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Detailed lake carrying capacity study needed in Bangalore, say experts

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The lakes in Bangalore need more attention, apart from mere rejuvenation. This suggestion along with a need for a detailed carrying capacity study was suggested by experts to the chief minister three years ago, but is yet to be implemented. This is one of the aspects which will be discussed at the upcoming International Lake Symposium.

Experts at the Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), through the environment and ecology department had written a letter to the chief minister three years ago pressing on the need for a carrying capacity study. But reply and action is still awaited, Prof TV Ramachandra from Energy and Wetlands Research Group, CES and Centre for Sustainable Technologies, IISc told *DNA*.

“The need is severe looking at the present condition of the lakes and their inter-links with each other which is presently broken, leading to floods. The carrying capacity study is also needed because of the rising threats they face, like encroachments. A detailed study on the present condition of the lakes has been conducted by students of CES which explains how things have changed over the years. This will be released and discussed at the Lake Symposium — 2010 titled ‘Lake 2010: Wetlands, Biodiversity and Climate Change’, to be held in December,” he said.

The annual symposium this year will see five international participants from Nigeria and America, who will share their expertise.

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