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**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017 OF
SUNDARBAN WILD ANIMAL PARK**

1. **INTRODUCTION :** The Sundarban Wild Animal Park, Jharkhali has an area of 100 acrs., and likely to display over 100 animals as per animal collection plan. This Park expects approx. 2 lakh visitors of different walks of life per year. The SWAP is situated at a distance of approx. 130 km. from Kolkata. It is 2-3 hours drive from the city and can also be approached by railway from Canning station. SWAP is located at Jharkhali , an island situated between mighty Matla and Bidya rivers . It lies within South 24 Parganas District of West Bengal and is a part of Sundarban Biosphere Reserve. The vegetation inside the SWAP is mangrove with almost all major mangrove species present .

2. **VISION :** The Sundarban Wild Animals Park, Jharkhali (South 24 Parganas, West Bengal) will provide rewarding experience to the visitors about the wildlife of this region. The display, care and awareness will be of such level to promote conservation of wildlife. The Sundarban Wild Animals Park will endeavor to breed the endangered species for display, exchange and rehabilitation in the wild. This animal park will be a showcase of rich biodiversity of sundarban mangrove in the state of West Bengal. As such the flora and fauna exist in their natural pristine glory, unhindered and unaffected. The Sundarban Animals Park intends to complement the national effort in conservation of wildlife through breeding of endangered species of the region and to develop empathy among visitors for wild animals.

3. **RECOGNITION:** The registration of The Sundarban Wild Animals Park, Jharkhali (South 24 Parganas, West Bengal) was given renewal of recognition as per letter No. 19-224-93-CZA(322)(VOL.I)(AK)/2048/2016, Dated – 15.07.2016 .

4. **HANDING OVER OF MANAGEMENT OF ZOOS TO WBZA :** The SWAP is managed by Ex-Officio Director & Divisional Forest Officer, 24 Parganas (South) Division with Ex-Officio Range Officer, Matla Range as Officer in Charge.

5. **Staff Engaged / Vacant Post : (i) Animal Section :**

Sl. No.	Post	No. of post	Engaged	Vacant Post
1	Assistant Director	One	Nil	One
2	Zoo Supervisor	One	One	-
3	Zoo Keeper	Eight	Five	Three
4	Animal Attendant	Eight	Two	Six

ii) **Veterinary Section**

Sl. No.	Post	No. of post	Engaged	Vacant Post
1	Veterinary Officer	One	From STR	One
2	Veterinary Asstt.	One	Nil	One
3	Attendant	Two	Nil	Two
4	Cook	One	Nil	One

- Veterinary officer from STR visits SWAP once in every week. During emergency he visits as per requirement .

iii) Sanitation Section

Sl. No.	Post	No. of post	Engaged	Vacant Post
1	Asstt. Zoo Supervisor (to be shared with Sanitary section)	One	Nil	One
2	Sanitation Personnel	Six	Nil	Six

iv) Security Section :

Sl. No.	Post	No. of post	Engaged	Vacant Post
1	Asst. Security Supervisor	One	Nil	One
2	Gate Keeper	one	Nil	one
3	Security Personnel	Twelve	Nil	Twelve

v) Lawns And Garden Section/ Horticulture Section

Sl. No.	Post	No. of post	Engaged	Vacant Post
1	Asstt. Zoo Supervisor	One	Nil	One
2	Garden Personnel	Six	Nil	Six

vi) Administration & Accounts Section

Sl. No.	Post	No. of post	Engaged	Vacant Post
1	Upper Division Clerk	One	Nil	One
2	Lower Division Clerk	One	One	Nil
3	Ticket Clerk	One	Nil	One
4	Attendant	One	Nil	One

vii) Maintenance Section:

Sl. No.	Post	No. of post	Engaged	Vacant Post
1	Asstt. Zoo Supervisor (to be shared with Sanitary section)	One	Nil	One
2	Attendant	Two	Nil	Two

viii) Education Cum Research Section

Sl. No.	Post	No. of post	Engaged	Vacant Post
1	Zoo Biologist	One	Nil	One
2	Education Asstt.	One	Nil	One
3	Attendant	Two	Nil	Two

6. **Master Lay Out & Master Plans** : Master Lay Out & Master Plans have been prepared by WBZA and provided to Divisional Forest Office, 24-Pargans (South) Division .

7. **Conservation Breeding Programme, if any** : Not yet started.

8. **Training Programme during this Financial Year** :

The following staffs of Wild Animal Park, Jharkhali of this Division were nominated for the Zoo Keepers Training Programme from 15.02.2017 to 19.02.2017 at Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling :

Sl. No.	Name of the Staff	Designation
1.	Sri Samrat Mali	Zoo Keeper
2.	Sri Bibekananda Sardar	Zoo Keeper
3.	Sri Nirmal Halder	Zoo Keeper

9. **Workshop/Seminar organized during this Financial Year** : Nil

10. **Research Programme Organized if any, during this Financial Year** : Nil.

11. **Exchange of Animals approved/recommended during this Financial Year** : Nil.

12. **New Animal Enclosure Designs submitted to CZA** : Designs of enclosures and other civil works are prepared and submitted by West Bengal Zoo Authority.

13. **Preparation of Panel For Engagement of Architect** : No such provision is laid out in Master Plan.

14. **Development Works initiated / Completed** : The following works were initiated in SWAP during 2016-17.

Development Works	Project cost	Remarks
Construction of boundary wall(1450mt)	Rs.94,43809	The construction work is ongoing.
Construction of double soling BP road (1300mt)	Rs.39,14,667	Work is in progress.

15. Annual Visitors Statement :

Month	No. of tourists
April, 2016	3900 Nos.
May, 2016	3500Nos.
June, 2016	2800 Nos.
July, 2016	6500 Nos.
August, 2016	4700 Nos.
September, 2016	4600 Nos.
October, 2016	8400 Nos.
November, 2016	2900 Nos.
December, 2016	25,600 Nos.
January, 2017	38,100Nos.
February, 2017	19,200Nos.
March, 2017	9000 Nos.

16. Inventory Animals (Group wise) as stood on 31st March, 2017 :

Species	Male	Female	Unsexed	Total
Herbivorous	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carnivorous				
Royal Bengal Tiger	One	-	-	One
Crocodile	One	Nine	Nil	Ten
Others	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil