ECONOMIC EVALUATION OF KUKKARAHALLI LAKE
-A NEED FOR CONSERVATION
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Abstract:

A wetland is land that is seasonally or permanently covered by shallow water, as well as land where the water table is close to or at the surface. Putting an economic value on something as abstract as the ecological services of a wetland is a difficult idea for most people. More commonly, the open market puts dollar values on society's goods and services. In the case of wetlands, there is no direct market for services such as clean water, maintenance of biodiversity, and flood control. There is, however, a growing recognition that such natural benefits do have real economic value and that these values need to be included in decision-making processes. This paper is an effort towards valuating Kukkarahalli Lake for the sake of conserving it for Mysoreans as well as for many including Birds who visit Mysore as a tourist spot.