

ADVANCED CENTRE FOR MINING REHABILITATION

Established at

Institute of Wood Science & Technology, Bangalore

ICFRE was given the responsibility of carrying out a macro level Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) of iron ore mining areas of Chitradurga, Tumkur and Bellary districts of Karnataka. In the EIA study, it was found that there has been degradation of varying degrees in the past due to mining activities.

In order to prepare and monitor rehabilitation, eco-restoration, wildlife conservation, mine closure plans and their effective implementation, an Advanced Center for Mining Rehabilitation and Reclamation Center is recently started at IWST, Bangalore. The work assigned to the center is briefly as follows:

- Preparation of Rehabilitation and Reclamation (R&R) Plan for the mining leases found to be involved in illegal mining;
- Preparations of Supplementary Environment Management Plan for incorporating additional environmental safeguards in respect of the leases not found to be involved in illegal mining;
- Comprehensive environment plan for Mining Impact Zone (MIZ) for the areas surrounding the mining lease areas; short term and long term measures

The center has started functioning at IWST, Bangalore and headed by an Officer of the Rank of Conservator of Forests and assisted by eight supporting staff.



Damage of forest land due to illegal mining in Bellary district of Karnataka