

CITIZEN'S CHARTER

Brief History & formation

The Jammu & Kashmir Wildlife Protection Department 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. Prior to 1997, lot of uncontrolled hunting took place to meet the requirements of trade, which resulted into the considerable reduction of animal population in wilderness.

Since creation of a Department of Wildlife Protection, the State Government has taken a series of measures for conservation of Forests and the Wildlife therein. The State Government has notified about 16000 sq km under the Protected Area Network which is about 15.58% of total geographical area of the State as compared to the national average of 4.8%. The State has 5 National Parks, 14 Wildlife Sanctuaries and 37 Conservation Reserves. These Protected Areas are to be managed on scientific lines through habitat improvement, plantations specifically of wild fruit bearing plants, soil and water conservation measures, fire protection, development of infrastructure, providing supplemental feed (like cattle feed, fodder, meat, medicines, tranquilizing drugs, guns and animal keepers to look-after the wild animals that too on round the clock basis). For this purpose management plans have to be prepared to save wildlife from hunters and poachers great emphasis is given towards antipoaching activities including engagement of informers to handle the organized wildlife crime.

The State also has responsibility to manage Captive as well as injured animals in Zoos and Rescue Centers. Feed, fodder and medicines to the captive stock at Manda Deer Park, Mansar Deer Park and Mantalai Enclosures in Jammu Region and in case of Kashmir Region Dachigam National Park and Pahalgam Deer Park is provided. Exchange of animals / birds and their procurement to mitigate the possibilities of in breeding is also covered.

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 Wildlife Protection Department in Jammu and Kashmir has evolved from the erstwhile Game Preservation Department. Over a period of time, the Wildlife has been managed for different objectives ranging from regulation to management of the Protected Areas with a focus on conservation on modern scientific lines and as per the provisions of J&K Wildlife Protection Act, 1978 amended till date.

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, Taxidermy and illegal Trade of wild animal and plant 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 Man-animal conflicts.*
- l) Infrastructure Development.*
- m) Establishment of Zoos.*

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 accelerate management of the protected areas. At present, J&K State is making efforts to come at par with the management of the Protected Areas at the national level, as per the recommendations of National Board of Wildlife. The Wildlife Protection Department has taken several measures for protection of wildlife and their habitat. Attempts are made to manage the PAs on scientific lines and to bridge gaps in what should be done and what is being done. The plan size of the department is being supplemented to some extent by Centrally Sponsored Schemes and CAMPA. The Department under Hon'ble Supreme Court orders is expected to manage the Protected Areas through preparation of Management Plans of National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries & Conservation Reserves.

Main activities/functions

The objectives and functions of the Department are as under:

1. Management & Habitat Improvement of Protected Areas as well as the forest
areas which fall in contiguity with the Protected Area Network;
2. Management, Restocking, Reallocation of Rare and Endangered Species;
3. Anti Poaching / Anti Smuggling Drives;
4. Law Enforcement / Wildlife Crime Control.
5. Wildlife Management Plans Formulation and Implementation thereof;
6. Captive Breeding, Zoos & Zoological Parks;
7. Wildlife Health Care, Rescue, Rehabilitation and Release of Wild Animals;
8. Man Animal Conflict Resolution;
9. Promotion of Ecotourism;
10. People's participation for Protection / Preservation of Wildlife;
11. Awareness & Nature Education;
12. Research and Training Programmes;
13. Census and Survey;
14. Species Recovery Programmes;

Maintenance and works

Implementation and execution of various schemes for up-gradation and improvement of the basic and infrastructure both under Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State Sponsored Schemes.

Planning Section

- i) Formulating and Monitoring of Plan Schemes.
- ii) Formulation of project reports of centrally sponsored schemes.

Feedback to Citizens

The Department of Wildlife Protection expects continuous feedback from the citizens on the quality of the services provided to them and on areas in which improvements are expected.

Address/Contact

A) Direction Office

- i. Sheikh-ul-Alam Forest Complex near Silk factory Road, Rajbagh Srinagar- **(Summer session– May to October).**
- ii. Manda hills, near Ashoka Hotel Jammu- **(Winter session– November to April)**

B) Regional Offices

- i. Boulevard, Royal Fields Golf Course Srinagar- **(Kashmir)**

- ii. Manda Hills, near Ashoka Hotel Jammu-(**Jammu**)
- iii. Badami Bagh, Leh- (**Ladakh**)

C) Divisional Offices

Central Srinagar	Dachigam National Park
Wetlands Srinagar	Hokersar Zainakoot
North-Sopore	Kupwara Road, near Government Hospital Sopore
Anantnag-Bijbehara	Opp. Forest Complex Bijbehara
Shopian	Near Tehsil Office
Jammu	Manda Hills, near Ashoka Hotel Jammu
Kathua	Opp. Forest Complex, Kathua
Poonch-Rajouri	Near Dak-Banglow Forest Complex, Rajouri
Kishtwar	Kishtwar
Leh-Ladakh	Badami Bagh, Leh- (Ladakh)
Kargil	Near Forest (Territorial) Division, Kargil

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12	<i>Shri Kuldeep Singh</i>	<i>I/C Asstt; Wildlife Warden, Kathua</i>	<i>Office of the Wildlife Warden, Kathua Division</i>	<i>9419245260</i>

First Appellate Authority

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