

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
FOR

COOPERATION ON COMBATING TIMBER TRAFFICKING, AND
CONSERVATION OF TIGERS AND OTHER WILDLIFE

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar hereinafter referred to as the "Parties".

Considering that India and Myanmar share a common land boundary with vast stretches of natural forests which is inhabited by globally threatened wildlife;

Concerned at the increasing threat to the flora and fauna in the region;

Desirous of jointly intensifying efforts for combating timber trafficking which is threatening habitats of globally endangered species, particularly tiger and elephant, as well as for protecting the tiger and elephant populations and ensuring the continued survival of wildlife;

Hereby reach the following common understanding on bilateral measures to be taken.

Article 1

Forest Officers/ Park Directors of the Parties along the border will have periodic meetings on either side alternately to discuss areas of concern and formulate trans-boundary managerial strategies. To further follow it up, high level meeting would be held at the Ministry level between the Parties to review various measures contemplated at the field level. Parties agree for reciprocal patrolling and sharing of intelligence to prevent illegal logging, poaching, illegal capture of wild elephants, smuggling of wildlife and their derivatives, including ivory and tiger body parts and conducting conservation awareness activities towards local communities.

Article 2

Parties agree to constitute a Working Group consisting of officials concerned to identify and maintain viable data with a focus on protection of habitat, tigers and other wildlife.

Article 3

Parties agree to exchange personnel for training and education in wildlife management. The Indian side will reserve two seats in the ten months diploma

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course conducted by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun for Myanmar officials, and will cover all the costs including tuition fees, travel, accommodation and daily allowances.

Article 4

Parties agree to collaborate in the field of research focusing on tiger and habitat monitoring.

Article 5

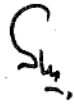
- (i) This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force on the date of its signing and will remain in force for a period of five (5) years;
- (ii) During the period of its validity, the MoU may be amended by the mutual written consent of the parties;
- (iii) Either party may terminate the MoU by giving three months' advance notice in writing of its intention to do so to the other party;
- (iv) Prior to the expiry of the validity of this MoU, it may be renewed on similar terms and conditions as agreed through an exchange of notes verbale between the two parties;
- (v) Any dispute between parties regarding the interpretation or implementation of this MoU will be settled amicably by mutual consultations or negotiations.

Article 6

In Witness Whereof the duly authorized representatives of the Parties have signed this MoU at New Delhi, India on 27th February, 2020 in two originals in English language.

For and on behalf of
the Government of the Republic of
India

For and on behalf of
the Government of the Republic of
the Union of Myanmar



HE Saurabh Kumar
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