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Dated 31/12/2020

To
The Chief Wildlife Warden,
Department of Environment and Forests,
Panagal Maligai , Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015;
E-mail: tnforest@tn.nic.in

Subject: Renewal of recognition of the Centre for Herpetology - Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu, 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 25th August 2020
2. This Office letter F.No.21-2/2019-CZA(AK)/2071/2020 dated 10th January 2020
3. This Office letter F.No.19-18/92-CZA(245)(Vol-IV)(NS)/901/2016 dated 15th June 2016
4. Application dated 24th May 2019 from the Joint Director, Madras Crocodile Bank Trust

Sir,

With reference to above, the undersigned is directed to inform that recognition of the Centre for Herpetology - Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram under Section 38-H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, was valid till 5th May, 2019. Application dated 24th May 2019 for renewal of recognition was received in this office. Shri A.V. Joseph, IFS (Retired), evaluating officer/s deputed by this office has evaluated the zoo on 21st February, 2020. Copy of the Evaluation Report is enclosed herewith for your perusal and needful action.

2. Evaluation Report of the Centre for Herpetology - Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram was placed before the Technical Committee in its 96th Meeting held on 30th July, 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 25th August, 2020 regarding renewal of recognition of the zoo. Subsequently, the Central Zoo Authority, in its 37th Meeting held on 7th December, 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 5th May, 2019 and renewed recognition of the Centre for Herpetology - Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram as a Middle Zoo for a period up to **19th August, 2022** 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	10.1(4)	Residence of Director or of any other staff within the premises of zoo should be separated by 2 mts high boundary wall from the ground level with entry/exit separate from zoo premises. The entry to residential area should not be through zoo premises. This should be implemented at the earliest.	Six months.
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities:			
2	10.6(6)	The zoo should have formal linkages through a MoU on healthcare, preventive, health management, surgical interventions, clinical tests, disease diagnosis etc with TANUVAS as stated.	Six months
7. Post-mortem and disposal of carcasses of animals:			
3	10.7(2)	The findings of the post-mortem examination report to be recorded in such format as have been prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority.	Six months
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals:			
4	10.9(9)	Excess population of marsh crocodile to be shifted to off-display area as approved by CZA in Master (Layout) Plan of MCBT.	One year
5	10.9(9)	Population control measures should be adopted against over population of Siamese crocodile, Spectacled caiman, Dwarf caiman and Yellow anaconda respectively.	One year
Other conditions:			
6		The Hotel established adjacent to the park were playing loud earth-shaking music causing disturbance to the animals housed in the park. This noise pollution will affect the animals housed in the park and should be brought to the notice of the concerned officials and redressed at the earliest. Appropriate action should be taken as per provisions under Section 38-J of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.	Immediately

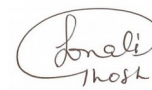
5. A compliance report to the Central Zoo Authority on implementation of the aforesaid conditions shall be submitted by the zoo within three months of issue of this letter followed by half-yearly report.

6. The renewal of recognition of the Centre for Herpetology - Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram for period beyond 19th August, 2022 as a Medium Zoo 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 Herpetology - Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram 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



(Sonali Ghosh)
Dy Inspector General Of Forest

Copy for information / necessary action to:

1. The Joint Director, Madras Crocodile Bank Trust-Centre for Herpetology, Post Bag No. 4, Vadanemmeli Village, East Coast Road (Perur Post), Mamallapuram – 603 104, Tamil Nadu, E-mail: info@madrascrocodilebank.org
2. The Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu, premises of the Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur, Chennai – 600 048, Tamil Nadu, E-mail: directoraazp1@gmail.com
3. The DPA, CZA – to update database and to upload on website.

sd/-
(Sonali Ghosh)
Dy Inspector General Of Forest



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Central Zoo Authority



F. No. 19-18/92-CZA(245)(Vol. IV)(NS)/901/2016

Email
DATE: 15.06.2016

To

The Director
Madras Crocodile Bank Trust
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Tamil Nadu- 603 104
Email: info@madrascrocodilebank.org

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[Signature]

Sub:-Renewal of recognition to Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 beyond the period of 31.03.2015- Reg.

Madam,

Reference is invited to your letter No. nil dated 22.03.2015 received in this office on 31.03.2015 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu for period beyond 31.03.2015.

The evaluation of the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu was carried out by Sh. B.G. Mugadur on 10.03.2016. The evaluation report of the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 78th Meeting held on 6th May, 2016.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant renewal of recognition to Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu as a "Medium Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 05.05.2019 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
1. General Requirements			
1	1.6	Residence of Director or of any other staff within the premises of zoo should be separated by 2 mts high boundary wall from the ground level with entry/exit	With immediate effect

		separate from the zoo premises. The entry to the residential area should not be through zoo premises. No zoo staff/officers should be allowed to use any building/structure whatsoever within zoo campus for residential purpose.	
2	1.9	Two pet dogs has been kept in the residence of the Director within the zoo premises. No pets should be kept within the zoo premises. Adequate safeguards should be in place to prevent the entry of pets into the zoo premises.	With immediate effect
3. Development and planning			
3	3.8	Zoo should not accept or provide any shelter to rescued animals without verifying the details. The matter should be brought to the notice of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai with full details.	With immediate effect
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
4	4.9	Appropriate stand-off barrier to be provided to all enclosures particularly to the enclosures where thick glass are fixed against damage by visitors. Also live hedge using species like Duratna cuttings and Casuarina seedlings later trimming to the height of barricading level.	Six months
5. Upkeep and health care of animals			
5	5.2	Water recycling plant to be provided to each crocodile enclosures as per need at least in phased manner.	Two years
6	5.4	Provision of footbath of adequate size with proper disinfectant at entry and exit point of animal enclosures is to be provided.	With immediate effect
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
7	9.7	Excess population of marsh	One year

		crocodile to be shifted to off display area as approved by CZA in Master (layout) Plan of MCBT.	
8	9.11	The single River turtle may be released in wild after due screening of its health and following the guidelines laid down by IUCN/CZA in this regard.	With immediate effect
12. Visitors facilities			
9	12.3	The Madras Crocodile Bank Trust should have wheel chairs for the use of physically disadvantaged visitors. Arrangements should be made to provide access to the physically disadvantaged visitors for viewing wild animals at various enclosures.	With immediate effect

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

Grant of recognition Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu beyond the period of 5th May, 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 Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu 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 faithfully,



**(Dr. D. N. Singh)
Member Secretary**

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Tamil Nadu, No. 1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Buildings, Saidapet, Chennai- 600 015 (Email: cwlw@tm.nic.in, cwlw_wildlife3@yahoo.in) for information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. Mr. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA.



**(Dr. D. N. Singh)
Member Secretary**



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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS**Central Zoo Authority****THROUGH REGISTERED POST**

F. No. 19-18/92-CZA(245)(Vol. III)(M) / 3074

DATE: 25.06.2013

To

The Director
Madras Crocodile Bank Trust,
Centre for Herpetology,
Mamallapuram (Tamil Nadu).**Sub:- Renewal of recognition to Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram beyond the period of 31.03.2012 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to your application received in this Authority on 28.08.2012 seeking renewal of recognition to the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram beyond the period of 31.03.2012 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation of the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram was carried out by Sh. S. C. Sharma and Dr. M. Navin Kumar on 08.04.2013. The evaluation report of Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram as submitted by the evaluating officers was considered by the Technical Committee in its 66th Meeting held on 11th June, 2013.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram as "a Small Category Zoo" under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31.03.2015 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
1. General requirements			
1.	1 (4)	Mock drill for disaster management should be done at regular interval.	Immediate
3. Development and Planning			
2.	3 (3)	Excess population of Marsh crocodile to be shifted to off-display holding facility as approved by the Central Zoo Authority	Within two years
4. Animal housing, display of animals and animal enclosures			
3.	4 (3)	All the enclosures but for Gharial and Mugger enclosures which are of appropriate size need to be re-designed and modified.	Within two year
4.	4 (9)	Appropriate designed standoff barriers with hedges to be provided for each enclosure.	Within one year

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5.	4 (10)	Improvement of signages need to be improved and fixed at appropriate place.	Within one year
5. Upkeep and healthcare of animals			
6.	5 (2)	Water recycling plant to be provided to each Crocodile enclosure as per the need.	Within two years
6. Veterinary and infrastructure facilities			
7.	6 (3)	The veterinary facility at the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust should have provision of X-ray machine (portable) and provision of Endoscope for sexing of animals.	Within three months
9. Acquisition and breeding of animals			
8.	9 (4)	The single river turtle may be released in wild after veterinary screening.	Immediate
12. Visitors facilities			
9.	12 (3)	Ramps and wheel chairs for physically handicapped persons should be provided.	Within one year

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 Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram beyond 31.03.2015 as "a Small 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 Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram 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.

A copy of evaluation report is also enclosed herewith for your ready reference to improve the conditions of Zoo.

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

End: evaluation report

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai for favour of information and with a request that the stipulated conditions may be got implemented.
2. Mr. Vivek Goel, DPA, CZA


(Dr. Brij Kishor Gupta)
Evaluation and Monitoring Officer



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F. No. 19-18/92-CZA(245)(Vol.III)(NA)

DATE:21.01.2009

To

The Curator
Centre for Herpetology/ Madras Crocodile Bank Trust,
Post Bag - 4,
Mamallapuram - 603 104 (Tamil Nadu).

Sub:- Grant of renewal of recognition to Madras Crocodile Bank Trust/ Centre for Herpetology, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu beyond the period of 30.11.2008 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Regarding.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your letter dated 25th October, 2008 seeking grant of renewal of recognition to the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust/ Centre for Herpetology, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu beyond the period of 30.11.2008 under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The evaluation report of the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust/ Centre for Herpetology, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu as submitted by Sh. A. V. Joseph and Dr. M. Navin Kumar was considered by the Technical Committee in its 49th Meeting held on 19th December, 2009.

The Central Zoo Authority has decided to grant of recognition to Madras Crocodile Bank Trust/ Centre for Herpetology, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu as a Large category Zoo under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, for a period up to 31st March, 2012 subject to the compliance of the following directives under the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992:-

S. No.	Relevant Norm No.	Conditions	Time Period to comply the conditions
			General
1.	8	The zoo shall be encompassed by an appropriate barrier/ chain-link fence of atleast of 2 meter high from the ground level.	Six months

2.	11	The zoo should have residential complex separated from the main campus of the zoo by a boundary wall with a minimum height of 2 meters from the ground level.	Six months
3.	11A	The zoo has not prepared collection plan for animal to be housed and displayed in the zoo keeping due regard to the availability of land, water, electricity and climatic condition of the area.	Six months
Animal enclosures – Design, Dimensions and other Essential Features			
4.	17	The Zoo Operator shall endeavour to simulate the conditions of the natural habitat of all the animals housed in each enclosure as closely as possible. Planting of appropriate species of trees for providing shade and shelter, which merge in the overall environment of the enclosures, shall be provided.	Six months
Hygiene, Feeding and Upkeep			
5.	21	The Zoo Operator should ensure that each Crocodile housed at the Zoo should be provided with sufficient quantity of feed according to the requirement to the individual animals so that no animal remains under nourished. The each Crocodile should be provided atleast 45 Kgs. fishes/ beef per year.	With immediate effect
6.	25	The zoo should have periodic application of disinfected in each enclosure as per the direction of the veterinary officer of the zoo.	With immediate effect
Veterinary Facilities			
7.	31	The Zoo shall improve the basic diagnostic facilities. The zoo shall also have a laboratory with complete glassware, scanner (ultrasonic) and mini operation theatre.	Six months
8.	31A	The zoo should provide one qualified lab assistant/ compounder to assist the veterinary officer in healthcare of zoo animals.	Six months
9.	34	The Zoo Operator should conduct detailed post-mortem of the animals that dies in the Zoo by the veterinarian registered with State Veterinary Council or Veterinary Council of India and findings of such operation should be recorded for the period of atleast six years.	With immediate effect

Breeding of animals			
10.	36	The zoo should take immediate steps to reduce the number of Marsh crocodile as the number of Marsh crocodiles at present (2325 Nos.) are beyond the holding capacity of the animal enclosures. The zoo should ensure that the housing provided for the animals should not compromise any standards and norms as prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority under Recognition of Zoo Rules.	With immediate effect
11.	37	The Zoo Operator should find appropriate mate for single River turtle (<i>Batagur baska</i>) housed at the Zoo, in consultation with other recognized Zoos in the country and with the approval of the Central Zoo Authority.	Six months
Maintenance of Records and submission of Inventory to the Central Zoo Authority			
12.	42	The Zoo shall keep the record of the birth, acquisitions, sales, disposals & deaths of all animals. The inventory of the animals housed in the Zoo as on 31 st March of every year should be to the Central zoo Authority by 30 th April of the same year.	With immediate effect
13.	43	The Zoo should submit the summary of death of animals in the Zoo for every financial year, along with reason for death identified on the basis of post-mortem reports and other diagnostic tests by 30 th April of the following year to the Central Zoo Authority. In case of death of critically endangered species a report alongwith the details specified above should be submitted to the Central zoo Authority within 24 hours.	With immediate effect
Visitors Facility			
14.	50	The Zoo Operator should provide access to the zoo for disabled visitors including those in the wheel chair.	
Development and Planning			
15.	51	The Zoo should prepare a long-term Master plan for its development in the format as circulated by the Central Zoo Authority. The copies of the said plan should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority for its approval.	Latest by 31 st March, 2009

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 31st March, 2012 to Madras Crocodile Bank Trust/ Centre for Herpetology, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu as a 'Large category zoo' would be considered on the basis of compliance of the conditions stated above, general performance and physical evaluation of the zoo.

The recognition to the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust/ Centre for Herpetology, Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu 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. R. Sharma)
Member Secretary

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