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**Date: 24.12.2022**

To,

The Chief Wildlife Warden,  
Department of Environment and Forest,  
UT Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli &  
Daman and Diu,  
Secretariat Fort Area Moti Daman - 39622.  
(Email: ccf-dmn-dd@nic.in).

**Subject:- Renewal of recognition of the Lion safari, Vasona, Dadra & Nagar Haveli under Section 38-H(1),(3)&(4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for period beyond August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021- regarding.**

**Reference:**

1. This office letter no. 21-1/2021-CZA, Computer no. 158516, dated 30.08.2022.
2. E-mail dated July 12, 2021, received from Dy. C.F. (WL) / C.F. DD&DNH.
3. This office memorandum no. 7-10/2020-CZA(PART-I), dated 25.08.2020.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to above, I am directed to inform that the recognition of Lion safari, Vasona, Dadra & Nagar Haveli was accorded up to August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 vide reference no. 3 above. The application for the renewal of recognition of Lion safari, Vasona, Dadra & Nagar Haveli for the period beyond August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 was received by this office vide reference no. 2 above.

Dr. Rashmi Kant Shukla, IFS (Retd.) was deputed by this office to carry out the evaluation of Lion safari, Vasona, Dadra & Nagar Haveli vide CZA letter at reference no. 1 above. The Zoo was accordingly evaluated on September 14-17, 2022.

The evaluation report (copy enclosed) as submitted by the evaluation officer was deliberated in the 106<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Technical Committee after detailed deliberations recommended to the Central Zoo Authority for the renewal of recognition of Lion safari, Vasona, Dadra & Nagar Haveli for a period of two years and to regularise the period after August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, subject to

compliance with observation/ recommendation in the table below and mid-term evaluation. The members also recommended that the Zoo Operator may be directed to submit half-yearly compliance report with respect to observation/ recommendation stipulated while renewal of recognition.

Subsequently, the recommendation of 106<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee Meeting was approved by the Chairperson, Central Zoo Authority. Accordingly, the Central Zoo Authority has regularised the period after August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and renewed the recognition of Lion safari, Vasona, Dadra & Nagar Haveli for a period up to December 22, 2024 under Section 38-H(1), (3) & (4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. This is subject to the ratification of this decision in the next meeting of the Central Zoo Authority.

Sl.	Norm No.	Particulars of suggestions/ recommendation	Time Period to Comply
<b>2.Administrative and Staffing pattern</b>			
1	10.2(1)	At present the In-charge of the Zoo, the DCF (WL), DNH having only the powers of Head of Office which is not sufficient to manage a Lion Safari where multifarious management activities are involved and improvements are to be done on daily basis. The Administration may consider appropriate delegation of financial powers to the CWLW/DCF (WL) for smooth day to day functioning of the Lion Safari Vasona.	Twelve months
2	10.2(2)	Advised to make a demand for prescribed staff to meet the future expansion of the Lion Safari, Vasona.	Fifteen months
3	10.2(4)	A trained stand by Veterinarian should be kept in the event of emergency when the regular Veterinarian is not available.	Six months
<b>5.Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
4	10.5(2)	Buffalo meat is brought from Mumbai on daily basis from a long distance to feed the Lion. The arrangement shall need a re-thinking when the population of Lion shall increase in the Safari. Presently, the slaughter of cattle is banned in UT, but considering the subsequent increase in number of animals in due course of time permission is to be obtained from the competent authority of the DD&DNH administration to slaughter the animals locally to feed the Lions.	Twelve months
<b>6.Veterinary and Infrastructure facilities</b>			
5	10.6(1)	Infra-structure facility at Veterinary Dispensary can be expanded by adding one minor OT with hydraulic OT table, surgical light, oxygen facility etc. To perform minor /major surgical operations, physical examination of animal under sedation or in recumbent position etc.	One year
<b>11.Education and outreach activities</b>			



6	10.11(1)	Lion Safari, Vasona is visited by Students and Tourists in large numbers; hence it is suggested to display the signages of flora of the local forest standing around the Visitors area wherever feasible with eco-friendly manner.	Nine months
<b>12. Visitors facilities</b>			
7	10.12(2)	Anti-venom a life-saving drug should be kept in the Veterinary Hospital of Lion Safari as a practice to meet the situation of emergency in addition to the nearby Government Hospital where is available.	Three months

A compliance report to the Central Zoo Authority on implementation of the aforesaid observation/ recommendation shall be submitted by the zoo within three months of issue of this letter. Further, half yearly report regarding progress made in the implementation of the aforesaid conditions should also be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority.

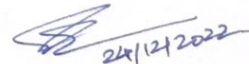
The recognition of Lion safari, Vasona, Dadra & Nagar Haveli for the period beyond December 22, 2024 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above, mid-term evaluation and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition of Lion safari, Vasona, Dadra & Nagar Haveli 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 the approval of the competent authority.

Yours sincerely,

Encl.: As above.

  
 (Dr. Sanjay Kumar Shukla)  
 Member Secretary

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. The Officer In-charge, Lion Safari, Vasona, UT Administration of Dadar and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu (Email: dcfwl-dnh@gov.in).
2. The DPA, O/o CZA (E-mail dpa-cza@nic.in)- to update database and to upload on official website of the CZA.



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## Central Zoo Authority



F. No. 19-241/93-CZA(60)(Vol.I)(BKG)/2656/2016

DATE: 22.09.2016 <sup>Email</sup>

To

Deputy Conservator of Forests (WL)  
Dadra & Nagar Haveli (Union Territory)  
(Forest Department WL)  
Silvassa 369 230

Sub:- Grant of Renewal of recognition to Lion Safari, Vasona, Dadra and Nagar Haveli under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of ~~31.03.2013~~ - Reg.

Sir,

31.01.2015

Reference is invited to your letter No. 7-2/74-FD/WL/1021, dated 23.10.2016 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to Lion Safari, Vasona, Dadra and Nagar Haveli under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.03.2013.

The evaluation of the Lion Safari, Vasona, Dadra and Nagar Haveli was carried out by Dr. D. N. Singh, Member Secretary, CZA on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. The evaluation report of the Lion Safari, Vasona, Dadra and Nagar Haveli as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

The Technical Committee of the Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant renewal of recognition to Lion Safari, Vasona, Dadra and Nagar Haveli as a "Mini Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 23.08.2019 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009 and mid-term evaluation of the zoo:-

Sr. No	Norm No.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
<b>1. General requirements</b>			
	1.2	The complex containing night houses, administrative building etc. should be camouflaged by planting the suitable plant species like bamboo etc so that they are not visible to the visitors inside the safari to create natural environment inside the safari. The animal houses should be painted with camouflaging colour with the nature. The present colour of the complex is prominently visible from a distance while taking round inside the safari.	Within one year
	1.7	The safari should make proper arrangements for managing solid and liquid waste and storm water.	Within a year
<b>2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern</b>			
	2.2	The Safari should appoint full time veterinary office to look after the upkeep and health of animals.	Within six months

	2.3	The scientific and technical posts should be created and filled up by direct recruitment. The Recruitment Rules for such posts should provide for their career progression including the benefit of flexible complementing scheme for their promotions.	Within a year
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>			
	3.1	The Master Plan for the future long-term development of safari should be prepared and got approved from CZA	Within two months.
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
	4.3	The operation of the doors of the enclosures should be made safe and secure for the animals. At present the animal is not visible at the point from which it is operated.	Within six months.
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animal</b>			
	5.2(1) (a)	The calcium carbonate powder should be mixed in the diet in appropriate quantity to meet the nutritional need of the animal.	With immediate effect.
	5.1(5)	The beef should be necessarily checked by the vet on daily basis for its quality.	With immediate effect.
	5.2(6)	The Safari should start testing random food and water sample for microbiological and toxicological parameters.	With immediate effect.
	5.3(4)	The safari should maintain written schedule of vaccination and deworming of each of the animals and it should be displayed at the enclosure of the animal.	With immediate effect.
	5.3(5)	The safari should maintain detailed records of observations of biological and social behaviour and health status of the animals including feed intake, medication and treatment in the Keeper's Diary, Daily Reports, Animal History Cards and Treatment Cards, as per standards specified by the CZA.	With immediate effect.
	5.3(8)	The safari should have formal linkages with Veterinary College through an MoU on healthcare, preventive medicine, surgical interventions, clinical tests, disease diagnosis and consultation etc.	Within a year
<b>6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities</b>			
	6.1 (b)	Life saving drugs for animals should be readily made available in the stock.	With immediate effect.
	6.1 (e)	The safari should have basic health monitoring equipment in the hospital	With immediate effect.
	6.3	The veterinary support personnel should be recruited or engaged on contract.	With immediate effect.
	6.4	The veterinary officer should be imparted requisite training/education in wildlife medicine/health through proper exposure/ visit and orientation courses.	Within a year
<b>7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals</b>			
	7.1	The post-mortem should be conducted of every animal that die in the safari and findings be recorded and maintained as per the format prescribed by CZA for a period of six years.	With immediate effect.
<b>12. Visitor Facilities</b>			
	12.1 & 12.3	The Safari should provide ramps and wheel chairs for the divyang visitors in the bus meant to take visitors on a round of safari.	With immediate effect.

Further it is to inform that the recognition granted to Lion Safari, Vasona, Dadra and Nagar Haveli for a period up to 23.08.2019 is subject to compliance with above conditions.

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

Grant of renewal of recognition to Lion Safari, Vasona, Dadra and Nagar Haveli beyond the period of 23 August, 2019 would be considered on the basis of compliance of the condition stated above and general performance of the Zoo at that point of time.

The recognition to the Lion Safari, Vasona, Dadra and Nagar Haveli shall be revoked by the Central Zoo Authority, at any point of time if the Zoo Operator is found not complying with the above stipulated conditions.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr. D. N. Singh)  
Member Secretary

**Copy to:-**

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Dadra & Nagar Haveli (U.T.) (Forest Department WL), Silvassa 369 230 - for information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. Mr. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA - to update database.



(Dr. D. N. Singh)  
Member Secretary





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F. No. 19-241/93-CZA(60)(M) | 2880

DATE: 28.05.2013

To

The Deputy Conservator of Forests (WL)  
Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli,  
Forest Division,  
Silvassa (Dadra and Nagar Haveli).

**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Lion Safari, Vasona, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Silvassa under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.01.2013.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter No. 7-2/74-FD/WL/512 dated 08.05.2013 seeking renewal of recognition to Lion Safari, Vasona, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Silvassa under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.01.2013.

The evaluation of the Lion Safari, Vasona was carried out by Dr. Raj Kumar Jadhav on 29.12.2012. The evaluation report of Lion Safari, Vasona as submitted by the evaluating officer was considered by the Technical Committee in its 64<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Lion Safari, Vasona as "a Mini Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31.01.2015 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.	Condition Stipulated	Time Period to Comply
<b>1. General requirements</b>			
	1.1 (c)	The Safari should try to procure animals from other recognized zoos to introduce the new blood to increase the genetic viability of animals.	Within one year
	1.2	The chain-link fencing at night houses and other places should be camouflaged by planting the suitable plant species like Bamboo.	Within six months

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<b>2. Administrative and Staffing Pattern</b>			
	2.2	The Safari should appoint full time veterinary officer to look after the upkeep and health of animals.	With six months
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>			
	3.1	The Safari should prepare the Master Plan of the future long-term development and get it approved from CZA.	With immediate effect
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
	4.6	The Safari should make the arrangement of wooden logs at appropriate places in the exhibit area and kraal for the enrichment of environment.	With immediate effect
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
	5.1 (a)	The Lion Safari have only a pair of Lion. An effort should be made to increase the animal numbers to maintain the socially and behaviorally viable population.	Within one year
	5.2 1 (a)	The calcium carbonate powder should be mixed in the diet in appropriate quantity to meet the nutritional need of the animal.	With immediate effect
	5.1 5	The bee should be necessarily checked by the veterinarian on daily basis for its quality.	With immediate effect
	5.2 6	The Safari should start testing random food and water samples for microbiological and toxicological parameters.	With immediate effect
<b>6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities</b>			
	6.1 (a)	An effort should be made to establish temporary treatment room till the veterinary hospital will be constructed.	Within three months
	6.1 (b)	Life saving drugs should be readily made available in the medical stock	With immediate effect
<b>7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals</b>			
	7.1	The Safari should get the post-mortem of every animal died and such findings be recorded as per the format prescribed by CZA and maintained for a period of six years.	With immediate effect
<b>11. Education and outreach activities</b>			
	11.2	The Safari should make available the first aid facilities and life saving drugs for the visitors.	With immediate effect

Other recommendations:-

1. The suitable tranquilizing equipment required to be used for remote drug delivery system should be made available. The existing tranquilizing equipments should get serviced to make it fully functional for the use.
2. Treatment records and animal history cards should be maintained as per the CZA format.
3. Stool examination of animals should be done periodically to check the parasitic load.
4. Vaccination of animal has not done since the year 2007. The Safari should prepare the vaccination protocol and implement the same regularly.

5. The staff involved in the upkeep and healthcare of animals should be screened against the zoonotic diseases once in a year.
6. The keepers diary should be maintained as per the CZA format.
7. The animal houses should be painted with camouflaging colour with the nature.
8. The stones inside the Safari Park should not be painted with white colour, it should be replaced with olive green colour.
9. The Safari Park should make the provision of stand by vehicle in case the running vehicle inside park becomes non functional.
10. The animal inventory register should be maintained as per the CZA's format.
11. The feeding and retiring cell should have the direct opening to the paddock area.
12. The gap at the iron grill of the window of Safari vehicle should be rectified to assure the visitor and animal safety.

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 Lion Safari, Vasona, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Silvassa beyond 31.01.2015 as "a Mini Category Zoo" would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Lion Safari, Vasona, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Silvassa 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,**

  
28/05/17  
**(B. S. Bonal)**

**Member Secretary**

Copy to:-

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**BY REGISTERED POST**

F. No. 19-241/93-CZA(60)(M)

DATE: 17.01.2011

To

The Deputy Conservator of Forests (WL)  
Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli,  
Forest Department,  
Silvassa (Dadra & Nagar Haveli).

**Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to Lion Safari, Vasona, Dadra & Nagar Haveli beyond the period of 31.03.2009 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.**

**Ref:- Your office letter No. 7-2/87-FD/WL-II/08/492 dated 08.07.2009.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to the above cited correspondence.

The evaluation of the Zoo was carried out on 26<sup>th</sup> -- 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 and the evaluation report of the Lion Safari, Vasona as submitted by Sh. Jagmohan Sharma was considered by the Technical Committee in its 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2010.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Lion Safari, Vasona as "a mini category zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2013 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992:-

Sl. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Stipulated Condition	Time period for compliance
<b>10 (1) General requirements</b>			
1.	1 (5)	The safari should be surrounded by double barrier on entrance gate and a perimeter wall/ protection fencing as a buffer on all sides so as to preclude any interaction of human being, staff with animals and their safety.	Six months
<b>3. Development and Planning</b>			
2.	3 (1)	The Master Plan should be amended keeping in view of the comments circulated vide this office letter of even number dated 21.01.2011 and five copies of the same should be submitted for its approval to this Authority.	Immediately

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	3 (6)	The collection plan of animals should be prepared accordingly to standard guidelines of CZA	Three months
<b>4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures</b>			
4.	4 (2)	The Safari should provide wooden logs as enrichment in the Safari.	Six months
5.	4 (10)	Signboards at enclosures need to be thoroughly revised displaying scientific and ecological information regarding animals exhibited therein.	Three months
<b>5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals</b>			
6.	5 (6)	The keepers should not be allowed to handle/ touch the lions.	With immediate effect
7.	5 (10)	Keeper diary as per the format of CZA should be maintained	Immediately
<b>6. Veterinary facilities</b>			
8.	6 (1)	The zoo should strengthened treatment and post mortem room.	Immediately
<b>8. Visitor facilities</b>			
9.	8 (2)	Anti venom serum should made available in the Zoo/ Safari.	Immediately
10.	8 (3)	Special provision like ramps, properly laid pathways etc. should be provided at animal enclosures and toilets for facilitating use by persons on wheel chairs.	Six months

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 Lion Safari, Vasona beyond 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2013 as a Mini category zoo would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above and general performance of the zoo.

The recognition to the Lion Safari, Vasona 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**

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2. DPA, CZA.

  
**(Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta)**  
**Evaluation & Monitoring Officer**