

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH  
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS

Dated : Shimla-2, the 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2008

No. FFE-B-A (4)-6/2002

NOTIFICATION

In supersession to this Department Notification No. FFE-B-A (4)-6/2002 dated 3.12.2002, the Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to constitute a Core Group on Conservation Breeding of Pheasants for making conservation of Pheasants one of the main objectives as per composition, objectives, proposed activities and funding of the Core Group given below:-

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| 1. Additional Chief Secretary (Forests) to the Government of H.P., Shimla-2.  | Chairman         |
| 2. Chief Wildlife Warden, H.P. Shimla-1   | Member           |
| 3. Representative of Central Zoo Authority, Delhi   | Member           |
| 4. Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Sarahan/ Shimla and Zoos & Rescue, Shimla                                     | Members          |
| 5. Shri K. Ramesh, Wildlife Institute of India Dehradun, Uttaranchal  | Member           |
| 6. Representative of World Pheasant Association (WPA), India, J-7/21-A,DLF, Phase-II, Gurgaon - 122002 Haryana.       | Member           |
| 7. Dr. John Corder, Representative of WPA International, Downlands, Knowle, St. Giles, Chard, Somerset, TA20 4AY U.K. | Member           |
| 8. Dr. Sandeep Rattan, Veterinary Officer O/o Pr.CCF (WL) H.P.  | Member           |
| 9. Sh. Alam Singh, Deputy Ranger, Sarahan Pheasantry, Distt. Shimla, H.P.   | Member           |
| 10. Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Shimla  | Member Secretary |

2. The Core Group shall hold at least one meeting in six months. The official member shall be paid T.A. / D.A. at the official State Government rates.

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Non-official members shall be paid T.A./ D.A. at the rates approved for National/ International resources persons in the Kandi World Bank Project. The Core Group can engage consultants of repute as per requirement.

3. Objectives of the Core Group:-

- i) To complement and strengthen the State level efforts in conservation of the rich biodiversity of Pheasants in Himachal Pradesh, particularly in the wild and supported by *ex-situ* conservation efforts.
- ii) To support the conservation of endangered species such as Western Tragopan and Chir Pheasant under *ex-situ* conditions and raise stocks for rehabilitating them in the wild.
- iii) To develop infrastructure and services for an interpretation programme for the visitors so as to create an understanding and awareness about the need for conservation breeding of pheasants and its need for maintaining the ecological balance.
- iv) To provide opportunities for scientific studies useful for conservation breeding in general and creation of database for sharing between the partners/ agencies involved in the *in-situ* and *ex-situ* conservation.
- v) To facilitate the role of pheasantries to continue as rescue centers for orphaned wild pheasants, subject to availability of appropriate housing and upkeep structures.

4. Proposed actions ( on immediate basis) for the Core Group to achieve the objectives:

- (1) The Core Group shall attach the highest priority to developing a project to incorporating the available knowledge on the subject of pheasant conservation breeding in appropriate pheasantries of Himachal Pradesh. The Project shall also serve as a long term master plan for development of pheasantries to ensure optimum utilization of the existing infrastructure occur in the Department. This will include detailed management plan for each species in the pheasantries and a release programme for each species. This Project shall be developed and presented to the State Government within three months.
- (2) The Core Group shall facilitate management of pheasantries to maintain a healthy, hygienic and natural environment.

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- (3) The Core Group shall accord priority to endangered species such as Western Tragopan and Chir Pheasants, that is, to regulate the number of pheasants of various species in such a way that each pheasant serves the objectives of conservation breeding.
- (4) The Core Group shall make recommendations for the distribution/ release of the existing stock of pheasants in the pheasantries of the State.
- (5) The Core Group shall devise a curriculum for training of forest officers in the subject of conservation breeding of pheasants as well as to research aspects. The help of WPA international may be sought for the purpose.

5. Funding

The expenditure on the Core Group meetings, Project development and Project implementation shall be met from the funds provided under the Project "Conservation of Endangered Wildlife Species in Himachal Pradesh" stipulated by Govt. of India while according environmental and forest clearance for the Parvati Project of N.H.P.C.

By order

Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

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