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Island Development Plan of Perumbalam, Alappuzha District, Kerala

Small islands comprise a high proportion of marine and coastal areas, which are important sources of income. The coastal ecosystems of many islands are of major economic significance for settlement, subsistence and commercial agriculture, fisheries and tourism. Perumbalam is an isolated island panchayat located in Alappuzha district, Kerala. The island is surrounded by the Vembanad Lake which is the largest lake in Kerala. The study focuses on the island's geographical and physical features, its socio-economic conditions, housing conditions, and infrastructure.

The thesis aims for the holistic development of Perumbalam Panchayat, by conserving and enhancing the existing ecosystem to transform it into a self-sustained place through community and cooperative participation.

The study is conducted in order to understand the potentials of the island and how it can contribute to the overall city development. There is an immense potential in this island such as promotion of organic farming and clam fishing, lake side activities to attract tourists as an economic development and employment generation. The island is still not utilized efficiently as it has potential to bring development for the state also.

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