

Sector	Eco-Restoration (Forest)
Project Name	Conservation of Great India Bustard (GIB) in 131.97 Ha. in Siruguppa Taluka, Ballari District
Submitted by	Karnataka Forest Department
Total Project Cost	INR 25.00 Cr.
Coverage	131.97 Ha. of GIB Habitat in Siruguppa Taluka, Ballari District
Project Duration	5 years (Long Term)
PIA	Karnataka Forest Department
Objective	Conservation of Great India Bustard (GIB) with its natural Habitat in mining affected Siraguppa Taluka of Ballari district
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundary Consolidation & Protection works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cattle-Proof Trenching: 17.50 Km ○ Chain link mesh fencing: 03 km ○ Repair & Maintenance of Existing APC buildings: 02 nos. • Habitat Improvement works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weed-removal: 20 Ha ○ Sowing of Grass seeds: 20 Ha • Research & Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Setting up of Conservation Breeding Centre at Siraguppa: 1 no. ○ Creation of new GIB Research Range : 1 No. • Other activities proposed to be undertaken as per requirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Setting-up of GIB Clubs & GIB Awareness programmes to various target groups in GIB Habitat villages ○ Research & education documentation w.r.t GIB Conservation areas
Justification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GIB has been categorized as an “Endangered Species” by IUCN. • The GIB Habitat in Siruguppa Taluka, Ballari District is the most promising habitat outside Rajasthan and the only one in Karnataka. • Since this Habitat is adversely affected due to mining activities including transportation of the ore in the Taluka, this project is proposed for funding under CEPMIZ.
Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-situ & Ex-situ conservation of GIB in Siruguppa. • Improved presence and increase in GIB numbers locally. • Greater Community involvement and improved Biodiversity in the region.