

Nicobar needs us.

Approximately 8.5 lakh trees in pristine rain forests will be cleared in the Nicobar Islands to make way for a 'developmental' project. It is home to 648 species of flora and 330 species of fauna, including rare and endemic ones like the Nicobar wild pig, Nicobar tree shrew, the Great Nicobar crested serpent eagle, Nicobar paradise flycatcher and many others.

Cost of the Nicobar project

\$9.2
billion

\$9.2 billion equals INR 72,000 crores
\$1.6 trillion equals INR 128 lakh crores

Natural wealth wiped out

\$1.6
trillion*

*The estimated worth of one tree is about \$1,932,500 if left alone for 50 years. This number excludes the value from fruits, lumber and other services.

Source: Singapore Zoological Gardens, The Value of a Tree, based on Update Forestry

What you can do to help



Read about the latest developments on the project



Be vocal about your concerns on social media and other channels



Volunteer with organisations fighting to reverse the decision



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DON'T KILL THE GOLDEN GOOSE !!!!



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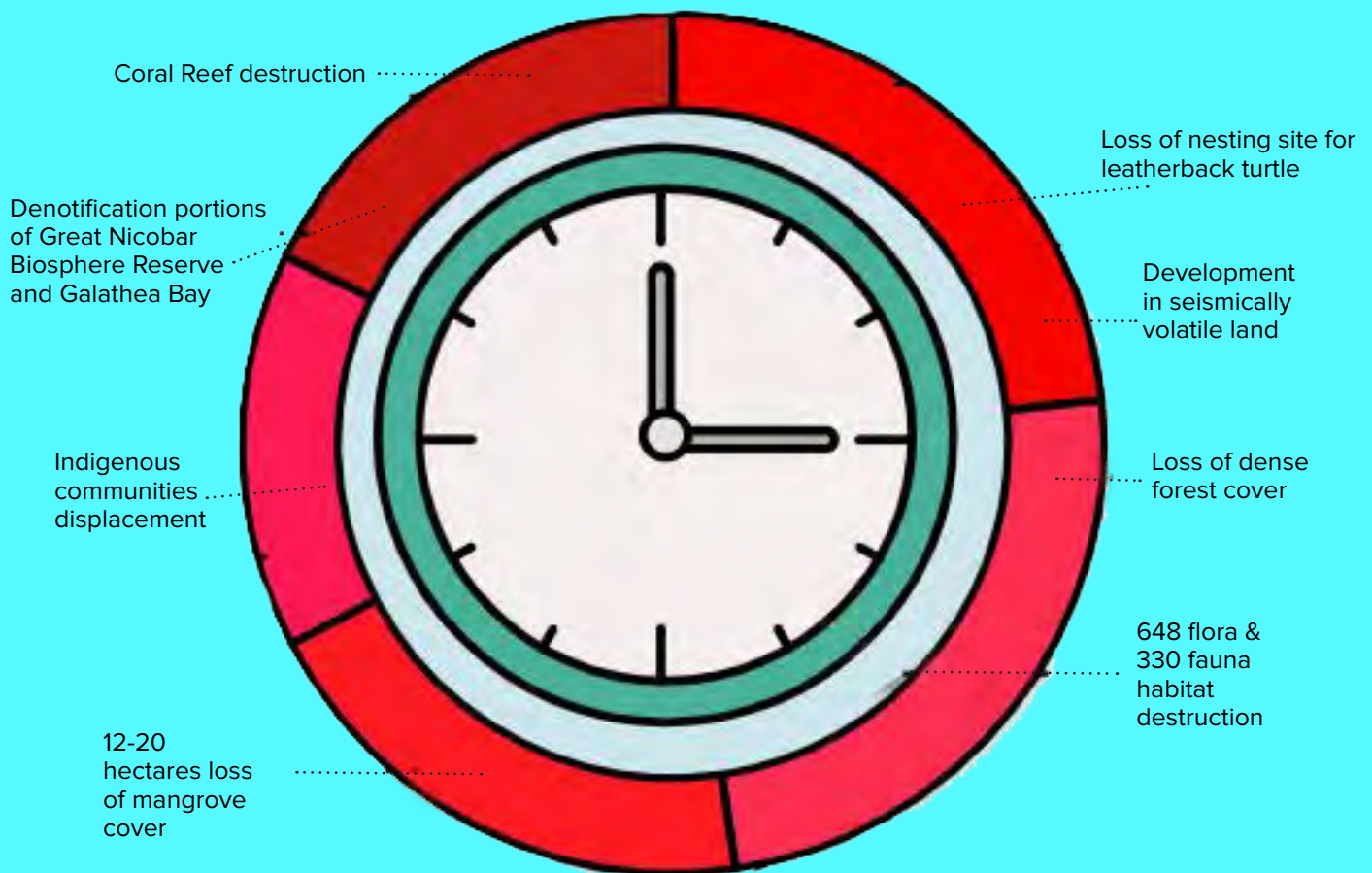


The Nicobar Project will end up destroying the habitats of Vast diversity of FLORA AND FAUNA

MATH DOESN'T MATCH FOR GREAT NICOBAR ISLAND PROJECT

APPROXIMATELY \$118 MILLION OF COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION
 $\neq$ \$1.6 TRILLION DEFORESTATION

As stated by Professor T. M. Das, trees are worth around \$193250, including its worth of oxygen generation, control of air pollution and soil erosion, home to animals, and recycling of water. The Holistic Development of Great Nicobar Island Project will cut around 8.5 lakh trees. The compensatory afforestation allotted for the project does not even equal the amount of degradation the project will cause on the island. Along with that, the project will also spell trouble to its several wildlife and tribes.



\$118 MILLION = ~RS. 970 CRORE
 \$1.6 TRILLION = ~RS. 128 LAKH CRORE

'SOUTH MUMBAI GETS IN-PRINCIPLE CLEARANCE FOR DIVERSION OF 130 SQ KM OF CITY BUILDINGS'

Would you be okay reading this news headline?

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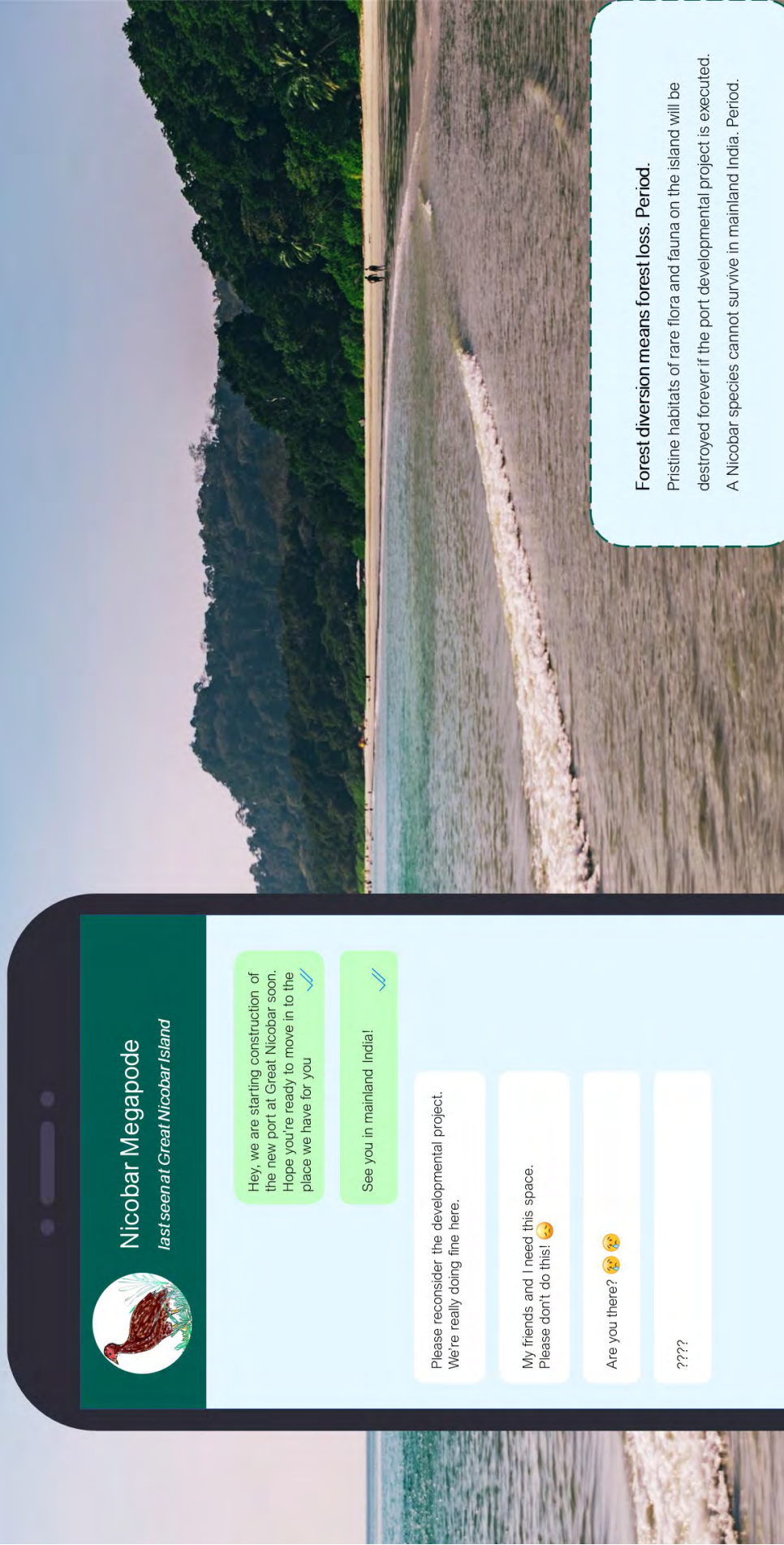
About 648 species of flora and 330 species of fauna, including rare and endemic ones like the Nicobar wild pig, Nicobar tree shrew, the Great Nicobar crested serpent eagle, the Nicobar megapode and many others will lose their habitats with the upcoming developmental project at the Great Nicobar Island.

Would you be okay if this happened to your habitat?



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- * NICOBAR LONG TAILED MACAQUE (*Macaca fascicularis umbrosa* - VU)
- * NICOBAR TREE SHREW (*Tupaia nicobarica* - EN)
- * NICOBAR CRICKET FROG (*Minervarya nicobariensis* - EN)
- * NICOBAR PIGEON (*Caloenas nicobarica* - NT)

* ONLY FOUND IN THE NICOBARS

ISLANDS OF INDIA NOW ISLANDS OF OPPORTUNITY

Déjà vu?

EIA ignored aspects of the sustenance of the Shompens and the Nicobari Tribal population

Holistic Development of Great Nicobar Island

Lush forests and coastal regions within the confines of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve will be used to construct International transshipment terminal, an international airport, a power plant, and a township area.

National Board for Wildlife Denotifies Galathea Bay major nesting site for **leatherback turtles** and **Megapode*** Wildlife Sanctuary in Great Nicobar Island.

AVATAR coming to an island near you

*Endemic species of GNI



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