While fishermen largely take only such quantities of clam from the lake that they need, the industries use huge dredgers and completely mine out the fossilized white shell deposits, at the current rate of reclamations, their vital nature and importance may vanish in just 10 years.

As of now, the Vembanad wetland is the proverbial goose that lays golden eggs for the flourishing tourism sector. If more than 50,000 white shells are lost with one such goiter, it is to be a necessity moving to assess the carrying capacity of the lake. The environmental impact of waste discharge, the efforts of oil spills from boats, and of reclamation. But thankfully, the perpetual conflict between development and environment can be averted only with certain resolve at Kumarakom and Alappuzha, where wetlands are so beautifully conserved that they have transformed into sustainable tourism. With absolutely non-reclamation, these resources have natural canals, marshes, paddyfields and even greens and fish farms right on their premises. They see from the lake and use them after treatment. They do not discharge waste outside the resort. There the households, the ecosystem, the lakes, and of reclamation. But thankfully, the perpetual conflict between development and environment can be averted only with certain resolve at Kumarakom and Alappuzha, where wetlands are so beautifully conserved that they have transformed into sustainable tourism. With absolutely non-reclamation, these resources have natural canals, marshes, paddyfields and even greens and fish farms right on their premises. They see from the lake and use them after treatment. They do not discharge waste outside the resort. There the households, the ecosystem, the lakes, and...