Around 70 major fish species are found in the river stretch, reservoirs and streams falling within the Community Forest Resource (CFR) area. Of these, 20 are important food species for Kadars and Malayans. Some of these are also occasionally sold as ornamental fish. The local community is concerned about the perceived decline of species like Eattapachila, Kuyil/Choora, Pachilavetti and Pandan. To conserve the diversity of fish species they have initiated action including a ban on fishing for 15-30 days between June and July which is the breeding season. They have also stopped the use of nets of mesh with sizes ranging between 4 to 8 fingers to ensure juvenile fish are not caught. The community is now developing participatory monitoring protocols to assess river health and encourage sustainable fishing.