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**PART I: SECTION (I) – GENERAL**

**Government Notifications**

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT, No. 47 OF 1980**

**Order under section 24C and section 24D**

BY VIRTUE of the powers vested in me by section 24C and section 24D of the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980 I, Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Environment, do by this Order, declare-

- (a) that the area of land in which the metes and bounds are set out in Part I, Part II and Part III of the Schedule I hereto shall be an environmental protection area for the purposes of the Act and shall be called the “Ethaleikulam Tank Environmental Protection Area” (hereinafter referred to as the “Protection Area”);
- (b) that for so long as this Order is in force –
- any planning scheme or project within the Protection Area which is in conflict with the provisions of the aforesaid Act, shall cease to operate in the Protection Area from the date of operation of this Order;
  - no person other than the Authority shall exercise, perform, and discharge any powers, duties or functions relating to the planning and development within the Protection Area:



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Provided that, where the Authority delegates any of its powers, duties or functions relating to the planning and development within the Protection Area to any Government Department, corporation, statutory board, local authority or any public officer under the provisions of section 26, such Government Department, corporation, statutory board, local authority or public officer may exercise, perform, and discharge such powers, duties or functions subject to the provisions of the said section; and

- (iii) the powers, duties or functions of the Authority relating to physical planning and development within the Protection Area, shall be limited to the activities set out in Part I of the Schedule II hereto and shall be exercised, performed and discharged subject to the conditions set out in Part II of the Schedule II hereto.

In this Order-

“Act” means the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980; and

“Authority” means the Central Environmental Authority established under section 2 of the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980.

Dr. KEHELIYA RAMBUKWELLA,  
Minister of Environment.

Colombo,  
02nd February, 2024.

## SCHEDULE I

### Part I

1. Extent of the Protection Area is 36.4217 hectare.
2. Such Protection Area is situated in Kurukalmadam North Grama Niladhari Division, Manmunai South Eruvilpattu Divisional Secretariat in Batticaloa District in the Eastern Province.
3. The metes and bounds of the Protection Area as follows :-

*North* - Starting from the place mentioned in Global Positioning System (GPS) co-ordinate 584640 E, 839784 N up to the place mentioned in Global Positioning System (GPS) co-ordinate 584809 E, 839849 N along the cart road.

*East* - From the last mentioned place, up to the place mentioned in Global Positioning System (GPS) co-ordinates 585436 E, 838951 N along the Global Positioning System (GPS) co-ordinates 584865 E, 839786 N, 584896 E, 839722 N, 584930 E, 839663 N, 584960 E, 839629 N, 585034 E, 839560 N, 585120 E, 839373 N, 585169 E, 839301 N and 585260 E, 839220 N.

*South* - From the last mentioned place, up to the place mentioned in Global Positioning System (GPS) co-ordinate 585125 E, 838855 N along the ferry road.

*West* - Cart road.

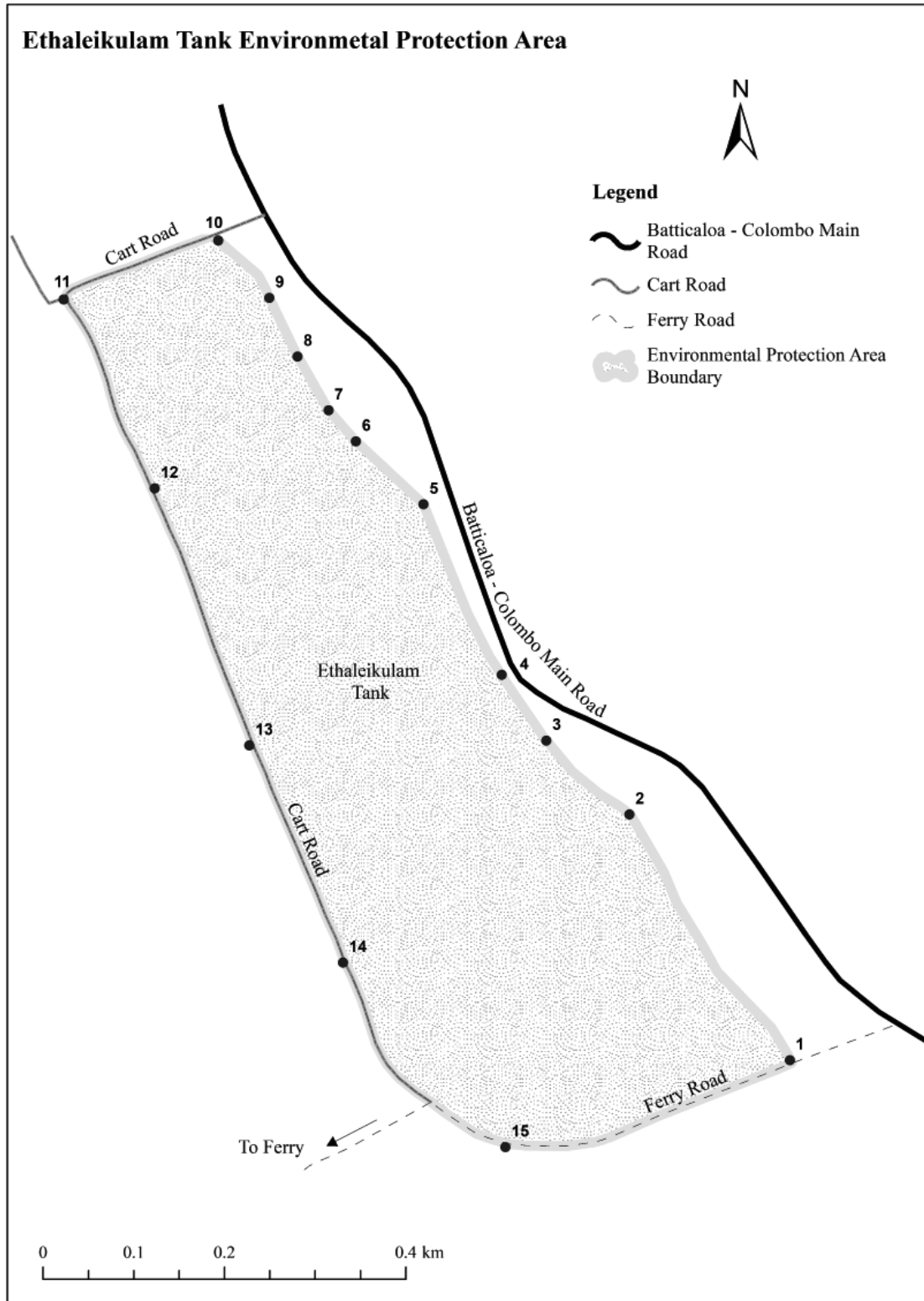
**Part II**

**Global Positioning System (GPS) co-ordinates of the metes and bounds of the  
Protection Area**

<i>Number</i>	<i>Easting co-ordinates</i>	<i>Northing co-ordinates</i>
1.	585436	838951
2.	585260	839220
3.	585169	839301
4.	585120	839373
5.	585034	839560
6.	584960	839629
7.	584930	839663
8.	584896	839722
9.	584865	839786
10.	584809	839849
11.	584640	839784
12.	584740	839577
13.	584844	839295
14.	584947	839057
15.	585125	838855

Part III

Map of the Protection Area



**SCHEDULE II**

**Part I**

**Activities permitted within the Protection Area**

The physical planning and development within the Protection Area shall be only for the following activities:-

1. Management and maintenance of existing irrigation scheme.
2. Management of alien invasive fauna and flora species.
3. Fishing activities.
4. Plucking of flowers from aquatic plants.
5. Educational and research activities.
6. Eco-tourism activities (without permanent or semi permanent structures).

**Part II**

**Conditions to be applied in carrying out the activities set out in Part I of this Schedule within the Protection Area**

1. Any physical planning and development set out in Part I of this Schedule shall be carried out subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) motor boats shall not use in fishing activities within the Protection Area;
- (b) such activities shall be carried out in such a manner as not to disturb the general life pattern of life, the livelihood of the villages and fauna and flora habitats;
- (c) alien invasive fauna and flora species shall not be introduced to the Protection Area;
- (d) any waste or wastewater of whatever condition shall not be disposed to the Protection Area;
- (e) reclamation of land, activities relevant to land degradation and soil erosion shall not be undertaken in the Protection Area.

2. The Authority may, subject to paragraph (j) of section 10 of the Act, appoint a committee to assist the Authority in the performance of its functions relating to the planning and development within the Protection Area.

3. Such committee shall consist of-

- (a) the Director of the Eastern Province of the Authority, and the Deputy Commissioner of Batticaloa District of the Department of Agrarian Development, who shall co-chair, the Committee;
- (b) the Divisional Secretary of Manmunai South Eruvilpattu Divisional Secretariat;
- (c) the Secretary of Manmunai South Eruvilpattu Pradeshiya Sabha;

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- (d) an officer not below the rank of an Assistant Director of the Department Wildlife Conservation nominated by the Director General of the Department Wildlife Conservation;
- (e) the Chairman of the relevant farmers' organization or a representative nominated by the Chairman of such farmers' organizations; and
- (f) such other officers not below the rank of the Assistant Director of any Governmental institution as may be necessary as determined by the Authority.

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