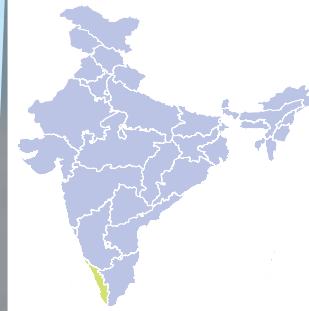


Vembanad-Kol Wetland

Kerala



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Date of Designation

August 19, 2002

Location

Ernakulum, Alapuzha, Kottayam and Thrissur District

Area

1,51,250 hectares

Designation Criteria

1,2,4,5,8

Wetland Type

Lagoon and floodplain complex

Management Authority

State Wetland Authority Kerala

Values and Benefits



livelihoods for over 0.2 million households
Kuttanad: Rice bowl of Kerala



Flood buffer for Cochin and Ernakulam cities



Habitat for several migratory species



Backwater tourism



Scientific and educational values



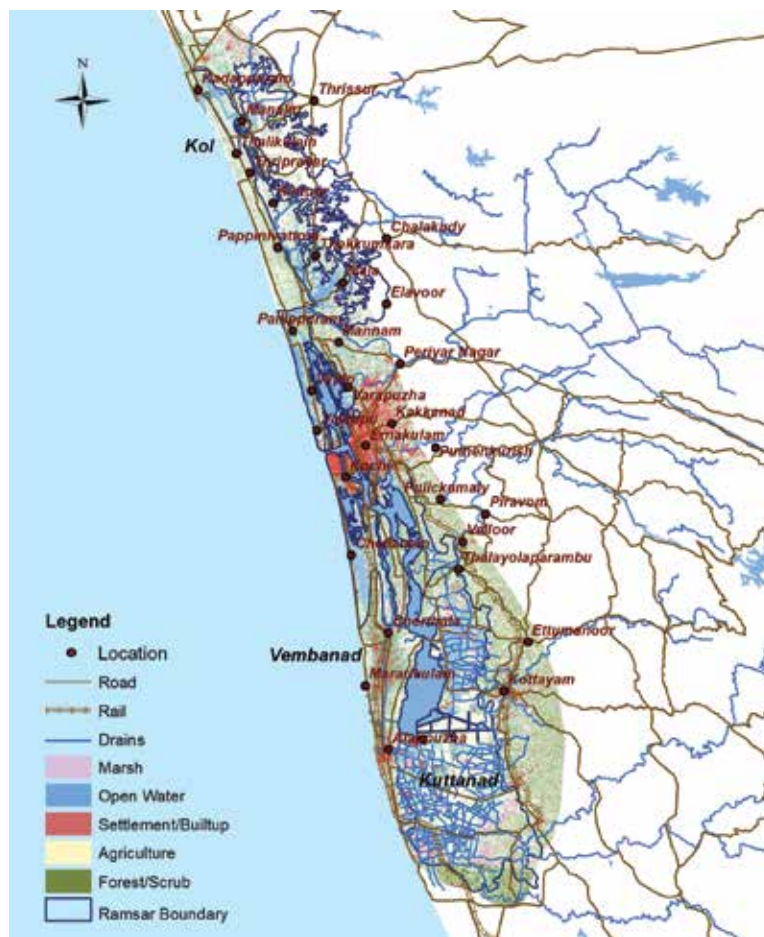
Cultural significance: Pokkali farming-geographical indication

Significance

Low Medium High

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Threats



Regulation by Thaneermukkom barrier



Pollution



Encroachment



Invasive species



Regime fragmentation



Tourism pressure

Species richness

225 Birds

102 Fishes

200+ Plants

Species of global conservation significance

Notable	Critically endangered	Endangered	Vulnerable
Pearl Spot, Malabar mystus, Day's round herring		Steppe Eagle	Wooly-necked Stork, Gunther's catfish