delineation of the HTL and CRZ boundaries shall be done in consonance with the provisions of the CRZ Notification, 2019</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CRZ Notification 2019 was notified on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019.</li> <li>Same provision, as available in CRZ 2011, is proposed to be suitably incorporated in the CRZ 2019.</li> </ul>

	<p>with the provisions of the CRZ Notification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matter was recommended by the NCZMA in its 39<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13.01.2020</li> <li>• Accordingly, the Ministry incorporated the provision through an amendment in the CRZ 2011 vide Notification S.O. 1422(E) dated 01.05.2020</li> </ul>	<p><i>Note: The CVCA delineated within the Sundarbans Biosphere Reserve shall be managed by the Integrated Management Plan prepared by the State Government and approved by the Central Government”.</i></p>	
<p><b>Observation/Decision of NCZMA</b></p> <p><i>The NCZMA observed that the proposed amendment is a provision in CRZ Notification, 2011 which has been included vide Notification S.O.1422(E) dated 01.05.2020, after finalization of CRZ Notification, 2019 and there is a valid reason to be included in the new CRZ Notification, 2019.</i></p>			
3	<p><u>Collection of dead shells by traditional communities in CRZ areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provision was available in the CRZ Notification, 2011 and was inserted vide an amendment vide Corrigendum S.O.651(E) dated 29.03.2011</li> <li>• However, it was erroneously removed in the subsequent amendment vide GSR 1227(E) dated 06.10.2017</li> <li>• Government of Karnataka has requested for inclusion of the said provision for traditional communities.</li> </ul>	<p><i>“Collection of dead shells by traditional communities for poultry and animal feed supplements and shall not require prior CRZ clearance;”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CRZ Notification 2019 was notified on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and the instant provision of CRZ 2011 could not be incorporated in CRZ 2019.</li> <li>• Same provision, as available in CRZ 2011, is proposed to be suitably incorporated in the CRZ 2019.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Observation/Decision of NCZMA</b></p> <p><i>The NCZMA observed that the proposed amendment is an existing provision in CRZ Notification, 2011 which has been inadvertently missed out in CRZ Notification, 2019. NCZMA accordingly, agreed for the inclusion of the same in the new CRZ Notification, 2019.</i></p>			
4	<p><u>Beach shacks in Goa</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provision was available in CRZ Notification, 2011 &amp; its amendment S.O.1393 (E)</li> </ul>	<p><i>(iii) purely temporary and seasonal structures customarily put up between the months of September to May;</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provision was already available in CRZ Notification 2011, however, missed out inadvertently in CRZ Notification 2019.</li> </ul>

	<p>dated 03.05.2017 under special provisions for Goa.</p>	<p><u>Amended through S.O. 1393 (E) dated 03.05.2017</u></p> <p><i>“such structures shall not be removed and dismantled during the month of June to August;”:</i>  <i>Provided that the facilities available in these structures shall remain non-operational during the month of June to August.”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed to be suitably modified and incorporated in the CRZ 2019 as under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) As available in CRZ 2011 for Goa</li> <li>(ii) Further expanding this provision to all coastal states.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Observation/Decision of NCZMA</b></p> <p><i>The NCZMA observed that the proposed amendment is an existing provision in CRZ Notification, 2011 which has been inadvertently missed out in CRZ Notification, 2019. NCZMA accordingly, agreed for the inclusion of the same in the new CRZ Notification, 2019. NCZMA further desired that the provision could be expanded to all coastal states and also desired that there should not be any restriction of its use during non-monsoon season as long as it is allowed by local regulations. Representatives of all Coastal State Governments agreed for the proposal, except Goa and Maharashtra, who expressed that they did not want these temporary shacks to be used during monsoon months as specified in CRZ Notification 2011. Accordingly, NCZMA decided to recommend inclusion of following provisions:</i></p> <p><i>“purely temporary and seasonal structures (shacks) customarily put up and may be retained during the monsoon season with adequate precautions”.</i></p> <p><i>The State Government of Goa and Maharashtra agreed in line with the provision available in CRZ 2011 as under:</i></p> <p><i>“purely temporary and seasonal structures (shacks) customarily put up between the months of September to May. Such structures may be retained during the month of June to August. Provided that the facilities available in these structures shall remain non-operational during the month of June to August.”</i></p>			
5	<p><u>Delegating the powers of clearing small infrastructure projects in CRZ-I and CRZ-IV to the State/UT Coastal Zone Management Authorities/ State/ UT Governments</u></p> <p>Vide amendment vide S.O. 3085(E) dated 28.11.2014, State Governments are delegated powers to issue permission for small infrastructure projects. However, there are a lot of</p>	<p>The existing provisions is as under:</p> <p>“construction and operation for ports and harbours, jetties, wharves, quays, slipways, ship construction yards, breakwaters,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As per CRZ Notification, 2019, all developmental activities/projects in CRZ-I and CRZ-IV shall be dealt by the Ministry.</li> </ul>

<p>ambiguity and left to legal interpretation.</p>	<p>groynes, erosion control measures and salt works;</p> <p>SEIAA, for the projects specified under paragraph 4(i) (except with respect to item (d) thereof relating to building projects with less than 20,000 sq. mts of built-up area) and for the projects not attracting EIA notification, 2006.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• However, Government of Maharashtra has requested to delegate the power of clearing small infrastructure projects in CRZ-I and CRZ-IV areas to State Government/ SCZMA as per CRZ 2011.</li> <li>• Accordingly, it is proposed to modify and incorporate the existing provision of CRZ Notification 2011 and following activities are proposed to be delegated as under:  <i>“Stand-alone jetties, Breakwaters, Groynes, Salt works, Slipways and manual Erosion control bunds which shall be dealt by concerned Coastal Zone Management Authority or SEIAA/Ministry, as the case may be, in case the project attracts EIA Notification, 2006.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Note: All construction activities related to projects of Department of Atomic Energy or Defence requirements, shall be dealt with by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for CRZ clearance, based on the recommendation of the concerned Coastal Zone Management Authority.”</i></p>
<p><b>Observation/Decision of NCZMA</b></p> <p><i>The NCZMA deliberated on the issue and observed that in so far as small infrastructure projects are concerned, there is a valid reason and accordingly, it can be agreed that Stand-alone jetties, Breakwaters, Groynes, Salt works, Slipways and manual Erosion control bunds</i></p>		

	<p><i>shall be dealt by concerned Coastal Zone Management Authority or SEIAA/Ministry, as the case may be, in case the projects attract EIA Notification, 2006.</i></p> <p><i>However, NCZMA desired that all construction activities related to projects of Department of Atomic Energy or Defence requirements, shall be dealt with by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for CRZ clearance, based on the recommendation of the concerned Coastal Zone Management Authority.</i></p>	
6	<p><u>Exemption of Exploratory drilling operations from prior CRZ clearance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As per CRZ Notification, 2019, Exploration and extraction of oil and natural gas and all associated activities and facilities thereto requires prior CRZ clearance</li> <li>• MoEFCC, vide notification S.O. 236(E) dated 16.01.2020 amended the EIA Notification 2006 and categorized all projects in respect of offshore and onshore oil &amp; gas exploration as Category B2 under EIA Notification, 2006, will be appraised at State level and does not require EIA studies.</li> <li>• In view of the decision taken by Empowered Coordination Committee (ECC) under Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary, Directorate of Hydrocarbons requested for exemption of Exploratory drilling operations from prior CRZ clearance in line with the EIA Notification, 2006</li> </ul>	<p>As per CRZ Notification, 2011, Exploration and extraction of oil and natural gas and all associated activities and facilities thereto requires prior CRZ clearance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As exploratory drilling activities are regulated as Category B2 under EIA Notification, 2006, it is proposed to exempt the said activity from prior CRZ clearance.</li> <li>• The development and production will continue to be regulated and requires prior CRZ clearance.</li> <li>• Accordingly, it is proposed to amend the CRZ Notification 2019 to include the following provision suitably:</li> </ul> <p><i>“Development and production of oil and natural gas and all associated facilities thereto; Exploratory drilling operations shall be exempted from prior CRZ clearance.”</i></p>
<p><b>Observation/Decision of NCZMA</b></p> <p><i>The NCZMA deliberated on the issue and observed that the exploratory drilling activities are being regulated as Category B2 under EIA Notification, 2006 and hence agreed for exemption of exploratory drilling from the purview of CRZ Notification, 2019. However, all</i></p>		

	<i>development and production of oil and natural gas shall require prior CRZ clearance under the provisions of the said notification.</i>	
7	<p><u>CRZ in coastal backwater islands and islands along the mainland coast</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The existing provision of CRZ 2019 at Section 10.2 (iii) provides as under:</li> </ul> <p><i>Integrated Island Management Plans (IIMPs), as applicable to smaller islands in Lakshadweep and Andaman &amp; Nicobar, as per <b>Island Protection Zone Notification, 2011 number S.O. 20(E), dated the 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2011</b>, shall be formulated by respective States or Union territory for all such islands and submitted to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and till the IIMPs are framed, provisions of this notification shall not apply and the CZMP as per provisions of CRZ Notification 2011 number S.O. 19(E), dated the 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2011, shall continue to apply.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per CRZ Notification, 2019, all coastal backwater islands and islands along the mainland coast, along with space limitations in such coastal stretches, CRZ of 20 meters from the HTL on the landward side shall uniformly apply to such islands and activities shall be regulated under this notification.</li> <li>As per Annexure I of IPZ Notification, 2011, “the IIMP and ICRZ shall address vulnerability to human life and property based on elevation,</li> </ul>	<p>In CRZ 2011, this was applicable only to CRZ areas of Kerala including the backwaters and backwater islands.</p> <p>In view of the background, it is proposed to amend the Section 10.2 (iii) as under:</p> <p><i>“<b>Integrated Island Management Plans (IIMPs), as applicable to smaller islands in Lakshadweep and Andaman &amp; Nicobar, as per <u>Island Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2019 number S.O. 1242(E), dated the 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2019</u></b>, shall be formulated by respective States or Union territory for all such islands and submitted to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and till the IIMPs are framed, provisions of this notification shall not apply and the CZMP as per provisions of CRZ Notification 2011 number S.O. 19(E), dated the 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2011, shall continue to apply.”</i></p>

	<p>geomorphology, sea level trends and horizontal line displacement.....”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thus, the setback lines/NDZ in various Islands will not be uniform. These can be 40 m, 50 m, 60 m, etc, based on elevation, geomorphology, sea level trends and horizontal line displacement.</li> <li>• However, in the ICRZ Notification, 2019, the setback lines/ NDZ in all IIMP Islands has been fixed as 20 m.</li> <li>• CRZ Notification 2019 was notified on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and ICRZ Notification 2019 was notified subsequently on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Thus, there is a need to replace the reference of IPZ Notification 2011 with ICRZ Notification 2019.</li> </ul>		
<p><b><i>Observation/Decision of NCZMA</i></b></p> <p><i>The NCZMA noted the issue and observed that the it is a matter of only factual correction due to notification of ICRZ 2019 in March 2019, and so recommended for approval.</i></p>			
8	<p><u>Removal of Sand bars in CRZ areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The guidelines and procedure for management of sand bars including its removal by traditional communities in CRZ areas were regulated by Ministry’s O.Ms dated 09.06.2011 and 08.11.2011.</li> <li>• The amendment is necessary in the new CRZ regulations as the earlier mechanism was through an executive order which has no legal backing.</li> <li>• In view of the same the provision for removal of sand bars is required to be</li> </ul>	<p>The guidelines and procedure for management of sand bars including its removal by traditional communities in CRZ areas were regulated by Ministry’s O.Ms dated 09.06.2011 and 08.11.2011.</p>	<p>It is proposed to include the following provision suitably in the CRZ Notification 2019:</p> <p><i>“The sand bars in the intertidal areas shall be removed by traditional coastal communities only by manual method (i.e. sand collection in non-mechanized dinghies or small boats using baskets/buckets by human beings) in various coastal states. The State Government may permit such removal of sand in specified time period in a</i></p>

	included suitably in the CRZ Notification 2019.		<i>particular area along with specific quantity subject to conditions such as registration of local community persons permitted to remove the sand manually and shall be renewed on yearly basis”</i>
<p><b>Observation/Decision of NCZMA</b></p> <p><i>The NCZMA deliberated on the issue and agreed that the provision of removal and management of sand bars shall be incorporated in the new CRZ Notification, 2019 as below:</i></p> <p><i>“The sand bars in the intertidal areas shall be removed by traditional coastal communities only by manual method (i.e. sand collection in non-mechanized dinghies or small boats using baskets/buckets by human beings) in various coastal states. The State Government may permit such removal of sand in specified time period in a particular area along with specific quantity subject to conditions such as registration of local community persons permitted to remove the sand manually and shall be renewed on yearly basis”</i></p> <p><i>Further, NCZMA desired that a detailed guideline in consultation with the SCZMAs/ State Governments/UT Administrations shall be framed within six months.</i></p>			

## **7. Any other item with the permission of the Chair:**

### **7.1 Issues related to preparation of ICRZ plan and IIMP of Andaman & Nicobar Islands under the ICRZ Notification, 2019**

The NCZMA was informed that Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change have issued the Island Coastal Regulation Zone Notification (ICRZ), 2019 vide S.O.1242(E), dated 08.03.2019. As per 5 (i) of the ICRZ Notification, 2019, the Andaman and Nicobar administration shall revise or update their respective island coastal regulation zone plan (ICRZP) framed under IPZ Notification, 2011, as per provisions of this Notification and submit to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for approval at the earliest.

NCZMA in its 39<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13.01.2020 decided that the A&N administration may proceed with preparation of ICRZ and IIMPs of the islands as per ICRZ Notification, 2019 but the ICRZ plans shall indicate regulatory lines also as per IPZ Notification, 2011. Representative of A&NCZMA made a presentation that as per IPZ Notification, 2011, the four Islands (*Katchal, Little Nicobar, Interview and Teresa Islands*) were managed through IIMPs, whereas now, under the new ICRZ Notification 2019, these Islands fall under the Group II category and managed through ICRZ plans. It was requested by A&NCZMA to allow them to proceed with preparation of ICRZ Notification, 2019 directly. NCSCM has also recommended the proposal.

*The NCZMA deliberated on the issue and recommended that in so far as these four islands are concerned viz. Katchal, Little Nicobar, Interview and Teresa Islands, the A&N*

administration may proceed with preparation of ICRZ plans as per ICRZ Notification, 2019 directly.

NCZMA further recommended that this relaxation may be also allowed to other such islands, if there are any, based on the recommendation of NCSCM and SCZMA.

A&N Administration, with the permission of the Chair, also requested for amendment in the Clause-IV(III) (xix) of the ICRZ Notification, 2019 as under:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Existing provision</b>	<b>Proposed amendment</b>	<b>Reasons/Justification</b>
1	“Mining of sand for construction purposes: Provided that the mining of sand shall be permitted by ANZMA in identified non-eco sensitive and approved sites as identified by IOM, Chennai.”	“Mining of sand for construction purposes: Provided that the mining of sand shall be permitted by ANZMA in identified non-eco sensitive and approved sites as identified by IOM, Chennai and National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT).”	The ANZMA in its meeting dated 28.01.2021 has recommended to the Ministry that NIOT, having a unit in Port Blair and dealing with the issues related to Ocean Technology, may be included as an institute for identification of sand accretion site by amending above clause.

NCZMA agreed to the above proposed amendment for suitable incorporation in the ICRZ Notification, 2019.

There being no agenda item left, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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## Annexure

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