9.1 Anshupa Lake

Name: Anshupa Lake

Location: 85° 34' 41" - 85° 37' 56" E

20° 26' 33" - 20° 28' 47" N

Wetland type: Inland lake

Average annual rainfall: 150 cm

Area: 230 ha

Located north of Mahanadi delta has association of two other lakes namely; Kantapanhara and Ostia. Morphometrically, it is about 3 km in length and width varying between 250m - 500 m. The average depth was supposed to be about 12 m, which due to siltation has reduced to about 3 m now. Water spread extent would gradually reduce by premonsoon and the vegetation would be pronouncedly observed on the imagery. The adjacent lakes nearly dry out during pre-monsoon. The combination of indices (MNDWI NDPI NDVI) aids in delineation of open water and vegetation specific to wetland.

Flora: Include 47 species. The fringes are occupied by Polygonum glabrum, P. barbatum, Limnophila heterophylla, Cyperus plalystylis, Aeschynomene aspera. Hydrilla verticellata, Ceratophyllum demersum, Myriophyllum tetrandrus are seen where shallow water is present. Free floating species like Nymphoides, Trapa natans, Eichhornia crassipes and rooted floating ones like Euryale ferox, Nymphaea aquatica, Trapa natans Var. bisporosa are seen at a depth of 2-3 m. The emergent species like Sacciolepis interrupta, Eichhornia stagnina are observed in the lake.

Fauna: Pila globosa, Belllama bengalensis, Lymnaea accuminata are seen abundantly. 20 species of avifauna are observed in the lake, of which the dominant ones are Porphyrio porphyrio, Metopidius indicus, Halcyon smymensis, Egretta garretta etc

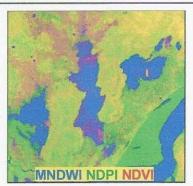
Fish: 15 fishes are known to exist in the lake of which Nandus nandus, Clarias baraches, Heteropneustes fossilis, Barbus chola and B. ticto are dominant.

The lake is declared as an important wetland site and has tourists' attraction.

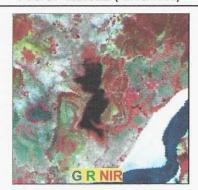
Legend
1 Aquatic vegetation
2 Open water



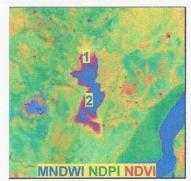
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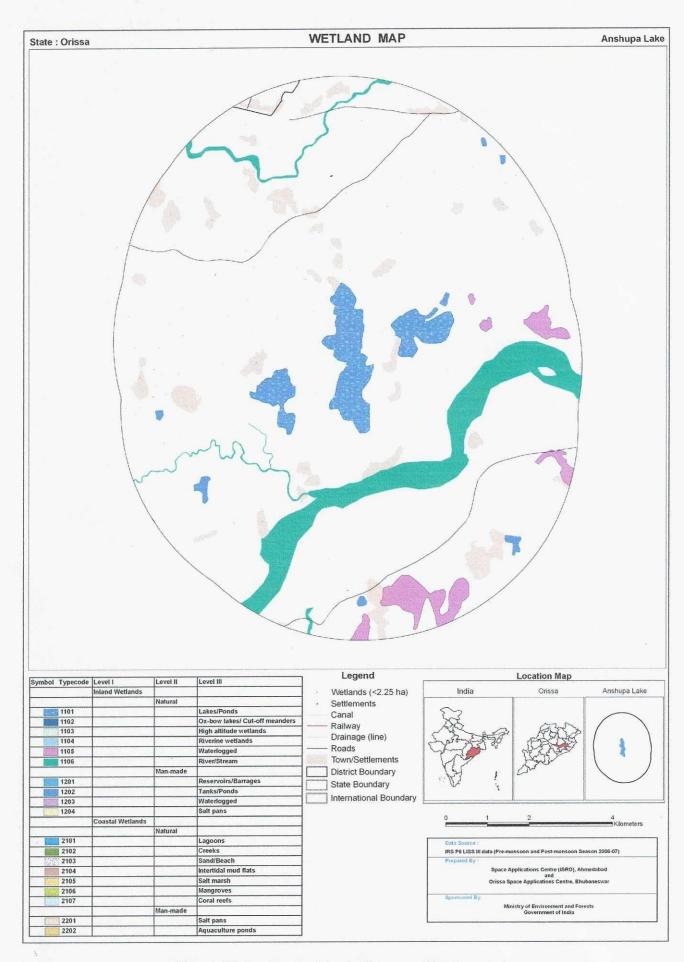


Plate 4: Wetland map - 5 km buffer area of Anshupa Lake

