



NATIONAL PLATFORM FOR SMALL SCALE FISHWORKERS

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Shri A. K. Parida (Retd. IAS).
Chairman, State Pollution Control Board,
Andhra Pradesh.

Sub: Sub: Stop destruction of more than 500 acres of mangroves on Godavari River estuary.

Sir,

Greetings from the National Platform for Small Scale Fish Workers (NPSSFW).

This is to bring to your kind notice that more than 500 acres of mangroves are being cut down in Godavari River estuary near Gogulmattam in the district of East Godavari ostensibly for construction of hatcheries or food processing unit.

It is well known that mangroves serve as protective shield against cyclones and coastal erosion. They also serve as nurseries for fish and reduce pollution load besides contributing in carbon sequestration and oxygen generation. These contributions have been officially recognised by the Government and there are statutory prohibitions on cutting down of mangroves that include the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification issued under the Environment Protection Act 1986.

The National Platform for Small Scale Fish Workers (NPSSFW) and the Democratic Traditional Fishers Workers Forum (DTFWF) of Andhra Pradesh ardently request you to take immediate and effective steps to stop the destruction of mangroves and book the culprits including the government officials responsible for connivance.

Attached:

- Pictures and location of mangrove destruction.

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