



GOVERNMENT OF BALOCHISTAN

FOREST AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

Dated Quetta the 15th June, 2017

NOTIFICATION

No. SO(Dev:I)5-20/FST/2017/2256-90. In exercise of the powers conferred by section 34 read with sections 40, 46, 47 and 48 of the Balochistan Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Act, 2014 (Act XV of 2014), the Government of Balochistan is pleased to declare Astola Island situated in District Gwadar, Balochistan as Protected Area with the nomenclature "**Astola Island Marine Protected Area Balochistan, Pakistan**" on the conditions as prescribed in Appendix-A and boundaries as set out in Appendix-B to this notification, for achieving the objectives of the aforesaid Act as well as specified hereunder, with immediate effect:

Objectives:

- (a) Protect, conserve and restore species, habitats, biodiversity and ecological processes which may be adversely affected as a result of human activities or otherwise;
- (b) Prevent degradation of and damage to species, habitats, biodiversity and ecological processes, following the precautionary principle; and
- (c) Protect and conserve areas that best represent the range of species, habitats, biodiversity and ecological processes in the Biosphere Reserve/Conservation Area.
- (d) Maintain "**Astola Island Marine Protected Area Balochistan, Pakistan**" hereinafter referred as "**AIMPA-Balochistan**", under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

**BY ORDER OF
GOVERNOR BALOCHISTAN**

**SECRETARY,
FOREST & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT**

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APPENDIX- A

PREScribed CONDITIONS FOR AIMPA-BALochistan

Prescribed conditions for AIMPA-Balochistan shall be as follows:

- 1) The AIMPA-Balochistan shall be accessible to public for recreation, education, subject to the restrictions as and when prescribed by the Government;
- 2) Change in land and sea use shall not be allowed in the AIMPA-Balochistan except with prior permission of the Government, where the change is likely to enhance the conservation value of the AIMPA-Balochistan in terms of biodiversity and other elements of nature subject to and within the permitted scope of CBD:
- 3) The following acts shall be prohibited in the AIMPA-Balochistan:
 - (a) hunting, shooting, trapping, killing or capturing of, and injury to any crustaceans, corals, mammals, sharks, turtles, whales, mobulids, whale sharks, sunfish, guitarfish, sea birds, including all other species declared as endangered species;
 - (b) fishing, hunting, shooting, trapping, killing, capturing with methods such as use of explosive, electric current, poisons and chemical and use of spear gun and scuba gun;
 - (c) constructing or erecting any temporary or permanent structure;
 - (d) residing without prior permission of competent authority;
 - (e) carrying or firing any gun or other fire-arm, with the exception of personnel of law enforcement agencies for the purpose enforcing law & order, in or within the boundaries of the AIMPA-Balochistan;
 - (f) no Scuba diving, snorkelling, cliff jumping, jet skiing, sailing or power boating, surfing or sport fishing shall be allowed in the AIMPA-Balochistan without prior permission of the competent authority;
 - (g) doing any other act which may disturb any element of ecosystem or damage any feeding and breeding places of any marine or terrestrial species;
 - (h) doing any act, which is prohibited under Section 34 (8) of the Act: and
 - (i) permission for any of above will be subject to permitted scope of CBD.

APPENDIX- B

BOUNDARIES

Astola Island Marine Protected Area, Balochistan, Pakistan (AIMPA-Balochistan)

- (a) District Gwadar
(b) Tehsil Pasni
(c) Locality Astola Island including Core/ Buffer area as given here under.
(d) Area 401.47 square kilometer
(e) Boundary: -

S. No.	Longitude (E)	Latitude (N)	Area	Total Area	
CORE ZONE					
a.	63° 46' 22.2757"	25° 11' 23.7367"	225.83 Sq. Km	401.47 Sq. Km	
b.	63° 55' 17.7240"	25° 11' 23.7367"			
c.	63° 55' 17.7240"	25° 03' 16.2611"			
d.	63° 46' 22.2757"	25° 03' 16.2611"			
BUFFER ZONE					
a.	63° 44' 53.0343"	25° 12' 44.9818"	175.64 Sq. Km		
b.	63° 56' 46.9657"	25° 12' 44.9818"			
c.	63° 56' 46.9657"	25° 01' 55.0142"			
d.	63° 44' 53.0343"	25° 01' 55.0142"			

