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PREFACE

Interview Island Sanctuary is unique in many ways. Area-wise it is the largest sanctuary in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, very rich in biodiversity (both marine and terrestrial), includes habitats of many unique flora and fauna like feral elephants, Andaman Teal, Edible-nest Swiftlets, Mangroves, Coral reefs, Salt-water crocodile and marine turtles. It also nurtures a good variety of butterflies and snakes. The island was declared as a Sanctuary mainly to protect the elephant populations which were introduced in late fifties. Conservation of such a rich biodiversity, threatened by the invasive species and poaching, is a challenging task and needs special attention. The present management plan adheres such delicate conservation issues including the impact assessment of introduced species in this Island Sanctuary.

Chapter-1 provides general information on location, approach, boundary, climate data, topography, geo-morphology etc. Chapter-2 provides information on Ecosystem & Ecological relationship along with Status of biodiversity. Chapter-3 describes Socio economic aspects & cultural practices along with biotic interference. Chapter-4 management objectives; Chapter-5 highlights the constraints and strategies proposed. Chapter-6 gives a brief of habitat improvements and remedial measures. Chapter-7 is on conservation and management programme for important spp., Chapter-8 is on protection measures proposed Chapter-9 deals with tourism and its impacts while Chapter-10 highlights eco development activities and along with nature education and awareness generation efforts

initiated, Chapter -11 describes steps to be taken on research , survey and monitoring . Chapter-12 deals with the improvement in the existing administration and infrastructure and initiating capacity building programs. Chapter-13 deals with budgetary requirement. There are 08 Appendices& 09 Annexures providing supplementary information. providing supplementary information.

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Acronyms

ACF	=	Assistant Conservator of Forests
ANET	=	Andaman & Nicobar Environmental Team
APWD	=	Andaman Public Work Department
BSI	=	Botanical Survey of India
C	=	Celsius
CF	=	Conservator of Forests
CO	=	Camp Officer, Camp Office
CWLW	=	Chief Wildlife Warden
DCF	=	Deputy Conservator of Forests
DFO	=	Divisional Forest Officer
FG/Fg	=	Forest Guard
Fr.	=	Forester
GPS	=	Global Position System
IISc	=	Indian Institute of Science
Km	=	Kilometer
M.S. Act	=	Mercantile Shipping Act
OBM	=	Out Board Motor
PA	=	Protected Area
PCCF	=	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
PRI	=	Panchyat Raj Institution
RIB	=	Rigid Inflatable Bottom
RO	=	Range Officer, Range Office
SACON	=	Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology & Natural History
Sq.Km	=	Square Kilometer
VHF	=	Very High Frequency
WII	=	Wildlife Institute of India
WL	=	Wildlife
ZSI	=	Zoological Survey of India

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