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ABBREVIATIONS

AAR- Annual Administration Report

ALS- Agasthiamalai Landscape

ARC- Arasu Rubber Corporation

BBTC - Bombay Burma Trading Corporation

BCRLIP- Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihoods Improvement Project

BR- Biosphere Reserve

CA- Compensatory Afforestation

CAMPA- Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority

CBD- Convention on Biological Diversity

C ft- Cubic feet

CITES- Convention on International Trade on Endangered species of wild fauna and flora

Cu m- Cubic metre

DG- Director General

EIC- East India Company

E & C- Extraction and Conversion form

EDC- Eco development Council

EPT- Elephant Proof Trench

ER- Elephant Reserve

ERT- Emergency Response Team

ETRP- Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project

FCA- Forest Conservation Act

FRI- Forest Research Institute

FRLHT- Fund for Revitalization of Local Health Traditions

FSI- Forest Survey of India

FTC- Forest and Tree Cover

FVO- Forest Veterinary Officer

FYP- Five Year Plan

GBH- Girth at Breast Height

GNP- Guindy National Park

GoI- Government of India

HADP- Hill Area Development Programme

HoD- Head of Department

HoFF- Head of Forest Force

HT- High Tension

HWC- Human Wildlife Conflict

IBA- Important Bird Area

ICFRE- Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education

IGF- Inspector General of Forests

IFFP- Interface Forestry Project

IUCN: International Union for Conservation of Nature

JBIC- Japan Bank for International Cooperation

JFM- Joint Forest Management

JICA- Japan International Cooperation Agency

LAMPS- Large and Multi purpose Cooperative Society

LB- Pound

M- Metre

MAB- Man and Biosphere

MFP- Minor Forest Produce

MGNREGS- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

MPCA- Medicinal Plant Conservation Area

MPDA- Medicinal Plant Development Area

MT- Metric ton

MSL- Mean Sea Level

NA- Not Available

NAP- National Afforestation Programme

NBA- National Biodiversity Authority

NPV- Net Present Value

NWLA: Nilgiri Wildlife Association

NTFP-Non Timber Forest Produce

PA- Protected Area

RF- Reserved Forest

RL- Reserved Land

SFRC- Southern Forest Rangers College
SIDA- Swedish International Development Agency
SHG-Self Help Group
SLAG- State Level Advisory Group
STF- Special Task Force

TAFORN- Tamil Nadu Forest Plantation Corporation
TANSI- Tamil Nadu Small Industries Corporation
TANTEA- Tamil Nadu Tea Plantation Corporation
TAP- Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project
TBGP- Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project
TCEP- Tree Cultivation Extension Programme
TCIP- Tree Cultivation Incentive Programme
TCPL- Tree Cultivation in Private Lands
TNADP- Tamil Nadu Agricultural Development Project
TNFA- Tamil Nadu Forest Academy
TNPL- Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Paper Ltd

UNESCO- United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization

VFC- Village Forest Council
VSFC- Village Social Forestry Committee

WGDP- Western Ghat Development Programme

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