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Cidco says mangrove cover increased in Navi Mumbai

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MUMBAI: City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra Limited (Cidco) has informed that the mangrove cover has increased in Navi Mumbai since 1991.

Findings of a study conducted by MMRDA on Species Diversity and other Mangrove Characteristics for entire Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) has been quoted by Cidco. The said report has given the findings of an exhaustive study of the quantitative and qualitative analysis with regard to the changes in mangrove status from 1991 to 1997 in the Mumbai and the Navi Mumbai regions.

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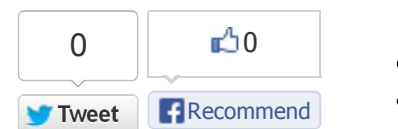
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Cidco general manager (environment) Gurunath Anarase informed: "The study involved physical field surveys as well as interpretation of satellite images. The said study showed remarkable results, such as the total area under mangroves in Mumbai in year 1991, which was 95.43 sq km had increased to 232.11 sq km, showing substantial growth."

As far as the Navi Mumbai and surrounding region is concerned, the said study showed that in the year 1991, the total mangrove area was spread over 15.50 sq kms. However, this area increased considerably to 49.78 sq kms by the year 1997, that is to say, three times the area in 1991. The comparative maps of Navi Mumbai of the years 1991 and 1997 shows that there has been a growth and proliferation of dense mangroves.

As an integral part of proposed Navi Mumbai International Airport Project, CIDCO said it is committed to regenerate and protect mangroves on 615 hectare area. Out of which 245 hectares area at Waghivali village, will be reportedly developed into a planned Mangrove Park.

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