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I, Mini Mary Sam, aged 55 years, W/o Ranjan Jacob, Senior Environmental Engineer do here by submit that I am authorised to represent the Kerala State Pollution Control Board, and that I am conversant with the facts of the above case and I may state as follows.

Grievance in this application is about the failure to take action for protecting Astamudi wetland and Vembanad-kol wetland, a Ramsar site in Kollam district of Kerala. As per the order dated 28.02.2022,the state PCB needs to enforce consents /EC conditions applicable to pharmaceutical units and house boats as well as other authorities dumping wastes and to take appropriate action by way of prosecution and stopping polluting activity.

ASHTAMUDI LAKE

Ashtamudi Lake, situated in Kollam District of Kerala, is the most visited backwater and lake in the state. Fishing, coconut husk retting for coir production and inland navigation services are the



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prominent activities connected with the lake. It has a catchment area of 1700 sq.km. and an area of 61.4 sq.km. Kallada River is the major river discharging into the Ashtamudi Lake. Ashtamudi Wetland was included in the list of wetlands of international importance, as defined by the Ramsar Convention for the conservation and sustainable utilization of wetlands. Studies show that, the lake is under pollution stress due to dumping of solid waste and discharge of sewage. Several major and minor drainage channels loaded with waste products from households and establishments join the lake at the southern end. Coconut husk retting for coir fibre manufacture is predominant at certain locations in the eastern arm of the estuary.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD FOR THE REJUVANATION OF ASHTAMUDI LAKE

For identifying and controlling the pollution of the lake, the Board had conducted a Sanitation Survey of Ashtamudi lake as per the direction dated 03.10.2018 of the Local Fund Accounts Committee of Kerala Legislative Assembly. Socio Economic Unit Foundation (SEUF), an NGO, was entrusted by the Board with the responsibility of conducting the survey as per the agreement dated 10.01.2020. It was decided to conduct the survey of the area around 100m from lake which included houses, flats, industries, establishments, drains joining the lake etc. The data collection was done with a mobile application named *ASAN* developed by Kerala State Remote Sensing and Environment Centre specially customized for the purpose of sanitation survey of Ashtamudi Lake.

The survey was carried out in Kollam Corporation and the Grama Panchayaths of Perinad, West Kallada, East Kallada, Munroethuruth, Panayam, Kundara, Perinad, Thrikkaruva, Thevalakkara, Thekkumbhagam, Chavara and Neendakara. As per the survey 65% of the residents dispose their sewage through septic tank and soak pit, 15% uses toilet pits and 18% residents dispose directly into the lake.

According to the survey 40% of the residents are segregating waste as biodegradable (wet waste) and non-biodegradable (dry waste). Method of disposal of wastes varies with the area. The local bodies are collecting dry waste, mainly plastics through Haritha Karma Sena (HKS). However, the fraction of the population availing the service of the HKS is less. The wet waste from households and establishments are managed at the point of generation itself. The dry



waste from the remaining households were found disposed through burning, burying, dumping into the lake or drains.

Thus the main reason for the pollution of the lake water is the indiscriminate discharge of sewage and dumping of solid waste from households and establishments.

Regarding dumping of solid wastes, the local bodies have to take action since as per the provisions contained in the Solid Waste Management & Handling) Rules 2016, the Local Bodies are vested with powers and duties to manage the solid waste generated within its limits. The Board had issued direction to the local bodies to improve the door to door collection and to dispose the solid wastes as specified in the SWM Rules. There is found to be a gap of 20% on an average between the solid waste generation and solid waste management in the local bodies. The Board is also monitoring the progress of implementation of SWM Rules from the periodic reports and action plans submitted by the local bodies. The matter of mismanagement of solid waste noticed in the surveillance by Board Officers is followed up in the periodic meeting of the District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) constituted as per direction of this Hon'ble Tribunal in O.A. 606/18. Two rendering plants have been set up in private sector and 3 more are under construction. This will provide a permanent solution for the chicken waste which contributes to a large proportion of the solid waste generated. Kollam Corporation has recently completed 80% bio mining of legacy waste from Kureepuzha dumpsite situated on the banks of the lake. A 200 TPD bio-methanation based Waste to Energy Plant is also planned at Kureepuzha. This will go a long way in solving the solid waste management problems in the corporation area as well as nearby local bodies.

Another major contributor to the pollution of the lake is the sewage from households and establishments. A common sewage treatment plant of capacity 12 MLD is being constructed in Kureepuzha by Kollam Corporation and is expected to be completed within one year. The Board had granted Consent to Establish the STP. This STP will help in reducing sewage pollution to the lake.

The Board is carrying out periodic surveillance, seizing of banned single use plastics etc. in the district. The progress of implementation of the Environmental Laws is monitored through



the periodic reports collected from the Local Bodies. The industries, hospitals, high rise buildings etc. are granted Consent of the Board only after ensuring that there is adequate effluent/sewage and solid waste treatment facility. No industry/establishment is currently granted consent to make discharge into Ashtamudi lake. The Board is granting Consent to house boats and resorts after verifying the adequacy of the solid waste & sewage management facilities. The Board is also conducting periodic inspection and sampling from the effluent/sewage treatment plants of the industries/establishments to ensure that the outlet parameters are meeting the discharge standards. Necessary directions are given to defaulter units to take adequate corrective measures if the parameters are found to be exceeding the permissible limits.

The Board is collecting water samples from 5 numbers of stations in Ashtamudi lake under the State Water Quality Monitoring Programme (**SWMP**). The analysis reports show presence of fecal coliform in the range 110 cfu/100ml to 680cfu/100ml. Also the parameter electrical conductivity is high due to tidal effect and is of the range 16730µmhos/cm to 21630µmhos/cm. The high electrical conductivity is because the lake is estuarine. Due to this high electrical conductivity the lake is classified in the category"below E" of surface water bodies. Analysis report for the period 2019-2021is tabulated in Table 1.

| River | Stations | | | pН | EC μmhos/cm | DO mg/l | BOD mg/l | TC MPN/100ml | FC MPN/100ml | CLASS* | |
|-------|-------------------------|-------------|------|-----|------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|--|
| | | | Max | 8.1 | 19350 | 5.6 | 4.0 | 920 | 680 | | |
| 2019 | 2019 Neendakara 1441 | NWMP | Min | 7.5 | 18120 | 3.4 | 1.4 | 480 | 260 | Below E | |
| | 1441 | | Mean | 7.8 | 18382 | 4.2 | 3.1 | 672 | 458 | | |
| | | NWMP | Max | 8.1 | 19220 5.6 4.5 54 | | 540 | 220 | | | |
| 2020 | Neendakara 1441 | | Min | 6.6 | 18200 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 310 | 100 | Below E | |
| | 1441 | | Mean | 7.5 | 18649 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 365 | 136 | 1 | |
| | | | Max | 7.4 | 18410 | 6.1 | 3.5 | 610 | 150 | | |
| 7077 | Neendakara 1441 | dakara NWMP | Min | 6.3 | 15000 | 5.1 | 2.5 | 350 | 100 | С | |
| | 1441 | | Mean | 6.9 | 16609 | 5.8 | 3.0 | 462 | 123 | 1 | |

Table 1: Ashtamudi Kayal analysis report for the period 2019-2021

Apart from the above major causes of pollution, coconut husk retting and related operations, though of small scale, are noticed to be carried out in the lake which contributes to pollution. The fishing boats fitted with outboard engines releases hydrocarbons and heavy metals into the system. The agricultural practices which involve the use of chemical/organic



fertilizers and insecticides/pesticides, and the residues on entering the system may cause pollution and eutrophication. Boat breaking activities were resulting in deposition and burning of the solid wastes on the banks damaging the mangroves. Aquaculture and fish processing units were also noticed as causing pollution. The Board on receipt of public complaints or on noticing any violation during surveillance or compliance monitoring is issuing necessary directions to individual industries and local boides to control the pollution.

VEMBANADU LAKE

Vembanad Lake is a designated Ramsar site, a wetland of global importance for its biodiversity values. The lake is bordered by Alappuzha, Kottayam and Ernakulum districts. Five main rivers flow into the lake, are the Achenkovil, Manimala, Meenachil, Muvattupuzha, Pamba and Periyar.

<u>ACTION TAKEN BY POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD CONCERNING THE STRETCH IN</u> <u>ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT</u>

The Board is monitoring the quality of the lake from five points under State Water Quality Monitoring Programme and from eleven points under the Project of Backwater Resources in the portion of the lake coming under the Alappuha district. The analysis report of the samples taken for the period 2019-2021 are shown below in Table 2 & Table 3.

| YEAR | RIVER STATIONS | SWMP | РН | EC µmhos/c | DO mg/l | BOD mg/l | TC MPN/100 | FC MPN/100 | CLASS |
|------|-------------------|------|-----|---------------|------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| | | MIN | 6.8 | 4428 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 600.0 | 300 | |
| | KELTRON KADAVU | MAX | 7.9 | 8660 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 8000.0 | 6000 | D |
| | | Mean | 7.5 | 6289 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 2550.0 | 1600 | |
| | | MIN | 6.8 | 1621 | 4.7 | 0.6 | 400.0 | 280 | |
| | CHANDIROOR | MAX | 7.6 | 3098 | 6.8 | 5.6 | 9000.0 | 4000 | D |
| 2019 | | Mean | 7.3 | 2500 | 5.4 | 3.6 | 2808.0 | 1550 | |
| | | MIN | 6.9 | 1976 | 4.0 | 2.2 | 800.0 | 400 | |
| | ERAMALLOOR | MAX | 7.8 | 3190 | 7.4 | 4.8 | 7000.0 | 5600 | D |
| | | Mean | 7.3 | 2645 | 5.7 | 3.3 | 2858.0 | 1908 | |
| | KATTACHIRA | MIN | 6.8 | 739 | 4.9 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0 | -D |
| | KADAVU | MAX | 7.6 | 1539 | 8.2 | 5.7 | 1200.0 | 700 | ע |



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| I | 1 | Mean | 7.3 | 1230 | 6.0 | 2.6 | 504.0 | 278 | | |
|------|----------------------|------|-----|--------|-----|-----|--------|------|---|--|
| | | MIN | 6.8 | 682 | 5.9 | 1.8 | 900.0 | 500 | | |
| | KAYIPURAM | MAX | 7.5 | 1610 | 7.8 | 4.6 | 6000.0 | 4200 | D | |
| | | Mean | 7.2 | 1120 | 7.3 | 2.6 | 2183.0 | 1280 | | |
| | | MIN | 6.7 | 762 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 300.0 | 100 | | |
| | KELTRON KADAVU | MAX | 8.1 | 5981 | 7.3 | 6.7 | 3000.0 | 1800 | D | |
| | | Mean | 7.6 | 4499 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 1250.0 | 666 | | |
| | | MIN | 6.9 | 482 | 3.6 | 2.3 | 300.0 | 200 | | |
| | CHANDIROOR | MAX | 7.9 | 2872 | 7.2 | 4.1 | 1600.0 | 800 | D | |
| | | Mean | 7.3 | 1567 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 950.0 | 492 | | |
| | | MIN | 6.8 | 523 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0 | | |
| 2020 | ERAMALLOOR | MAX | 7.8 | 2644.4 | 8.1 | 4.2 | 2500.0 | 1300 | D | |
| | | Mean | 7.4 | 1800 | 5.5 | 3.1 | 1025.0 | 565 | | |
| | | MIN | 6.8 | 340 | 4.1 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0 | | |
| | KATTACHIRA KADAVU | MAX | 7.8 | 1809 | 7.4 | 3.9 | 1800.0 | 1000 | D | |
| | | Mean | 7.4 | 1180 | 5.7 | 3.0 | 583.0 | 325 | | |
| | KAYIPURAM | MIN | 6.8 | 704 | 4.5 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0 | | |
| | | MAX | 7.9 | 1436 | 7.3 | 3.5 | 2700.0 | 1400 | D | |
| | | Mean | 7.2 | 1087 | 6.2 | 2.3 | 875.0 | 475 | | |
| | | MIN | 7.1 | 1315.3 | 6.1 | 2.2 | 300.0 | 0 | | |
| | KELTRON KADAVU | MAX | 7.8 | 20490 | 3.7 | 6.2 | 4300.0 | 2300 | D | |
| | | Mean | 7.4 | 7600 | 2.2 | 3.3 | 2236.0 | 1163 | | |
| | | MIN | 6.7 | 225.8 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 400.0 | 200 | | |
| | CHANDIROOR | MAX | 7.5 | 8930 | 7.6 | 5.5 | 6000.0 | 3800 | D | |
| | | Mean | 7.2 | 3320 | 5.1 | 3.1 | 1916.0 | 1070 | | |
| | | MIN | 6.8 | 223.8 | 3.2 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0 | | |
| 2021 | ERAMALLOOR | MAX | 7.5 | 9690 | 7.2 | 5.2 | 4200.0 | 1900 | D | |
| | | Mean | 7.1 | 3193 | 5.4 | 2.7 | 1458.0 | 725 | | |
| | | MIN | 6.8 | 139.5 | 4.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0 | | |
| | KATTACHIRA KADAVU | MAX | 7.4 | 6950 | 7.8 | 3.8 | 4500.0 | 2200 | D | |
| | | Mean | 7.1 | 2331 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 872.7 | 381 | | |
| | | MIN | 6.7 | 163.1 | 4.3 | 1.0 | 200.0 | 0 | | |
| | KAYIPURAM | MAX | 7.6 | 3347 | 7.9 | 3.9 | 3200.0 | 1900 | D | |
| | | Mean | 7.1 | 1077 | 6.1 | 2.0 | 1533.0 | 758 |] | |

 Table 2: Analysis report of the samples collected under SWMP for the period 2019-2021

| YEAR | RIVER STATIONS | SWMP | пън | EC μmhos/c | DO mg/l | BOD mg/l | TC MPN/100 | FC MPN/100 | CLASS |
|------|----------------|------|-----|---------------|------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| 2019 | PUNNAMADA | MIN | 6.7 | 800 | 3.4 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0 | D |
| | | | | | | | | 0 | IP |



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| FINISHING POINT | MAX | 7.8 | 1268 | 5.8 | 3.2 | 1000.0 | 550 | |
|------------------------------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|--------|------|---|
| | Mean | 7.2 | 999 | 4.5 | 2.4 | 429.0 | 248 | |
| | MIN | 6.4 | 470 | 4.3 | 2.0 | 200.0 | 150 | |
| 1 KM FROM PUMPING STATION | MAX | 7.8 | 1116 | 7.6 | 3.1 | 1200.0 | 800 | D |
| | Mean | 7.2 | 837 | 5.7 | 2.7 | 775.0 | 440 | |
| | MIN | 6.8 | 440 | 3.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 50 | |
| PUMPING STATION | MAX | 7.8 | 982 | 7.8 | 3.0 | 2100.0 | 1500 | D |
| | Mean | 7.3 | 773 | 5.2 | 1.6 | 1108.0 | 650 | |
| | MIN | 6.6 | 812 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0 | |
| PATHIRAMANAL | MAX | 7.9 | 1412 | 7.8 | 3.0 | 700.0 | 350 | D |
| | Mean | 7.2 | 1056 | 5.9 | 2.0 | 391.0 | 176 | |
| D/S OF | MIN | 6.7 | 890 | 6.2 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0 | |
| THANNERMUKKAM | | 7.8 | 1947 | 8.0 | 3.9 | 1800.0 | 800 | D |
| BUND | Mean | 7.2 | 1338 | 7.1 | 1.4 | 450.0 | 219 | |
| U/S OF | MIN | 6.8 | 1321 | 4.2 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0 | |
| THANNERMUKKAM | | 7.8 | 2218 | 8.1 | 3.3 | 1200.0 | 700 | D |
| BUND | Mean | 7.2 | 1706 | 6.1 | 2.7 | 675.0 | 246 | |
| | MIN | 6.9 | 1233 | 4.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0 | |
| | MAX | 7.7 | 2628 | 7.6 | 3.3 | 1000.0 | 600 | D |
| D/S OF McDOWELL &CO. | Mean | 7.2 | 1698 | 5.5 | 2.3 | 483.0 | 254 | |
| | MIN | 6.7 | 499 | 3.8 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0 | |
| THAKAZHY | MAX | 7.3 | 1720 | 8.0 | 3.6 | 2000.0 | 400 | D |
| | Mean | 6.9 | 840 | 5.3 | 2.5 | 483.0 | 171 | |
| | MIN | 6.5 | 340 | 4.1 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0 | |
| PULINKUNNU | MAX | 7.1 | 850 | 7.7 | 4.0 | 4200.0 | 2500 | D |
| | Mean | 6.9 | 581 | 5.9 | 2.3 | 1108.0 | 680 | |
| | MIN | 6.6 | 439 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0 | |
| PALLATHURUTHU | MAX | 7.5 | 898 | 6.0 | 3.3 | 1200.0 | 800 | D |
| | Mean | 6.9 | 699 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 325.0 | 217 | |
| | MIN | 6.8 | 811 | 3.9 | 2.2 | 500.0 | 200 | |
| BOARDING POINT | MAX | 7.9 | 1658 | 5.9 | 3.5 | 8000.0 | 4800 | D |
| | Mean | 7.2 | 1201 | 4.4 | 2.9 | 2600.0 | 1542 | |

| YEAR | RIVER STATIONS | SWMP | IPH | EC µmhos/c | - | - | TC MPN/100 | FC MPN/100 | CLASS |
|------|------------------------------|------|-----|---------------|-----|-----|---------------|------------|-------|
| | | MIN | 6.7 | 152 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 200.0 | 100 | |
| 2020 | PUNNAMADA FINISHING POINT | MAX | 7.8 | 1214 | 6.5 | 3.4 | 2100.0 | 1000 | D |
| | | Mean | 7.2 | 575 | 5.1 | 2.3 | 1217.0 | 591 | |



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| | MIN | 6.4 | 282 | 4.6 | 0.5 | 300.0 | 100 | |
|------------------------------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|--------|------|---|
| 1 KM FROM PUMPING STATION | MAX | 7.8 | 942 | 6.6 | 2.8 | 2400.0 | 1200 | D |
| | Mean | 7.2 | 713 | 5.6 | 1.7 | 1358.0 | 733 | |
| | MIN | 6.8 | 173 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 0 | |
| PUMPING STATION | MAX | 7.8 | 936 | 7.0 | 3.3 | 1200.0 | 700 | D |
| | Mean | 7.2 | 654 | 5.3 | 1.8 | 658.0 | 358 | |
| | MIN | 6.6 | 318 | 4.2 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0 | |
| PATHIRAMANAL | MAX | 7.9 | 1185 | 7.5 | 2.9 | 800.0 | 400 | D |
| | Mean | 7.2 | 948 | 5.8 | 2.1 | 300.0 | 150 | |
| D/S OF | MIN | 6.7 | 561 | 6.2 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0 | |
| THANNERMUKKAM | | 7.8 | 1472 | 7.8 | 2.8 | 900.0 | 500 | D |
| BUND | Mean | 7.3 | 145 | 6.9 | 1.8 | 450.0 | 216 | |
| U/S OF | MIN | 6.8 | 218 | 4.2 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0 | |
| THANNERMUKKAM | | 7.8 | 1784 | 7.6 | 2.8 | 1200.0 | 700 | D |
| BUND | Mean | 7.3 | 998 | 6.1 | 1.8 | 617.0 | 358 | |
| | MIN | 6.8 | 237 | 4.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 0 | |
| D/S OF McDOWELL &CO. | MAX | 7.8 | 1924 | 7.6 | 3.2 | 1200.0 | 700 | D |
| | Mean | 7.3 | 1006 | 5.7 | 2.0 | 525.0 | 283 | |
| | MIN | 6.9 | 145 | 4.2 | 0.8 | 200.0 | 100 | |
| THAKAZHY | MAX | 7.7 | 1091 | 6.5 | 3.4 | 2000.0 | 1100 | D |
| | Mean | 7.2 | 563 | 5.0 | 2.1 | 867.0 | 491 | |
| | MIN | 6.5 | 146 | 4.5 | 1.1 | 300.0 | 100 | |
| PULINKUNNU | MAX | 7.7 | 859 | 7.4 | 4.5 | 1600.0 | 900 | D |
| | Mean | 6.9 | 435 | 5.5 | 2.6 | 892.0 | 491 | |
| | MIN | 6.6 | 201 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 200.0 | 100 | |
| PALLATHURUTHU | MAX | 8.4 | 894 | 6.4 | 3.6 | 1200.0 | 700 | D |
| | Mean | 7.0 | 522 | 4.5 | 2.4 | 617.0 | 333 | |
| | MIN | 6.8 | 184 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 300.0 | 100 | |
| BOARDING POINT | MAX | 8.6 | 1006 | 6.8 | 4.1 | 4000.0 | 1900 | D |
| F | Mean | 7.3 | 591 | 5.1 | 2.6 | 1483.0 | 766 | |

| YEAR | RIVER STATIONS | SWMP | РН | EC µmhos/c | DO mg/l | BOD mg/l | TC MPN/100 | FC MPN/100 | CLASS |
|------|------------------------------|------|-----|---------------|------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| | PUNNAMADA FINISHING POINT | MIN | 6.7 | 128 | 4.5 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0 | |
| | | MAX | 7.4 | 835 | 7.8 | 3.7 | 2200.0 | 100 | D |
| 2021 | | Mean | 7.2 | 394 | 6.4 | 2.1 | 758.0 | 358 | |
| 2021 | | MIN | 6.7 | 136 | 5.1 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0 | |
| | 1 KM FROM PUMPING STATION | MAX | 7.5 | 820 | 7.7 | 3.8 | 2900.0 | 1200 | D |
| | | Mean | 7.3 | 396 | 6.5 | 2.4 | 741.0 | 316 | |



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| | MIN | 6.8 | 132 | 5.3 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0 | | |
|----------------------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|--------|------|---|--|
| PUMPING STATION | MAX | 7.4 | 796 | 7.8 | 3.3 | 1400.0 | 900 | D | |
| | Mean | 7.2 | 357 | 6.6 | 2.0 | 408.0 | 183 | | |
| | MIN | 6.7 | 152 | 5.9 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0 | | |
| PATHIRAMANAL | MAX | 7.4 | 956 | 7.9 | 3.0 | 1200.0 | 500 | D | |
| | Mean | 7.1 | 431 | 7.3 | 1.7 | 150.0 | 58 | | |
| D/S OF | MIN | 6.9 | 153 | 5.3 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0 | | |
| THANNERMUKKAM | | 7.5 | 996 | 7.9 | 3.4 | 500.0 | 300 | D | |
| BUND | Mean | 7.1 | 503 | 7.3 | 2.0 | 125.0 | 58 | | |
| U/S OF | MIN | 7.0 | 185 | 5.9 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0 | | |
| THANNERMUKKAM | | 7.5 | 1228 | 7.9 | 3.1 | 4000.0 | 2600 | D | |
| BUND | Mean | 7.2 | 553 | 7.0 | 1.9 | 691.0 | 408 | | |
| | MIN | 7.1 | 150 | 5.2 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0 | | |
| D/S OF McDOWELL &CO. | MAX | 7.5 | 1173 | 7.9 | 4.4 | 2200.0 | 1200 | D | |
| | Mean | 7.2 | 499 | 7.0 | 2.3 | 433.0 | 208 | | |
| | MIN | 6.8 | 140 | 4.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0 | | |
| THAKAZHY | MAX | 7.8 | 592 | 6.1 | 3.7 | 1200.0 | 700 | D | |
| | Mean | 7.2 | 313 | 5.3 | 2.5 | 616.0 | 275 | | |
| | MIN | 6.8 | 110 | 4.1 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0 | | |
| PULINKUNNU | MAX | 7.6 | 379 | 7.4 | 5.4 | 1600.0 | 900 | D | |
| | Mean | 7.2 | 256 | 6.0 | 2.4 | 750.0 | 375 | | |
| | MIN | 6.7 | 131 | 3.9 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0 | | |
| PALLATHURUTHU | MAX | 7.7 | 598 | 7.0 | 3.9 | 1700.0 | 1000 | D | |
| | Mean | 7.2 | 363 | 5.7 | 2.3 | 658.0 | 291 | | |
| | MIN | 7.1 | 179 | 4.2 | 1.5 | 300.0 | 100 | | |
| BOARDING POINT | MAX | 7.5 | 788 | 7.4 | 4.8 | 6000.0 | 3200 | D | |
| | Mean | 7.3 | 421 | 6.2 | 2.8 | 2116.0 | 1041 | | |

Table3: Analysis report of the sampling points under PROJECT OF BACKWATER RESOURCES for the period 2019-2021

Major portions of the lake have not been classified according to the Best Designated Use criteria developed by Central Pollution Control Board. Hence the water quality has been compared with Primary Water Quality Criteria for Bathing Water. The analysis reports show high values of fecal coliform than the permissible limit (desirable) of 500 MPN/100ml. Dissolved oxygen content is seen to be below the limit(5mg/l) at certain points.

A main activity in the stretch of the lake in Alappuzha district is tourism. A large no. of houseboats are plying in the lake. With an increase in number of houseboats catering to



backwater tourism, commensurate waste management facility is yet to be developed. Intensification of agriculture and use of high yielding varieties of rice has also led to increased use of fertilizers and pesticides which may ultimately reach the lake.

The actions taken by the Board to reduce the pollution threat are as follows:

- Consent of the Board under the Water Act has been made mandatory for houseboats with condition to provide sewage collection facility and to treat the collected sewage at common treatment plant. The Board had charged an amount of Rs 90,45,400/- as penalty from houseboat owners for not complying norms and conditions.
- Action is taken through Port Officer, Alappuzha to find out unauthorized house boats.
- Another major issue in the district is waste from peeling sheds. As a solution to this problem, the demand for a CETP is high. For establishing CETP in Chandiroor region as part of ACCEPT Society, several official and public meetings were held in multiple level with very little positive result. Due to the strong protest of few neighbours the progress of the project is limited.
- A CETP at Mega Food Park, Pallipuram with a capacity to treat 20 lakh L/D effluent was commissioned in March 2022, thus providing a protection to Kaithapuzha, a tributary of Vembanad Lake, from further pollution due to peeling sheds in Puthenthodu.
- Inspections for house boats and resorts near to the lake are being conducted for ensuring compliance to consent conditions.
- Directions were issued to all local bodies in the district to implement adequate solid waste management facilities including composting facilities, Material Collection facility (MCF)/Material Recovery Facility (MRF).
- Haritha Kerala Mission (HKM) and KSPCB had jointly organized two training programs with all stakeholding departments to create awareness in environmental law enforcement responsibility of each department and ensuring synergic function of these departments for environmental conservation. HKM and Suchithwa Mission had organized three training programs in this line for LSGI officials to improve environmental rule implementation for the better waste management and protection of water bodies.
- Continual awareness programs are being given to create awareness about the consequences of lake and stream pollutions, in association with residence associations, peeling shed owners and sea food industries associations in regular interval.
- Awareness classes or seminars are conducted for school students regarding the waste management as a part of environmental day program focusing on mentoring youth for environmental conservation.

ACTION TAKEN BY POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD CONCERNING THE STRETCH IN ERNAKULAM DISTRICT

Kochi city of Ernakulam district is bounded by Vembanadu Lake. To determine the extent of water pollution of Vembanadu lake (Kochi kayal) areas within 5 Kilometers from lake was identified for studying pollution problems of the stretch of the lake in Ernakulam



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district. The study identified the chances of wastewater discharge from establishments, units, apartments etc. Several establishments, units, apartments etc were identified according to major chances of discharging of wastewater into the lake. An inspection team was organized and inspections conducted with the following checklist.

- Whether they have consent or not
- Whether they have a proper waste treatment plant
- Functioning status of STP or ETP
- Whether complying the rules and regulations
- Whether the waste waters discharged to any drain

Based on the inspections conducted, notices were issued to 10 establishments for non compliance of consent conditions and letters issued to 39 units directing to apply for the consent of the Board which are not still under the consent regime of the Board. The matter is being followed up by the Board.

An industrial survey, ie a field survey is done, in which observed data on sewage treatment plant and consent details are collected from selected industrial establishments in the 5km buffer area of coastal stretch. The data reflects the details regarding the generation and treatment of waste from the industries/establishments. The data collection and mapping of industries are done using *EnviClean* application.

A total of 101 industries were identified and mapped using Enviclean application. The following data are collected:

- Water Consumption
- Effluent Generation Quantity
- Whether effluent treatment plant provided
- Waste water treatment plant/ system provided
- Whether applied for consent or not

Periodical inspections and monitoring are being conducted by the Board for ensuring the compliance of consent conditions in major commercial and residential establishments which are already under the consent regime of the Board. Efforts are being taken to bring more units under the purview of the Board which do not have the consent of the Board.



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Seven drains flowing through Kochi city and falls into Vembanadu Lake were identified. The photos showing the location of the drains are enclosed as **Annexure A** and the table showing flow measurements is attached as **Annexure B**. The analysis report of the sediments and the water samples collected from these drains are attached as **Annexure C** & **Annexure D** respectively.

In certain drains, the values of BOD are more than 3mg/l& Dissolved Oxygen less than 4 mg/l, which are prescribed as the limits by CPCB for determining whether the stretches for water bodies are polluted or not which indicates that more treatment is necessary for wastewater before letting it into drains.

The Board conducts monthly sampling of the Vembanadu lake at Oil Tanker Jetty, near Marine Drive, Ernakulam and the analysis reports of 3 years are attached below in Table 4. The values of Fecal Coliforms are well above the permissible limit of 2500MPN /100ml which is the maximum permissible value. The inference is that the wastewater needs treatment before it is discharged into the lake.

| River St | ations | | | рН | EC μmhos/cm | DO mg/l | BOD mg/l | TC MPN/100ml | FC MPN/100ml | CLASS* |
|-----------------|--------|------|------|-----|----------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| | | | Max | 8.0 | 44000 | 8.1 | 3.6 | 310000 | 140000 | |
| | | 2019 | Min | 6.8 | 1200 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 840 | 430 | Below E |
| | | | Mean | 7.2 | 24300 | 5.3 | 2.0 | 48420 | 22040 | |
| Oil | | | Max | 7.7 | 46270 | 6.7 | 3.4 | 46000 | 24000 | |
| Tanker Jetty | NWMP | 2020 | Min | 6.6 | 320 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 1100 | 480 | Below E |
| 1575 | | | Mean | 7.2 | 25209 | 5.2 | 2.0 | 11618 | 7389 | |
| | | 2021 | Max | 7.9 | 42380 | 7.8 | 3.6 | 200000 | 32000 | |
| | | | Min | 6.3 | 200 | 3.4 | 0.3 | 1500 | 630 | Е |
| | | | Mean | 7.1 | 20673 | 5.3 | 2.2 | 34375 | 8994 | 1 |

 Table 4: Analysis Report of the samples from collected Oil Tanker Jetty , near Marine Drive, Ernakulam for the period
 2019-2021

Under NWMP, monthly sampling of the above mentioned four stations are being conducted. In these stations, the values of Fecal Coliform are high above the permissible limit as per the Primary Water Quality Criteria based on Designated Best Use for coastal waters marine outfalls, specified for the stations. Analysis report of the samples collected from these stations for the month of May 2022 is detailed below as Table 5. At present, for treating the waste water generated in Kochi City, there is a Sewage Treatment Plant at Elamkulam, Kochi with 3.5MLD



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capacity running and maintained by Kerala Water Authority. Construction of another STP of 5MLD capacity is nearing completion in the same premises. On commissioning of the new one, the old STP will be demolished. Also M/s Kochi Metro Rail Ltd has obtained Consent to Establish of the Board having validity up to 26.08 2025, for setting up 4 STPs of total capacity of 31MLD for treating the waste water generated in Kochi city, at different locations of the city.

| | Name of Monitoring Station | Colour | Odour | Class (as per DBU) | DissolvedOxygen | рН | BOD | FecalColiform | Turbidity |
|------------|-------------------------------|--------|-------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|---------------|-----------|
| Mar- 22 | Goshree Bridge | Clear | Fishy | SW - II | 5.9 | 8 | 3.0 | 4900 | 1.6 |
| | Near Cochin Port Trust | Clear | Fishy | SW - III | 3.9 | 7.3 | - | 3100 | 3.8 |
| | Thoppumpady | Turbid | Fishy | SW - III | 3.1 | 7.3 | - | 2000 | 9.4 |
| | Near Willingdon Island | Clear | None | SW - II | 3.6 | 7.3 | 2.4 | 2000 | 9.0 |
| Apr- 22 | Goshree Bridge | Clear | Fishy | SW - II | 6.7 | 7.5 | 2.3 | 3100 | 4.0 |
| | Near Cochin Port Trust | Clear | Fishy | SW - III | 4.8 | 7.6 | - | 4300 | 7.0 |
| | Thoppumpady | Turbid | Fishy | SW - III | 4.3 | 7.6 | - | 3800 | 6.0 |
| | Near Willingdon Island | Clear | None | SW - II | 5.3 | 7.1 | 4.4 | 3400 | 12.2 |
| May- 22 | Goshree Bridge | Clear | Fishy | SW - II | 5.9 | 7.6 | 2.8 | 2700 | 2.1 |
| | Near Cochin Port Trust | Clear | Fishy | SW - III | 3.7 | 7.4 | - | 2700 | 11.3 |
| | Thoppumpady | Turbid | Fishy | SW - III | 4.5 | 7.4 | - | 1500 | 2.4 |
| | Near Willingdon Island | | None | SW - II | 5.7 | 7.5 | 3 | 700 | 10.3 |

 Table 5: NWMP DATA for the period MARCH 2022 - MAY 2022

ACTIONS TAKEN FOR REDUCING THE DETIRIORATION OF WATER QUALITY OF VEMBANADU LAKE BY DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE BOARD, KOTTAYAM

The Identification and correction of industrial units functioning near Meenachil river, Muvattupuzha river which discharge their treated waste water into Vembanad lake are in progress, periodic inspections are scheduled to ensure that no contaminants are being discharged



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into these rivers which eventually reach Vembanad Lake. The results of the SWMP samples collected for the period 2019-2021 are given below as Table 6 & 7.

| | | | | pН | | | | | | |
|------|-----------------------|------|------|-----|----------------|-----|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| | River Stations | | | | EC µmhos/cm | | BOD mg/l | TC MPN/100ml | FC MPN/100ml | CLASS* |
| | | | Max | 7.9 | 103 | 7.7 | 0.9 | 4900 | 2800 | |
| | Kidangoor 1339 | NWMP | Min | 6.8 | 44 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 700 | 310 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.5 | 70 | 7.0 | 0.5 | 2625 | 1418 | |
| | | | Max | 7.7 | 71 | 8.2 | 1.4 | 2900 | 1400 | |
| | Theekoy K29 | SWMP | Min | 6.5 | 36 | 5.0 | 0.1 | 1000 | 500 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.1 | 48 | 7.0 | 0.5 | 1950 | 1046 | |
| | | | Max | 7.6 | 105 | 8.0 | 1.0 | 4300 | 2400 | |
| | Bharanganam K30 | SWMP | Min | 6.4 | 38 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 1600 | 800 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.2 | 41 | 7.6 | 0.5 | 2667 | 1350 | |
| 2019 | | | Max | 7.6 | 154 | 8.7 | 0.8 | 3000 | 1400 | |
| | Kadappattoor K31 | SWMP | Min | 6.9 | 42 | 6.7 | 0.2 | 1200 | 600 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.3 | 46 | 7.4 | 0.5 | 1846 | 967 | |
| | | | Max | 7.7 | 108 | 8.1 | 1.1 | 4350 | 2100 | |
| | Punnathara K32 | SWMP | Min | 6.8 | 44 | 6.4 | 0.1 | 700 | 500 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.4 | 49 | 7.3 | 0.6 | 2000 | 1050 | |
| | | | Max | 7.7 | 13240 | 7.8 | 0.8 | 4900 | 2450 | |
| | Thazhathangadi K33 | SWMP | Min | 5.7 | 43 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 900 | 350 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.2 | 2018 | 6.1 | 0.4 | 2338 | 1204 | |
| | | | Max | 7.6 | 22820 | 7.1 | 1.2 | 7000 | 3800 | |
| | Kumarakom K34 | SWMP | Min | 4.8 | 102 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 1200 | 650 | С |
| | | | Mean | 6.7 | 287 | 4.8 | 0.7 | 3425 | 1838 | |
| | | | Max | 8.1 | 104 | 7.7 | 1.0 | 3600 | 2100 | |
| | Kidangoor 1339 | NWMP | Min | 6.6 | 12 | 6.5 | 0.1 | 490 | 400 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.4 | 59 | 7.2 | 0.5 | 1799 | 950 | |
| | | | Max | 8.0 | 77 | 8.2 | 1.3 | 3100 | 1500 | |
| | Theekoy K29 | SWMP | Min | 6.2 | 28 | 6.1 | 0.1 | 200 | 100 | С |
| 2020 | | | Mean | 7.2 | 47 | 7.5 | 0.4 | 1619 | 821 | |
| 2020 | | | Max | 8.1 | 79 | 8.0 | 1.8 | 4700 | 2400 | |
| | Bharanganam K30 | SWMP | Min | 6.6 | 33 | 6.6 | 0.1 | 700 | 310 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.3 | 51 | 7.4 | 0.4 | 1850 | 1033 | |
| | | | Max | 8.1 | 100 | 8.0 | 1.6 | 4300 | 2200 | |
| | Kadappattoor K31 | SWMP | | 6.5 | | 6.8 | 0.1 | 790 | 400 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.4 | 56 | 7.5 | 0.5 | 2179 | 1146 | |



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| | | | Max | 7.9 | 90 | 7.9 | 1.1 | 3600 | 2000 | ĺ |
|-----|-----------------------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|---|
| | Punnathara K32 | SWMP | Min | 6.7 | 38 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 700 | 400 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.3 | 59 | 7.1 | 0.5 | 1854 | 954 | |
| | | | Max | 7.9 | 3028 | 7.2 | 0.8 | 6100 | 3100 | |
| | Thazhathangadi K33 | SWMP | Min | 6.9 | 43 | 4.0 | 0.1 | 1200 | 790 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.5 | 519 | 6.2 | 0.4 | 2804 | 1404 | 1 |
| | | | Max | 7.9 | 5895 | 5.5 | 1.0 | 6300 | 3600 | |
| | Kumarakom K34 | SWMP | Min | 6.6 | 95 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 820 | 470 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.4 | 1400 | 3.9 | 0.5 | 2996 | 1433 | |
| | | | Max | 7.2 | 65 | 8.1 | 1.0 | 2800 | 1100 | |
| | Kidangoor 1339 | NWMP | Min | 6.1 | 38 | 3.6 | 0.3 | 350 | 100 | С |
| | | | Mean | 6.6 | 49 | 7.1 | 0.5 | 1184 | 618 | |
| | | | Max | 7.2 | 56 | 8.2 | 1.0 | 3100 | 1500 | |
| | Theekoy K29 | SWMP | Min | 6.2 | 26 | 6.9 | 0.2 | 300 | 50 | С |
| | | | Mean | 6.6 | 39 | 7.7 | 0.5 | 1029 | 542 | |
| | | SWMP | Max | 7.2 | 75 | 8.1 | 1.3 | 2700 | 1200 | С |
| | Bharanganam K30 | | Min | 6.0 | 32 | 7.1 | 0.2 | 400 | 200 | |
| | | | Mean | 6.4 | 46 | 7.8 | 0.5 | 1279 | 583 | |
| | | | Max | 7.1 | 73 | 8.0 | 0.8 | 3100 | 1600 | |
| 021 | Kadappattoor K31 | SWMP | Min | 6.1 | 36 | 7.1 | 0.3 | 300 | 50 | С |
| | | | Mean | 6.6 | 48 | 7.5 | 0.5 | 1125 | 592 | |
| | | | Max | 7.1 | 75 | 8.1 | 0.9 | 2500 | 1200 | |
| | Punnathara K32 | SWMP | Min | 6.1 | 40 | 6.8 | 0.3 | 200 | 250 | С |
| | | | Mean | 6.5 | 50 | 7.3 | 0.4 | 1105 | 655 | |
| | K33 | | Max | 7.2 | 532 | 8.0 | 1.1 | 2600 | 1500 | |
| | | SWMP | Min | 5.7 | 48 | 5.7 | 0.2 | 400 | 100 | С |
| | | | Mean | 6.3 | 144 | 6.8 | 0.6 | 1242 | 633 | |
| | | | Max | 7.0 | 1266 | 8.2 | 1.2 | 2700 | 1250 | |
| | Kumarakom K34 | SWMP | Min | 5.7 | 61 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 500 | 150 | С |
| | NJ+ | | Mean | 6.2 | 384 | 5.0 | 0.6 | 1421 | 663 | |

Table 6: Analysis report of the samples for the period 2019-2021 collected from Meenachil river

| | River Stations | | | рН | EC μmhos/cm | DO mg/l | | TC MPN/100ml | FC MPN/100ml | CLASS* |
|------|--------------------------|------|------|-----|----------------|---------|-----|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| | | | Max | 7.9 | 86 | 7.8 | 0.8 | 4900 | 2700 | |
| 2019 | Vettikkattumukku 0043 | NWMP | Min | 6.9 | 54 | 5.7 | 0.2 | 2200 | 1100 | С |
| 2019 | | | Mean | 7.5 | 70 | 6.9 | 0.5 | 3383 | 1808 | |
| | Malankara Dam | SWMP | Max | 7.7 | 80 | 8.2 | 0.8 | 6000 | 3600 | С |



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| | K43 | | Min | 6.6 | 45 | 6.2 | 0.1 | 600 | 350 | |
|---|--------------------------|------|------|-----|-------|-----|-----|------|------|-------|
| | | | Mean | 7.2 | 60 | 7.7 | 0.5 | 2667 | 1508 | |
| Ī | | | Max | 7.3 | 76 | 7.9 | 0.6 | 5000 | 2700 | |
| | Muvattupuzha K44 | SWMP | Min | 6.5 | 49 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 1300 | 650 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.1 | 56 | 7.3 | 0.4 | 2717 | 1375 | |
| ľ | | | Max | 7.9 | 77 | 7.9 | 0.8 | 3400 | 2000 | |
| | Peruvammoozhy K45 | SWMP | Min | 6.7 | 50 | 7.0 | 0.1 | 1150 | 600 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.4 | 62 | 7.5 | 0.4 | 2063 | 1208 | |
| Ì | | | Max | 7.9 | 79 | 7.9 | 0.6 | 2650 | 1600 | |
| | Ramamangalam K46 | SWMP | Min | 6.5 | 50 | 6.9 | 0.1 | 950 | 400 | С |
| | 1240 | | Mean | 7.4 | 66 | 7.5 | 0.3 | 1767 | 917 | |
| ľ | | | Max | 7.9 | 107 | 7.9 | 0.6 | 4000 | 2100 | |
| | Piravom K47 | SWMP | Min | 6.8 | 52 | 6.6 | 0.1 | 1400 | 600 | С |
| | **** | | Mean | 7.5 | 58 | 7.2 | 0.4 | 2417 | 1225 | |
| ľ | | | Max | 7.8 | 4154 | 8.0 | 1.1 | 6000 | 3200 | |
| | Murinjapuzha K48 | SWMP | Min | 6.3 | 70 | 5.4 | 0.3 | 1850 | 1200 | С |
| | 1240 | | Mean | 7.4 | 1243 | 6.8 | 0.7 | 3808 | 2067 | |
| | | | Max | 8.2 | 68 | 8.1 | 1.0 | 4300 | 2500 | |
| | Vettikkattumukku 0043 | NWMP | Min | 6.6 | 45 | 6.4 | 0.3 | 840 | 490 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.5 | 58 | 7.2 | 0.6 | 2395 | 1265 | |
| Ì | | | Max | 7.9 | 63 | 7.9 | 0.7 | 2600 | 1400 | |
| | Malankara Dam K43 | SWMP | Min | 6.7 | 35 | 7.0 | 0.1 | 600 | 250 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.2 | 49 | 7.5 | 0.3 | 1333 | 671 | |
| ľ | | | Max | 7.8 | 65 | 8.0 | 1.0 | 4300 | 2400 | |
| | Muvattupuzha K44 | SWMP | Min | 6.8 | 46 | 7.1 | 0.2 | 600 | 310 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.3 | 55 | 7.6 | 0.4 | 2329 | 1238 | |
| ľ | | | Max | 8.0 | 64 | 8.2 | 0.8 | 3700 | 2400 | |
| | Peruvammoozhy K45 | SWMP | Min | 6.7 | 45 | 7.1 | 0.1 | 490 | 250 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.4 | 55 | 7.5 | 0.3 | 1704 | 942 | |
| ľ | | | Max | 7.9 | 66 | 7.6 | 0.9 | 3300 | 1600 | |
| | Ramamangalam K46 | SWMP | Min | 6.8 | 45 | 6.4 | 0.1 | 630 | 310 | С |
| | | | Mean | 7.5 | 57 | 7.1 | 0.5 | 1813 | 925 | |
| ľ | | | Max | 7.9 | 66 | 7.9 | 0.8 | 4300 | 2100 | |
| | Piravom K47 | SWMP | Min | 6.4 | 45 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 400 | 200 | С |
| | K47 | | Mean | 7.4 | 57 | 7.2 | 0.4 | 1888 | 933 | |
| | | | Max | 8.1 | 14800 | 7.5 | 1.3 | 6300 | 2600 | |
| | Murinjapuzha K48 | SWMP | Min | 6.7 | 47 | 5.6 | 0.2 | 1000 | 400 | Below |
| | | | Mean | 7.5 | 4215 | 6.6 | 0.5 | 3113 | 1404 | |
| | Vettikkattumukku | NWMP | Max | 7.2 | 76 | 8.2 | 1.3 | 3100 | 1500 | С |



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| 0043 | | Min | 6.1 | 51 | 6.0 | 0.3 | 100 | 100 | |
|----------------------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------------|---|
| | | Mean | 6.7 | 59 | 7.2 | 0.5 | 1108 | 605 | |
| | | Max | 7.3 | 57 | 8.1 | 0.9 | 1900 | 1000 | |
| Malankara Dam K43 | SWMP | Min | 6.0 | 43 | 7.1 | 0.2 | 200 | 50 | С |
| | | Mean | 6.5 | 50 | 7.9 | 0.4 | 668 | 365 | |
| | | Max | 7.6 | 56 | 8.2 | 0.9 | 2000 | 1100 | |
| Muvattupuzha K44 | SWMP | Min | 6.3 | 41 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 500 | 250 | С |
| | | Mean | 6.7 | 51 | 7.6 | 0.3 | 959 | 473 | |
| | | Max | 7.6 | 60 | 8.0 | 1.9 | 2100 | 1100 | |
| Peruvammoozhy K45 | SWMP | Min | 6.4 | 43 | 7.3 | 0.1 | 300 | 150 | С |
| | | Mean | 6.7 | 51 | 7.7 | 0.5 | 927 | 475 | |
| | | Max | 7.7 | 62 | 8.2 | 1.0 | 3500 | 1050 | |
| Ramamangalam K46 | SWMP | Min | 6.3 | 43 | 7.1 | 0.2 | 500 | 200 | С |
| | | Mean | 6.7 | 53 | 7.6 | 0.4 | 1236 | 531.818182 | |
| | | Max | 7.7 | 63 | 8.1 | 0.9 | 3000 | 900 | |
| Piravom K47 | SWMP | Min | 6.4 | 48 | 6.8 | 0.3 | 150 | 50 | С |
| | | Mean | 6.8 | 56 | 7.4 | 0.4 | 1025 | 488 | |
| | | Max | 7.7 | 1886 | 7.9 | 0.8 | 2450 | 1200 | |
| Murinjapuzha K48 | SWMP | Min | 6.0 | 51 | 5.8 | 0.1 | 100 | 50 | С |
| | | Mean | 6.7 | 622 | 7.0 | 0.4 | 1250 | 664 | |

Table7:Analysis report of the samples for the period 2019-2021 collected from Muvattupuzha river

The analysis reports show that the parameters are within the limits except for the value of fecal coliform prescribed for bathing under Primary Water Quality Criteria.

Periodic inspections are also conducted for ensuring the compliance of consent conditions issued to house boats and resorts functioning near the lake so as to abate the pollution of the lake. All these hotels and resorts are functioning with proper solid and liquid waste treatment plant including Sewage Treatment Plants and also have implemented systems for recycling used water. Board ensures the compliance of the units as per circulars /guidelines of the Board. The list of industrial units having STP, functioning near Vembanad Lake and using treated effluent for irrigation is enclosed as **Annexure E** and list of those industries which are discharging treated effluent into the lake is enclosed as **Annexure F**.

In order to prevent the water pollution from house boats, DTPC has constructed a Common Sewage Treatment Plant exclusively for house boats at Kavanattumkara Kumarakom. Consent to Operate to the house boats shall only be granted if the houseboat treats the wastewater through



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this facility. During the inspection and sampling conducted on 26.02.2022 the BOD and COD level of treated water was found to be above the permissible limit. Hence a show cause notice was issued to DTPC and enclosed as **Annexure G**.

The other area sources of pollution to Vembanad Lake include the discharge of pollutants in the solid and liquid waste generated from nearby panchayats and municipalities. The wastes dumped in the water shed includes drainages from houses, small shops, commercial establishments and other small scale industries. There are 10 Panchayats and 2 Municipalities sharing boundary with Vembanadu lake and the other 62 Panchayats and 4 municipalities in the water shed and none of them have taken Authorisation for Solid waste management or set up scientific waste anagement facilities. The Municipalities and Panchayats are discharging their waste into these rivers and tributaries discharging into Vembanad Lake. Efficient Solid Waste Management rule implementation including door to door collection of waste is not conducted effectively in these LSGIs. Intimation letter was sent to all municipalities for obtaining authorisation. Copy of the letter is enclosed as **Annexure H.**

The Board had got conducted 2 studies on Vembanad lake viz., 'Study on the Impact of Heavy Floods on Environmental Characteristics of Vembanad Backwater' and 'Hydrochemistry of Vembanad Backwater with Special Reference to Pollution Problems and its Management Issues'. The Board has taken actions for implementing the recommendations of these studies.

All that is stated above are true to the best of my knowledge information and belief.

Dated this 17th day of August 2022



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ANNEXURE -A

Locations of drain sampling points



Fig 1: Drain Cp Thodu, Near State Bank Of India, Bazar Road, Fortkochi



Fig 2: Drain near MatyaFed, Marine Drive



Fig 3: Drain Near Choice Marina, Thoppumpady

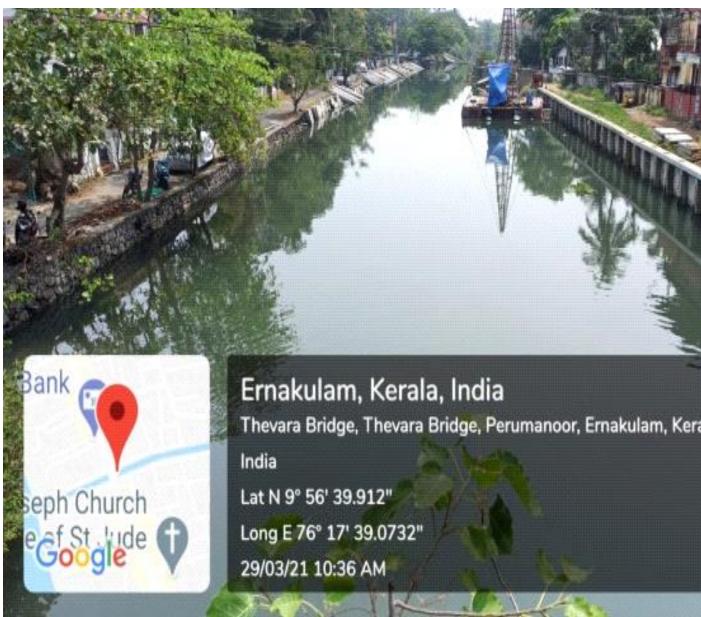


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Fig 4: Drain near Tata Tritvam Flats, Marine Drive



Fig 5: Drain Near Holiday Bay Castle, Marine Drive, Kochi



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Fig 6: Drain Near Thevara Market



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Fig 7: Drain Near Hotel Top Form, Karuvelippady, Fort Kochi

ANNEXURE - B

| | Drain Sampling Details | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|--|--|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| | Team 1 (Willington Island To Marine Drive Stretch) | | | | | | | | | | |
| SI.No | I.No Name Of The Location Drain | | Width (m) | Depth (m) | F | low Me | asurement | t | | | |
| | | | | | Distance (m) | Time (s) | Velocity (m/s) | Flow (m3/s) | | | |
| 1 | Drain Near Holiday Bay Castle, Marine Drive, Kochi | N09 °58'48.198'' E076 °16'30.7308'' | 12 M | 1.5 M | 1 M | 18 Sec | 0.06 | 1.08 | | | |
| 2 | Drain Near Thevara Market | N09 °56'39.948'' E076 °17'38.922'' | 20 M | 2 M | 1 M | 5 Sec | 0.2 | 8 | | | |
| 3 | Drain Near Choice Marina, Thoppumpady | N09 °55'50.8008'' E076 °16'2.82'' | 10 M | 1 M | 1 M | 32 Sec | 0.03 | 0.3 | | | |
| 4 | Drain Near Hotel Top Form, Karuvelippady, Fort Kochi | N09 °56'21.714'' E076 °15'33.2928'' | 10 M | 1 M | 1 M | 26 Sec | 0.04 | 0.4 | | | |
| 5 | Drain Cp Thodu, Near State Bank Of India, Bazar Road, Fortkochi | N09 °58'4.5948'' E076 °15'8.1216'' | 12 M | 1.5 M | 1 M | 18 Sec | 0.06 | 1.08 | | | |

| | I | 「eam 2 (Mariı | ne Drive | To Muna | ambam Str | etch) | | |
|-------|--|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | | |
| SI.No | Name Of The Drain | Location | Width (m) | Depth (m) | F | low Me | asurement | t |
| | | | | | Distance (m) | Time (s) | Velocity (m/s) | Flow (m3/s) |
| 6 | Drain near MatyaFed, Marine Drive | N09 °59.208' E076 °16.343' | 9 M | 1.08 M | 1 M | 15 SEC | 0.07 | 0.68 |
| 7 | Drain near Tata Tritvam Flats, Marine Drive | N09 59.766' E076 16.334' | 10.7 M | 1 M | 1 M | 41 SEC | 0.02 | 0.21 |

ANNEXURE- C

Sediment Samples in Drains - Analysis Report

| | | 1 | | | r | | 1 | | r |
|--------|---------------------|----------|--|--|---|---|---------------------------------|--|---|
| | | | MD | Π | NFM | DHBC-SED | DMC-SED | DCMT-SED | DHT-SED |
| | PARAMETE RS | UNI T | Drain near MatyaFed, Marine Drive | Drain near Tata Tritvam Flats, Marine Drive | Drain near Nayarambala m Fish Market | Drain near Holiday Bay Castle, Marine Drive, Kochi | Drain near Thevara Market | Drain near Choice Marina, Thoppumpa dy | Drain near Hotel Top Form, Karuvelippad y, Fort kochi |
| 1 | Arsenic as As | mg/l | BDL(MD L-0.005) | BDL(MD L-0.005) | BDL(MDL- 0.005) | BDL(MD L-0.005) | BDL(MD L-0.005) | 2.28 | BDL(MDL- 0.005) |
| 2 | Antimony as Sb | mg/l | 1.69 | BDL(MD L-0.001) | 1.78 | 1.39 | BDL(MD L-0.001) | BDL(MDL- 0.001) | BDL(MDL- 0.001) |
| 3 | Chromium as Cr | mg/l | 48.9 | 41.99 | 43.52 | 53.15 | 48.21 | 48.56 | 51.69 |
| 4 | Cadmium as Cd | mg/l | BDL(MD L-0.001) | BDL(MD L-0.001) | BDL(MDL- 0.001) | BDL(MD L-0.001) | BDL(MD L-0.001) | BDL(MDL- 0.001) | BDL(MDL- 0.001) |
| 5 | Cobalt as Co | mg/l | 3.37 | 3.28 | 2.66 | 3.49 | 2.98 | 3.03 | 1.78 |
| 6 | Copper as Cu | mg/l | 20.24 | 11.15 | 9.7 | 48.25 | 35.29 | 58.42 | 26.74 |
| 7 | Iron as Fe | mg/l | 15435.08 | 17320.21 | 11595 | 18878.32 | 15186.9 | 15368.74 | 16322.64 |
| 8 | Lead as Pb | mg/l | 12.65 | 6.56 | 79.93 | 12.59 | 4.47 | 22 | 12.48 |
| 9 | Manganese as Mn | mg/l | 144.18 | 59.06 | 20.43 | 47.55 | 54.17 | 417.29 | 48.13 |
| 1 0 | Mercury as Hg | mg/l | 5.9 | 4.59 | 7.99 | 4.89 | 2.98 | 6.07 | 12.48 |
| 1 1 | Molybdenum as Mo | mg/l | 0.84 | BDL(MD L-0.010) | BDL(MDL- 0.010) | 0.69 | BDL(MD L-0.010) | BDL(MDL- 0.010) | BDL(MDL- 0.010) |
| 1 2 | Nickel as Ni | mg/l | 13.49 | 11.15 | 6.22 | 20.98 | 8.45 | 9.1 | 19.61 |
| 1 3 | Zinc as Zn | mg/l | 96.12 | 91.21 | 60.39 | 107.69 | 36.28 | 97.12 | 156.86 |

ANNEXURE- D

Water Samples in Drains - Analysis Report

| | | | GEN-MD | GEN-TT | GEN- DHBC | GEN- DMC | GEN-DCMT | GEN-DHT | GEN- FKCP |
|----|------------------------|------|--|---|---|------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| | PARAMETERS | UNIT | Drain near MatyaFed, Marine Drive | Drain near Tata Tritvam Flats, Marine Drive | Drain near Holiday Bay Castle, Marine Drive, Kochi | Drain near Thevara Market | Drain near Choice Marina, Thoppumpady | Drain near Hotel Top Form, Karuvelippady, Fort kochi | Drain CP Thodu, near STATE BANK OF INDIA, Bazar Road, Fortkochi |
| 1 | рН | - | 7 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 7 | 7.1 | 7 | 7.5 |
| 2 | TDS | mg/l | 28107 | 30070 | 25008 | 27111 | 28107 | 34488 | 35686 |
| 3 | Oil & Grease | mg/l | BDL | BDL | BDL | BDL | BDL | BDL | BDL |
| 4 | COD | mg/l | 16 | 16 | 28 | 20 | 24 | 16 | 20 |
| 5 | BOD | mg/l | 0.8 | 0.6 | 6.7 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 2.5 | 1.8 |
| 6 | Conductivity | mg/l | 44500 | 42700 | 37400 | 42000 | 44500 | 54600 | 56500 |
| 7 | colour | mg/l | 30 | 20 | 30 | 20 | 20 | 5 | 30 |
| 8 | Fluoride | mg/l | 0.54 | 0.51 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.55 | 0.56 | 0.58 |
| 9 | chloride | mg/l | 18292 | 16484 | 12762 | 15314 | 16484 | 16697 | 19994 |
| 10 | Nitrate as Nitrogen | mg/l | 0.024 | 0.023 | 0.025 | 0.11 | 0.015 | 0.02 | 0.009 |
| 11 | Sulphate | mg/l | 1188 | 1520 | 1962 | 889 | 1718 | 2005 | 482 |
| 12 | Phosphate | mg/l | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| 13 | Hardness | mg/l | 5300 | 4400 | 4000 | 4700 | 4800 | 4400 | 6100 |
| 14 | Cyanide | mg/l | 0.13 | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.14 |
| 15 | Hexavalent Chromium | mg/l | BDL | BDL | BDL | BDL | BDL | BDL | BDL |
| 16 | Dissolved oxygen | mg/l | 2.1 | 3.5 | 0.8 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 2.1 | 3.1 |

<u>ANNEXURE - E</u>

List of units using treated effluent for irrigation

| SI. No | Name of unit |
|-----------|--|
| 1 | Abad Hotels & Resorts, Kumarakom |
| 2 | Aveda Resorts & Spa, Kumarakom |
| 3 | Back Water Ripples, Kumarakom |
| 4 | Cee Cee Grand Hotel, Kumarakom |
| 5 | Club Mahindra Kumarakom |
| 6 | Cocobay Resort, Kumarakom |
| 7 | Coconut Lagoon Heritage Resort, Kumarakom |
| 8 | Eastend Lake Song Resort, Kumarakom |
| 9 | EdasseryKayal Resort, Kumarakom |
| 10 | Gokulam Grand Resort And Spa, Kumarakom |
| 11 | Green Field Resorts, Kumarakom |
| 12 | Illikkalam Lake Resort, Kumarakom |
| 13 | Kumarakom Lake Resorts, Kumarakom |
| 14 | M/S The Windsor Castle, Kumarakom |
| 15 | |
| 16 | Proposed Resort Owned BySreeGokulam Chits & Finance Co. Pvt.Ltd, Kumarakom |
| 17 | The ZuriKumarakom Kerala Resorts & Spa, Kumarakom |
| 18 | Vivanta By Taj(Taj Gardew), Kumarakom |
| 19 | Water &Capes(Ktdc), Kumarakom |
| 19 | MRF Limited, Vadavathoor |

<u>ANNEXURE - F</u>

List of industries and Sewage Treatment Plants near the banks of Vembanadkol wetlands

| 1 | Modern Rice Mill | FSTP of DTPC |
|----|---|-----------------|
| | Oil Palm India Ltd., KudavechoorPO, Vaikon | Kavanattinkara, |
| | Kottayam | Kumarakom |
| 2 | Abad Motels And Resorts Pvt. Ltd. Kumarakom | |
| 3 | Aveda Resorts And Spa Kumarakom | |
| 4 | Back Water Ripples Kumarakom | |
| 5 | Cee Cee Grand Hotel Kumarakom | |
| 4 | Club Mahindra Kumarakom | |
| 5 | Cocobay Resort Kuarakom | |
| 6 | Coconut Lagoon Heritage Resort Kumarakom | |
| 7 | Eastend Lake Song Resort Kumarakom | |
| 8 | EdasseryKayal Resort Kumarakom | |
| 9 | Gokulam Grand resort And Spa Kumarakom | |
| 10 | Green Field Resorts Kumarakom | |
| 11 | Illikkalam Lake Resort Kumarakom | |
| 12 | Indraprastham Back Water Cruise Kumarakom | |
| 13 | Kumarakom Lake Resorts | |
| 14 | M/S The Windsor Castle Kumarakom | |
| 15 | The ZuriKumarakom Kerala Resorts \$ Spa | |
| 16 | Vivanta By Taj (Taj Gardew) Kumarakom | |
| 17 | Water \$ Capes (KTDC) Kumarakom | |

ANNEXURE- G

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KERALA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD കേരള സംസ്ഥാന മലിനീകരണ നിയന്ത്രണ ബോർഡ് DISTRICT OFFICE, SREENIVASA IYER ROAD, KOTTAYAM – 1

ജില്ലാ ഓഫീസ്, ശ്രീനിവാസ അയ്യർ റോഡ്, കോട്ടയം.

Registered with A/D

In reply please refer to:-PCB/KTM/2631/08

Ref: 1. Inspection conducted by Board Officials on 26.02.2022

NOTICE

WHEREAS M/s., Common STP for House boats, Kumarakom, P.O Kottayam, (hereinafter referred to as the unit) having its establishment at Kumarakom Gramapanchayath, Vaikom Taluk, Kottayam District, comes under the purview of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 are bound to comply with the standards laid down there under and the conditions of the consent issued there under;

WHEREAS, the Government of Kerala have constituted the Kerala State Pollution Control Board (herein after referred as the Board) as per section 4 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974;

WHEREAS the unit comes under the purview of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and is bound to comply with the standards prescribed in the Environment (Protection) Rules;

WHEREAS unit was inspected and an effluent sample was drawn from the unit on 26/02/2022;

WHEREAS it was reported that the BOD levels in the treated water was 74mg/litre and the limit was only 30mg/litre.

WHEREAS it was reported that the COD levels in the treated water was 256mg/litre and the limit was only 250mg/litre. This shows the improper functioning of effluent treatment plant.



WHEREAS you need to do modifications/ improvements in the CSTP unit to reduce the BOD value to less than 30mg/litre and COD value to less than 250mg/litre.

NOW THEREFORE you are hereby directed to show cause if any, within 15 days of receipt of this notice as to why legal proceedings for violating the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 shall not be initiated against you.

Dated this the 23th day March 2022.

For and on behalf of the

KERALA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER.

To,

The Secretary District Tourism Promotion Council (DTPC) Kodimatha Kottayam Email : <u>info@dtpckottayam.com</u>

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ANNEXURE- H

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PCB/KTM/GEN-66/Audit Enq/2015

11.05.2022

REMINDER

NGT- URGENT

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From

Environmental Engineer

То

1. The Secretary., All Municipalities

Sir/ Madam,

Sub:- Authorization for Processing/Recycling/Treatment and Disposal of solid waste – Reg.

Ref:- 1. Solid waste management rules 2016

2. NGT order on OA 606/ 2018 dated 12.10.2018.

3. This office letter dated 18.03.2022

4. This office letter PCB/KTM/GEN-66/Audit Enq/2015 dated 26.04.2022

As per the reference, the municipalities had been reminded many times to obtain authorization under Solid waste management rules 2016. It is observed that, your municipality has not taken authorization for Processing/Recycling/Treatment and Disposal of solid waste as per solid waste management rules 2016. Hence you are directed to submit the application in enclosed format for authorization within seven days with DD for Rs. 20,000/- in favour of KSPCB, Kottayam, payable at Kottayam as authorization fee along with substantiating documents for the data given in the form attached herewith.

POLLUTION CON DISTRICT 10

Yours faithfully,

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER.

Encl:- As above