

Training in Handling Chemical Restraint Equipment to Field Functionaries of

HP Forest Department

Himachal Pradesh often faces varying degree of conflict with various wild animals every now and then. It has been proposed on number of occasions to strengthen the in-house staff of HP Forest Department to deal with such exigencies by consolidation of logistics and prepare staff to handle such situations explicitly. In such an endeavour by Wildlife Wing of HP Forest Department, a hands-on training to handle human-wild animal conflicts especially one dealing with common leopards was imparted to various field functionaries of different forest and wildlife divisions of the state where such conflict is reported on a higher level.

The trainees were imparted training covering following aspects of human-wild animal conflict;

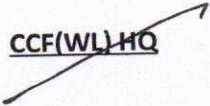
1. Types of conflict
2. Impact of conflict with humans, both loss to life and economy
3. Origin and genesis of conflict
4. Provisions of WPA 1972 to handle conflict
5. Handling and upkeep of chemical restraint equipment (tranquilisation guns and other equipment)
6. Care and handling of the conflict site vis a vis to the animal involve, humans involved and staff engaged
7. Capture and transportation of animal as per Rescue and Release Guidelines of HP Forest Department.

As a result of the training that was imparted to on 27th September, 4th and 5th October, 2018 at RRC Tutikandi, Gopalpur Zoo and FTI Sundernagar respectively a total of 58 field functionaries were trained (list attached). These trained candidates can now handle all the conflicts at their own level with the resources made available to them.

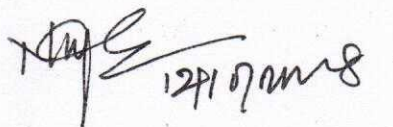
During the training some equipment of DNP Gopalpur were found to be beyond repair which may be written off. Moreover, a supply of regular drugs and few equipment that are to be used should be procured by respective DFOs at their own level and kept ready to meet with such exigencies (list attached).

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List of drugs for animal/First Aid

- Xylazine
- Ketamine
- Yohimbine
- Dexamethasone
- Adrenaline
- Diazepam
- Doxapram
- Nikethamide
- Sodium bicarbonate
- Normal saline
- Liquid paraffin
- Doramectin
- Long acting antibiotic
- Melonex/Ketoprofen
- Betadine liquid/ointment
- Topicure spray
- Gotbac powder
- Avil/Cetirizine
- Metronidazole inj
- Spirit/Antiseptic solution
- Soap
- Albendazole
- TT
- Anti Rabies vaccine
- Paracetamol tab
- First aid kit for handlers

List of equipment

- Delivery equipment (blowpipe, gas pistol, rifle), Pump, Adapters and spanners, CO2 cylinders
- Darts, plungers, adapters, Needles, Sleeves
- Cotton, bandage, blinds cloth
- Ropes, Ladder
- Tarpaulin/hammock/stretchers
- Nets
- Baffle-board
- Sticks (long, carrying), Automatic snare
- Y-hook
- Protective overhauls
- Saw, sickle, machete, w
- Blinds cloth
- Marker
- Range finder, Night vision equipment
- Torches
- Barricading tape, poles etc.
- Communication system

