

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE 1 Assigned and relative weight of the physico chemical parameters.

Sl. No	Parameter	Weight (w_i)	Relative Weight (W_i)
1	pH	4	0.08
2	Cl ⁻	3	0.06
3	EC	4	0.08
4	TH	4	0.08
5	DO	5	0.10
6	TDS	4	0.08
7	Ca ²⁺	3	0.06
8	Mg ²⁺	3	0.06
9	Na ⁺	3	0.06
10	NO ₃ ⁻	5	0.10
11	Turbidity	5	0.10
12	PO ₄ ³⁻	5	0.10
13	Alk	3	0.06

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE 2 Questionnaire used for the collection of data that assess perception of locals on sacred ponds / Lai Pukhri's degradation and its conservation in the Imphal valley.

Sl. No.	Questions	Strongly agree	Agree	Can't say	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	Lai Pukhri holds cultural/religious significance.					
2	Spiritual / cultural influence is protecting the Lai Pukhri.					
3	Lai Pukhri's are habitats for biodiversity.					
4	Lai Pukhri's health has changed ecologically.					
5	Lai Pukhri's are in danger due to encroachment.					
6	Lai Pukhri's are in danger due to pollution.					
7	Lai Pukhri's pollution is because of untreated sewage from surrounding.					
8	Lai Pukhri's are parts of ritual ceremonies.					
9	Relevance of Lai Pukhri's in the society is fading.					
10	Lai Pukhri's are protected by the community.					
11	Lai Pukhri's are protected by the Government.					
12	Government mechanism/ local mechanism are enough for Lai Pukhri's protection.					
13	Restoration initiatives taken up for the Lai Pukhri's.					
14	Conservation of Lai Pukhri's is necessary.					
15	Lai Pukhri's are used for drinking / domestic / agricultural purposes.					
16	Researches on Lai Pukhri's ecological condition are initiated by Government or non- governmental organization.					

Signature of the informant