

2. OBJECTIVES

There is no proper ecological study exclusively on Scleractinian corals of Palk Bay. Hence this study was carried out with the following objectives

- a) Assess the Bio-Physical status of the Scleractinian corals of the Palk Bay using SCUBA diving
- b) Preparation of state-of-the-art checklist for the Scleractinian corals of the Palk Bay
- c) Identify the Natural impacts and Anthropogenic impacts on the reefs
- d) Examine the growth rate of Scleractinian corals
- e) Estimate the gross sedimentation rate