

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT**  
**PUDUCHERRY COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

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**Annual Report of PCZMA for the period April 2014 to March 2015**

The Central Government in the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) issued the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991 vide S.O. 114(E) dated the 19th February 1991 imposing restrictions on industries, operations and processes in the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ), keeping in view the importance of the coastal environment and the need to protect the coastal ecosystems from the pressures of developmental activities. In order to further strengthen this Notification a new Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 2011 was published by MoEF on 06.01.2011 replacing the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991. The Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority (PCZMA) is responsible for implementing the said Notification in the U.T. All developmental activities in CRZ require prior clearance of competent authority (MoEF / PCZMA) under this Notification. The details of various activities of PCZMA during the year April 2014 to March 2015 is given below

**The present composition of PCZMA is as follows:**

1.	Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Puducherry, Puducherry	- Chairman
2.	The Director, Dte. Of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry	- Member
3.	The Chief Town Planner, Town and Country Planning Department, Puducherry	- Member
4.	Prof. Dr. R. Ramesh, Director, National Centre for Sustainable Coastal management, Anna University, Chennai – 600 025	- Member
5.	Dr M.V. Ramana Murthy, Scientist G & Head Offshore Structures Division, National Institute of Ocean Technology, NIOT Campus, Velachery – Tambaram Main Road, Narayanapuram, Pallikaranai, Chennai – 600 100	- Member

6.	Thiru Jurgen Putz, Director, Palmyra, Centre for Ecological Landuse, Water Management and Rural Development, Auroville, Tamil Nadu	- - Member
7.	Member Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee, Puducherry	- Member Secretary

**Details of PCZMA meeting held from April 2014 to March 2015:**

<b>Details of Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>No. of No. of Projects Cleared by PCZMA</b>	<b>Projects Recommended to MoEF</b>	<b>No. of Projects Rejected</b>	<b>No. of Projects deferred /other decisions</b>	<b>General Agenda</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> PCZMA meeting</b>	10.06.2014	11	Nil	2	6	2
<b>31<sup>th</sup> PCZMA meeting</b>	9.01.2015	7	Nil	1	4	2

**Right to Information Act, 2005:**

<b>No. of applications received</b>	<b>No. of cases where information was provided</b>	<b>No. of cases where information was rejected</b>
12	12	Nil

**Court Cases:**

1. Application No. 04/ 2013 before National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone – O. Fernandes and another Vs. Union of India – Regarding coastal erosion protection measures along Tamil Nadu – Puducherry Coast.

**Preparation of PCZM Plan:**

- Work order was issued to Institute of Remote Sensing (IRS), Anna University on 24.11.2014 for preparing Coastal Zone Management Plan for Puducherry as per CRZ Notification, 2011. This project is done with the financial assistance of World Bank under Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction Project implemented by Project Implementation Agency, Puducherry. Total Cost of this project is Rs. 69.66 Lakhs. IRS has conducted the field studies for demarcation of HTL / LTL in Puducherry & Karaikal Regions during 26 – 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015. Map preparation is under progress

**Other Activities:**

- 1) International Coastal Clean-up Day – 2014 was celebrated on 20.09.2014 in Puducherry in line with the International Coastal Cleanup Day. A massive coastal clean-up operation was carried out in the coastal stretches of Puducherry at Gandhi Statue, Vaithikuppam, Vambakeerappalayam, Kalapet, Pillaichavady, Veerampatinam, Narambai and Moorthikuppam. Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. N. Rangasamy Local Administration Minister Thiru. N G Panneerselvam and Tourism Minister Thiru. P. Rajavelu inaugurated the cleaning campaign in the presence of Director – LAD, Director – DST&E and other Senior Officials of the Territorial Administration. Nearly 1200 volunteers from / NCC Students, Women SHGs and other volunteers participated in the campaign. The Financial Component of this exercise to the tune of Rs.76,980/- was met by Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority (PCZMA) as a part of its activity.
- 2) A proposal was submitted for implementation of ICZM Project - Phase II on 25.10.2013. During the current financial year follow – up action was taken on this and it was confirmed by the Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Environment, Forests

and Climate Change, vide letter dated 21.08.2014 that the Ministry has allocated Rs. 5 Crores for preparing DPR for the remaining coastal states including Pondicherry and the issues related to coastal management in Puducherry would be addressed.

- 3) Financial assistance of Rs. 3,04,500/- was granted to Forest Department, Puducherry for the project “Conservation of Olive Ridley Turtle’ to establish & maintain artificial hatcheries for olive ridley turtles along Puducherry coast.
- 4) Financial assistance of Rs. 50,000/- was granted to NGO PondyCAN for organizing the event of “Tsunamika’s coastal yatra for protection of coastal ecosystems and livelihoods of communities”.

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