

South Khairbari Leopard Rescue centre and Mini Zoo

(District - Alipurduar, West Bengal)

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Annual Report for the year

2023-2024



1. Report of the Officer in Charge
2. History of the Rescue Centre

The area now under South Khairbari Rescue Centre was previously a highly degraded forest with a legal status of a Reserve Forest. Large tracts of one wooded land got cleared due to illicit felling, cattle grazing, forest fires and collection of other non-timber forest produce; Around 2002-03 the forest Department thought of developing the site as an Eco-tourism spot. With the involvement of local people and the local political leadership, the ultimate outcome was the establishment of a Leopard Rescue & Rehabilitation facility (as transit facility) Centre which was opened on November, 2003. Simultaneously establishment of barrack, Construction of bridge and connecting path and entrance gate were undertaken. In the year of 2005, a central facility for rescued tigers and lions from various circuses was opened. In 2008 the leopard center was opened, and rescue leopards were shifted from Madarihata to South Khairbari Rescue Centre. It is a mini category zoo as recognized by the Central zoo Authority and is in the district of Jalpaiguri (now Alipurduar) of West Bengal, Sub-Division: Alipurduar, Block: Falakata, Panchyat: Deogaon. It is situated at Lat. 26.61896°N and Long 89.20722°E. at an elevation of 72m.

3. Vision

To provide life time care facility for captive/ captured/ seized/ orphaned/ old/ diseased large cats. A re-wildification unit shall be made operation to prepare the rescued animal for release in the wild.

4. Mission

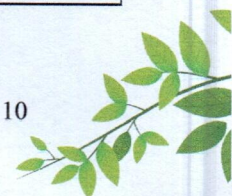
To act as a center for receiving ill, injured, seized and orphaned animals from North Bengal for temporary shelter, treatment and release of the same in wild subject to availability of suitable habitat or otherwise scientific upkeep with strict adherence to the guidelines framed for the purpose.

5. Objective

- To provide a larger, near natural habitat for better living for rescued animals from circuses.
- To ensure high standard of animal health and hygiene and expert veterinary care
- To take proper nursing of the litters of leopard /orphaned creatures.

6. About us

Sl No	Particulars	Information
Basic information about the Rescue Centre		
01	Name of the Rescue Centre	South Khairbari Leopard Rescue centre and Mini Zoo
02	Year of Establishment	2003
03	Address of the Rescue Centre	Deogaon PS – Falakata, District – Alipurduar Pin -735211
04	State	West Bengal
05	Telephone number	
06	Fax Number	
07	Email ID	dfojwd-wb@nic.in
08	Website	
09	Distance from nearest	Airport – Bagdogra Airport 150 km Railway Station – Falakata 8 km Bus Stand – Falakata 7 km
10	Recognition valid upto (Date)	The South Khairbari Rescue Centre has been recognized as a rescue centre as a “Mini Category Zoo” under section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) act. 1972 up to 14 th December, 2024 vide File No.22-63/2004-CZA(462)(Vol-I)(E). CZA Computer No. 138498; Dated 15.12.2022



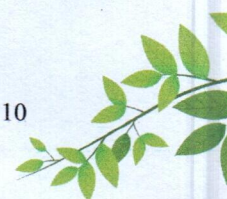
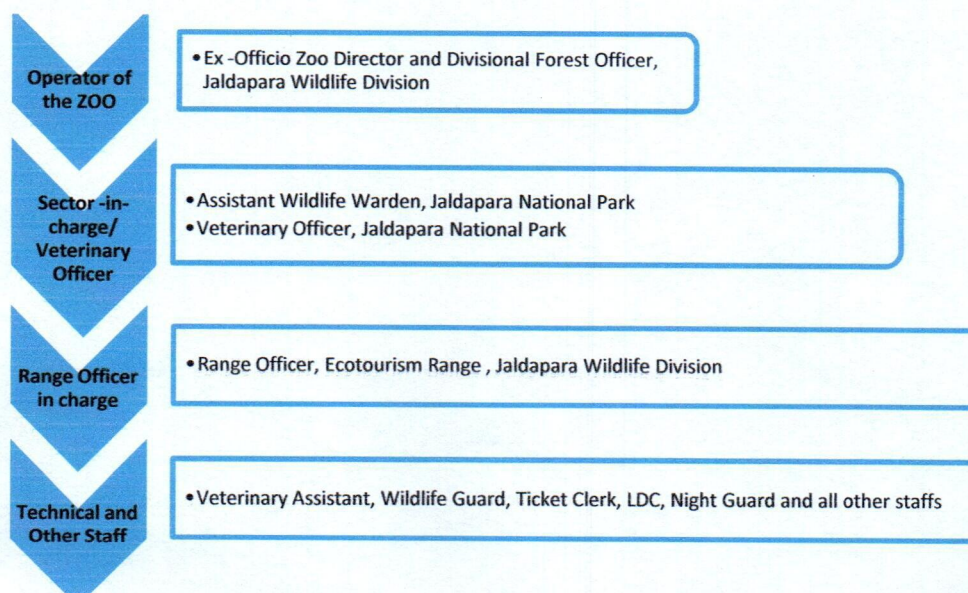
11	Area in hectare	65.00 Ha.
Management personal of the rescue Centre		
12	Name with designation of the Officer in Charge	Sri Parveen, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Jaldapara Wildlife Division
	Name of the Veterinary officer	
	Name of the curator	Sri. Manindro Mohanta FR/RO
	Name of the Biologist	Nil
	Name of the compounder / Lab assistant	Nil
Owner / Operator of the Rescue Center		
13	Name of the Operator	The Divisional Forest Officer, Jaldapara Wildlife Division
14	Address of the Operator	DFO, Jaldapara Wildlife Division, Nilkuthi, Coochbehar
15	Contact details / Phone number of the operator	98713-42110
16	E-mail address of the Operator	dfojwd-wb@nic.in

Rule 2(m) of the recognition of Zoo rules, 2009

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

- i. In the case of a firm or other association of individual, any one of the individual partners or members thereof; or
- 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.

7. Organizational chart of the Rescue Centre



8. Human resources deployment for management of rescue center (Officer in charge to animal keeper – sanction posts, in position and vacant posts)

Human Resources of the Rescue Centre

SI No	Designation	Number of Sanction Post	Name of the incumbent
01	WLG		Sri. Partha Sarathi Sinha,
02	BS		Md. Motiar Rahaman
03	CDL		Sri. Amin Murmu
04	PDL		Sri. Rajkumar Rai
05	PDL		MD Kachimuddin Mia
06	PDL		Sri. Gyan Bh. Rai

Number of Sanction post: 11, Vacant - 5

*Please give above mention information in respect of all rescue center personal, from the Officer in charge upto the animal keeper

9. Capacity building of the Rescue Center personnel

Sl. NO	Name and Designation of the Rescue Center Personnel	Subject matter of the Training	Period of Training	Name of the Institution where the training attended
1	Md Kachhimuddin Mia, AS	Capacity Building Programme for Zoo Keeper of the Eastern region at Nandankanan Zoological Park	5 th of March, 2024 to	Nandankanan Zoological Park
2	Raj Kumar Rai, AS		7 th of March, 2024	

10. Rescue Centre advisory committee - NA

- Date of constitution - NA
- Members - NA
- Dates on which meetings held during the year - NA

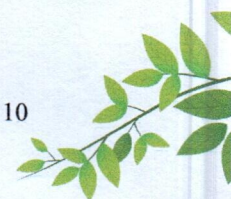
11. Health advisory committee of the Rescue Centre - NA

- Date of constitution - NA
- Members - NA
- Dates on which meetings held during the year - NA

12. Statement of income and expenditure of the Rescue Centre – NA

13. Daily feeding schedule of animals

SI No	Species	Feed item	Quantity		Day of Fasting
			Winter	Summer	
01	Leopard	Beef	3.5 kg (60% Bone Less & 40% with Bone)	3.5 kg (60% Bone Less & 40% with Bone)	Thursday



14. Vaccination schedule of animals

Sl. No	Species	Disease vaccinated for	Name of the vaccine and dosages / quantity used	Periodicity	Remarks
01.	Leopard	Anti virus	Raksharab - 1ml.	Annually	
02.	Leopard	Modified Live Vaccine against Feline Calicivirus , Feline Rhinotracheitis virus & Feline Panleucopenia virus	Feligen – CRP – 1ml.	Annually	

15. De-worming schedule of animals

Sl. NO	Species	Drug use	Month
01.	Leopard	Drontal Plus	May, Aug, Nov, Feb

16. Disinfection Schedule

SL No	Species	Type of Enclosure	Disinfectant use and method	Frequency of disinfection
02	Leopard	Night Cell	Washing each night cell by using Khorsoline 1.5 ml/20 ltr water	Daily
			Turmeric 350 gm spreading each cell	Weekly (Thursday)
			Blow Lamping each night cell	Weekly (Thursday)

17. Health Check-up of Employees for Zoonotic disease

Sl No	Name	Designation	Date of Health Check-up	Findings of Health Check-up
01	Partha Sarathi Sinha	WLG		Nil
02	Matiyar Rahaman	BS		Nil
03	Rajkumar Rai	PDL		Nil
04	Khuchimuddin Miya	PDL		Nil
05	Amin Murmu	CDL		Nil

18. Development Works carried out in the Rescue Center during the year.

- Maintenance of Paddock
- Maintenance of boundary wall
- Repairing of Treatment cage

19. Important Event and Happenings

- On 25.08.2023, a 15 day old female leopard cub was rescued from Suhasini TG by Nilpara Range after several failed attempts to reunite the cub with its mother in the TG area. The cub was hand reared and unofficially named "Zimba." After providing intensive care to the cub, the cub overcame the crucial stage and survived for 8 months after which on 9.3.2024, she unfortunately collapsed after suffering from accidental injury.



- On 8.10.2024, an adult female leopard was rescued after being trapped in Tasati TG area. The trap cage had been installed after a spate of human injuries leading to suspicion that a leopard was on the prowl with man eating tendencies. The female leopard was found to be in heat and was in excellent health. Not fitting the profile of a typical man eater, she was kept overnight for release the next day. On 9.10.2024 however, another leopard was trapped from Tasati again, close to the earlier trapping incident, and it turned out to be a massive male, around 14 years of age. This individual had been trapped while on the lookout for its partner, whom we had managed to trap a day earlier, it was evident from their interactions in the Rescue Center. But this leopard was old, had lost its canines, claws were broken, was blind in one eye and had superficial injuries on its massive head caused by repeated collision with the cage he was trapped in. The Veterinary Officer declared him unfit for release. He was a match for our man eating profile and was retained in the Rescue Centre and given the name "Nawab" while his partner was released back into the wild. Incidents of injuries to humans have not been reported since from Tasati TG.
- On 30.1.2024, two leopards, Dabang (Male, 7 years) and Eva (Female, 5 years) were transported to North Bengal Wild Animals Park, Siliguri in pursuance of CF WL (HQ), OO No. 56(3)WL/9W-716-2019 dated 5.1.2024

20. Seasonal Special Arrangement for upkeep of animal

- During winter season, night cell becomes cold so fire is lit nearby to keep the cell warm
- In dry season plowing and spreading of lime in paddock area have been done. Also, washing the enclosure multiple times on a hot day is done to bring down the temperature

21. Research work carried out and publications

- NA

22. Rescue and Rehabilitation of wild animals

Sl. No.	Species	Identification Name & transponder ID (if any)	Age (Approx) & Sex	Acquired/procured from	Purpose Display/rescue/treatment /transit etc.
1.	Panthera pardus	Nawab	14 Years, Male	Rescued from Tasati TG	Rescued
2.	Panthera pardus	Badal	12 Years, Male	Rescued from Dalgaon TG	Rescued
3.	Panthera pardus	Beer	10 Years, Male	Rescued from Birpara TG	Rescued

23. Annual inventory of animals

Sl. No	Animal Name	Scientific Name	Opening Stock as on 1.04.2023				Birth			Acquisition			Disposal			Death			Closing Stock as on 31.03.2024			
			M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	T
01	Leopard	Panthera pardus	08	13	0	21	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	10	12	0	22

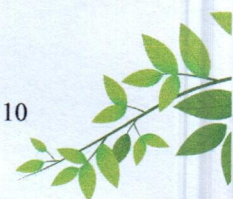


DEATH DURING 2023-24

Sl. No	Date	Species	Age (approx) & sex	Cause of death (As per PM report)
1	06/3/2024	Leopard	8 Years	Accidental injury causing brain hemorrhage and death
2	09/3/2024	Leopard	7 Month	Accidental injury causing posterior paralysis and resulting in cardiac failure

ANIMAL EXCHANGE PLAN AMONG ZOO'S DURING 2023-24

Sl. No	Name of the species transferred (No./Sex)	To where transferred	Date of transfer	Name of the species arrived (No./Sex)	Date of arrival	From where received
1	Leopard	South Khair Bari Rescue Centre, Mini Zoo	30/01/2024	M	30/01/2024	Director North Bengal Wild Life Animal Park
2	Leopard	South Khair Bari Rescue Centre, Mini Zoo	30/01/2024	F	30/01/2024	Director North Bengal Wild Life Animal Park



SOUTH KHAIRBARI LEOPARD SAFARI, REHABILITATION CENTRE AND MINI ZOO, ALIPURDUAR
PROPOSED MASTER LAYOUT PLAN
(MAP-2)



LEGEND	
01	ZOO BOUNDARY
02	BRICK WALL
03	ENCLOSURE
04	STONE ROAD
05	PROPOSE ROAD
06	SURVIVE ROAD
07	WATER BODY
08	TREE
09	TUBE WELL
10	CHAIR
11	GATE
12	PICNIC SHED
13	NIGHT SHELTER
14	QUARTERS

ZOO AREA - 61.922 HECTARE (153.01 ACRES)

[Signature]
 Assistant Principal Chief
 Conservator of Forests
 Member Secretary
 West Bengal Zoo Authority

OWNER: WEST BENGAL ZOO AUTHORITY				
Aranya Bhawan, 2nd Floor, Block- LA-10A, Sector - III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 106,				
PROJECT: SOUTH KHAIRBARI LEOPARD SAFARI, REHABILITATION CENTRE AND MINI ZOO, ALIPURDUAR				
TITLE: MASTER LAYOUT PLAN		SCALE: 1:2000		
		DATE: 24.08.20		
APPROVE BY	DRAWN BY	DRG. NO.	SHEET	REV
-	A. K. KHAN	WBZA/DE/D13/MLP-2	1 OF 1	0

[Signature]
 Sub-Assistant Engineer
 West Bengal Zoo Authority



GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DIRECTORATE OF FORESTS
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Memo No. : 6606 / WBZA/1-2/2024-25

Dt. 21 / 11 / 2024

From : The Ex-Officio Director
South Khairbari Mini Zoo / Kunjanagar Mini Zoo
&
The Divisional Forest Officer,
Jaldapara Wildlife Division, Cooch Behar

To : The Branch Manager,
State Bank of India
Cooch Behar Bazar Branch, Cooch Behar

Sub. : Fund Transfer from Account no.32302135994

Enclosed Please find herewith the yourself cheque amounting **Rs.50,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Thousand) only bearing **Cheque No. 538162 Dt. 21 / 11 / 2024.** for transfer for fund from A/c no. 32302135994

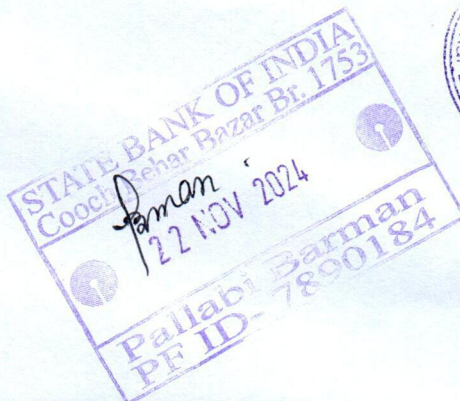
Sl No.	Account holder Name	Bank	Branch Name & Code	Account No.	Amounts (Rs.)	IFS code
1	Central Zoo Authority	SBI	Lodhi Estate, CGO Complex (07837)	35743814303	50000.00	SBIN0007837

You are also requested to provide transaction ID after fund is transferred for our office records. If any inconveniences occurred the same may kindly be inform to the undersigned. Please treat the matter as urgent.

Divisional Forest Officer,
Jaldapara Wildlife Division, Cooch Behar
&

Ex-Officio Director, South Khairbari Mini Zoo

Jrnl No-243503498





Government of West Bengal
Directorate of Forests
Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife North
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e-mail : ccfwil-wb@nic.in



Memo. No. : 2554 /2B-86/SKB

Dated : 02/09/2024

To

The Member Secretary
West Bengal Zoo Authority.

Sub.: WBZA Non-Plan Grant Performance Report & Utilisation Certificate for FY 2023-24.

Ref.: DFO, Jaldapara Wildlife Division's memo no. 5150/2-1/WBZA/24-25, dt. 29/08/2024.

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith the Performance Report & Utilisation Certificate under WBZA Non Plan for F.Y. 2023-24 in favour of South Khairbari Mini Zoo under Jaldapara Wildlife Division duly countersigned by the undersigned for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Bhaskar J.V., IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests
Wildlife North, W.B.

Memo. No. : 2554 /2B-86/SKB

Dated : 02/09/2024

Copy forwarded for information to the Divisional Forest Officer, Jaldapara Wildlife Division.

Chief Conservator of Forests
Wildlife North, W.B.



GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DIRECTORATE OF FORESTS
JALDAPARA WILDLIFE DIVISION, COOCH BEHAR
PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR 2023-2024 (April'2023-March'2024)



Circle :

Wildlife Circle (North)

Scheme :

WBZA

Sanction No.		Non-Plan		Amount			
Opening Balance (Balance As on 31.03-2023)				453286.50			
148/WBZA/A2(6)/23-24 Dt.18-05-2023				1119996.00			
320/WBZA/A2(6)/23-24 Dt.03-07-2023				1236376.00			
583/WBZA/A2(6)/23-24 Dt.01-09-2023				887920.00			
671/WBZA/A2(6)/23-24 Dt.29-09-2023				1005178.00			
798/WBZA/A2(6)/23-24 Dt.03-11-2023				603721.00			
906/WBZA/A2(6)/23-24 Dt.07-12-2023				594658.00			
1002/WBZA/A2(6)/23-24 Dt.04-01-2024				685537.00			
1046/WBZA/A2(6)/23-24 Dt.10-01-2024				685537.00			
1322/WBZA/A2(6)/23-24 Dt.22-03-2024				580845.00			
		Total		785054.50			
Item of Work	Division	Location	Target		Achievement		Remarks, if any
			Physical	Financial	Physical	Financial	
1.Nutration and Health Care Expenditure :							
Nutration and Health Care Diet for zoo Animal				3678366.00		3670703.00	
Nutration and Health Medicine & Supplement				471298.00		471298.00	
Nutration and Health Other Charges				76122.00		71338.00	
2.Zoo Maintenance Expenses							
ZM Repairs and Maintenance Boundary Wall, Fencing and Gates				500000.00		377515.00	
ZM Repairs and Maintenance of Building						0.00	
ZM Repairs and Maintenance of Enclosures				142000.00		32082.00	
Generator Charges				73539.00		43514.00	
Garbage Cleaning				387568.00		387518.00	
Non Plan Expenditure							
a).Establishment Expenses							
Training Expenses for Staff						0.00	
Salary paid Through Manpower Supply Agencies				53332.00		36177.00	
b).Office & Administrative Expenses							
Financial Charge							
Bank Charge						531.00	
c). Repairs & Maintenance							
Repairs & Maintenance -Others				28700.00		22145.00	
Repairs & Maintenance - Store, Tools & Machinery				35430.00		31317.00	
Repairs & Maintenance -CCTV, Computer & Others				55898.00		43088.00	
d).Travelling & Conveyance Expenses							
Hire Charges of Vehilces						293687.00	
POL Charges				1247696.00		944577.00	
Advertisement							
Zoo Operation Costs Building & Other Maintenance Exp.				115000.00		110170.00	
Office Expenses				433142.00		356822.00	
Unadjusted amount against Requisition No. 12/SKNZ/23-24, dt. 23/02/2024				101677.00		0.00	
Plan Expenditure							
FA-WBFD-Building (Kitchen cum Store)						0.00	
FA-WBFD-Building (Boundary Wall)						0.00	
FA-WBZA-Shed & Boundary Wall						0.00	
Earnest Money Deposit						0.00	
Security Deposit						0.00	
Total				7399768.00		6892482.00	

Rupees Sixty Eight Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Two Only

Divisional Forest Officer
Jaldapara Wildlife Division
Cooch Behar

COUNTERSIGNED

Signature (with Seal)

Signature of the Chief Conservator of Forests ,
Wildlife North, West Bengal

Date :

Chief Conservator of Forests
Wildlife North, West Bengal

(with Seal)

Date :



GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DIRECTORATE OF FORESTS

JALDAPARA WILDLIFE DIVISION, COOCH BEHAR
UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE

FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024 (April'2023-March'2024)



Circle : Wildlife Circle (North)

Scheme :

WBZA


SL No	Sanction No. & Date	Amount (In Rs.)	Certificate
1	Opening Balance (As on 31-03-2023)	453286.00	Certified that Rs.73,99,768.00 (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Eight) only of grants-in-aid sanctioned during the year 2023-24 in favour of Govt. of West Bengal under this Ministry/Department Letter No. given in the margin, a sum of Rs. 68,92,482.00 (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Two) only has been utilized for the purpose of day to day expenditure in South Khairbari Mini Zoo for which it was sanctioned & that the balance fund of Rs.5,07,286.00 (Rupees Five Lakh Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Six) only remains unutilized at the end of 31-03-2024. This may kindly be noted that spill over balance (2022-23) of Rs. 4,53,286.00 (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Six) only also remains unutilised end the end of 31-03-2024. Thus total amount of Rs. 9,60,572.50/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Two and Fifty Paise) only remains unutilised at the end of 31-03-2024
2	Released during the year (2023-24) :		
	148/WBZA/A2(6)/23-24 Dt.18-05-2023	1119996.00	
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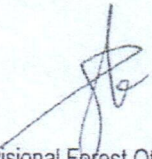
Certified that I have satisfied myself that the condition on which the grant-in-aid was sanctioned has been duly fulfilled & that I have exercised the following checking to see that the money was actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.

Kinds of checks exercised:

1. Accounting as per Codes of Govt. of West Bengal.
2. Periodic work checking by Supervisory Officers.
3. Audited by Accountant General, West Bengal.

COUNTERSIGNED


Chief Conservator of Forests
Wildlife North, West Bengal


Divisional Forest Officer,
Jaldapara Wildlife Division, Cooch Behar