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## Advisory for anti-poaching duties during Dol/Holi and related festivity

In order to prevent poaching of wild animals and damage to their habitat and forest during ensuing Dol/Holi festival and related festivity by the local villagers and organized poachers, the following steps may be undertaken:

# 1) Liaison/meetings:

- a) Advanced meetings of all concerned staff, JFMCs and local NGOs may be organized for sensitizing the issue and undertaking preventive measures. Wherever required help of staff from functional Divisions may be seeked.
- b) Leave of staff be sanctioned in such a manner to keep adequate strength available for field duty.
- c) A liaison meeting may be organized with District Administration/ Police/District Fire Officer/Panchayet representatives by Divisional Officers/Deputy Field Directors. At the block level the similar exercise be undertaken by the Range Officers.
- d) In North Bengal special meeting be held with Tea Associations, Tea Estate Managers and different Labour Unions for seeking their cooperation against poaching of wild animals and prevention of damage to habitat.

#### 2) Prevention of damage to forest, wild animals and its habitat by fire:

Usually the poachers also indulge in forest fire to trap and to scare away wild animals, therefore, preventive measures may be taken up in this regard. A request may be sent to all nearby Fire Stations to be on alert during festivity celebration days, if required.

#### 3) Patrolling:

- a) Identified vulnerable areas be earmarked for special duties.
- b) All Squads and Mobile Units must be kept in alert mode during the Dol/Holi period.
- c) Three days before the Dol/Holi intensive patrolling must be organized in all the fringe and vulnerable areas.

#### 4) Publicity and awareness:

A publicity and awareness campaign with help of handbills, posters, miking and in local cable network may be undertaken to generate public awareness against killing of wild animals during the festivity.

### 5) Reporting:

If any mishap occurs, it may be reported immediately to the Chief Wildlife Warden and other officers as per protocol. A brief note on measures taken and casualty of wild animals, if any may be sent to this end for reference and record along with photographs.

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1) The P. S. to Minister-in-Charge, Department of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal.

2) The Principal Secretary, Department of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal. 3)

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, West Bengal.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, General, West Bengal.

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- 4) The Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife (North) & Deputy CWLW.
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- 19) The Deputy Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve (West) Division & Wildlife Warden.
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- The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wildlife (Headquarters) & Wildlife Warden. 21)
- 22) The Divisional Forests Officer, Darjeeling Wildlife Division & Wildlife Warden.
- 23) The Divisional Forests Officer, Gorumara Wildlife Division & Wildlife Warden.
- 24) The Divisional Forests Officer, Jaldapara Wildlife Division & Wildlife Warden.
- The Divisional Forests Officer, 24 Parganas (South) Division & Wildlife Warden. 25)
- 26) The Divisional Forests Officer, 24 Parganas (North) Division& Wildlife Warden.
- 27) The Divisional Forests Officer, Bankura (North) Division & Ex-officio Wildlife Warden.
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- 3) The Divisional Manager, Kalimpong & Ex-officio Wildlife Warden, West Bengal.

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