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Planning Solutions For Preserving River Islands

River Islands are fragile ecosystem which is inhabited by the human beings from the time immemorial. Due to natural and anthropogenic activities of men, these fluvial landforms are diminishing and vanishing from the earth's surface. Many major River islands including the largest river island Majuli, Assam is also under the threat of erosion and submergence. This study focuses on the communities which thrive on these risk prone area and their shift in livelihood and lifestyle due to unpredictable disasters. There are various factors that decides on the strategy to be adopted is based on the vulnerability of the community and the intensity of Hazard. Strategies like Adaptation and Planned relocation which is widely practiced in various parts of the world for the survival and preservation of River islands and its community. In recent years, Kerala also started witnessing the aftermath of this global phenomenon, the study also analyze the situation of a small river island, Munroethuruthu in Kerala which is affected by similar issues. Various policies can be implemented in these region under various sectors like Agriculture, Migration vulnerability reduction etc for the protection of native communities and there by preservation of River Islands.

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