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Planning Commission  
(E&F Division)

Yojana Bhawan, Sansad Marg,  
New Delhi – 110 001,  
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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:** Constitution of a Working Group on Wildlife, Ecotourism and Animal Welfare for the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan 2012-2017.

The Steering Committee on Environment, Forests & Wildlife and Animal Welfare for the Twelfth Five Year Plan held its first meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 under the chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Member, Planning Commission. The Chairman has desired to constitute a Working Group on **Wildlife, Ecotourism and Animal Welfare**. The composition and Terms of Reference of the Working Group are as follows:-

1	Shri Jagdish Kishwan, Additional Director General, Wildlife	<b>Chairman</b>
2	JS level Officer nominated from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi	Member
3	JS level Officer nominated from the Department of Land Resources, New Delhi	Member
4	JS level Officer nominated from the Ministry of Water Resources, New Delhi	Member
5	JS level Officer nominated from the Ministry of Urban Development, New Delhi	Member
6	JS level Officer nominated from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi	Member
7	JS level Officer nominated from the Department of Agricultural Research and Education & Indian Council of Agriculture Research, New Delhi	Member
8	Dr. R.B. Lal, Director, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal	Member
9	Shri P.R. Sinha, Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Member
10	Shri V.K. Sing, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests wildlife, Karnataka	Member
11	Dr. Asad Rehmani, Director, Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai	Member
12	Shri Pradeep Khanna, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Gujarat	Member
13	Sri R. N. Mehrotra, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajasthan	Member

14	Sri Ravi Sing, Chief Executive Officer, World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF), New Delhi	Member
15	JS level officer nominated from the Ministry of Tourism	Member
16	JS level officer nominated from the Department of Animal Husbandry	Member
17	Member Secretary, National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)	Member
18	Vivek Menon, Chief Executive Officer, Wildlife Trust of India	Member
19	Belinda Wright, Executive Director Wildlife Protection Society Of India (WPSI)	Member
20	Biswajit Mohanthy, Kachchap, Cuttack, Odisha	Member
21	Vishal Singh, Managing Director, Tour Operator For Tiger (TOFR)	Member
22	Director, Zoological Survey of India	Member
23	Managing Director, Taj Hotel Group	Member
24	Director, Kerala Tourism Development Corporation	Member
25	Managing Director, Jungle Lodges Resorts Karnataka Department of Tourism	Member
26	Dr. Indrani Chandrasekharan, Adviser (E&F), Planning Commission	Member
27	Dr. Biswajit Banerjee, Director (Forestry), Planning Commission	Member Convenor

**2. The Terms of Reference of the Working Group will be as under:-**

- (i) To make recommendations for the **Wildlife, Ecotourism and Animal Welfare** for the Twelfth Five Year Plan based on a review of the existing programmes, policies and issues related to Legislation, Enforcement, Infrastructure and Institutional Mechanism;
- (ii) Identify thrust areas for the Wildlife Management, viz., Habitat improvement, landscape level management of watershed, recreation and eco-tourism, collaborative management involving forest dwellers and Assess current and emerging issues for integration with other sectors and recommend remedial measures and mechanisms;
- (iii) To recommend strategy for a proactive national stance on watershed management and assured water supply from national parks, sanctuaries and community reserves;
- (iv) Review and recommend ways of strengthening the present mechanism of implementation of international commitments with respect to threatened and endangered species of Wildlife as well as in-situ and ex-situ conservation;

- (v) Recommend strategies for co-ordination of programmes between Centre and the States in view of biogeographic variations of the landscape with respect to flora and fauna of regional and national importance;
- (vi) Suggest mechanisms for capacity building for Management and Planning for conservation and development of natural resources rooted in the principles of ecology, economics, social and human value, employment generation and existence value; and
- (vii) Recommend Innovative ways for augmenting flow of resources into the sector engaging all stakeholders through public private partnership.
- (viii) Considering the broader socio-economic objectives of the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan and recognizing the inter-dependence and mutually reinforcing dynamics of socio-economic development and environmental protection for sustainable development, the Committee may especially focus, *inter alia*, on the following items:-
  - a. Technological and manpower requirements for forest protection against forest fires and illegal activities including encroachments and poaching.
  - b. Policy prescriptions for strengthening linkages between forestry, grassland management, agriculture, pastures, watershed development in rural and tribal development programmes.
  - c. Conservation and development of wildlife habitats, protected areas, and evolve workable participatory systems with communities for conservation of biodiversity in a landscape scale.
  - d. A community centered Animal Welfare strategy and implementation of different schemes with important role for voluntary agencies, corporate sectors and civic bodies.

### **3. General Terms of References**

- I. The Chairman may co-opt other Experts/Member, and constitute sub-groups for specific tasks. The Working Group would be serviced by E&F Division of the Planning Commission.
- II. The expenditure on TA/DA of official members of the Working Group will be borne by their respective Ministry/Department as per the rules of entitlement applicable to them. TA/DA for non-official members will be borne by the Planning Commission as per SR 190 (a).

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III. The Working Group will submit its report to the Planning Commission by the 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2011.

IV. Dr. Biswajit Banerjee, Director (Forestry), Planning Commission, Ph. 011-23096720, will be the nodal officer in the Planning Commission for this Working Group and any further correspondence in this regard may be made with him.

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To

**Chairman and all Members (including Member Secretary and Convenor) of the Working Group.**

**Copy to:-**

1. PS to DCH/MOS(PC)/Members/Members Secretary, Planning Commission.
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3. Director (PC), Planning Commission
4. Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi.
5. Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, New Delhi
6. Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, New Delhi
7. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi
8. Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi
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