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FACTS ABOUT CHILKA

- Chilika is situated in the east coast of India in the state of Orissa, covers part of Puri, Khurda and Ganjam districts.

- Largest Brackish water lagoon of India, covers an area of 1165 sq.kms (Rainy Season) to 906 sq.kms (Summer Season).

- There is unique assemblage of freshwater eco-system, brackish water eco-system and marine eco-system in Chilika.

- Chilika receives water from 52 rivers & rivulets and the Bay of Bengal.

- Chilika is a very shallow lagoon; depth of water varies from 0.38 m to 6.2 m.

- More than 267 species of fish, 29 species of shrimps and prawns and 35 species of crabs are seen in Chilika.

- About 1.0 million birds of 225 species come to Chilika in winter every year.

- Highest population of Irrawaddy dolphins (Lagoon population) in the World are seen in Chilika.

- Chilika supports livelihood of about 0.20 million local communities living in 132 villages in and around the lagoon.

Plate 5

CHILIKLA LAKE
Site No. 229

This site, covering 116.5 hectares, has been designated by the National Government for inclusion in the list of Wetlands of International Importance established under the Convention on Wetlands, the International Treaty signed in Ramsar (Iran) in 1971 to promote the conservation and sustainable use of wetland areas worldwide.

Designated as Ramsar site on – 01.10.1981
Advised to Montreux Record on – 16.06.1993
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Foreign Respondent
Local Fisherman and Boat

Domestic Tourist