

## DEMOGRAPHY-KOZHIKODE MASTER PLAN AREA

Kozhikode, with a population comprising approximately 3.1 million people, is the 5th most populous district in Kerala (Census of India, 2011). The Master Plan area comprises a quarter of the district's population (Town and Country Planning Department Kozhikode, 2015). 53% of the population within this area is accommodated within the Kozhikode Municipal Corporation limits; other highly populated areas include Beypore (8.57%), Olavanna (8.4%), Cheruvannur Nallalam (8.18%); Ramanattukara accounts for the lowest share of population (4.41%). The master plan has readjusted the Municipal Corporation limits, which shall account for 75% of the total population within the Master Plan area. The gross population density of the planning area is 45.7 persons per hectare (pph) while that of the Corporation is 51.20 pph (Town and Country Planning Department Kozhikode, 2015). Figure 1 shows the decadal growth in population in different regions within the planning area. While the population of the urban area has been fluctuating, the general trend has been a negative growth in population. This conforms with the trends observed across most of Kerala (Town and Country Planning Department Kozhikode, 2015). The Master Plan-2035 takes cognizance of the reducing population and intends to check the decrease with better infrastructure and amenities in the urban core; a compact settlement pattern has been proposed. The population for the horizon year is estimated at 13 lakhs.

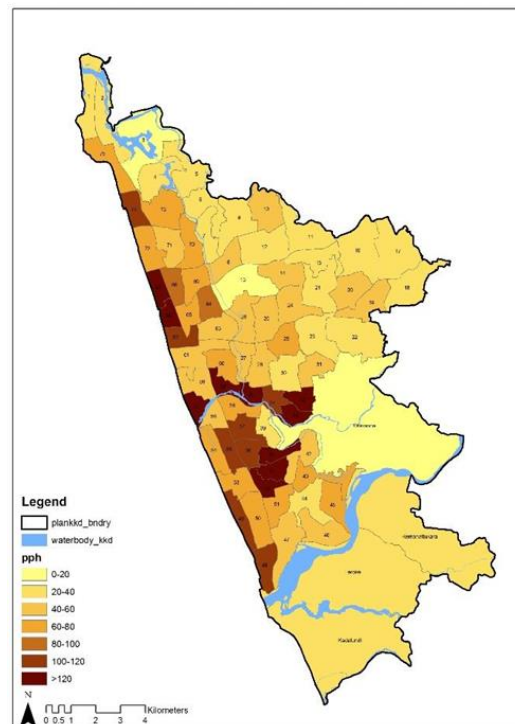


Figure 1- POPULATION DENSITY IN DIFFERENT WARDS  
(CENSUS 2011)