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Dated **March 31, 2021**

To
The Chief Wildlife Warden,
Department of Environment and Forest,
Aranya Bhavan, Panjabari,
Guwahati – 781 037, Assam,
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Subject: Renewal of recognition of the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation, Borjuri, Golaghat District, Assam, under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 – regarding

Reference:

1. This Office Memorandum F.No.7-10/2020-CZA(PART-I) dated August 25, 2020
2. This Office letter F.No.21-2/2019-CZA(AK)/2039/2020 dated January 6, 2020
3. This Office letter F.No.22-9/2004/CZA(429)(Vol-I)(AK)/2663/2016 dated September 22, 2016
4. Application vide letter No.WTI/CWRC/CZA/2018-19/1 dated September 12, 2018 from the Vice President and Chief Ecologist, Wildlife Trust of India

Sir,

With reference to above, the undersigned is directed to inform that recognition of the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation, Borjuri, Golaghat District, Assam under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, was valid till August 23, 2018. Application dated September 12, 2018 received in this office from the Vice President and Chief Ecologist, Wildlife Trust of India, for renewal of recognition. Shri T. Ajay Kumar, Evaluation and Monitoring Assistant in Office of the CZA deputed by this office has evaluated the zoo on January 28, 2020. Copy of the Evaluation Report is enclosed herewith for your perusal and needful action.

2. Evaluation Report of the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation, Borjuri was placed before the Technical Committee in its 96th Meeting held on July 30, 2020. The Technical Committee, after detailed deliberation, made its recommendation to the Central Zoo Authority.

3. This office issued Office Memorandum F.No.7-10/2020-CZA(PART-I) dated August 25, 2020 regarding renewal of recognition of the zoo. Subsequently, the Central Zoo Authority, in its 37th Meeting held on December 7, 2020, in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (1), (3) and (4) of Section 38-H under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, approved recommendation of the Technical Committee.

4. The Central Zoo Authority has regularised the period after August 23, 2018 and renewed recognition of the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation, Borjuri as a Rescue Centre for a period up to **August 19, 2021** subject to compliance with following conditions as per the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 (RZR) and mid-term evaluation of the zoo.

Sl.	Norm No. under RZR	Condition	Time period to comply
1. General requirements:			
1	1(5)	Though the Rescue Centre is adjacent to human landscape, perimeter wall is absent. Instead, electric fence is erected. During evaluation, it is observed that the electric fence is open in one location and free ranging animals are moving in and out of the Rescue Centre.	Six months
2	1(6)	Despite alert, Retiring Room of the staff continues inside the campus and is being used for rest, sleeping, cooking and eating. If unavoidable, this facility may be separated from Rescue Centre premises with independent entry / exit.	Six months
3	1(7)	Burning of leaf and litter and cooking with fire wood should be discouraged in the Rescue Centre.	May be phased out
4	1(9)	Feral dog entry into premises of the Rescue Centre is observed during evaluation.	One month
2. Administrative and staffing pattern:			
5	2(2)	Curator is not appointed in the Rescue Centre. Being in-charge of the Animal Section and having supervisory role, compliance with this requirement is beneficial to the Rescue Centre.	Six months
3. Development and Planning:			
6	3(1)	It is informed during evaluation that the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation, Borjuri has a satellite facility operating in Tinsukia. Also, some of the animals housed in the Rescue Centre are transferred from that satellite facility. It shall be ensured that all operations of the Rescue Centre are in accordance with the approved Plan.	Immediately
7	3(8)	It is observed that on accepting rescued wild animals pertaining to endangered species, report is not submitted to the Central Zoo Authority (CZA). Also, in case of rescued animals that require long-term care beyond thirty days, proposal is not submitted to the CZA for acquisition under Section 38-I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. These lapses should be rectified with immediate effect and proposal for all such animals should be submitted to the CZA for consideration.	Immediately

Sl.	Norm No. under RZR	Condition	Time period to comply
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures:			
8	4(2)	Housing provided to rescued animals under long-term care is not in accordance with design and dimension prescribed by the CZA. This may be rectified at the earliest.	Six months
9	4(8)	Approval of design is not obtained from the CZA prior to construction of animal enclosure to house endangered species. Though pointed out, not being complied since 26.10.2010. Proposal should be submitted to the CZA for consideration.	Two months
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals:			
10	5(2)	Captive animal food sample is not tested. It may be tested periodically.	Immediately
11	5(2)	Observation on inspection of meat offered to captive animals is not recorded. It may be recorded in a Register.	Immediately
12	5(10)	One female Wild Buffalo, five One-horned Rhinoceros [2 <u>male</u> : 3 female], five Indian Elephant [2 male : 3female] respectively housed in the Rescue Centre are not marked.	Immediately
13	5(10)	Daily Report is not maintained in the Rescue Centre. Form of the Animal History Card and Keeper's Diary is in deviation from prescribed form. It should be prepared in prescribed form and implemented regularly.	Immediately
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities:			
14	6(3)	Separate and exclusive isolation and quarantine facility away from housing for long-term care of rescued wild animals is not available in the Rescue Centre. It may be taken up on priority.	Six months
15	6(5)	Veterinary Support staff prescribed in the norms may be appointed in the Rescue Centre.	Six months
7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals:			
16	7(2)	Statutory requirement of the post-mortem Report in prescribed form is not met. Prescribed form serves the purpose of uniformity and is tamper proof.	Immediately

5. A compliance report to the Central Zoo Authority on implementation of the aforesaid conditions shall be submitted by the zoo within three months of issue of this letter followed by half-yearly report.

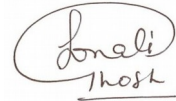
6. The renewal of recognition of the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation, Borjuri for period beyond August 19, 2021 as a Rescue Centre would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

7. The recognition of the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation, Borjuri shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

This issues with approval of the competent authority.

Encls. As above

Yours sincerely



(Dr. Sonali Ghosh)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy for information / necessary action to:

1. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, Department of Environment and Forest, H-Block, 2nd Floor, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati – 781 006, Assam, E-mail: avinashp.joshi@nic.in , envtforest2016@gmail.com [Zoo Operator of the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation, Borjuri, Golaghat District, Assam under Rule 2(m)(III) of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009]
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Eastern Assam Wildlife Division, Kaziranga National Park, P.O. Bokakhat – 785 612, District Golaghat, Assam, E-mail: dir.kaziranganp@gmail.com
3. The Joint Director, WTI and Officer in-charge, Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation, Borjuri, Golaghat District, Assam, E-mail: rathin@wti.org.in
4. The DPA, O/o CZA – to update database and to upload on official website of the CZA.
4. File No.22-9/2004/CZA(429) – for record

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(Dr. Sonali Ghosh)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE
Central Zoo Authority



BY REGD. POST/E-MAIL

F.No.22-9/2004-CZA(429)(Vol.I)(AK) / 2663/2016

DATE: 22.09.2016

To

The In-charge,
Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation,
Borjuri Village, Near Kaziranga National Park,
Bokakhat – 785 612.
District Golaghat (Assam)

Subject:- Renewal of recognition of Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation, Borjuri, Bokakhat, District Golaghat, Assam as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for period beyond 31.10.2012 - regarding

Reference:-

1. Application vide letter No.Nil dated 30.07.2012 from Dr. N.V.K. Ashraf, Chief of Conservation, Wildlife Trust of India, Noida
2. This office letter F.No.22-9/2004-CZA(429)(M) dated 26.10.2010

Sir,

Reference is invited to above cited correspondence. It is to inform that the evaluation of Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), Borjuri, Kaziranga, Bokakhat, District Golaghat, Assam was carried out by Dr. D.N. Singh & Dr. Devender Kumar on 26th & 29th May, 2016. The evaluation report of Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), Borjuri, as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 79th Meeting held on 24th August, 2016.

The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant conditional renewal of recognition for a period of two years. The renewal of recognition of Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), Borjuri, as "a Rescue Centre" as per the provisions of Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 is for a period up to 23rd August, 2018 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

S. No.	Norm No.	Conditions Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
1.General requirements			
1	1(6)	The residential facility located in the Rescue Centre premises should be separated by a wall with independent entrance and exit.	Immediately
3.Development and Planning			
2	3(3)	Disaster Management Plan should be incorporated in Master Plan if not done earlier and mock drills should be carried out specially dealing with accidental escape of animal from the enclosure/zoo.	Two months

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3	3(7)	Efforts should be made to release the rescued animals to wild as soon as possible after necessary veterinary care.	On need basis
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
4	4(3)	Footbath should be provided at entrance of the working stations.	Two months
5	4(6)	Should enrich the environment of enclosures especially that of primates.	Two months
6	4(7)	Appropriate screening should be provided between enclosures.	Six months
5. Upkeep and Healthcare of animals			
7	5(2)	The food and water samples should be got tested randomly.	Once in four months
8	5(9)	Staff involved in the healthcare of animals should be screened against zoonotic diseases at least once every year and records should be maintained.	At least once in a year
9	5(10)	The operator should prepare and use records namely Keepers' Diary, Daily Report, Animals' Treatment Card, Animal History Card and Stud Book.	Immediately
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
10	6(3)	A quarantine and isolation ward should be constructed as per approved Master Plan.	Six months
7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals			
11	7(2)	Post mortem findings should be recorded in format prescribed by the CZA.	with immediate effect
12	7(4)	Post-mortem room, should be maintained in hygienic manner.	with immediate effect

Further, it is to inform that the recognition granted to Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), Borjuri, for period up to 23rd August, 2018 is subject to compliance with above conditions.

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

The renewal of recognition of Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), Borjuri, for period beyond 23rd August, 2018 as "a Rescue Centre" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition of Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), Borjuri shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully



(Dr. D.N. Singh)
Member Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Assam, Basistha Forest Complex, Guwahati - 781029. (Assam) – for information and with a request that the conditions stipulated may be got implemented
2. The Chief Executive Officer, Wildlife Trust of India, F-13, Sector – 8, Noida – 201 301. (Uttar Pradesh) – for information and necessary action.
3. DPA, CZA – to update database



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Central Zoo Authority

BY REGISTERED POST

F. No. 22-9/2004-CZA (429)(M)

DATE: 26.10.2010

To

The Director
Wild Rescue,
Wildlife Trust of India,
B-13, 2nd Floor, Sector - 16,
Noida - 201 301 (Uttar Pradesh).

Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), Kaziranga beyond the period of 31.08.2009 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter dated 15.07.2009.

The evaluation of the Zoo was carried out on 9th March, 2010 and the evaluation report of the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), Kaziranga as submitted by Dr. Goutam Narayan was considered by the Technical Committee in its 55th Meeting held on 24th September, 2010.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), Kaziranga as a Rescue Centre under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st October, 2012 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992:-

Relevant Norm No.	Condition	Time frame to comply
1. General requirements		
4	The Centre is electric fenced, but the technical maintenance of the fence seemed inadequate as it reportedly breaks down often. The same should be strengthened immediately	With immediate effect
3. Development & Planning		
7	The Centre is designed to house rescued animals, however, the quarantine facilities need improvement.	With immediate effect
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures		
2	Most of the enclosures are not adequate in regard to expression of natural behaviour of their inhabitants and need modifications.	With immediate effect
3	Some of the enclosures (e. g. for birds and small	With immediate

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	mammals) need modifications to meet the criteria/ guidelines issued by the Central Zoo Authority.	effect
6.	Environmental enrichment of the enclosures to meet the specific behavioural requirements of the animals needs to be carried out.	With immediate effect
7.	The distance between some of the existing enclosures is inadequate. This needs to be increased for proper visual and auditory exclusion. The temporary screens used in some of the enclosures may serve only as partial visual barrier and needs to be changed.	With immediate effect
8.	The enclosures for all endangered species should have got constructed after obtaining prior approval from the Central Zoo Authority.	-----
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals		
3	The feeding routines do not seem to provide opportunities for the animals to express natural behaviour. Therefore, the same should be strengthened.	Immediately
4	Proper feeding cell/ cubicle kraal should be in all enclosures. (a) Open enclosures provided with multipurpose thatched shelters should be improved. (b) Feeding cells with gates or drop slides in carnivore enclosure should meet the conditions and to facilitate proper cleaning of the enclosures. (c) Proper feeding facilities should be provided in bird and primate enclosures.	Six months
7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals		
1	Although autopsy of all dead animals is carried out by the staff of College of Veterinary Science (CVSc), and cause of death is verbally communicated to the centre, no written post-mortem report is received from CVSc. Efforts should be taken by the Centre to obtain the written post-mortem report. The same should be maintained for the period of six years.	With immediate effect
2	The findings received on verbal communication of autopsy findings, should be recorded on the basis of formal autopsy report.	With immediate effect
8. Euthanasia of the animals		
1	The Rescue Centre Operator may explore possibility of euthanasia for deserving cases. This should be done to reduce suffering when there is little or no hope of improvement in the condition of an animal.	With immediate effect
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals		
11	The CZA norms as well as those given in the guidelines of the IUCN/ SSC Reintroduction Specialist Group needs to be followed more closely by the Centre while releasing captive animals in the wild to avoid situations like those relating to release of	With immediate effect

Rhinos and Elephants into the wild. Prior approval for the same should have got obtained from all concerned authorities.	
10 Research activities	With immediate effect
	Collection of scientific data for research needs to be done, particularly in the fields of social behaviour, group dynamics and reproductive biology.

Other recommendations

1. Rescued animals should be rehabilitated as soon as possible using soft release procedures: All efforts must be taken to rehabilitate rescued animals as quickly as possible as any delay is counterproductive.

The procedures as recommended by the IUCN/ SSC Reintroduction Specialist Group should have got followed and suitable pre-release enclosures must be used wherever required. However, the stress should be on speedy implementation of the release process in order to preserve the 'wild' behaviour of the rescued animals as far as possible.

2. It is recommended that adequate discretion should be used before rescuing wild animals and it must be ascertained whether it is possible to successfully and quickly rehabilitate the animal, if necessary after nursing it back to health.

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.


Grant of recognition to Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), Kaziranga beyond 31st October, 2012 as a Rescue Centre would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), Kaziranga shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the stipulated conditions.

Yours faithfully,
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(B. S. Bonal)
Member Secretary

Copy for favor of information & necessary action to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Assam, Guwahati for favour of information.
2. Director, WTI, Noida.
3. Mr. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA.


(Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta)
Evaluation & Monitoring Officer



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F.No. 22-9/2004-CZA(429)(M)

DATE: 8.8.2005

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)
Government of Assam,
Guwahati.

Sub:- Recognition of Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), Borjuri, Bokakhat, Assam under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act.

Sir,

Please refer to letter No.FRW 20/2003/44 dated 22.9.2004 from the Department of Environment & Forests, Dispur, Guwahati seeking recognition of Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), Borjuri, Bokakhat, Assam as a 'zoo', under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act.

The evaluation of the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), Borjuri, Bokakhat, Assam was carried out on 12.12.2004 by Shri Brij Kishor Gupta, Scientist in the Central Zoo Authority. The evaluation report was placed before the Technical Committee Meeting held on 19.7.2005 and the Committee has approved granting recognition to the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), Borjuri, Bokakhat as a 'zoo', subject to fulfillment of the following conditions within a time period upto 31.8.2009:-

S. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Conditions
General		
1.	2.	The zoo shall not acquire any animal without the permission of the Chief Wildlife Warden under Section 11 (1)(a) and the Central Zoo Authority under Section 38I of the Act.
Animal Enclosures – Design, Dimensions and other Essential Features		
2.	15	The animal enclosures in the zoo should be so designed as to fully ensure the safety of the animals and caretakers.
3.	16	The animal enclosures in the zoo should be so designed as to meet the biological requirements of the animals housed therein. The enclosure should be of such size as to ensure that the animals get space for their free movement and exercise. The enclosures shall not be smaller than the dimensions prescribed in <u>Appendix II</u> of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992.

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4.	16A	Appropriate screening between the adjacent enclosures should be provided to safeguard against the animals getting exited or stressed because of the visibility of animals in other enclosures.
5.	18	Every mammal in the zoo should be provided food inside a feeding cell/ retiring cubicle or feeding kraal. The number and size of cells and kraal will be such that the dominant animals do not deprive other animals from getting adequate food. The endangered mammalian species should be provided individual feeding cells or night shelters of dimensions as prescribed in <u>Appendix I</u> of the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992.
Maintenance of Records and Submission of inventory to the Central Zoo Authority		
6.	42	The records of birth, acquisition, disposals and deaths of the animals should be maintained. The inventory of the animals in the zoo as on 31 st March of every year shall be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority by 30 th April of the same year.
7.	43	A brief summary of the death of animals in the zoo for every financial year, along with the reasons of death identified on the basis of the postmortem report and diagnostic tests should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

Other Recommendations:-

- A. The centre should keep in its collection only such number of animals and such species for which appropriate housing facility exists. The zoo operators shall be responsible for ensuring that the number of animals of any species does not go beyond the holding capacity of the enclosures available in the zoo and housing standards are not compromised for keeping excessive numbers.
- B. Reintroduction programme of Schedule I species shall be carried out after taking prior approval of the Government of India under Section 12 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act.
- C. Reintroduction programme of animals should be carried out as per the IUCN guidelines on "Reintroduction".

A half yearly report regarding progress made in implementation of the aforesaid conditions should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

Grant of recognition beyond 31.8.2009 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

Yours faithfully,
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(B. R. Sharma)
Member Secretary

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2. The Director, Wild Rescue, Wildlife Trust of India, New Delhi for favour of information & necessary action.


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