

4/25/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

**NOTIFICATION**

**Dated Shillong, the 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2025.**

**No.FOR.53/2018/116:-** The Government of Meghalaya, in consultation with the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board (MBB), intends to notify the designated forest patch under Mawtneng Village, Bhoirymbong C&RD Block, Ri-Bhoi District, Meghalaya described hereunder as **Mawtneng Biodiversity Heritage Site**, under sub section (1) of section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (No. 18 of 2003) and rule 22 of the Meghalaya Biological Diversity Rules, 2010:-

1. **Short Title:** This notification may be called as the '**Preliminary Notification of Mawtneng Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS)**'. It will come into force on the date of its publication in the Meghalaya Gazette and will remain in force till issuance of final notification by the State Government.
2. **Extent of application:** This notification shall apply to the designated forest patch of **Mawtneng Village**, Bhoirymbong C&RD Block, Ri-Bhoi District, Meghalaya. The details of the area and boundary of the proposed **Mawtneng BHS** are given in the land schedule below:
3. **Land Schedule:**
  - a. **Mawtneng BHS**

i. **The Area covered**

Name of BHS	Area (Ha)
Mawtneng BHS	54.20

ii. **GPS-Coordinates:**

The boundaries of the **Mawtneng BHS** are subtended by below mentioned GPS co-ordinates:

GPS COORDINATES - BOUNDARY WAY POINTS		
ID	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
01	25° 43' 39.4" N	92° 2' 17.1" E
02	25° 43' 41.4" N	92° 2' 16.4" E
03	25° 43' 44" N	92° 2' 19.6" E
04	25° 43' 47" N	92° 2' 18.3" E
05	25° 43' 49.4" N	92° 2' 16.3" E

06	25° 43' 53.1" N	92° 2' 19" E
07	25° 43' 56.7" N	92° 2' 19.6" E
08	25° 43' 59.7" N	92° 2' 20.5" E
09	25° 44' 3.4" N	92° 2' 21.3" E
10	25° 44' 10.5" N	92° 2' 18.1" E
11	25° 44' 13.5" N	92° 2' 16.7" E
12	25° 44' 10.4" N	92° 2' 12.3" E
13	25° 44' 12.4" N	92° 2' 9" E
14	25° 44' 14.5" N	92° 2' 5.4" E
15	25° 44' 9.6" N	92° 2' 3.4" E
16	25° 44' 3.1" N	92° 2' 55.7" E
17	25° 44' 1.1" N	92° 2' 1.1" E
18	25° 43' 54.9" N	92° 2' 58.6" E
19	25° 43' 50" N	92° 2' 0.9" E
20	25° 43' 41" N	92° 2' 0.2" E
21	25° 43' 36.7" N	92° 2' 4.1" E
22	25° 43' 36" N	92° 2' 8.6" E
23	25° 43' 38" N	92° 2' 14.2" E
<b>GPS COORDINATES - SITE INVENTORY</b>		
<b>LABEL</b>	<b>LATITUDE</b>	<b>LONGITUDE</b>
BSNL Tower	25° 43' 50.3" N	92° 2' 7" E
Pond 1	25° 43' 49.4" N	92° 2' 22" E
Pond 2	25° 43' 54.9" N	92° 2' 21.4" E
Pond 3	25° 43' 45.5" N	92° 2' 55.5" E

### 3.2.3. Natural Boundaries of Mawtneng Village Forest (Khlaw Adong)

**East** – Forest of Nongrim Nongladew Village, Paddy Field of Rosalin Lapang, Private forest of Hameda Lapang, Private Forest of Jistina Shylla.

**West** – Forest of Pynthor Village, Forest of Mynsain Village, Forest of Mawtneng Village.

**North** – Forest of Nongrim Nongladew Village.

**South** – Forest of Mawtneng Village.

## 4. Management of the BHS

The Mawtneng Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) in whose jurisdiction the BHS is located shall be responsible for the management of the BHS under the guidance of Meghalaya Biodiversity Board. The BHS shall be managed in accordance with the guidelines for identification, notification and management of BHS, issued by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA).

## 5. Settlement of objections within 30 days:

All relevant details of the proposal to constitute **Mawtneng Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS)**, including the resolution of the local body/BMC, boundary description,



preliminary notification, etc. will be made available on the website of the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board (<https://megbiodiversity.nic.in/>) immediately after publication of this notification. A period of 30 days, from the date of this Preliminary Notification, is hereby given to stakeholders, to file objections, if any, along with supporting documents, before the Deputy Commissioner of the District in which the proposed site is located (Ri-Bhoi District). Objections/claims received by the Deputy Commissioner concerned, after the expiry of the 30 days period, will not be considered. The Deputy Commissioner shall decide on the objections/claims and submit a report to the Government, assisted by the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board and the District Nodal Officer (Biodiversity), Ri-Bhoi District in the process.

6. The Government of Meghalaya reserves the right to issue final notification constituting the said BHS, after considering all aspects of the proposal including the report of the Deputy Commissioner.

Sd/-

(Sampath Kumar, IAS)

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya  
Forest & Environment Department

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Memo.No.FOR.53/2018/116-A

Dated: Shillong, the 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2025.

Copy to: -

1. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Meghalaya, i/c Forest & Environment for information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya, for information of the Chief Secretary.
3. The PA to the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Forest & Environment Department for information of the Principal Secretary.
4. The PA to the Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Forest & Environment Department for information of the Secretary.
5. The Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, TICEL Bio-Park, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, CSIR Road, Taramani, Chennai-600113.
6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya, Shillong.
- ✓ 7. The Member Secretary, Meghalaya Biodiversity Board, O/o PCCF & HoFF, Sylvan House, Shillong for information and necessary action.
8. The Deputy Commissioner, Ri-Bhoi District Nongpoh, for information and necessary action.
9. The Divisional Forest Officer (SF), Ri-Bhoi District Nongpoh and District Nodal Officer (Bio-Diversity), for information and necessary action.
10. The Director of Printing & Stationery for favour of publication in the Meghalaya Gazzette.

By order etc.,

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya  
Forest & Environment Department

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