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Subject: Very Severe Cyclonic Storm "Tauktae" (pronounced as Tau'Te) over Eastcentral Arabian Sea: Cyclone Warning for Gujarat & Diu coasts (Orange message)

The Very Severe Cyclonic Storm "Tauktae" (pronounced as Tau'Te) over eastcentral Arabian Sea moved north-northwestwards with a speed of about 18 kmph during past 06 hours and lay centred at 0230 hours IST of 17th May, 2021 over eastcentral Arabian Sea near latitude 18.0°N and longitude 71.7°E, about 360 km north-northwest of Panjim-Goa, 170 km south-southwest of Mumbai, 350 km south-southeast of Veraval (Gujarat), 310 km south-southeast of Diu and 900 km south-southeast of Karachi (Pakistan).

It is very likely to move north-northwestwards and reach Gujarat coast in the evening hours of 17th & cross Gujarat coast between Porbandar & Mahuva (Bhavnagar district) during early hours of 18th May as a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm with a maximum sustained surface wind speed 155-165 kmph gusting to 185 kmph.

Forecast track and intensity are given in the following table:

Date/Time(IST)	Position (Lat. °N/ long. °E)	Maximum sustained surface wind speed (Kmph)	Category of cyclonic disturbance
17.05.21/0230	18.0/71.7	150--160 gusting to 175	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
17.05.21/0530	18.2/71.4	155-165 gusting to 185	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
17.05.21/1130	19.0/71.0	155-165 gusting to 185	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
17.05.21/1730	19.7/70.9	155-165 gusting to 185	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
17.05.21/2330	20.5/70.9	155-165 gusting to 185	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
18.05.21/1130	21.8/71.1	100-110 gusting to 120	Severe Cyclonic Storm
18.05.21/2330	23.4/71.7	50-60 gusting to 70	Deep Depression
19.05.21/1130	24.9/72.4	30-40 gusting to 50	Depression

Warnings:

(i) Rainfall:

- **Kerala:** Light to moderate rainfall at many places with heavy falls at isolated places on 17th May.
- **South Konkan & Goa:** Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places over south Konkan & Goa and adjoining Ghat areas on 17th May.
- **North Konkan:** Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places on 17th May.
- **Gujarat:** Light to moderate rainfall at many places very likely to commence over coastal districts of Saurashtra from today afternoon, with heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places over Saurashtra & Kutch, Diu and southern most Gujarat region with extremely heavy falls at isolated places on 17th and with heavy to very heavy falls at a few places over Saurashtra & Kutch and Diu & south Gujarat region with extremely heavy falls (≥ 20 cm) at isolated places on 18th May.
- **Rajasthan:** Light to moderate rainfall at many places with heavy to very heavy falls & extremely heavy falls at isolated places very likely over south Rajasthan on 18th & heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places over Rajasthan on 19th May.

(ii) Wind warning

- Gale wind speed reaching 150–160 kmph gusting to 175 kmph is prevailing over eastcentral Arabian Sea. It is likely to increase becoming 155-165 kmph gusting to 185 kmph from the forenoon of 17th May.
- Gale winds speed reaching 60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph is prevailing along & off south Maharashtra –Goa and adjoining Karnataka coasts, 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph along & off north Maharashtra coast during next 12 hours. It is likely to become 65- 75 kmph gusting to 85 kmph along & off north Maharashtra coast from 17th morning till 18th morning.
- Squally wind speed reaching 60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph is prevailing over northeast Arabian Sea and along & off south Gujarat & Daman and Diu coasts. It is likely to gradually increase becoming Gale winds speed reaching 155-165 kmph gusting to 185 kmph over northeast Arabian Sea and along & off Gujarat coast (Porbandar, Junagarh, Gir Somnath, Amreli, Bhavnagar) and 120 -140 kmph gusting to 165 kmph over Bharuch, Anand, south Ahmedabad, Botad, 90 -100 kmph gusting to 120 kmph over Devbhoomi Dwarka, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Morbi, Kheda districts of Gujarat from early hours of 18th. Gale winds speed reaching 70-90 kmph gusting to 100 kmph likely to prevail along & off Dadra, Nagar Haveli, Daman, Valsad, Navsari, Surat, Surendranagar, districts from 17th midnight till 18th morning.

(iii) Sea condition

- Prevailing high to very high sea condition over eastcentral Arabian Sea will be very high to Phenomenal over northeast Arabian Sea from 17th morning till 18th May noon and improve gradually thereafter.
- Sea conditions will be very rough to High along & off south Maharashtra–Goa coasts during next 12 hours and along & off north Maharashtra coast on 17th Morning. It is very likely to be very rough to High along & off south Gujarat coast from 17th May morning and very high to Phenomenal from 17th midnight, till 18th May forenoon and improve gradually thereafter.

(iv) Storm surge warning

- Tidal wave above astronomical tide is likely to inundate coastal areas as per details below: about 3 meter (m) over Amreli, Gir Somnath, Diu, Bhavnagar, 2-3 m over Bharuch, Anand, southern parts of Ahmedabad, 1-2 m over Surat, Navsari, Valsad, and 0.5 – 1m over the remaining coastal districts of Gujarat during the time of landfall.(Details given in Annexure-I).

(v) Fishermen Warning

- Total suspension of fishing operations over eastcentral Arabian Sea till 18th May.
- Total suspension of fishing operations over northeast Arabian Sea and along & off Gujarat coast from 17th May.
- The fishermen are advised not to venture into eastcentral Arabian Sea along & off Karnataka coast till 17th Morning and into eastcentral Arabian Sea and along & off Maharashtra–Goa coasts and into northeast Arabian Sea along & off Gujarat coast till 18th May.
- Those who are out at Sea over north Arabian Sea are advised to return to the coast.

(vi) (A) Damage Expected over Porbandar, Amreli Junagarh, Gir Somnath Botad & Bhavnagar and coastal areas of Ahmedabad:

- Total destruction of thatched houses/ extensive damage to kutcha houses. Some damage to pucca houses. Potential threat from flying objects.
- Bending/ uprooting of power and communication poles.
- Major damage to Kutcha and Pucca roads. Flooding of escape routes. Minor disruption of railways, overhead power lines and signaling systems.
- Widespread damage to salt pans & standing crops,. Blowing down of bushy trees.
- Small boats, country crafts may get detached from moorings.
- Visibility severely affected.

(B) Damage Expected over Devbhoomi Dwarka, Kutch, Jamnagar, Rajkot & Morbi, Valsad, Surat, Vadodara, Bharuch, Navsari, Anand, Kheda and interior parts of Ahmedabad districts of Gujarat:

- Major damage to thatched houses/ huts. Roof tops may blow off. Unattached metal sheets may fly.
- Minor damage to power and communication lines.
- Major damage to Kutcha and some damage to Pucca roads. Flooding of escape routes.
- Breaking of tree branches, uprooting of large avenue trees. Moderate damage to banana and papaya trees. Large dead limbs blown from trees.
- Major damage to coastal crops.
- Damage to embankments/ salt pans.

(vii) Action Suggested:

- Mobilise evacuation in vulnerable areas.
- Total suspension of fishing operations.
- Judicious regulation of rail and road traffic.
- People in affected areas to remain indoors.
- Movement in motor boats and small ships unsafe.

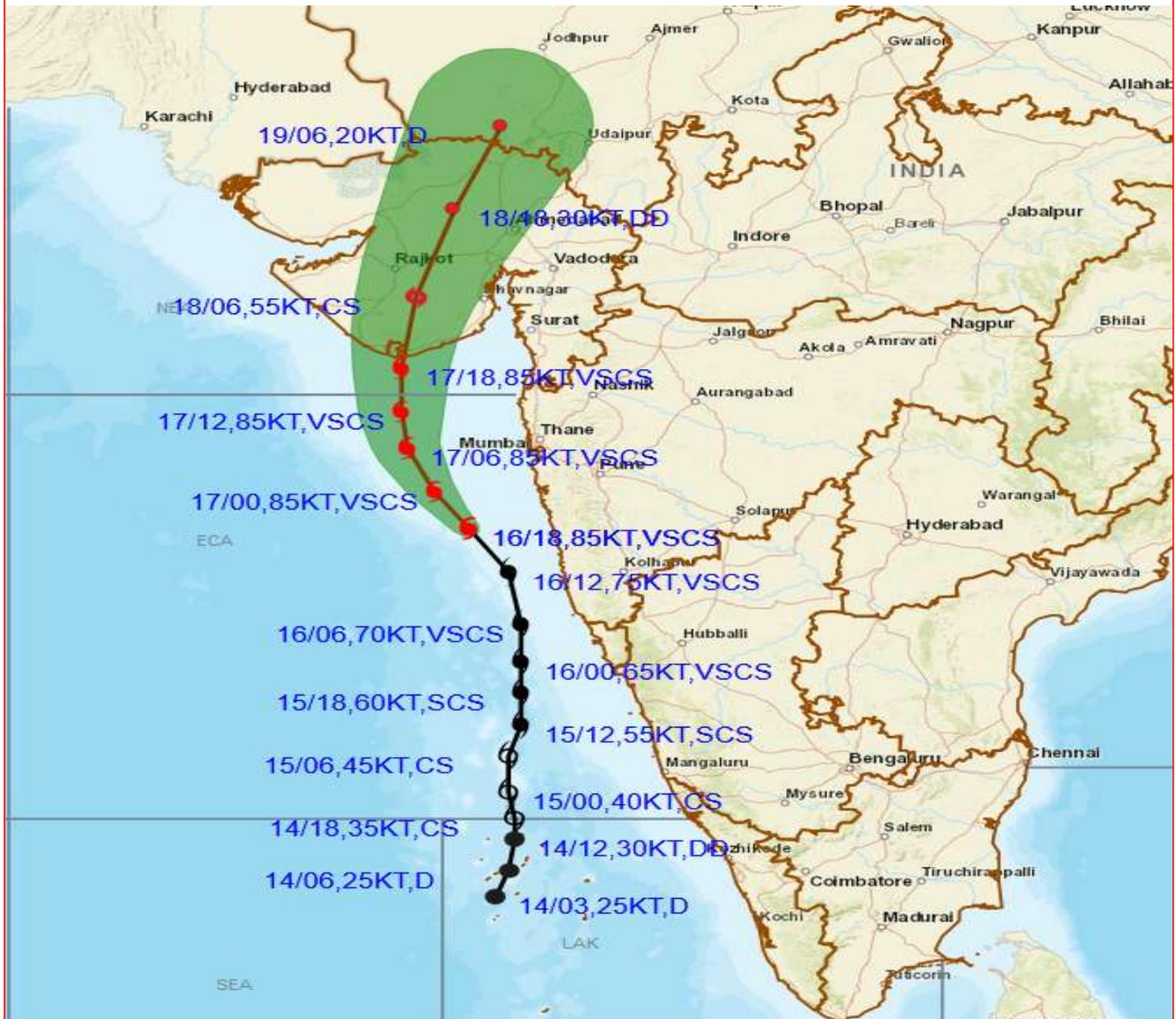
The next bulletin will be issued at 0830 hrs IST of the 17th May, 2021.

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OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH CONE OF UNCERTAINTY OF VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM "TAUKTAE" OVER EASTCENTRAL ARABIAN SEA BASED ON 1800 UTC OF 16TH MAY, 2021

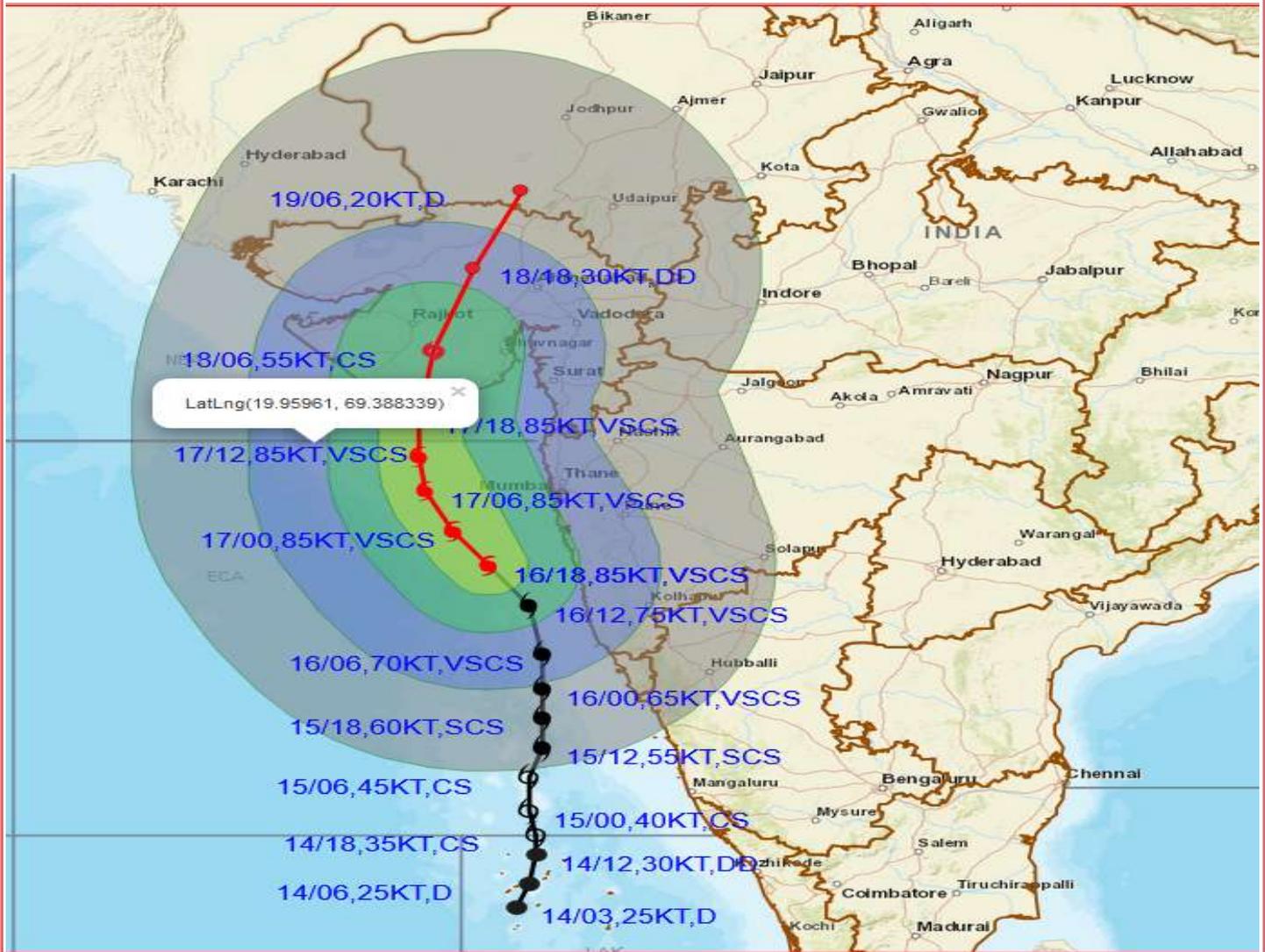


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AREA OF MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED:

- 28-33 KT (52-61 KMPH)
- 34-49 KT (62-91 KMPH)
- 50-63 KT (92-117 KMPH)
- ≥ 64 KT (≥118 KMPH)

IMPACT OVER THE SEA

MSW (knot/kmph)	Impact	Action
28-33 (52-61)	Very rough seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
34-49 (62-91)	High to very high seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
50-63 (92-117)	Very high seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
≥ 64 (≥118)	Phenomenal	Total suspension of fishing operations

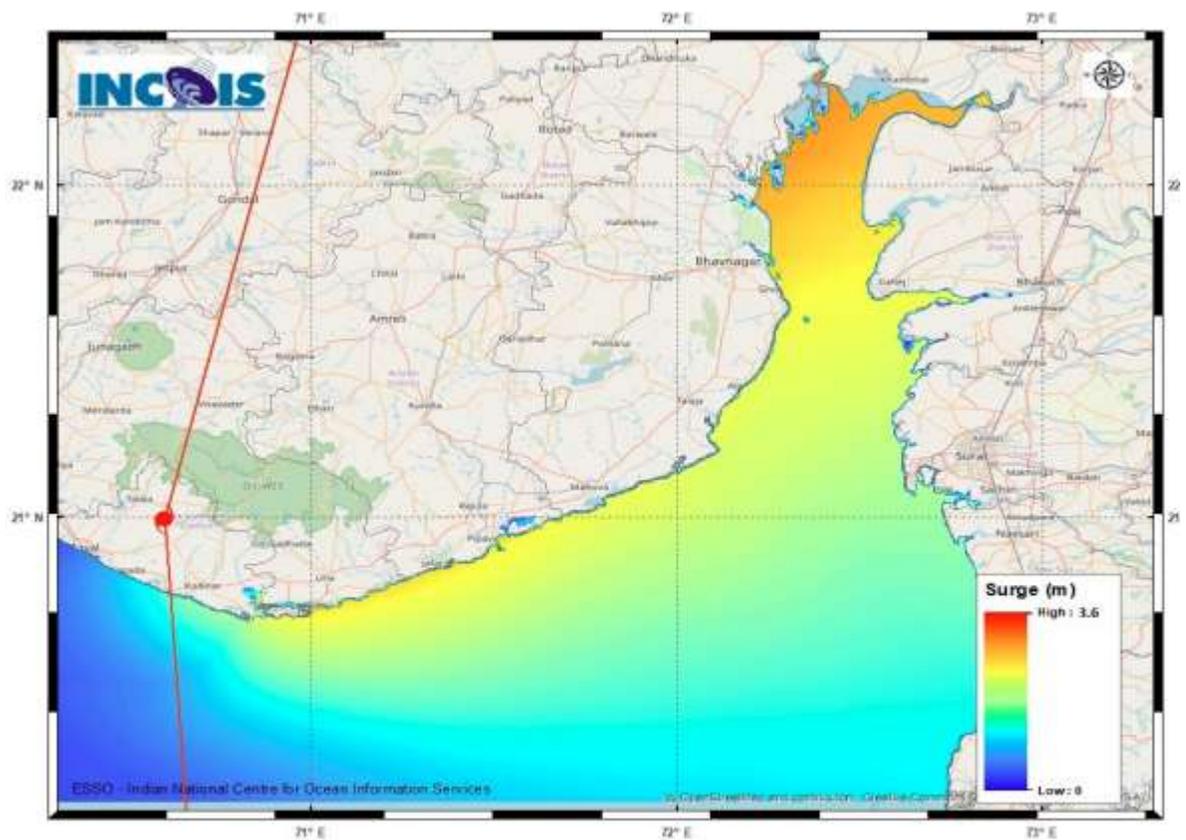


Figure: Storm Surge Map

MANDAL/TALUK	DISTRICT	STATE / UNION TERRITORY	NEAREST PLACE OF HABITATION	STORM SURGE (m) *	EXPECTED INUNDATION EXTENT (km)
Una	Junagadh	Gujarat	Una	1.2-3.6	Upto 0.9
Dhandhuka	Ahmadabad	Gujarat	Mitli	0.8-3.3	Upto 4.3
Hansot Mahal	Bharuch	Gujarat	Kantiyajal	1.0-2.3	Upto 3.3
Jafarabad	Amreli	Gujarat	Rohisa	2.5-2.6	Upto 0.1
Hazira	Surat	Gujarat	Hajira Ina (ina)	1.2-2.0	Upto 1.0
Kodinar	Gir Somnath	Gujarat	Kodinar	1.5-3.0	Upto 0.5
Mundra	Bhavnagar	Gujarat	Vadgam	2.4-2.4	Upto 0.9
Diu	Diu	Daman and Diu	Diu	1.6-2.9	Upto 0.7
Mahuva	Bhavnagar	Gujarat	Katpar (ct)	1.4-2.4	Upto 0.2
Bharuch	Bharuch	Gujarat	Kasva	1.3-2.3	Upto 0.1
Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar	Gujarat	Narbad	1.1-2.9	Upto 2.4
Borsad	Anand	Gujarat	Tithor	1.9-2.7	Upto 0.3
Chorasi	Surat	Gujarat	Bhimpur	1.4-1.8	Upto 1.0
Vagra	Bharuch	Gujarat	Harinagar	1.7-2.5	Upto 0.5
Valsad	Valsad	Gujarat	Malvan	1.1-1.5	Upto 0.3
Gandevi	Navsari	Gujarat	Mendhar	0.8-1.6	Upto 1.2
Dahanu	Palghar	Maharashtra	Narpad	0.5-1.2	Upto 1.0
Daman	Daman	Daman and Diu	Daman	0.9-1.3	Nil
Navsari	Navsari	Gujarat	Borsi	0.9-1.8	Upto 0.4
Olnad	Surat	Gujarat	Vansva	1.5-2.1	Upto 0.6
Veraval	Gir Somnath	Gujarat	Mul Dwarka	0.5-1.8	Upto 0.2
Palghar	Palghar	Maharashtra	Akkarpatti	0.4-1.0	Upto 0.5
Panvel	Raigarh	Maharashtra	Gavhan	0.7-0.7	Upto 0.5
Rajula	Amreli	Gujarat	Patva	1.1-2.7	Upto 0.3
Talaja	Bhavnagar	Gujarat	Talaja	1.6-2.3	Upto 0.2
Umargam	Valsad	Gujarat	Umargam	1.2-1.3	Upto 0.2
Uran	Raigarh	Maharashtra	Sheva	0.6-0.7	Upto 2.2
Vasai	Palghar	Maharashtra	Jalsar	0.8-0.9	Upto 1.1
Wada	Thane	Maharashtra	Juchandra	0.8-0.8	Upto 0.2
Bombay	Mumbai City	Maharashtra	Greater Bombay	0.6-0.7	Nil
Alibag	Raigarh	Maharashtra	Ranjankhar Davali	0.5-0.7	Upto 1.9
Maliya	Junagadh	Gujarat	Vadodra Dodiva	0.3-0.3	Upto 0.1
Mangaon	Raigarh	Maharashtra	Water Body	0.5-0.5	Upto 0.1