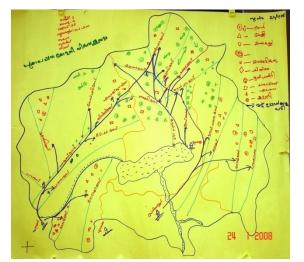
#### CFR Process with KADARS, Vazhachal Forest Division, Thrissur District, Kerala

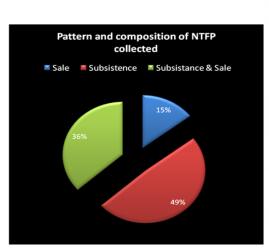
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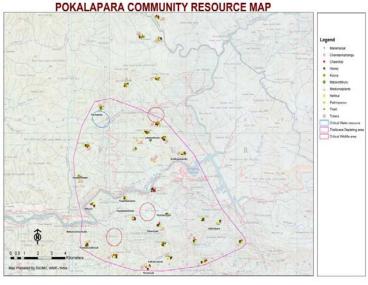
#### The first steps

- Settlement level meetings to understand and build upon the existing livelihood patterns of Kadars in the Vazhachal Forest Division
- Data collation of on resource dependency and socio economic status of 9 settlements
- Settlement meetings to explain about Sustainable Resource Use and existing opportunities
- Community mobilisation to initiate mapping exercise in each settlement (Kadars and Malayars)
- Preparation of resource use map marking the areas of NTFP collection and seasonal calendar
- Demarcation of Critical WL and Water areas plus NTFP depletion areas
- Market study of NTFP demand and purchase trends

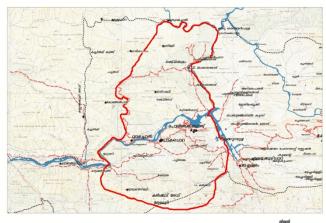






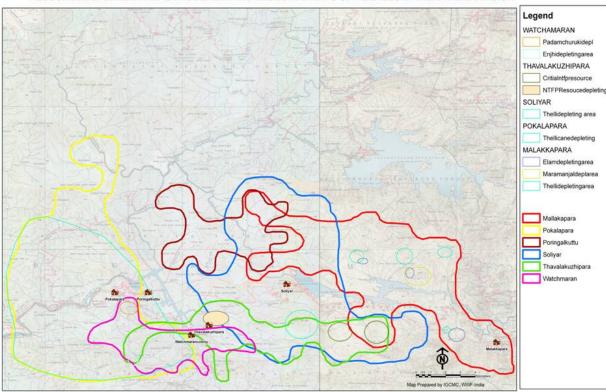


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- Translating the village level settlement maps to Malayalam
- Overlaying with VSS microplan maps to assess if the areas overlap
- After the validation of maps at each settlement realisation that there overlapping use areas
- Overlaying all Settlement level maps with each other

#### RESOURCE DEPLETION AREAS IN OVERLAPPING RESOURCE MAPS OF VILLAGES IN VAZHACHAL DIVISION



- Meetings led to Kadars wanting to map a missing resource FISH
- Mapping of fish resource use carried out in all 9 settlements
- Meetings in all settlements to revalidate the resource areas
- Meetings of all settlements together to decide on next steps
- Common decision A resolution which is approved and passed by all 9 villages
- Settlements agreed that they will claim for a collective resource use area

Simultaneously, the following were also done

Capacity building workshops for value addition of NTFPS and cross visits were also carried out Dialogue with Forest department to set up a simple honey filtration unit for Kadars

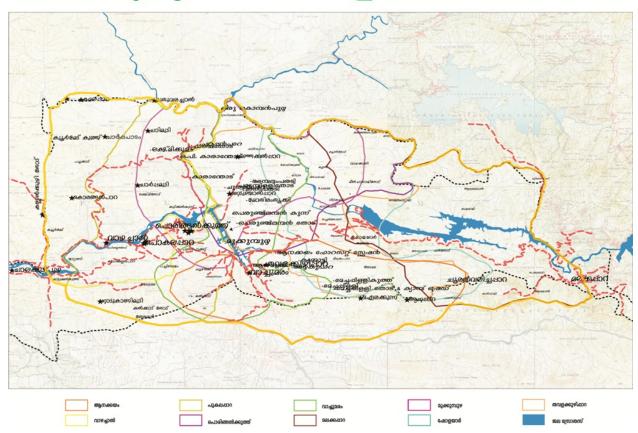
A year long capacity building exercise to train 30 Kadars from all the nine settlements to carry out ecological monitoring\*\*



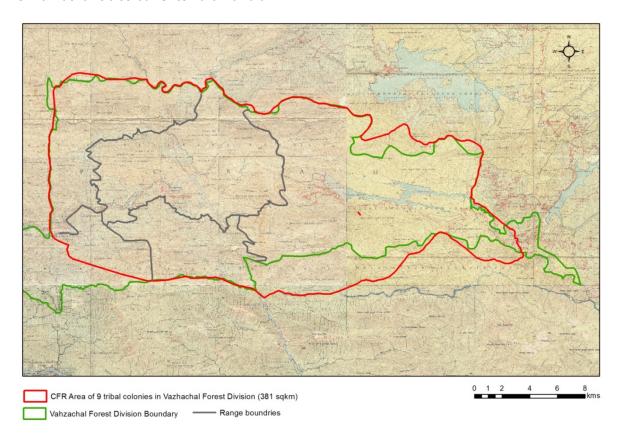


The claims were filed in March 2012 and the District Level committee approved them in mid 2013. The titles were signed only in 2014 and distributed to three settlements in Trivandrum by the Tribal Minister on Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The rest of the settlements got the titles from the TDO office.

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Final CFR area: Approx 400 Sq Kms. Goes beyond formal boundaries of Vazhachal Forest Division. Part of Vazhachal is also buffer to Parambikulam TR.



Claims being submitted to the Panchayat Secretary





Titles being distributed at Trivandrum

Final title deed which has been given is in next page. In addition for all this work, as one was working in a forest area, WWF also took required permissions from the Kerala Forest Department.

The main partners of this work have been

Kerala Forest Department

River Research Centre

Amitha Bachan\*\* and Horn bill Foundation

**District Administrattion** 

Tribal department

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Dr Amitha Bachan worked as a consultant with WWF India to carry out the year long ecological monitoring exercise with the Kadars.

MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

THE SCHEDULED TRIBE AND OTHER TRADITIONAL FOREST DWELLERS (RECOGNITION OF FOREST RIGHT) ACT -2006
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ANNEXURE IV

## TITLE TO COMMUNITY FOREST RESOURCES

{See rule 8 (i)}

Village/Gram Sabha : ANAKKAYAM JOINTLY WITH SHOLAYAR.

MALAKKAPPARA, THAVALAKUZHIPPARA.

VACHUMARAM, PERINGALKUTHU, VAZHACHAL,

MUKKUMPUZHA, POKALAPPARA.

2. Gram Panchayat :

ATHIRAPILLY

3. Tehsi/Taluka

MUKUNDAPURAM

4. District

THRISSUR

 Scheduled Tribe / Other Traditional Forest Dwellers: Scheduled Tribes community / Other Traditional Forest Dwellers community / Both: SCHEDULED TRIBE (KADAR)

 Description of boundaries including customary boundary; by prominent landmarks, and by khasra/compartment No.

**Forest Division** 

Vazhachal

**Forest Ranges** 

Athirapilly, Vazhachal, Sholayar, Kollathirumedu, Charppa.

Approximate area /Hectares:

40000 Hectares

Boundary Description: North:- From Kannankuzhithodu upstream at the boundary of Chalakkudy and Vazhachal forest divisions and Parambikulam wildlife sanctuary near Komalapara along Tramway line, Muthuvarachal Orukombankutty, further along Sholayar river upto Kozhikuthu, and along boundary of Vazhachal and Parambikulam through Karimala, Anayurundan, Mudiyankunnu upto Shekalmudy at the state boarder. East:- From Shekalmudy along state border towards south up to Malakkappara boundary between Malayattur and Vazhachal forest division near state boarder. South:- From Malakkapara, Perumpara, part of northern side of Edmalayar valley, Anamadan, up to Nadukanimudi near boundary of Athirapilly Range of Vazhachal Forest Divisions and Malayattur forest division. West:- From Nadukani, along Kannankuzhi downstream to Athirapilly waterfalls, along Kannakuzhithodu upstream towards north and along the boundary of Vazhachal and Chalakkudy forest divisions up to Komalapara.

Within the said area, this community jointly with others as mentioned above has the right to protect, regenerate or conserve or manage, Community Forest Resources which they have been traditionally protecting and conserving for sustainable used as per section 3 (1) (i) of the Act. No conditions are being imposed on this right other than those in the scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act and the Rules framed there under.

We, the undersigned, hereby, for and on behalf of the Government of Kerala affix our sign the Community forest resources as mentioned in the Title to above mentioned gran

(ies).

Divisional Forest Officer/ Deputy

Conservator of Forest

District Collector

District Collector / Deputy Commissioner

District Tribal Welfare Officer

TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER CHALAKUDY THRISSUR(DL)

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ANNEXURE III

{See Rule 8(h)}

# TITLE TO COMMUNITY FOREST RIGHTS

1. Name (s) of the holder (s) of community forest right: ANAKKAYAM

2. Village/Gram Sabha

ANAKKAYAM

3. Gram Panchayat

ATHIRAPILLY

4. Tehsil/Taluka

MUKUNDAPURAM

5. District

THRISSUR

6. Scheduled Tribe or Other Traditional Forest Dweller: SCHEDULED TRIBE (KADAR)

7. Nature of community rights:

SEE SECTION BELOW

- Section 3 (1) (c) Right of ownership, access to collect, use, and dispose of minor forest produce which has been traditionally collected within or outside village boundaries
- Section 3 (1)(d) Other community rights uses or entitlements such as fish and other products of water bodies, Right of grazing.
- Section 3 (1)(e) Right including community tenures of habitat and habitation for PTGs and Preagricultural communities
- Section 3 (1) (i) Right to protect, regenerate or conserve or manage any community forest resource which they have been traditionally protecting and conserving for sustainable use.
- Section 3 (1) (k) Right of access to biodiversity and community right to intellectual property and traditional knowledge related to biodiversity and cultural diversity.

8. Conditions if any : Under Section 5 of the Act.

## Responsibility and Authority of Holders of Forest Rights:

- a. Protect the wildlife, forest and bio-diversity.
- Ensure that adjoining catchments area, water sources and other ecologically sensitive areas are adequately protected.
- C. Ensure that the habitat of forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers is preserved from any form of destructive practices affecting their cultural and natural heritage.
- d. Ensure that the decisions taken in the Gram Sabha to regulate access to community forest resources and stop any activity which adversely affects the wild animals, forest and the bio-diversity are complied with.

This Title is to be read with CFR Title given under Rule 8 (i).

 Description of boundaries including Customary boundary and/or by prominent Landmarks including khasra/compartment No

Name of forest Division	Forest Range	No. Serv. No.	Forest area / hectare
VAZHACHAL	SHOLAYAR, KOLLATHIRUMEDU AND VAZHACHAL	umo la più nosia La	19500 Hectares

Boundary Description: North- From the Karanthode of Chalakkudy river through Kozhikuthu area of Sholayar
River along boundary line of Parambikulam wildlife Sanctuary and Vazhachal forest division
in the Karimala hills up to its eastern side. East:- From Karimala east through Thellipettialy,
Ambalapara, downstream to Sholayar Reservoir, Thottapura up to Chooralvalichpara in the
boundary of Edamalayar and Vazhachal Forest Division. South: - From Chooralvalichapara
along boundary line of Vazhachal and Edamalyar Division, through Mechapillythode,
Anakkayam and Poringalkuthu Reservoir. West: - The place where Anakkayam thode joins
Poringalkuthu Reservoir along the reservoir and main Chalakkudy river up to Karanthode.

Name (s) of the holder(s) of community forest right: LIST AS PER ATTACHED

We the undersigned, hereby, for and on behalf of the Government of Kerala affix our signatures to confirm the forest right as mentioned in the Title to the above mentioned holders of community forest rights.

Divisional Forest Officer/ Deputy
Conservator of Forest

District Collector / Deputy Commissioner
District Collector

District Tribal-Welfare Officer
TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
CHALAKUDY THRISSUR(Dt.)

