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As per the recommendations of Expenditure Finance Committee, **merger of NWCP and NLCP schemes into one integrated scheme entitled ‘National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco-Systems’ (NPCA) is proposed with effect from XII Plan Period i.e. 1st April, 2012**, with the objective of conserving aquatic ecosystems namely, lakes and wetlands through implementation of sustainable Conservation Plans. Approved budget of the merged scheme is Rs. 525 crore during XII Plan period. The merged scheme is proposed to be implemented by National River Conservation Directorate in the Ministry in a Mission mode with target oriented implementation.

For conservation and management of polluted and degraded lakes in urban and semi-urban areas of the country, the Ministry is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) on 70:30 funding pattern. The Plan includes core components of interception, diversion and treatment of wastewaters before their entry into the lake, catchment area treatment, shoreline protection, in-lake treatment etc. Non core activities include lake front eco-development and public participation. The Ministry is implementing the central scheme of National Wetlands Conservation Programme (NWCP) for conservation of wetlands (includes Ramsar sites) in the country.