

CITIZEN'S CHARTER

Background

The Department of Wildlife Protection, Jammu & Kashmir has evolved from the erstwhile Game Preservation Department. In earlier times, the wildlife was managed exclusively for game purposes and the rules were framed to protect and hunt wild animals in wilderness and game reserves.

Over a period of time, the wildlife hunting as a game changed into organized trade for meeting requirements of various products at domestic and international markets. Thus, lot of uncontrolled hunting took place to meet the requirements of trade, which resulted into the considerable reduction of wild animal population in wilderness.

Since creation of the Department of Wildlife Protection, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir has taken a series of measures for conservation of Forests and the Wildlife therein. The Jammu & Kashmir, Wildlife Protection Act was enacted in 1978. This act was amended in 2002. After the enactment of Jammu & Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019, the Central Act i.e Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 became applicable to the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir as the Jammu & Kashmir Wildlife Protection Act, 1978 (Amended upto 2002) was repealed. The Jammu & Kashmir Government has notified Wildlife Protected Areas from time to time and presently there are 4 National Parks, 14 Wildlife Sanctuaries and 30 Conservation Reserves in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir. These Protected Areas are managed on scientific lines through habitat improvement, plantations mostly comprising of wild fruit, fodder and shelter plant species, soil and water conservation measures, fire protection, development of infrastructure etc.

The Department also has responsibility to manage Captive as well as injured animals in Zoos and Rescue Centers. The Department also handles Human - Wildlife Conflict Cases, both inside and outside forest areas.

Vision/Mission

Survival of man is dependent upon the survival of plants and animals. There exists an intricate balance between all living and non-living components in an eco-system and maintenance of this balance is necessary to ensure economic developments while at the same time ensuring environmental conservation. Wildlife is an important component of an eco-system and they are to be conserved for their ethical, cultural, religious, spiritual, economic and ecological values.

The vision and mission of the department is to conserve and manage the wildlife and wildlife protected areas of UT of Jammu & Kashmir on scientific principles and as per the provisions of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

Objective/Purpose

- a) Effective Management of Protected Areas.
- b) Conservation of wild and endangered species and their habitat.

- c) Restoration of degraded habitat within Protected Areas.
- d) Control of Poaching and illegal Trade of wild species.
- e) Monitoring and Research.
- f) Ensuring people's participation in wildlife conservation.
- g) Conservation awareness and education.
- h) Wildlife Tourism (Eco-Tourism).
- i) Ex-situ conservation programme.
- j) Health Monitoring and Disease control with respect to Protected Area
- k) Resolution of Human-Wild Animal Conflict.
- l) Infrastructure Development.
- m) Establishment of Zoos and rescue centers.

Duties

With the increasing responsibility of the Department from the game regulation to the wildlife conservation, the functions of the department have increased manifold to meet new and additional responsibilities / challenges in order to secure the management of the wildlife protected areas. The management of wildlife protected areas is done as per the management plans. Thus, the preparation/ revision of management plans is one of the prime duties of the Department. Various management interventions like habitat improvement, anti poaching operations, awareness and capacity building programmes, research and monitoring of populations of wild species alongwith development of required infrastructure are undertaken. The Department provides compensation to victims of Human – Wildlife Conflict as per standing government orders.

Address/Contact

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- ii.* Manda hills,near Ashoka Hotel Jammu- **(Winter session– November to April)**

B) Regional Offices

- i.* Boulevard, Police Golf Course Srinagar- **(Kashmir)**
- ii.* Manda Hills,near Ashoka Hotel Jammu-**(Jammu)**

C) Divisional Offices

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North-Sopore	Kupwara Road, near Government Hospital Sopore
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Shopian	Near Tehsil Office
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Kathua	Opp. Forest Complex, Kathua

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