



Vembanad Lake

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The Alappuzha district administration in Kerala will launch a **mega plastic cleaning drive** as part of the [Vembanad lake rejuvenation project](#). This initiative aims to restore the **health of the lake**, a [Ramsar site](#) and India's **second-largest wetland system**.

- Additional efforts include establishing a **bio-shield**, setting up a **Vembanad Lake Interpretation Centre**, a **yarn museum**, **bottle booths**, promoting **community tourism**, and stocking **fish seeds**.
 - **Awareness programmes** will be held for **fishers, houseboat employees**, and local residents to emphasize the importance of lake conservation.
- A 2023 study revealed the degraded state of Vembanad lake, impacting the livelihoods of around eight million people. The lake's water retention capacity has declined by **85.3% from 1990 to 2020**.
- **Vembanad Lake:** Vembanad is the **largest lake in Kerala and the longest lake in India**.
 - Vembanad-Kol is the **largest brackish, humid tropical wetland ecosystem** on the southwest coast of India. It is fed by 10 rivers and is typical of large estuarine systems on the western coast.
 - In 2002, Vembanad was designated as a **Ramsar Wetland of International Importance**.
 - It is also included in the [National Wetlands Conservation Programme](#) by the Government of India.
 - **Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary**, also known as the Vembanad Bird Sanctuary, is located on the lake's east coast.

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