

**TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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**C.No. 3 /2025     dated.10 .01.2025**

Sir,

Sub:     Forests – Wildlife – Ramsar site proposal – Query raised by Ramsar secretariat –  
Conduct rapid species assessment – Report – Submitted - Reg

Ref:     Ramsar Secretariat Query, Dated. 13.12.2024


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With reference to the above subject, a rapid species assessment was conducted by the Ramanathapuram Wildlife Forest Range team, along with biologists, on 02/01/2025 in both Sakkarakottai and Therthangal Bird Sanctuaries in response to the query raised by the Ramsar Secretariat on 13/12/2024. Based on the assessment, the following results were obtained:

1. **Sakkarakottai Bird Sanctuary:** There are no changes in the species list which was previously submitted - 124 birds, 69 butterflies, 10 mammals, 14 reptiles, 8 amphibians, and 165 plant species.
2. **Therthangal Bird Sanctuary:** There is a reduction in the species list. The current species list is as follows:
  - Birds: 96
  - Butterflies: 57
  - Mammals: 7
  - Reptiles: 11
  - Amphibians: 6
  - Plant Species: 133 (The data sheet for the rapid assessment is attached for your reference).

It is pertinent to mention that the above-mentioned species data is different from that of the management plans because the management plan was prepared using past data. However, the above-mentioned species list is based on the most recent surveys conducted after the preparation of the management plans.

Encl: As stated above

  
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