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Will submit draft CZMP by Aug: Coastal mgmt body

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Panaji: The national centre for sustainable coastal management (NCSCM), the central government body preparing the coastal zone management plan (CZMP) for Goa, has informed the state government that it would submit the draft plan by the end of this month.

Director of NCSCM R Ramesh said that the draft CZMP for South Goa would be submitted by August 25, and the same for the remaining talukas of North Goa would be submitted by August 31.

The NCSCM has directed the state to submit to it details of common properties of fishing communities, fishing jetties, ice plants, fish-drying platforms or areas, and infrastructure facilities for fishing and local communities, such as dispensaries, roads, schools, detailed plans for long-term housing needs, etc.

The state had sought an extension till October 30 to finalise the plan before the National Green Tribunal (NGT). In November 2017, the NGT set a deadline of April 2018 for all coastal states and Union territories to submit their respective CZMPs.

Following the submissions, the Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change was expected to approve the plans by the end of July this year.

The state government then asked the NCSCM to prepare the draft report of the CZMP taluka-wise and submit the report. The Chennai-based institution submitted the draft CZMP to the Goa government on May 9, 2017. The Centre, along with officials of the directorate of settlement of land records, forests, fisheries, agriculture, and town and country planning, were supposed to carry out 'ground truthing', but till date, no such activity has been conducted. NCSCM had informed the government that it has requested the Goa coastal zone management authority (GCZMA) and fisheries department to provide the geo-referenced

shapefiles/KML files or latitude/longitude co-ordinates of fishing zones in water bodies in order to demarcate fish-breeding areas.

Last year, NCSCM representatives made constituency-wise presentations of the draft coastal zone management plan to MLAs and ministers, who strongly objected to it.