

Plan proposal

We, the Mahajana Volunteers, along with some other youth organizations, are in the process of renovating a pond with the permission of the Northern Province Agrarian Services Department and the Tellippalai Divisional Secretariat, Vali-North Pradeshiya Sabha and Durgapuram Grama Niladhari.

Location of the pond



This pond is located in the Jaffna District of the Northern Province of Sri Lanka under the Vali-North Pradeshiya Sabha at an elevation of 10m above sea level and which is near to **'Periya Thambiran kovil'** located within **'Durgapuram'** Grama division under Tellippalai Divisional Secretariat considered as a starting point of **'Valukkai aru'**. The pool is more than 300 years old and is also known as the **'Periyathambiran Temple Pond'**.

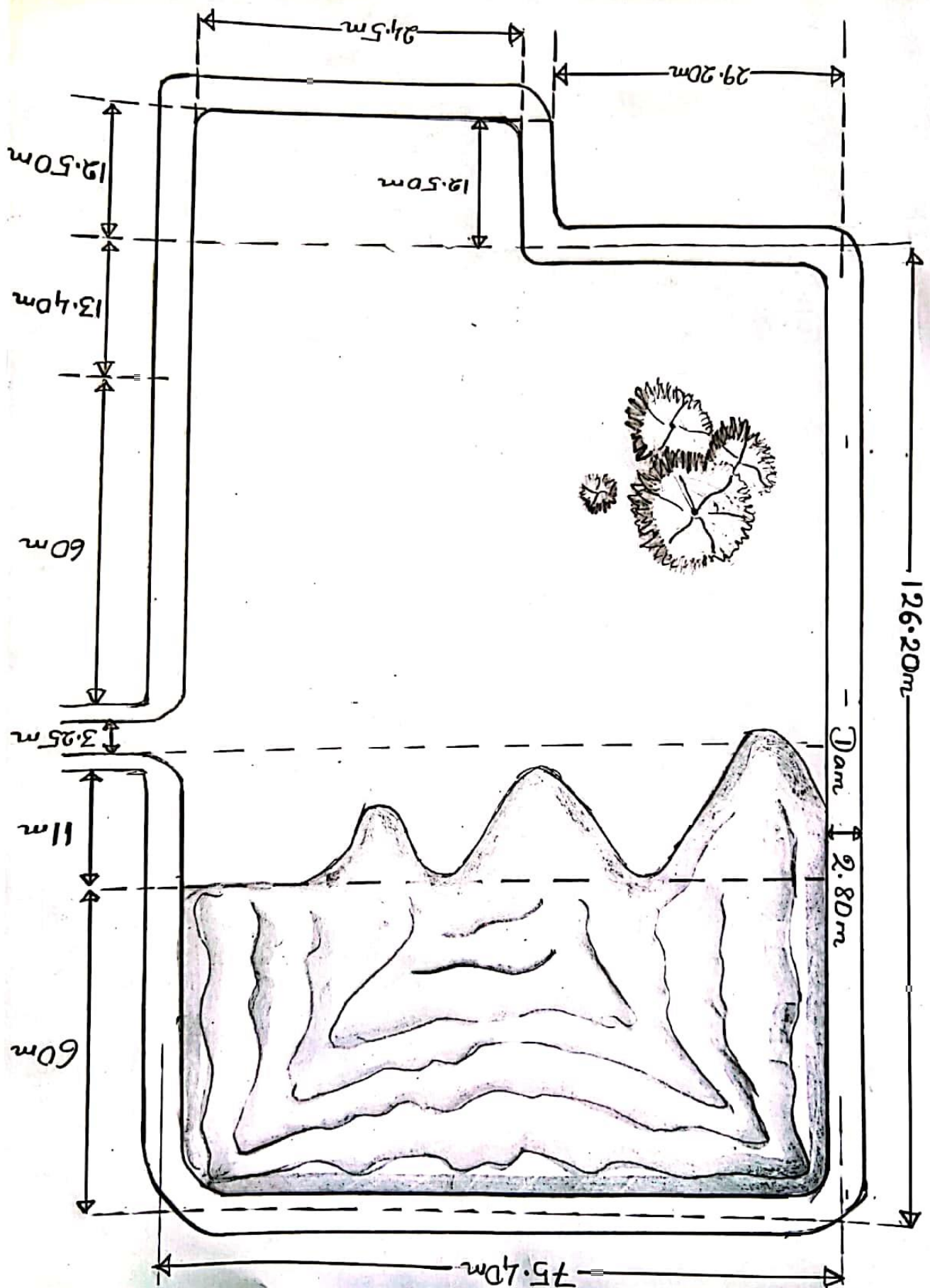
The structure of the pond



Further the pond is located on about 30 acres of land. It is surrounded by a 10 feet high and 1 km long dam. In the middle of the pond is a 200-year-old navel tree, and there is a laundry well system with laundry stones where laundry workers wash clothes. The water level here is very low during the summer season and during the rainy season it is found as a tributary lake that carries water through the drainage system to the ‘ **Valukkai aru**’ which continues into the Pinnacle Pond. But only about half of the 30 perches of the pond are stagnant. This is because only half of the pond is used during the rainy season as the rest of the pond is overgrown by stones.



The structure of the pond in current situation



Usage of the pond

The pond is used as a water source for some agricultural purposes during summers. At the same time it becomes the main pool for laundry workers. They are considered as a most necessary place for washing clothes because the environment near the pool is most suitable for drying those clothes. But it is noteworthy that they are currently doing



business at home as the pool has not been renovated. The pond is used to provide drinking water for livestock as well as for birds and animals. It is also a place where farmers can relax and unwind in the pool in the afternoons and evenings.

Current condition of the pond



The pond has not been renovated for more than 4 years so the water seems to be polluted and it is unsuitable for animals to drink water and for laundry works. It is not conducive to relaxation because grasses and weeds are grown around the pond.

Necessity of renovation

If the pond is not renovated, the additional water on rainy days goes to the fields and destroys the crops. Due to lack of maintenance and the bad condition of the dam, approaching the pond has become dangerous and because of the polluted water, the animals consuming it are also getting badly affected. At the same time, washing clothes in that water has become unsafe because the washing area is situated in the middle of the pond and going there is not safe.

Plan of renovation

Since half part of the above pond has stones, the capacity of it can be increased by removing those stones with the help of the contractor. By using the entire area of the pond, water overflowing into the crop fields is also reduced. By the same contractor, we can renovate the dam by paying him with the stones dug from the pond, without paying him with money. So two tasks can be done at the same time (deepening the pond and renovating the dam). Then in the remaining part of the pond, sand is leveled and the palm trees are removed. Also the washing well is repaired with placing pulleys and the path for that well is constructed by placing stones along the sides of that path for protection. Surrounding excavators will be cleared by the farmers who does cultivation nearby the pond. That was confirmed by the farmer's union. The refreshments will be provided the agrarian department which responsible for the particular area.

Note:- We ensure the pond will not be deepen than the original depth of the pond.

We kindly request permission to act according to the plan above.

Thank you