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 2. Sri S.P. Yadav, IFS, CCF, Central Circle
 3. Sri S.S. Dey, IFS, CCF, Western Circle
 4. Sri Kalyan Das, CCF, South-East Circle

Sub. : **Review of Human – Elephant Conflict in South Bengal**

Sir,
A workshop cum review regarding elephants in South West Bengal is proposed to be organized on 09 March, 2018 at 11 AM at Forestry Training Centre, Hijli with the officers and staff from different Divisions of South West Bengal with migratory elephant population.

During the workshop the following issues are proposed to be discussed –

1. Session I – Ongoing and future scope of Research Projects for Elephant in South West Bengal
2. Session II – Review of mitigation measures for HEC in South West Bengal

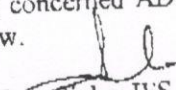
The detailed schedule is annexured.

CCFs SW, SE and Central Circle will be required to make a consolidated presentation for the Circle of 10 minutes each containing not more than 5 slides, which should include –

- i) Elephant movement within the Circle area, showing the Range, Beat and Villages affected and time period
- ii) Payment of Ex gratia, including source of fund and details of payment showing human death, human injury, hut damage, crop damage, any other damage and balance due
- iii) Co ordination efforts with other Divisions/ Department
- iv) Any other proposal / suggestions for mitigation of HEC
- v) General Remarks

For Western Circle, same presentation will be made for each Division, preferably by the concerned DFOs.

It is also requested to advise their DFOs to depute concerned ADFOs, Range Officers and Beat Officers to the meeting for providing inputs during the review.



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Copy forwarded for information to :

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Head of Forest Force, West Bengal
2. The Conservator of Forests, Development Circle
3. The Divisional Forest Officers -
Jhargram/Kharagpur/Midnapore/Rupnarayan/Panchet/Bankura(North)
/Bankura(South)/Purulia/Kangsabati(North)/Kangsabati(South)Division.
DFOs are requested to ask concerned ADFO, Range Officers / Beat Officers of the HEC affected areas to attend the workshop / review, so that inputs from field can be discussed.
4. The Director, FTC, Hizli - he is requested to be in touch with CF, Wildlife(Hqtrs) regarding organizing the workshop


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PROGRAMME

SESSION – I

THEME

FUTURE DIRECTION OF RESEARCH PROJECTS FOR ELEPHANT IN SOUTH BENGAL

Chair : Sri Chandan Sinha, IAS, Pr. Secretary, Forest Department, West Bengal
Co-Chair : Sri Narendra K. Pandey, IFS, PCCF, Head of Forest Force, West Bengal

- 11.00 - 11.20 AM Opening Remarks - Sri Ravi Kant Sinha, IFS, PCCF, Wildlife & CWLW, West Bengal
- 11.20 - 11.45 AM Presentation – “Augment capacity of West Bengal Forest Directorate to address human elephant conflict in South Bengal” – Introduction to the research project - WWF, India
- 11.45 - 12.10 PM Presentation – “Ecology of elephant in South Bengal” – Observations in course of the ongoing research study by SACON under WBFBCP
- 12.10 - 12.35 PM Presentation – “Use of GPS telemetry in mitigation of human elephant conflict in South Bengal” – Introduction to the research project – IISC, Bangalore
- 12.35 - 1.00 PM Discussion & remarks by Chair, Co-chair and CWLW

1.00 - 2.00 PM LUNCH BREAK

SESSION – II

THEME

EFFORTS IN MITIGATING HUMAN ELEPHANT CONFLICT IN SOUTH BENGAL

Chair : Sri Chandan Sinha, IAS, Pr. Secretary, Forest Department, West Bengal
Co-Chair : Narendra K. Pandey, IFS, PCCF, Head of Forest Force, West Bengal

- 2.00 - 2.10 PM Presentation – South West Circle – CCF, SW Circle
- 2.10 - 2.20 PM Presentation – South East Circle – CCF, SE Circle
- 2.20 - 2.30 PM Presentation – Central Circle – CCF, Central Circle
- 2.30 - 3.20 PM Presentation – Western Circle
- i) Jhargram Forest Division
ii) Kharagpur Forest Division
iii) Rupnarayan Forest Division
iv) Mednipur Forest Division
- 3.20 - 4.00 PM Discussion & remarks by Chair, Co-chair and CWLW