

10.1 (b) JFMCs in the Protected Areas in West Bengal

A total of 146 numbers of EDCs (now re-designated as JFMC) having total membership of 40477 with approximate ratio of male: female membership at 3:2 have been reported to be registered in West Bengal covering 76112.691 ha forest within Protected Areas being protected by them. The SC & ST constitute 64.38% of members in the EDCs. With the promulgation of the latest JFMC resolutions, the erstwhile EDCs are called JFMCs vide no. 40-FOR dated 31.01.2017.

(As on 31.03.2020)

Name of Forest Division	Name of Protected Area	No. of EDC	Area Protected (in Ha)	No. of Members			SC	ST	Others
				Male	Female	Total			
Darjeeling Wildlife	Mahananda WLS	15	12406.55	2693	2218	4911	1305	1022	2584
	Senchal WLS	15	4114.81	1587	1211	2798	102	1496	1200
	Singalila N.P.	1	350	63	72	135	0	59	76
Gorumara Wildlife	Neora Valley N.P.	6	5020.01	1391	1198	2589	64	952	1573
	Gorumara N.P.	6	3695.62	1293	149	1442	482	457	503
	Chapramari Beat Forest Area	1	960.31	47	2	49	4	8	37
	Khunia Beat Forest area	2	1443.9	341	5	346	7	154	185
	Murti Beat Forest area	3	1613.04	460	90	550	115	189	246
Buxa Tiger Reserve (E)	Buxa Tiger Reserve	14	23534.97	1454	173	1627	238	612	777
Buxa Tiger Reserve (W)		7	10809.17	263	181	444	126	318	0
Jaldapara Wildlife	Jaldapara WLS	40	9079.251	9757	1398	11155	5173	3306	2676
Raiganj	Kulik WLS	3	130	193	21	214	172	30	12
Birbhum	Ballavpur WLS	4	200.80	276	34	310	9	196	105
Nadia – Murshidabad	Bethuadahari WLS	1	66.67	96	6	102	55	29	18
Sunderban Tiger Reserve	Sundarban Tiger Reserve	26	2584.89	4400	9048	13448	8736	326	4386
24 Parganas North	Bibhuti Bhushan WLS	1	93.70	35	2	37	24	5	8
Purba Midnapur	Arabari EDC	1	9.0	192	128	320	290	0	30
TOTAL		146	76112.691	24541	15936	40477	16902	9159	14416