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Date:27/02/2020

### **NOTIFICATION**

Whereas Cheriapani reef is an uninhabited independent solitary atoll reef formation situated 50 Km Northwest (310°) off the Bitra Island.

And whereas, Cheriapani has good coral reef formation keeping extend of 172.59 Sq Km lagoon area having the adequate ecological, faunal, geo morphological, natural and zoological significance and also equally important for the purpose of protecting, conserving, propagating and developing marine wildlife in its environment.

And whereas, the entire lagoon and its surrounded reefs are in abundance with the prolific corals (productive in primary and secondary levels of biomass formation more than even an evergreen forests on land) and its associated diversity of marine wildlife, which is the ideal location for the propagation of corals and all its associated wildlife organisms.

And whereas, this lagoon, corals inside the lagoon along with surrounded coral reefs provide habitat, breeding ground, shelter, nesting place and niche for many protected species like coelenterate, holothurians, echinoderms, mollusks, sponges, turtles, mammals and many other fauna & flora which all most all these species are listed in the various Schedules of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

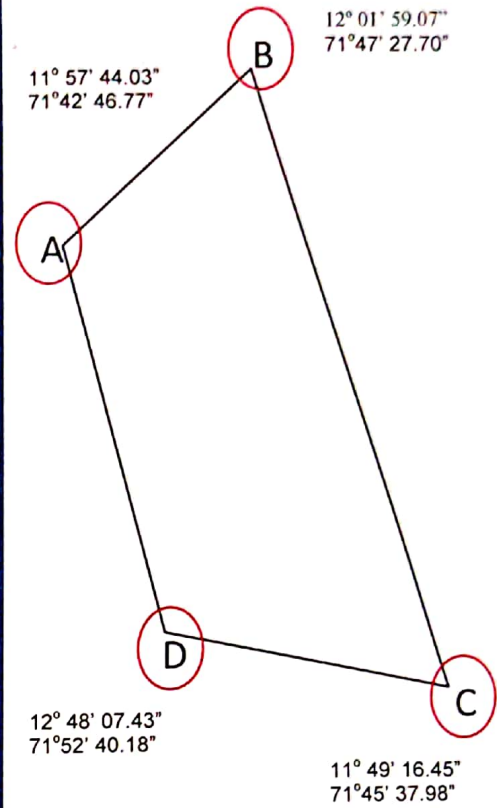
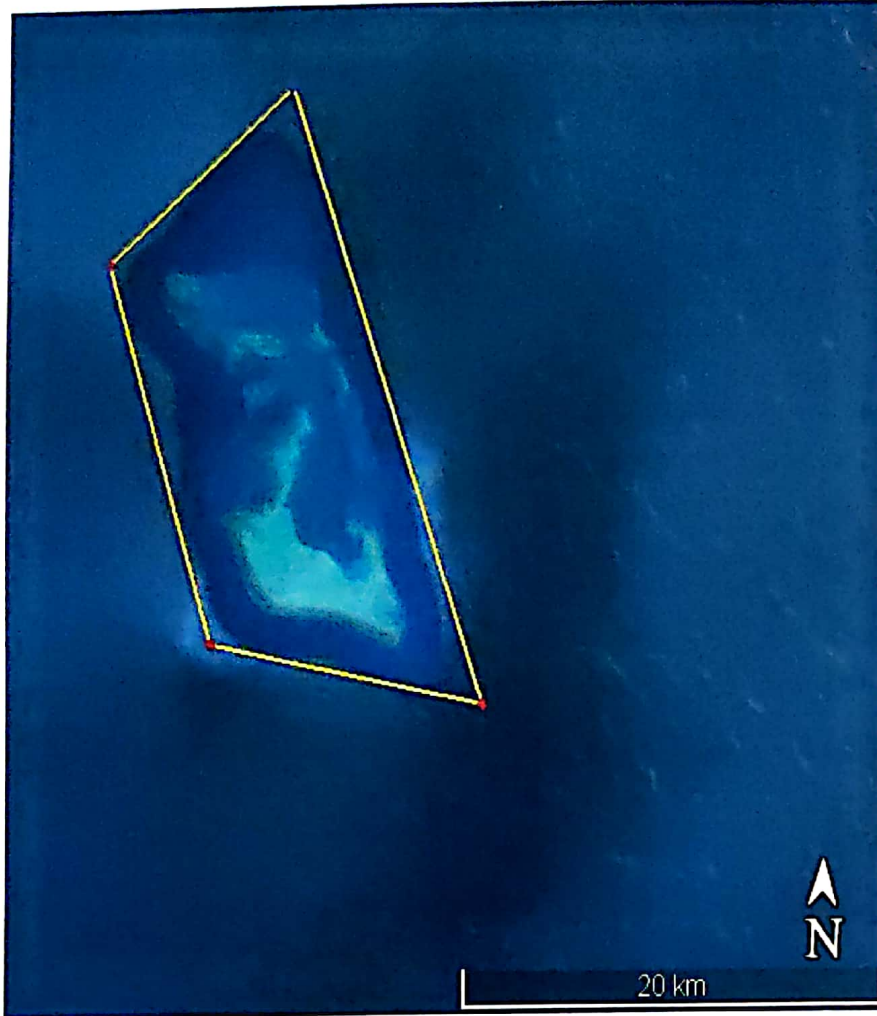
Now therefore, by reason of ecological, environmental, faunal, floral, geographical or zoological association or importance, for the purpose of protecting, propagating or developing wildlife therein or its environment, the Hon'ble Administrator of Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 36A of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and in consultation with the local community, the Cheriapani lagoon surrounded by its reef area, the situation and limits of which are described under this notification is declared as Cheriapani Sea Cucumber Conservation Reserve and further named as Dr. KK Mohammed Koya Sea Cucumber Conservation Reserve, Cheriapani.

#### **Extent and Boundaries of the Cheriapani Conservation Reserve**

##### **A. Boundaries**

Edge point	Side	Latitude	Longitude
A	Northwest	11° 57' 44.03"	71°42' 46.77"
B	Northeast	12° 01' 59.07"	71°47' 27.70"
C	Southeast	12° 48' 07.43"	71°52' 40.18"
D	Southwest	11° 49' 16.45"	71°45' 37.98"

B. Map




C. Distances

Points	Side	Distance
A to B	North	12 Km
B to C	East	27 Km
C to D	South	12 Km
D to A	West	17 Km

- D. Boundary Perimeter      68 Km  
 E. Area                              239 Sq Km.

This is issued with the approval of Hon'ble Administrator, Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration vide Diary No. 458 dated 27/02/2020

  
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 and Chief Wildlife Warden  
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