


## Press note

### A large illegal dugout dinghy seized by Forest Department at Mayabunder.

Forest officials seized a large illegal dugout dinghy which was under construction from Hanspuri Beat of Mayabunder Forest Division along with 0.933 cum of illegally handswan timber. The seized dinghy is designed for illegal cargo transportation in inter-island sectors with a total length of 19.0 meters and width of 3 meters on an average. The entire search operations were closely monitored by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Islands in coordination with officials of Mayabunder Forest Division. The offenders are suspected to be from South Andaman District who are actively involved in illegal Cargo transportation from Port Blair to Swaraj Dweep island. The seized dinghy was taken into custody by Range Officer, Tugapur and further investigation is on. Forest department is keeping close vigil over West Coasts of North & Middle Andaman district for such illegal activities.

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