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Date. 30/04/2026

To,

**Member Secretary,
Central Zoo Authority,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
B-1 Wing, 6th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antodaya Bhavan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
Government of India, New Delhi.
New Delhi – 110003.**

Sub :- Submission of Anuual Report of Manikdoh Leopard Rescue Centre for the Year 2025-26.

Ref :- Veterinary Officer, Manikdoh Leopard Rescue Centre, Manikdoh Tal Junnar, Dist. Pune's Letter No. MLRC/738/2026 Dated 22.04.2026

Respected Sir,

As per above subject, information in prescribed format of Annual Report of Manikdoh Leopard Rescue Centre, Tal . Junnar, Dist- Pune for the Period of 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action .

Encl : As above.

(Prashant Khade)

**Deputy Conservator of Forest
Junnar Forest Division Junnar.**

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Copy forwarded to: Chief Conservator of Forests, (T) Pune Circle Pune for information.

Copy forwarded to: Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests & Member Secretary, The Zoo Authority Of Maharashtra, Nagpur, for information.

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MLRC/738/2026

Date – 22/04/2026

प्रति,

मा. उपवनसंरक्षक

जुन्नर वन विभाग.

विषय – माणिकडोह बिबट निवारा केंद्राचा सन 2025-2026 चा **Annual Report CZA** नवी दिल्ली यांना पाठविणे बाबत .

महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषयान्वये माणिकडोह बिबट निवारा केंद्राचा सन 2025-2026 चा **Annual Report CZA** नवी दिल्ली यांना आपल्या कार्यालया मार्फत पाठविण्यात यावा हि विनंती.

महितीस्तव सादर.

प्रत – मा. वनपरिक्षेत्र अधिकारी , जुन्नर

डॉ. अविनाश विसलकर

वन्यजीव पशुवैद्यकीय अधिकारी

माणिकडोह बिबट निवारा केंद्र (Wildlife SOS)

Manikdoh Leopard Rescue Centre

Khamgaon Colony, Junnar, Pune - 410502

(Maharashtra)

Annual Report for the year 2025-2026



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2. Report of the Officer-in-Charge

A. Junnar Forest Department

Mr. Pradeep Chavhan,

Range Forest Officer, Junnar

Junnar Forest Department, Junnar, Pune, Maharashtra- (410502)

E-mail- rfojunnar22@gmail.com

B. Wildlife SOS Delhi

Dr. Avinash Visalkar

Wildlife Veterinary Officer.

Mr. Mahendra B Dhore

Project Manager.

Manikdoh Leopard Rescue Centre, Junnar, Pune, Maharashtra (410502)

Email: mlrc@wildlifesos.org

3. History of the Rescue Centre

When man-animal conflict and leopard menace was at its peak, Maharashtra Forest Department (MFD) came up with the Manikdoh Leopard Rescue Centre (MLRC) project in 2002. Several leopards were caught from adjacent areas like Ahmednagar, Thane and Nashik division and Junnar division while other came from Junnar division that had reported many conflict cases. The prime objective of this rescue centre was to provide a shelter for such rescued leopards that were in considerable distress after staying in trap cages or transit cages for a long time and those could not be released back to the wild due to various reasons i.e. handicapped, orphaned cubs, long term captivity or old age and suspected conflict animals.

In December 2007 an MOU was signed between Wildlife SOS (WSOS) and the MFD where WSOS was given the responsibility to provide technical assistance and care for leopards which are housed at the MLRC. WSOS would also ensure timely veterinary assistance for the leopards and would be involved in rescuing leopards from distressful situations with collaborative support of the MFD.

4. Vision

The price vision of the rescue center was to house these rescued leopards who were in considerable distress in trap cages/transit cages for long periods. Some of these leopards, only required medical aid and were consequently medicated and then released back in the wild.

5. Mission

The Mission of Manikdoh Leopard Rescue Centre is to establish protocol to reduce man-leopard conflict around conflicted nearby areas and ensure timely veterinary assistance for the leopards and would be involved in rescuing leopards from distressful situations with collaborative support of the MFD.

6. Objective

Manikdoh Leopard Rescue Centre objectives are:

- To rescue leopard from distressful situation and where possible rehabilitate them back into the wild.
- Provide shelter and treatment to the injured leopards and deliver best medication for the leopards which can then be released back into the natural habitat.
- Take care of permanent residents who require life time care and who cannot be released back into the wild due to various reasons.
- Provide space to individual animals as per CZA guidelines and maintain their natural instinct and behavior while in captivity.
- Provide natural enrichment inside enclosures to boost their life.
- Raise general public awareness about leopard conservation and man animal conflict through various educational programs that educate the community how to co-exist with leopards in the wild.
- To promote and develop scientific research, in both veterinary and behavioral ecology, which will help us understand the complex nature of the species.

7. About us

S.No.	Particulars	Information
Basic Information about the Rescue Centre		
1	Name of the Rescue Centre	Manikdoh Leopard Rescue Centre
2	Year of Establishment	2002
3	Address of the Rescue Centre	Manikdoh Leopard Rescue Centre At/Post – Khamgaon Colony, Tal- Junnar, Dist. Pune. Pin code 410502.
4	State	Maharashtra
5	Telephone Number	02132222063
6	Fax Number	02132222063
7	E-mail address	<u>junnarforestdn@gmail.com</u> / <u>mlrc@wildlifesos.org</u>
8	Website	<u>www.mahaforest.com</u> <u>www.wildlifesos.org</u>
9	Distance from nearest	Airport: 85 km

No.	Particulars	Information
		Pune Railway Station:90 km
		Junnar Bus Stand: 7km
10	Recognition Valid up to (Date)	19/08/2021
11	Area (in Hectares)	4.38 Ha.
Management Personnel of the Rescue Centre		
12	Name with designation of the Officer in-charge	1. Mr. Pradeep Chavhan, Range Forest Officer, Junnar. Forest Department, Junnar. E-mail- <u>rfojunnar22@gmail.com</u> 2. Dr. Avinash Visalkar Wildlife Veterinary Officer. Mr. Mahendra B Dhore, Project Manager Manikdoh Leopard Rescue Centre, Junnar. E-mail- <u>mlrc@wildlifesos.org</u>
	Name of the Veterinary Officer	Dr. Avinash Visalkar
	Name of the Curator	Mr. Pradeep Chavhan

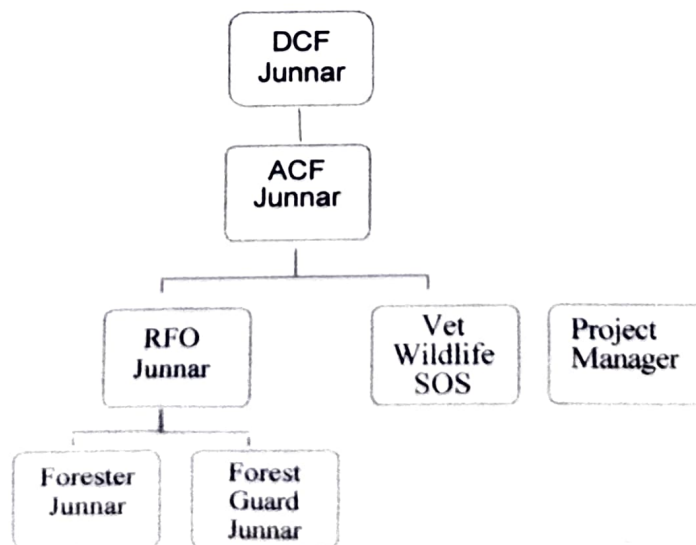
	Name of the Biologist	-
	Name of the Compounder/ Lab Assistant	-
Owner / Operator of the Rescue Centre		
13	*Name of the Operator	Maharashtra Forest Department, Junnar
14	Address of the Operator	Junnar Forest Division, Near Tehsil Office Junnar, Tal - Junnar, Dist. – Pune 410502 Maharashtra.
15	Contact details/Phone number of Operator	02132222063
16	E-mail address of Operator	<u>junnarforestdn@gmail.com</u> / <u>mlrc@wildlifesos.org</u>

* Rule 2(m) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009.

“Zoo Operator” means the person who has ultimate control over the affairs of the zoos provided that

- I in the case of a firm or other association of individuals, any one of the individual partners or members thereof
- II in the case of a company, any director, manager, secretary or other officer, who is in-charge of and responsible to the company for the affairs of the zoo; or
- III In case of zoo owned or controlled by the Central Government or any State Government or Union Territory Administration or any Trust or Society funded by the Central Government or a State Government or a Union Territory Administration, the Secretary of the concerned Department of that Government, or as the case may be the Union Territory Administration, shall be deemed to be the Zoo operator.

8. Organizational Chart of the Rescue Centre



9. Human Resources for management of Rescue Centre (Officer in-charge to Animal Keeper - Sanctioned posts, in- position and vacant posts)

Human Resources of the Rescue Centre*

Sl.No.	Designation	Number of Sanctioned Posts	Names of the incumbent
1	RFO Junnar	1	Maharashtra Forest Department
2	Wildlife Vet, MLRC	1	Wildlife SOS, New Delhi
3	Forester Junnar	1	Maharashtra Forest Department
4	Forest Guard	1	Maharashtra Forest Department
5	Security Guard/ Animal Keeper	8	Maharashtra Forest Department
6	Project Manager	1	Wildlife SOS, New Delhi
7	Animal Keeper (Wildlife SOS)	5	Wildlife SOS, New Delhi
8	Photographer (Wildlife SOS)	1	Wildlife SOS, New Delhi

*Please give above mentioned information in respect of all Rescue Centre personnel, from the Officer in-charge up to the Animal Keeper.

10. Capacity Building of Rescue Centre personnel-

The sensitization workshop under the One Health Mission of PMO-ICMR conducted by Ela Foundation and National Institute of Virology Pune.- 22/07/2025

Attended by MLRC all Employee .

11. Rescue Centre Advisory Committee-

a. Date of constitution – 15/05/2017

b. Members.

- 1. DCF Junnar –Chairman**
- 2. ACF Junnar – Member**
- 3. RFO Junnar – Member Secretary**
- 4. Wildlife Veterinarian (Wildlife SOS) –Member**
- 5. Livestock Development Officer Grade – I Member**
- 6. Hon. Wildlife Warden - Member**

Dates on which Meetings held during the year- 25/09/2025

12. Health Advisory Committee –

a. Date of constitution- 15/05/2017

b. Members

1. DCF Junnar– Chairman
2. ACF Junnar – Member Secretary
3. Deputy Director Veterinary Services (Wildlife SOS) –Member
4. Wildlife Veterinarian (Wildlife SOS)-Member
5. Live Stock Development Officer Grade – I -Member
6. Wildlife SOS- Representative

c. Dates on which Meetings held during the year – 25/09/2025

13. Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Rescue Centre

Wildlife SOS, New Delhi Organization expenditure on Daily maintenance and technical support of Leopard Rescue Centre.

14. Daily Feed Schedule of Animals

Sl. No.	Species	Feed item	Quantity		Day of fasting
			Winter	Summer	
1	Leopard	Chicken	2.00 to 2.5 kg Female 2.5 to 3 kg Male	1.5 to 2 kg Female 2 to 2.5 kg Male	Weekly 2 Day Tuesday & Friday

15. Vaccination Schedule of Animals

Sr. No.	Species	Disease vaccinated for	Name of the Vaccine and dosage/ quantity used	Periodicity	Remarks
1	Leopard	Rabies	Anti-rabies 1ml	1 Year	
		Feline Calcivirus, Rhinothracheitis and Panleucopenia	Tricat Trio 1 ml	1 Year	

16. De-worming Schedule of Animals

Sl. No.	Species	Drug used	Month
1	Leopard	Kiwof Plus XL	Every 3 Months

17. Disinfection Schedule

Sr. No.	Species	Type of enclosure	Disinfectant used and method	Frequency of disinfection
1	Leopard	Feeding cage, Open paddock and squeeze cage	Liq. Kohrsoline	Every 15 Day

18. Health Check-up of Employees for Zoonotic Diseases

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Date of Health Check up	Findings of Health Check up
1	Dr. Avinash Visalkar	Wildlife Veterinary Officer	09/02/2026	Normal
2	Mr. Mahendra Dhole	Project Manager	09/02/2026	Normal
3	Mr. Dilip Deshpande	Animal keeper	09/02/2026	Normal
4	Mr. Shivaji Modhe	Animal Keeper	27/02/2026	Normal
5	Mr. Vaibhav Neharkar	Animal Keeper	09/02/2026	Normal
6	Mr. Salim Shaikh	Animal Keeper	09/02/2026	Normal
7	Mr. Balu Mundhe	Animal Keeper	09/02/2026	Normal
8	Mr. Akash Dolas	Photographer	09/02/2026	Normal
9	Mr. Pandurang Mundhe	Forest Dep. Security	27/02/2026	Normal
10	Mr. Prathamesh Jadhav	Forest Dep. Security	27/02/2026	Normal
11	Mr. Omkar Thombre	Forest Dep. Security	09/02/2026	Normal
12	Mr. Shrikan Aher	Forest Dep. Security	27/02/2026	Normal
13	Mr. Gulab Paradhi	Animal Keeper	27/02/2026	Normal
14	Mr. Vipul Khandve	Animal Keeper	27/02/2026	Normal
15	Mr. Sagar Mukane	Forest Guard	09/02/2026	Normal

19. Development Works Carried Out in the Rescue Centre During the Year

In process- 1. The Extension at Manikdoh Leopard Rescue Centre Phase 1 - (4 Units - 40 Leopard cages) and The Extension at Manikdoh Leopard Rescue Centre Phase 2 - (4 Units - 40 Leopard cages) .

20. Important Events and Happenings –

Type of activity	Number of times conducted during 1 st April 2025 to 31 st March 2026
Human Leopard Conflict Awareness Programme	18
Human Leopard Conflict Mitigation	15

21. Seasonal Special Arrangements for Upkeep of Animals-

- 1 Provide Sprinkler on a roof of leopard open enclosure during summer
- 2 Provide Green shed net around leopard enclosure during summer
- 3 Plantation of trees within open enclosure of leopard.

22. Research Work Carried Out and Publications- No

23. Rescue and Rehabilitation of Wild Animals – NA

24. Annual Inventory of Animals

Form – II

[See Rule 11(1)]

Part – A

Inventory Report for the Year: 2025/2026 Endangered Species*

Sr. No.	Animal Name	Scientific name	Opening Stock as on 1 April 2023				Births			Acquisition			Disposal			Death			Closing Stock as on 31 March 2024				
			M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	T	
1	Leopard	Panthera pardus	21	24		45				25	24						1	1		45	47		92

*Animals under Schedule I and Schedule II of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972

Part – B

Other than Endangered Species


Sr. No.	Animal Name	Scientific name	Opening Stock as on				Births			Acquisition			Disposal			Death			Closing Stock as on				
			M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	T	

25. Mortality of animals

Sr. No.	Animal Name (with individual identification mark, if any)	Scientific Name	Sex	Date of Death	Reason of Death as per the Post-Mortem Findings

1	Minakshi (982000410370 035)	Panthera pardus fusca	Female	06 th Jan 2026	Old age
2	Ganesh (0006CD22E8)	Panthera pardus fusca	Male	25 th Jan 2026	Old age

26. Status of the Compliance with Conditions Stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority:
Date of Evaluation – Evaluation was carried out by CZA on 14/08/2023, but evaluation report has not been received.


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