

## A preliminary report of *Phumdis* from Narthamalai hills, Pudukkottai District, Tamil Nadu

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*Phumdis* are commonly known as floating grass Islands found on the water bodies. In India, it is reported from Loktak Lake, Manipur. During a field visit, it was interested to note a small piece of *Phumdis* found in a natural pond located (10.501720 N, 78.75771 E) on a hill near Narthamalai, Pudukkottai District of Tamil Nadu and the thickness of it varied from 25-30 cm above the water surface appearing in two distinct zones and it absorbs their nutrients from the water and accumulating them for their growth and survival (WISA & LDA 2002). Information of floating nature of Grass Island was provided by the local people and this was confirmed by location of Grass Island in different places compared to the field photos and the Google earth image.



### References

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