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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 to 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 and Chapter-9 deals with tourism and its impacts. While Chapter-10 highlights eco development activities 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 Programme. Chapter-13 deals with budgetary requirement. There are 08 Appendices & 09 Annexures providing supplementary information

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