

2.0. Study Area :

Present study is confined to reserved forest area of Assam as per request of Project Management unit of Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Society (APFBC Society). The state of Assam has an area of 78,438 sq.km situated in the North Eastern part of India between 24°3' N and 28° N latitude and 89°51' E to 96°1' E longitudes. The reported reserved forest area of Assam is 14194.82 Sq.km (Statistical handbook of Assam) i.e. around 18.09 percent of state total area. It has the mighty river Brahmaputra flowing from Northeast to Southwest direction (Sadiya to Dhubri) and Barak river which is flowing through Southern part of Assam. The region receives high rainfall during Southwest monsoon (April to September). The average annual rainfall in the region is around 2200 mm. Following Map (No. 1) shows the whole study area.

