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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION



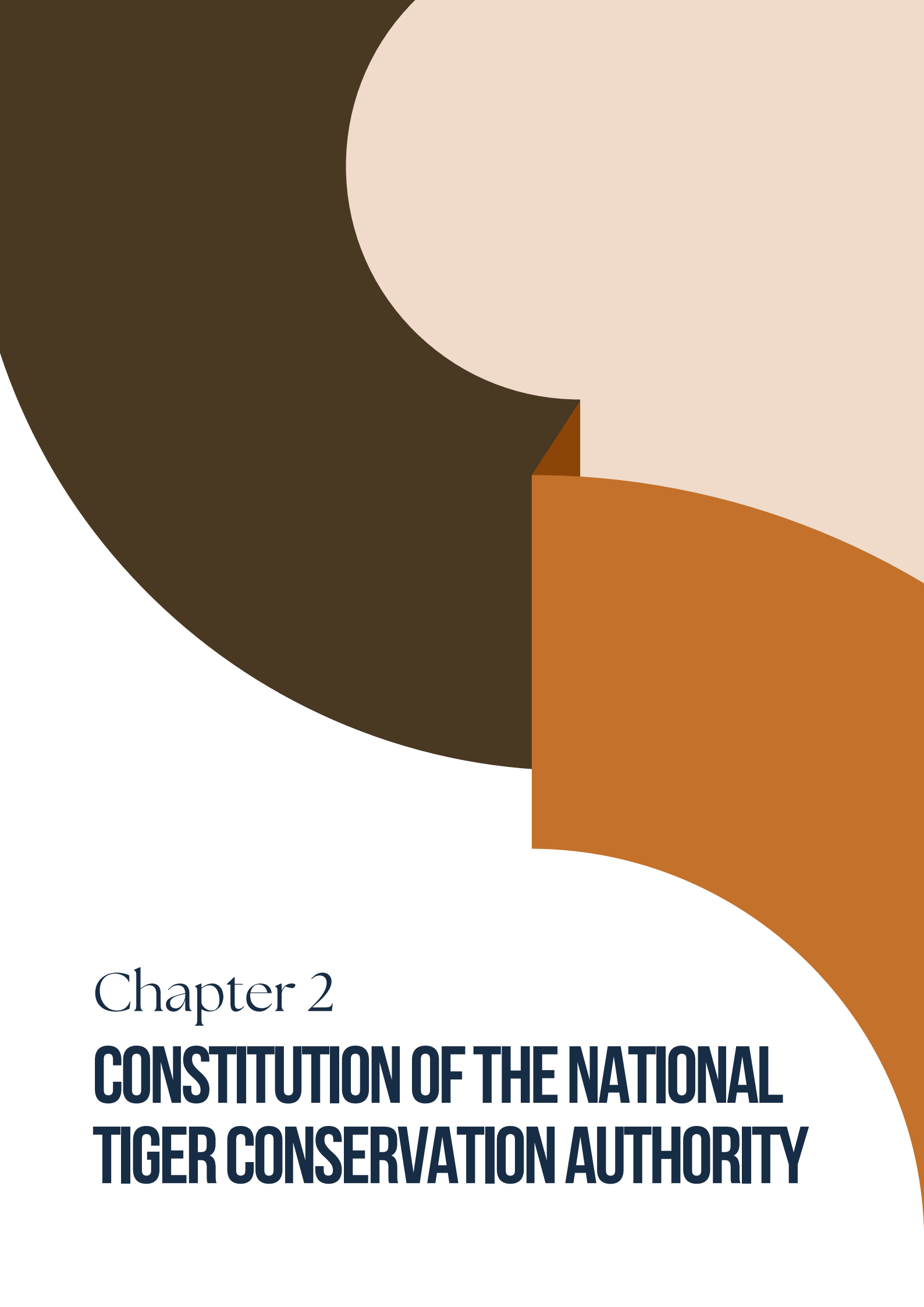
The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) is a statutory body of the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEF&CC). Established in accordance with provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006, the NTCA plays a crucial role in steering tiger conservation efforts in the country. The organization operates within the mandate assigned to it by the said Act, with the primary objective of enhancing and enforcing measures for the protection of tigers and their habitats.

The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has executed its mandate under the purview of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, focusing on strengthening tiger conservation efforts throughout the country. This involves maintaining an oversight through advisories and normative guidelines, which are formulated based on comprehensive assessments of the tiger's status, ongoing conservation projects, and recommendations from specially constituted committees.

To further its mission, the NTCA as per the National Tiger Conservation Authority (Normative Standards for Tourism and Project Tiger) Guidelines, 2012, extends financial support through the 'Project Tiger' initiative to 58 Tiger Reserves spanning 18 range states in the country along with provision for assisting tiger inhabited forests. 'Project Tiger' operates as a component of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats, dedicated to the in-situ conservation of tigers. The scheme has played a pivotal role in securing the endangered tiger from the brink of extinction, as evidenced by the recent findings of the All-India Tiger Estimation (AITE) utilizing an improved methodology.

To achieve the Vision of Project Tiger of maintenance of a viable population of tigers in India for scientific, economic aesthetic, cultural and ecological values, and to preserve for all times, areas of biological importance as a national heritage for the benefit, education and enjoyment of the people, the NTCA:

1. Provides statutory authority to Project Tiger so that compliance of its directives becomes legal.
2. Fosters accountability of Center and States in management of Tiger Reserves within our federal Structure, by providing for a tripartite MoU with States, Reserve Management and NTCA.
3. Provides for an oversight by Parliament.
4. Addresses livelihood interests of local people in areas surrounding Tiger Reserves.



Chapter 2

CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was established on September 4, 2006, with the primary objective of strengthening tiger conservation efforts. Its key functions include establishing normative standards for the management of tiger reserves, formulating reserve-specific tiger conservation plans, presenting annual and audit reports to Parliament, coordinating research and monitoring of tigers, co-predators, prey and habitats, ensuring formation of State Level Steering Committees chaired by Chief Ministers and Tiger Conservation Foundations. The composition of NTCA members during the period under report, as officially communicated through a Gazette Notification can be viewed at Annexure I, is as follows:

S.No.	Designation and Address	Designation
1	The Minister in charge of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Chairman
2	The Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Vice-Chairman
3	Shri Harish Chandra Meena, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)	Member
4	Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)	Member
5	Shri Sushil Kumar Modi – Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) (From 1st April 2024 to 13th May 2024)	Member
6	Shri S.S. Srivastava, Former PCCF & HoFF, Odisha	Expert Member
7	Shri Rahul Bhatnagar, Former Field Director Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, Udaipur, Rajasthan	Expert Member
8	Shri Ravi Singh, Secretary General, WWF-India, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi	Expert Member
9	Dr. Roop Narayan Mandwe, M.B.B.S, D.C.P Consultant Pathologist, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh	Expert Member
10	Dr. Pradeep K. Malik, Former Senior Professor, WII, Dehradun, Uttarakhand	Expert Member
11	Shri W. Longvah, Former IGF (NTCA), Regional Office, Guwahati, Bashishtra Chariali, Guwahati, Assam	Expert Member
12	Dr. H.S Negi, Former APCCF (WL), Madhya Pradesh	Expert Member

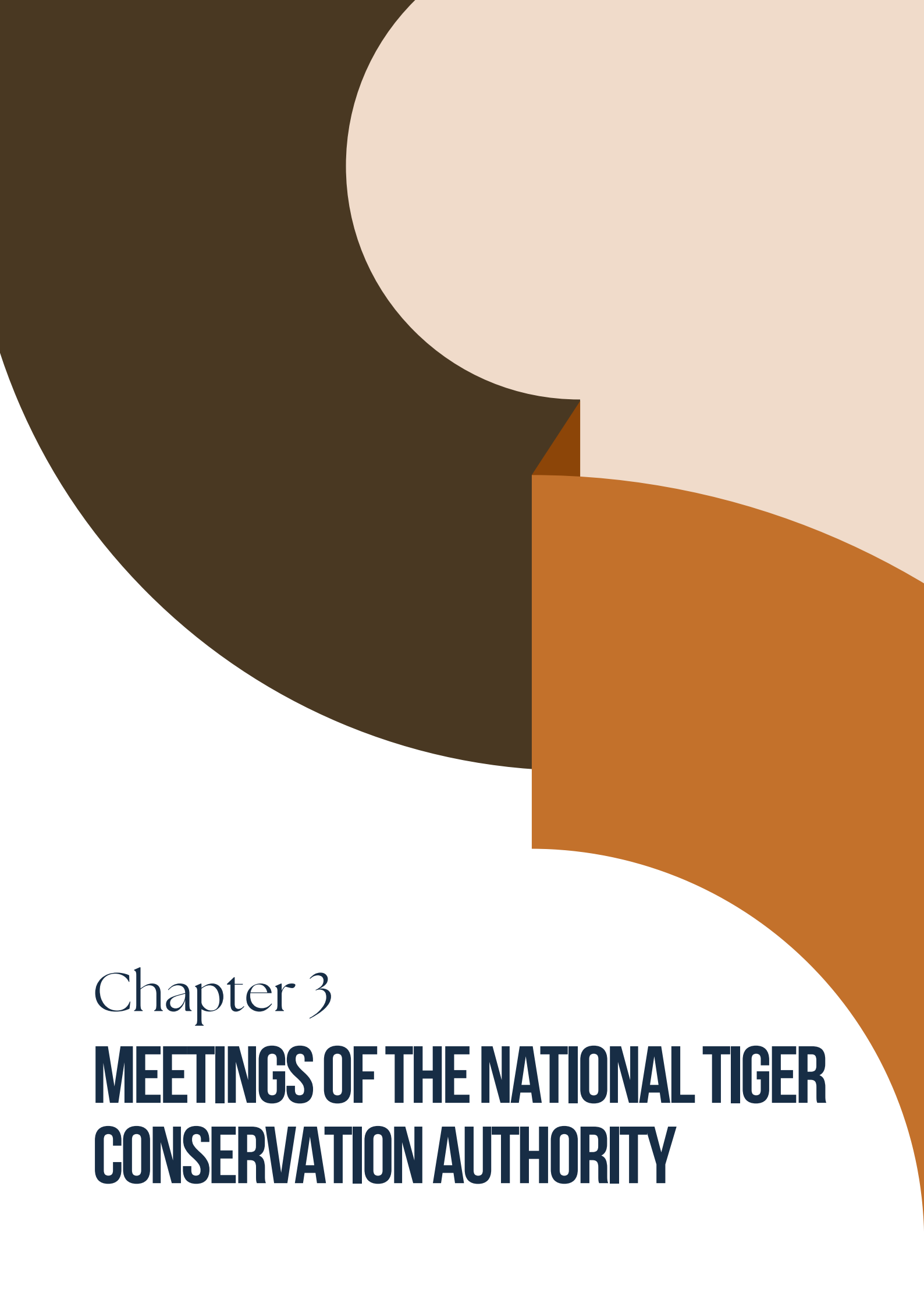
13	Dr. Madhu Verma, Chief Economist, World REsources Institute, New Delhi	Expert Member
14	Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Member
15	Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Member
16	Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs	Member
17	Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	Member
18	Chairperson, National Commission for the Scheduled Tribes	Member
19	Chairperson, National Commission for the Scheduled Castes	Member
20	Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj	Member
21	Director, Wildlife Preservation, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Member
22	Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan	Member
23	Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha	Member
24	Chief Wildlife Warden, Tamil Nadu	Member
25	Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand	Member
26	Chief Wildlife Warden, Mizoram	Member
27	Chief Wildlife Warden, Chhattisgarh	Member
28	Joint Secretary and Legislative Counsel, Ministry of Law and Justice	Member
29	Additional Director General of Forest (Project Tiger), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Member Secretary



Functions of the NTCA

Powers and functions of the National Tiger Conservation Authority as prescribed under section 38 O of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006 are as under: -

- a) to approve the tiger conservation plan prepared by the State Government under sub section (3) of Section 38 V of the Act
- b) evaluate and assess various aspects of sustainable ecology and disallow any ecologically unsustainable land use such as, mining, industry and other projects within the tiger reserves
- c) lay down normative standards for tourism activities and guidelines for project tiger from time to time for tiger conservation in the buffer and core area of tiger reserves and ensure their due compliance
- d) provide for management focus and measures for addressing conflicts of men and wild animal and to emphasize on co-existence in forest areas outside the National Parks, sanctuaries or tiger reserve, in the working plan code
- e) provide information on protection measures including future conservation plan, estimation of population of tiger and its natural prey species, status of habitats, disease surveillance, mortality survey, patrolling, reports on untoward happenings and such other management aspects as it may deem fit including future plan conservation
- f) approve, co-ordinate research and monitoring on tiger, co-predators, prey habitat, related ecological and socio-economic parameters and their evaluation
- g) ensure that the tiger reserves and areas linking one protected area or tiger reserve with another protected area or tiger reserve are not diverted for ecologically unsustainable uses, except in public interest and with the approval of the National Board for Wild Life and on the advice of the Tiger Conservation Authority
- h) facilitate and support the tiger reserve management in the State for biodiversity conservation initiatives through eco-development and people's participation as per approved management plans and to support similar initiatives in adjoining areas consistent with the Central and State laws
- i) ensure critical support including scientific, information technology and legal support for better implementation of the tiger conservation plan
- j) facilitate ongoing capacity building programme for skill development of officers and staff of tiger reserves, and
- k) perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act with regard to conservation of tigers and their habitat.



Chapter 3

MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

In addition to the regular meetings of the Authority, the National Tiger Conservation Authority has established both a Technical Committee and an Administrative Committee to support its mandate. These committees meet periodically to advance and refine conservation efforts in tiger-bearing landscapes across the country. Their activities include direct field interventions as well as capacity-building and outreach initiatives.

During the 2024-25 period, the following meetings were held:

Meetings of the Authority

The **25th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) on 29th July, 2024** in Delhi, under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, MoEFCC Shri Bhupendra Yadav and Hon'ble Minister of State, MoEFCC Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh. The discussion emphasized on the importance of leveraging indigenous technology to enhance tiger conservation efforts and can be viewed at Annexure II.



The **26th meeting of the NTCA was held on 21st December 2024** at IGNFA, Dehradun, in the presence of Hon'ble Minister, MoEFCC Shri Bhupendra Yadav and Hon'ble Minister of State, MoEFCC Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh. The Discussion emphasized India's unique tiger conservation model, discussions focused on its continued strengthening through the expansion of the tiger reserve network and addressing the genuine needs of tribal communities and forest dwellers. As a significant step under Project Cheetah, a collaborative initiative by NTCA and WII, the Atlas of Kuno-Gandhi Sagar Landscape for Meta population Management of Cheetah in India was released, marking progress toward reviving large areas of open natural ecosystems can be viewed at Annexure III.



Meetings of the Technical Committee

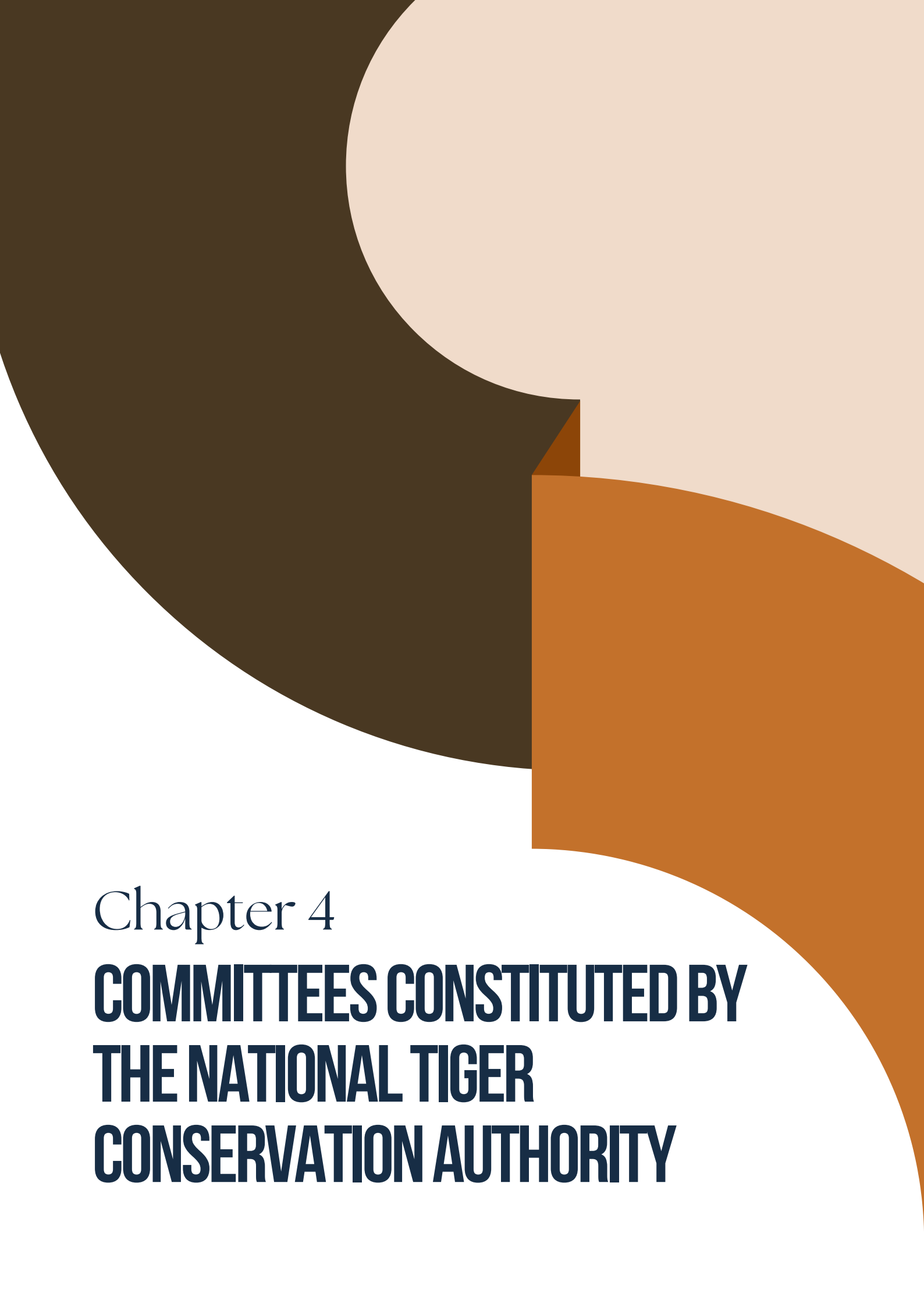
A total of six meetings of the Technical Committee of the NTCA were held during the 2024-25 period. The key decisions taken during each meeting are outlined in Annexures 4 to 9.

S.No.	Date	Reference	Summary Record
1	29.04.2024	7th Technical Committee	Annexure-IV
2	03.07.2024	8th Technical Committee	Annexure-V
3	20.09.2024	9th Technical Committee	Annexure-VI
4	03.10.2024	10th Technical Committee	Annexure-VII
5	14.11.2024	11th Technical Committee	Annexure-VIII
6	24.02.2025	12th Technical Committee	Annexure-IX

Meetings of the Administrative Committee

During the period 2024-25, no meeting of the Administrative Committee of the NTCA was convened.





Chapter 4

COMMITTEES CONSTITUTED BY THE NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

In the financial year 2024–25, the National Tiger Conservation Authority constituted the following teams and committees to carry out its mandate.

1. As per the decision of the 5th Technical Committee of this Authority, a committee has been constituted to assess the feasibility of establishing a Melanistic Tiger Safari in Odisha. (Annexure X)

S.No	Member	Designation
1	Ms. Bhanumathi G. DIG NTCA Hqs	Chairperson
2	Representative of CZA	Member
3	Representative of CWW Odisha	Member

2. A team was constituted in compliance with the decision of the 6th Technical Committee to assess the feasibility of re-initiating tiger reintroduction at Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Odisha. (Annexure XI)

S.No	Member	Designation
1	Dr. Shailesh Prasad, PCCF (Retd.) UP	Chairperson
2	Shri Hemant Singh, AIG, NTCA Hqs	Member
3	Dr. Bivash Pandav, Scientist G, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Member

3. A Rapid Reconnaissance Survey team was constituted following reports of tiger presence and subsequent mortality in Mahisagar district, Gujarat in 2019. NTCA issued multiple advisories, sought factual status, and provided guidance to strengthen monitoring and inter-state coordination. The team, comprising Shri Hemant Singh, Dr. Vishnupriya, and Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, was tasked to assess potential tiger habitats in Gujarat. The survey aimed to evaluate habitat feasibility in relation to historic tiger distribution in the region. (Annexure XII)

S.No	Member	Designation
1	Shri Hemant Singh, AIG, NTCA Hqs	Chairperson
2	Dr. Vishnupriya, Kolipakam, Scientist D, WII	Member
3	Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, Research Scientist, NTCA Tiger Cell, WII	Member

4. A committee was constituted by NTCA to select winners of three MyGov activities conducted in September 2022 under Project Cheetah—Welcome Song for Cheetah, Poster Making Competition, and Cheetah Quiz. (Annexure XIII)

S.No	Member	Designation
1	Ms. Bhanumathi G. DIG NTCA Hqs	Chairperson
2	Director or representative from the National Museum of Natural History	Member
3	Representative from ENVIS centre, MoEFCC	Member

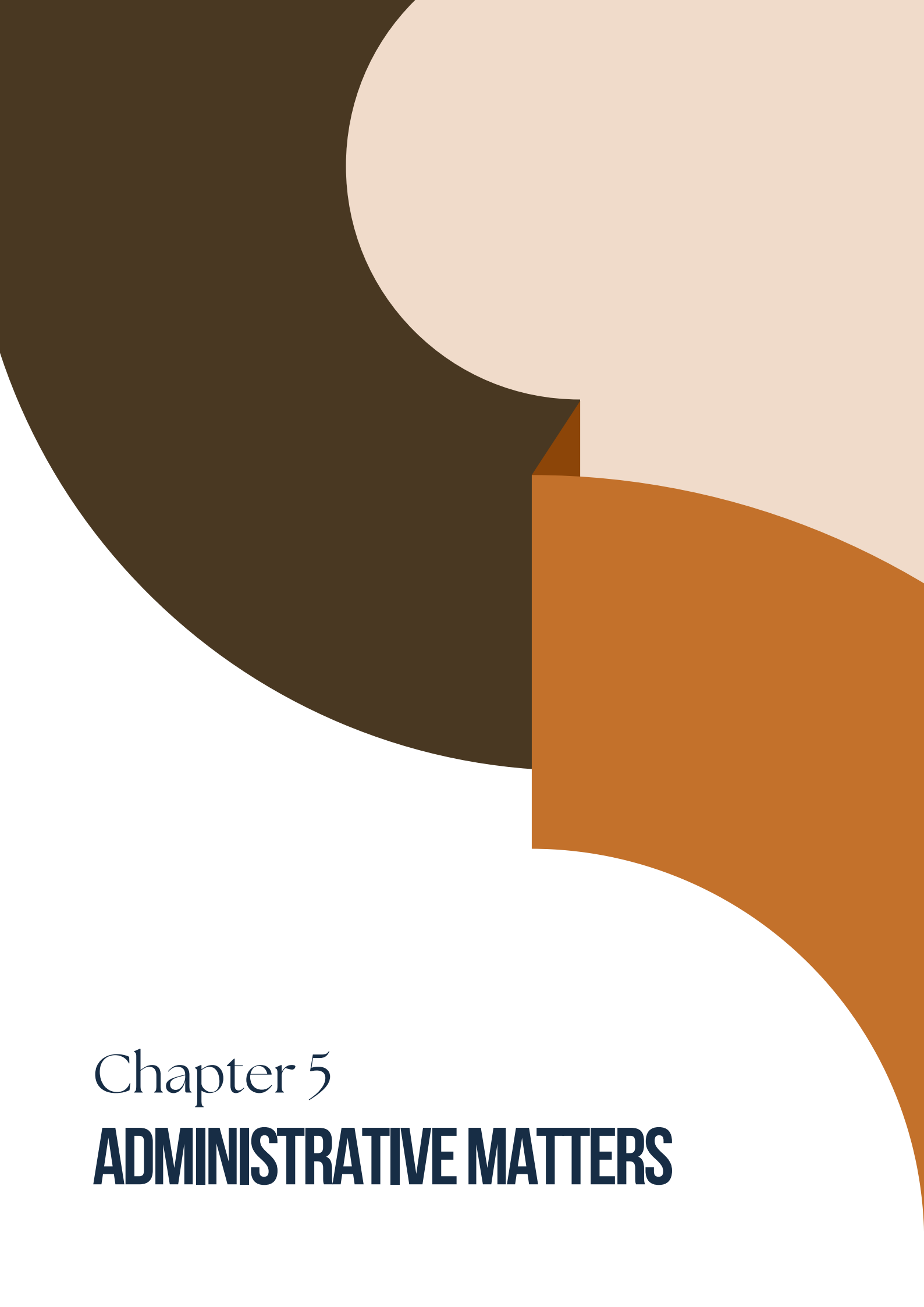
5. An Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) was constituted in accordance with Section 4(2) of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. The ICC is mandated to address and redress complaints of sexual harassment at the workplace. The committee functions to ensure a safe, equitable, and compliant work environment within NTCA. Annexure XIV

S.No	Member	Designation
1	Ms. Bhanumathi. G. DIG NTCA Hqs	Chairperson
2	Md. Sajid Sultan, AIGF, NTCA Hqrs	Member
3	Ms. Suveena Thakur, AIGF, MoEFCC	Member
4	Ms. Inka Goel, Technical Officer, NAEB	Member
5	Ms. Gyanwati, Action India (NGO)	Member



6. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) was constituted to monitor and supervise the investigation of a tiger poaching case in the Central Chanda Forest Division, Maharashtra, and to address illegal trade in tiger body parts. The multi-agency SIT is tasked with probing linkages, supporting enforcement authorities, and recommending measures to strengthen anti-poaching efforts across tiger landscapes. Annexure XV

S.No	Member	Designation
1	Sh.Rudolf Alvares, IPS, Deputy Director, WCCB	Incharge
2	Sh. Hemant Singh AIGF, NTCA	Member
3	Sh. Ritesh Sarothiya, Head Tiger Strike Force, Madhya Pradesh	Member
4	Ms. Swetha Boddu, DCF Central Chanda Forest Division, Maharashtra	Member
5	Sh Anand Reddy Yellu, Deputy Director (Core), Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve	Member



Chapter 5

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS



There are 10 regular / 34 contractual administrative personnel in the establishment of the National Tiger Conservation Authority to assist the Member Secretary in discharging his duties. The position in respect to the office establishment of the National Tiger Conservation Authority and the names of the positions (2024-25), are as follows:

S. No.	Name of the Post	Name of the Incumbent	Pay Level/Salary (Rs.)
Headquarters			
1	Member Secretary	Dr. G.S. Bhardwaj from March 2024	Level-16 (205400-224400)
2	Inspector General	Dr. Sanjayan Kumar from January 2025	Level-14 (182200-224100)
3	Deputy Inspector General	Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur	Level-14 (144200-218200)
4	Deputy Inspector General	Smt. Banumathi G.	Level-13A (123100-215900)
5	Assistant Inspector General	Vacant	
6	Assistant Inspector General	Md. Sajid Sultan	Level-13 (78800-209200)
7	Assistant Inspector General	Shri Hemant Singh	Level-12 (78800-209200)
8	Assistant Inspector General	Dr. Abhishek Kumar	Level-12 (78800-209200)
9	Deputy Director (Finance)	Vacant	
10	PS	Vacant	
11	Section Officer	Vacant	
12	Assistant	Vacant	
13	Staff Car Driver	Vacant	

14	MTS	Vacant	
15	MTS	Shri Suresh Pandit	Level-4 (25500-81100)
Regional Office, Guwahati			
16	Inspector General	Vacant	
17	OSD (NTCA)	Shri W. Longwah	Rs. 1,12,050/- (Fixed)
18	Assistant Inspector General	Vacant	
Regional Office, Bengaluru			
19	Inspector General	Vacant	
20	Assistant Inspector General	Ms. Harini Venugopal	Level-13A (123100-215900)
Regional Office, Nagpur			
21	Inspector General	Vacant	
22	Assistant Inspector General	Shri Nand Kishore Kale	Level-12 (78800-209200)
STAFF ON OUTSOURCED BASIS			
Headquarters			
1	Section Officer	Nipun Vashist	Rs. 49,608/-
2	Finance Officer	Kushal Bhandari	Rs. 61,820/-
3	Data Analyst	Bhogendra Mishra	Rs. 47,000/-
4	Data Entry Operator	Sheetal Bisht	Rs. 45,180/-



5	Data Entry Operator	Khushi Ram	Rs. 25,600/-
6	Data Entry Operator	Dheerendra Kumar Pandey	Rs. 25,200/-
7	Data Entry Operator	Arti	Rs. 25,200/-
8	Data Entry Assistant	Swati	Rs. 23,128/-
9	Data Entry Operator	Ankit Kumar	Rs. 25,200/-
10	Data Entry Assistant	Alisha	Rs. 23,128/-
11	MTS	Abhishek Handa	Rs. 18,066/-
12	Office Assistant	Laxman Singh	Rs. 39,096/-
13	Office Assistant	Mukesh Kumar	Rs. 39,096/-
14	Driver	Md. Akbar	Rs. 27,400/-
15	Driver	Siya Ram	Rs. 27,216/-
16	Messenger	Shiv Singh	Rs. 28,188/-
17	Messenger	Deepak Singh	Rs. 25,920/-
18	Sanitation Worker	Rahul	Rs. 23,760/-
19	Young Professional	Anchal Bhasin	Rs. 40,000/-
20	MTS	Raju	Rs.18,893/-
Regional Office, Guwahati			
21	Senior Project Associate	Agatha C Momin	Rs. 49,560/-
22	Data Entry Operator	Jitumani Mahanta	Rs. 23,544/-
23	Security Guard	Michael Kumar Rabha	Rs. 20,628/-



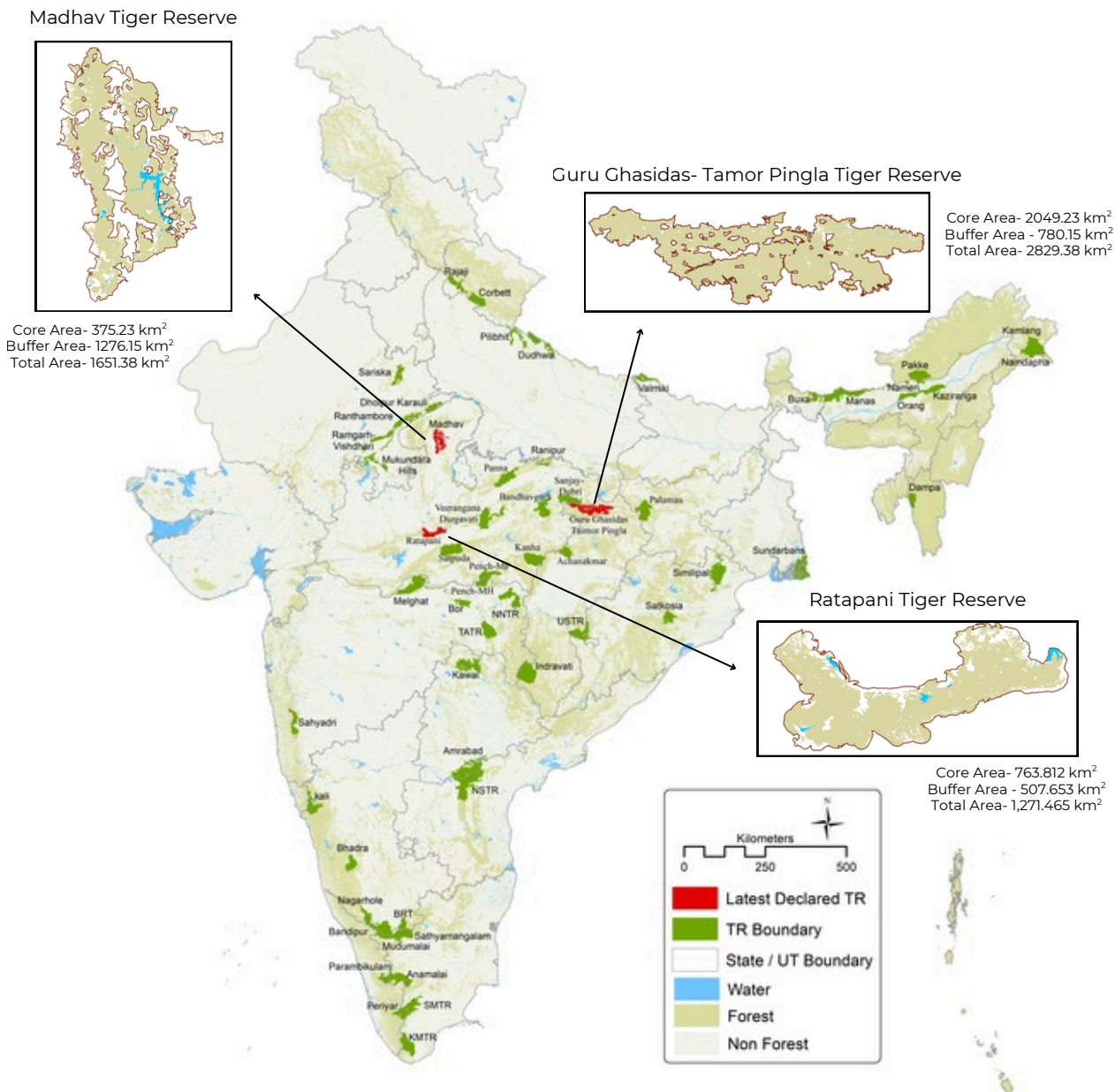
24	MTS	Nayan Jyoti Rahang	Rs. 20,628/-
Regional Office, Nagpur			
25	Principal Project Associate	Anil Kumar Dashahare	Rs. 57,820/-
26	Data Entry Operator	Krunal R. Nandanwar	Rs. 24,192/-
27	Security Guard	Praful B. Bagade	Rs. 21,000/-
28	MTS	Yogesh G. Sakarde	Rs. 20,196/-
29	Security Guard	Rahul N. Khadse	Rs. 22,680/-
Regional Office, Bengaluru			
30	MTS	Kumar M.K.	Rs. 20,196/-
31	Data Entry Operator	M.R. Radha	Rs. 24,192/-
32	Security Guard	Santosh Kumar Bodke	Rs. 22,680/-
33	MTS	Vamshikrishna K	Rs. 20,196/-

Major Initiatives undertaken during 2024-25

Government of India through National Tiger Conservation Authority has undertaken the following milestone initiatives for conservation and protection of tiger and other wild animals.

Administrative steps

- In total, three new tiger reserves have been notified and approved under Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972: **Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve** in Chhattisgarh, **Ratapani Tiger Reserve** in Madhya Pradesh, and **Madhav Tiger Reserve** in Madhya Pradesh. With these additions, the total number of tiger reserves in India has increased to 58. This expansion has further strengthened the country's protected area network, bringing the area under tiger reserves to nearly 2.5% of India's total geographical area.



- India became a member of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in November 2024, reaffirming its commitment to global cooperation and leadership in big cat conservation.



International Cooperation

- A delegation from the Republic of South Africa visited India in April 2024 to further strengthen bilateral cooperation in the field of species conservation, with a special emphasis on Project Cheetah. During the visit, the delegates reviewed the preparedness of Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh, including the status of bomas, control room facilities, and planned veterinary infrastructure. The delegation also undertook a detailed appraisal of ongoing conservation and management activities at Kuno National Park. The visit provided an important platform for technical discussions and experience sharing, and it reinforced the mutual commitment of both countries to knowledge exchange and to ensuring the long-term success and sustainability of cheetah restoration efforts in India.



- **Constructive discussions were held with officials from the Government of Kenya and the Kenyan Wildlife Service (22 May 2024)** at the NTCA to advance and formalize collaboration in the field of wildlife conservation. As part of this engagement, a Kenyan delegation visited Kuno National Park and Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh on 22 May 2024 to gain firsthand insights into the implementation and progress of the ambitious Project Cheetah. The visit enabled detailed exchanges on conservation strategies, habitat management, monitoring frameworks, and best practices, thereby strengthening mutual understanding and laying the groundwork for sustained international cooperation in species conservation.



- A delegation from India, led by Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, met with H.E. Rebecca Miano, Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife, Government of Kenya. The discussions focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation in wildlife conservation and forest management through the exchange of experiences, shared strategies, and best practices. The interaction underscored the mutual commitment of both countries to deepening collaboration in biodiversity conservation and the sustainable management of natural resources.



- Under the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Wildlife Management, productive discussions were held between Indian and Cambodian officials in Phnom Penh from **26 November to 3 December 2024**. The deliberations focused on developing and strengthening recovery strategies for tigers and their habitats, with an emphasis on long-term conservation planning and habitat management.



As part of the same initiative, a delegation from the NTCA visited Cambodia’s Cardamom Rainforest to support capacity-building efforts. The delegation provided essential training across multiple thematic areas, including tiger conservation, habitat protection, monitoring techniques, and institutional strengthening. These engagements reinforced bilateral cooperation and reflected the shared commitment of both countries to advancing biodiversity conservation and sustainable wildlife management through knowledge exchange and technical collaboration.



Significant Events

- A meeting was organized, in **March 2025**, for **Chief Wildlife Wardens of States and Field Directors from tiger reserves** across the country to deliberate and brainstorm on key thematic areas of conservation. The sessions fostered a collaborative and participatory environment, enabling the sharing of insights, experiences, and strategies to address emerging challenges in tiger conservation and habitat management.

The next phase of the All India Tiger Estimation – Deliberations focused on preparations and strategic planning for embarking on the forthcoming cycle of the nationwide tiger estimation exercise, with emphasis on scientific rigor, coordination, and timely implementation.



Evolving dimensions of tiger conservation

– Shri Ramesh Pandey, Inspector General of Forests (IGF), highlighted the changing landscape of tiger conservation. He emphasized that the success of conservation efforts is driven by the tireless dedication and sustained efforts of field teams across the country.

Strengthening collaboration for sustained success

– The Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, Shri Sushil Awasthi, lauded the spirit of collaboration that has been central to India's achievements in tiger conservation. He called for enhanced inter-agency and stakeholder cooperation to ensure continued success on the ground and expressed appreciation for the commitment demonstrated by all involved.





India's tiger recovery as a global success story – Dr. G. S. Bhardwaj, Member Secretary of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), spoke about the remarkable recovery of tigers in India, describing it as a global conservation success. He stressed the need to address critical issues such as human–wildlife conflict and wildlife trafficking, and expressed hope that the deliberations would help chart a strong and forward-looking path for conservation.

Release of a key publication – The booklet “Counting Tigers,” detailing the methodology for the upcoming sixth cycle of the All India Tiger Estimation, was formally released by the Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, Shri Sushil Awasthi. The publication is intended to serve as a guiding document for field implementation and methodological consistency.

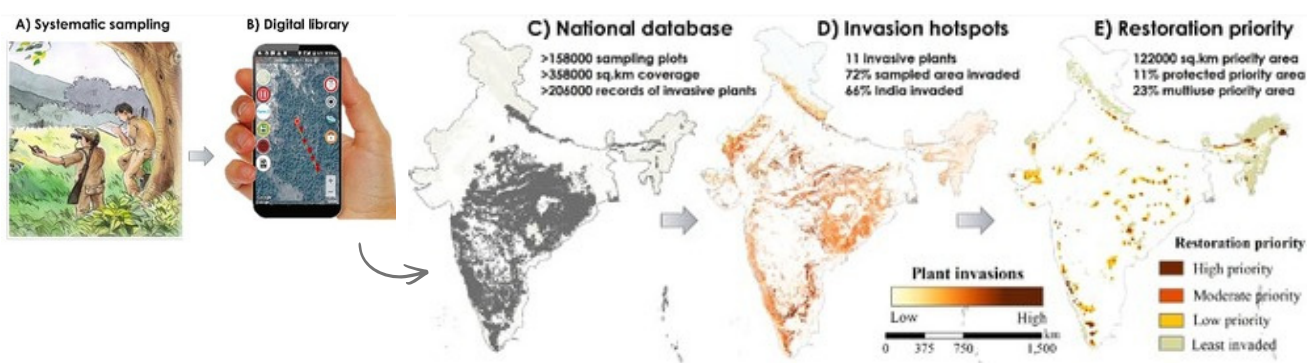


- On the occasion of **Global Tiger Day**, the **Hon'ble minister and Chairman, Shri Bhupender Yadav**, **presented NTCA awards**, on **29 July 2024**, to forest officials who dedicate their lives to protecting wildlife and preserving ecosystems, often at great personal risk. The awards were conferred during a two-day conference held in Delhi, in recognition of the exemplary dedication, courage, and selfless service of forest officials in advancing wildlife conservation and safeguarding the nation's natural heritage.



Under the aegis of tiger conservation, India undertakes systematic monitoring and management of a wide range of ecosystems, recognizing the tiger's role as a keystone and umbrella species for biodiversity conservation. On the occasion of Global Tiger Day, a **dedicated web portal on the distribution and spread of invasive plant species was launched by the Hon'ble Minister.**

The portal has been developed as a **scientific decision-support platform to facilitate the documentation and monitoring of invasive plant species across tiger reserves and forest landscapes.** By providing reliable spatial and field-based information, it will enable forest managers and policymakers to identify priority areas for management interventions, optimize allocation of conservation resources, and strengthen habitat restoration efforts. This initiative reflects India's commitment to evidence-based conservation and highlights the broader ecological benefits of tiger-centric protection strategies in sustaining resilient and healthy ecosystems.

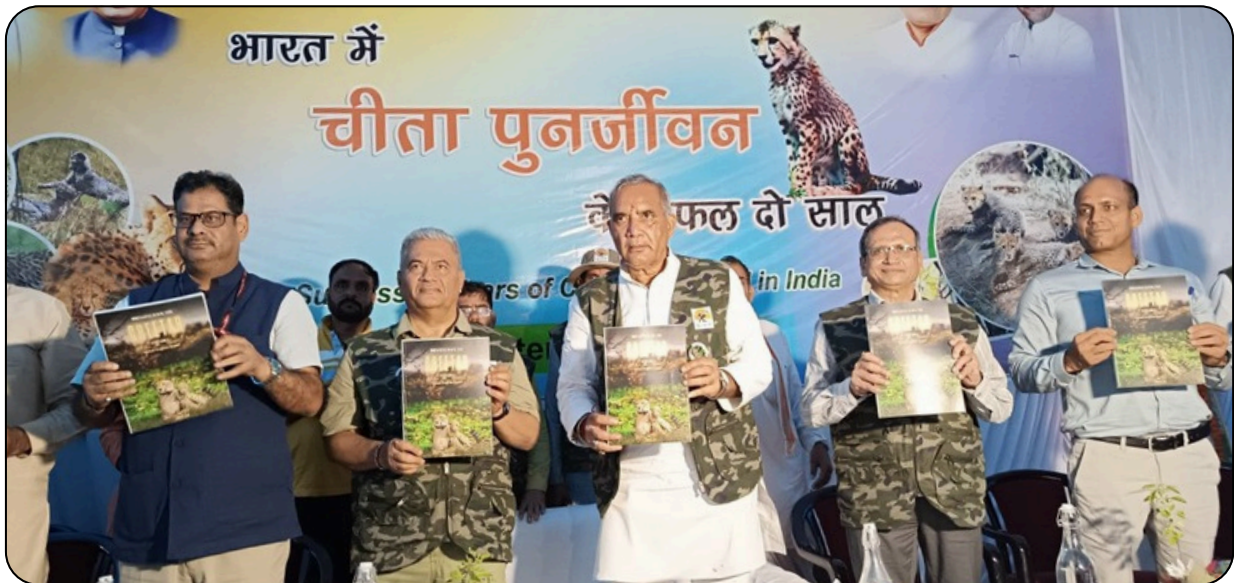


- The **Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar, inaugurated the tribal art exhibition titled "Silent Conversation: From Margins to the Centre"** in New Delhi on 17 October 2024. The exhibition beautifully showcased the rich cultural heritage of India's tribal communities, highlighting themes of environmental conservation, sustainability, and harmonious coexistence with nature. It offered a powerful reflection of the deep and enduring relationship between tribal traditions and the natural world. During the inauguration, the Minister commended the exceptional craftsmanship and creativity of the tribal artisans, acknowledging their vital role in preserving cultural heritage and promoting values of ecological balance and sustainable living through art.





- On the occasion of the second anniversary of the reintroduction of the cheetah in India on 17 September 2024, the **Annual Report of Project Cheetah was released by the Hon'ble Forest Minister of Madhya Pradesh**. The release took place in the presence of the Member Secretary, NTCA and Dr. S. P. Yadav. The report highlights the significant progress achieved under Project Cheetah, documenting key milestones, management interventions, and conservation outcomes. Its release marked an important step in India's ongoing efforts to restore the cheetah population and strengthen long-term species conservation in the country.



Key Publications in 2024-2025

The document outlines the scientific framework and methodology of the 6th Cycle of the All-India Tiger Estimation, detailing India's standardized, four-phase double-sampling approach to assess tiger populations and their habitats nationwide. It explains how field surveys, remote sensing, and camera-trap based spatial capture-recapture models are integrated to estimate tiger abundance, density, and trends for informed conservation and management decisions.



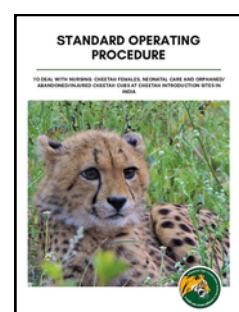
The report outlines India's ongoing Project Cheetah progress, documenting the translocation, monitoring and management of cheetahs reintroduced into Kuno National Park as part of efforts to restore the species after decades of local extinction. It highlights key milestones in population establishment, ecological monitoring, and collaborative conservation actions undertaken during 2023-24 to support a self-sustaining cheetah population in India.

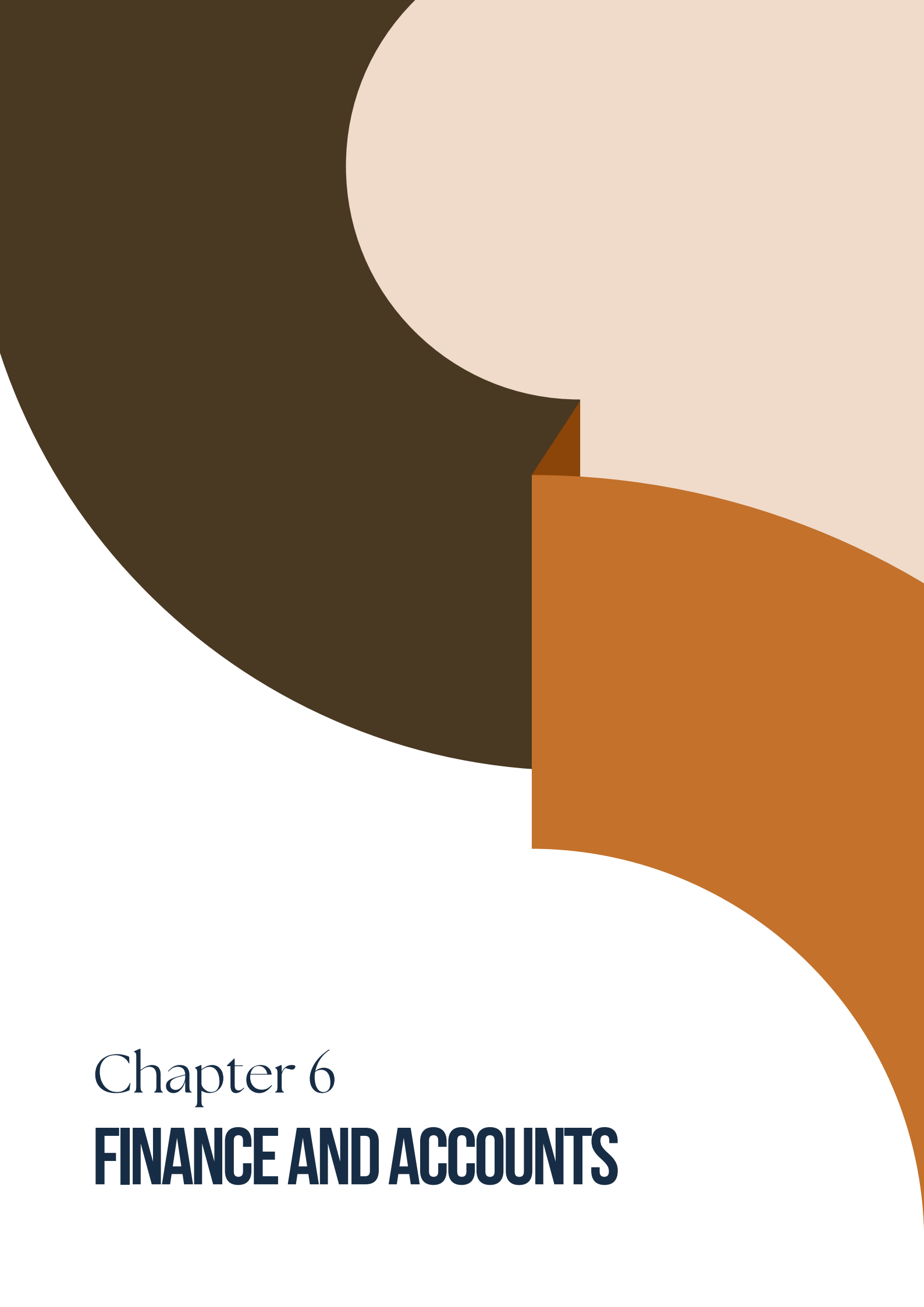
The plan outlines a strategic framework to reintroduce and establish a viable cheetah population in the Gandhisagar Wildlife Sanctuary–Kuno landscape ($\approx 9000 \text{ km}^2$), with the long-term goal of creating a self-sustaining metapopulation of about 60–70 cheetahs. It details site preparation, ecological monitoring, translocation logistics, and habitat management to support cheetah adaptation and long-term conservation in this landscape.



This atlas maps and analyzes the Kuno–Gandhi Sagar landscape in central India as a key area for establishing and managing a viable cheetah metapopulation, covering approximately $17,000 \text{ km}^2$ across parts of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan with habitat, prey, and human-use information.

The SOP provides detailed field-level protocols for monitoring and managing pregnant and nursing cheetah females as well as neonatal care, and the handling of orphaned, abandoned, or injured cheetah cubs at introduction sites in India. It outlines veterinary care, husbandry practices, and rehabilitation steps to support individual animal welfare while minimizing human imprinting, with the goal of ensuring successful integration into free-ranging populations.





Chapter 6

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS



NTCA receives funding support from the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, in the form of grants-in-aid. The details of receipts and payments made by NTCA during the financial year 2024-25 are given below:

S.No.	Receipts	Amount (in Rs)	Payment	Amount (in Rs)
1	Imprest	175,000.00	Expenses	45,391,857.14
2	Bank Balance:	166,030,139.39	Funds for projects	380,902,214.00
	(i) Deposit Account			
	(ii) Saving Account			
3	Funds Received from GoI		Exp. on Training:	
	(i) Grants-in-aid to NTCA	259,910,817.00	Workshops and Conferences	2,416,512.00
	(ii) CAMPA	296,350,000.00		
	(iii) Swachh Bharat	28,900,000.00		
4	Security Deposit	-	Expenditure on:	2,982,021.00
			Assets (fixed/software)	
5	CSR fund Received	105,103,404.00	CSR fund release	147,905,634.02
6	Interest Received	4,243,584.00	Finance Charges:	
			Interest deposited	4,370,548.00
7	Recovery of Advance	1,041,588.00	Advance recoverable	543,800.00
8	Misc. Receipts	10,200.00	Other Payments:	
			Remittance (Misc. Receipts)	
9	-	-	Imprest	175,000.00
	-	-	Bank Balance:	
			(i) Deposit Account	
			(ii) Saving Account	277,077,146.23
	Total	861,764,732.39		861,764,732.39

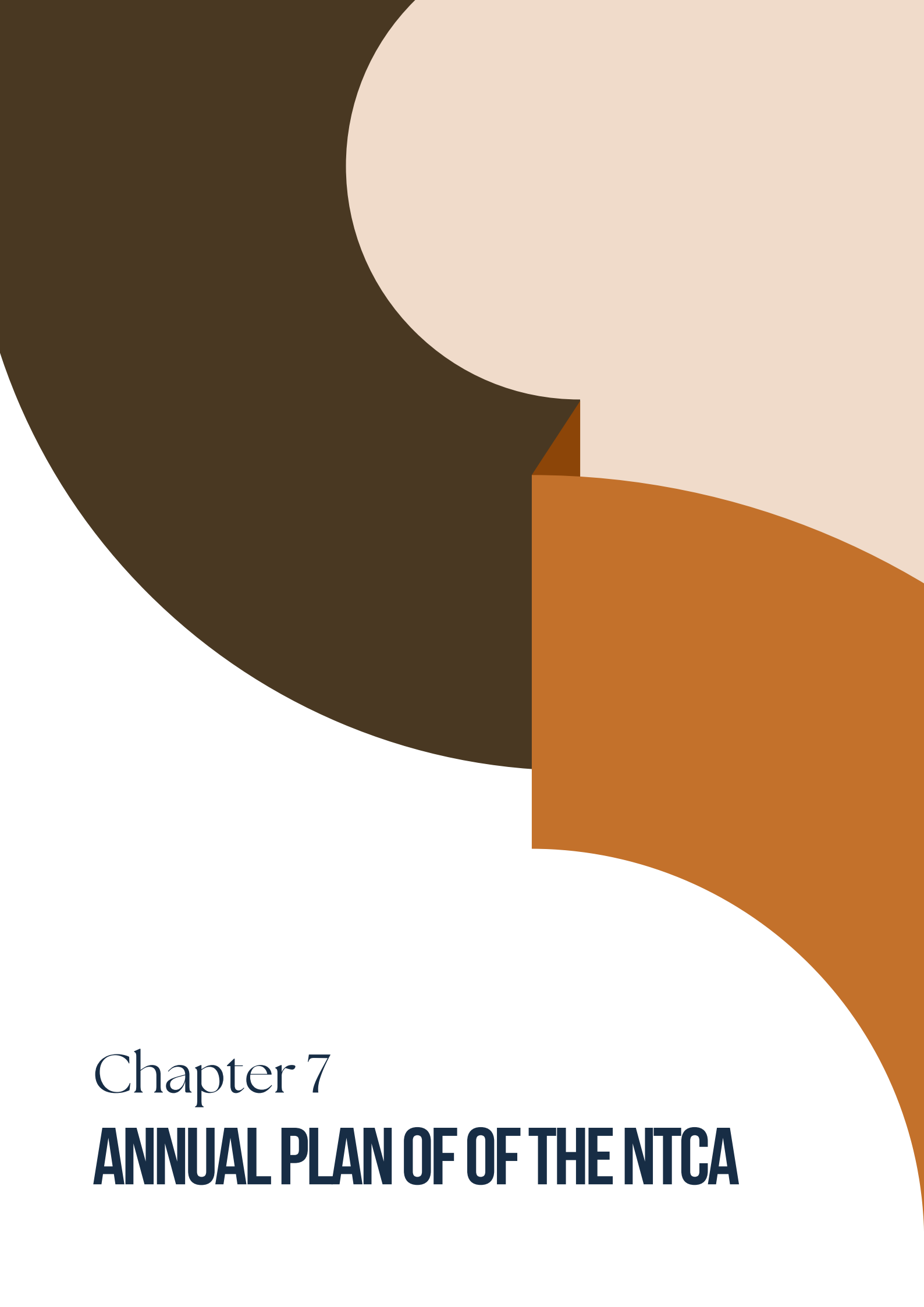
Budget allocation during the last three years: The budget allocation of the NTCA and PTE for the period 2022 to 2025 is given below.

Rs. in Lakh

Head	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
NTCA	1016.67	1156	2963.5
CSS (PT&E)	15800	24000	29000
Total	16816.67	25156	31963.5

CSS – Project Tiger: Sanction Details for 2024-25: The details of sanctions tiger reserve wise, state wise and detailed head of Project Tiger Scheme, NTCA and other funds can be found on (Annexure VI). The details of accounts and the audit report for the FY 2024-25 for the NTCA can be seen at (Annexure VII).





Chapter 7

ANNUAL PLAN OF OF THE NTCA

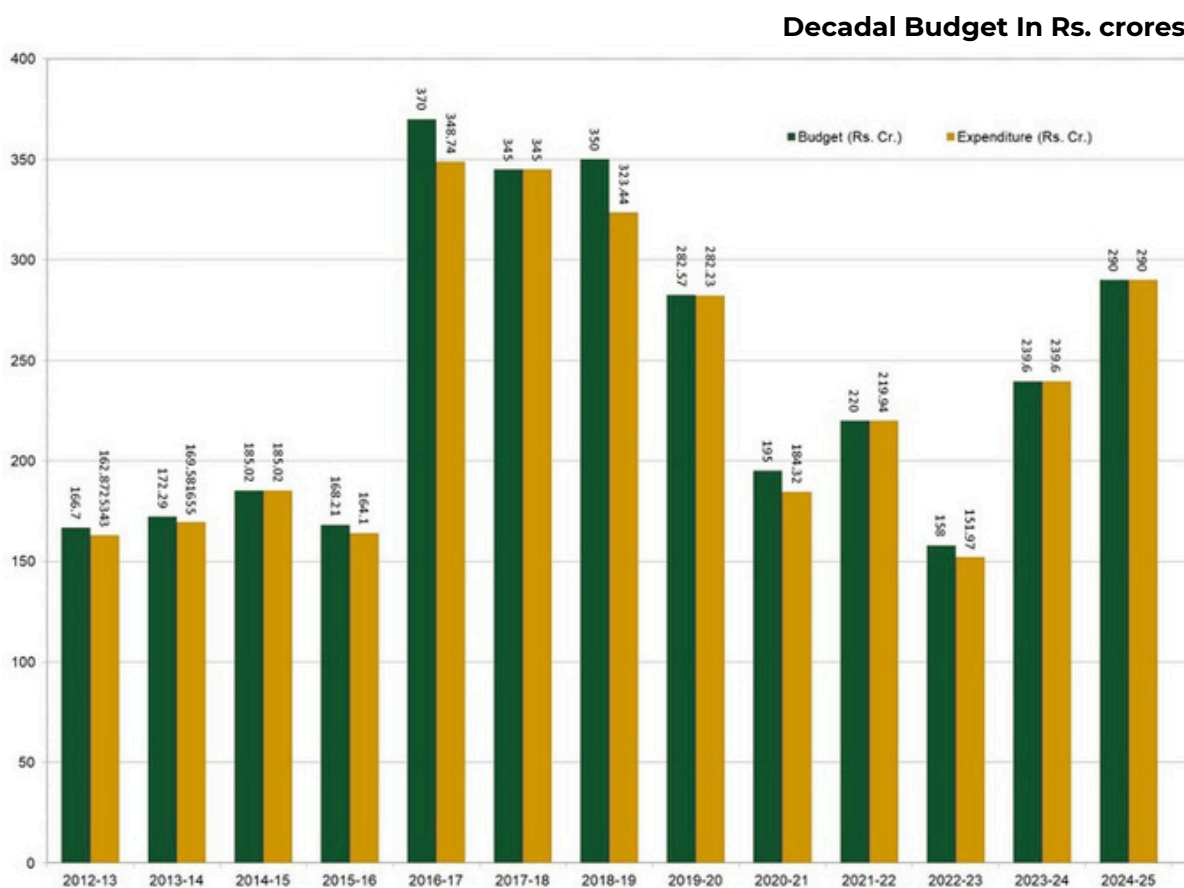


The National Tiger Conservation Authority steers the Project Tiger Scheme which is currently being implemented as a component of the umbrella Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats. Under Project Tiger, the NTCA ensures that activities as outlined in the National Tiger Conservation Authority (Normative Standards for Tourism and Project Tiger) Guidelines, 2012, which emanates from Section 38 O(1)(c) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, are implemented in right earnest. The said Guidelines prescribe the following **17 overarching activities for implementation in tiger reserves with a provision for tiger inhabited forests** to-

- (i) antipoaching initiatives;
- (ii) strengthening infrastructure within tiger reserves;
- (iii) habitat improvement and water development;
- (iv) addressing man-animal conflicts;
- (v) co-existence agenda in buffer and fringe areas with landscape approach;
- (vi) deciding inviolate spaces and relocation of villages from critical tiger habitats within a time frame by providing a better relocation package, apart from supporting States for settlement of rights of such people;
- (vii) rehabilitation of traditional hunting tribes living in and around tiger reserves;
- (viii) providing support to States for research and field equipment;
- (ix) supporting States for staff development and capacity building in tiger reserves;
- (x) mainstreaming wildlife concerns in tiger bearing forests outside tiger reserves, and fostering corridor conservation in such areas through restorative strategy involving local people to arrest fragmentation of habitats;
- (xi) providing safeguards and retrofitting measures in and around tiger reserves and tiger bearing forests for wildlife conservation;
- (xii) strengthening the infrastructure of National Tiger Conservation Authority at the Centre;
- (xiii) carrying out independent monitoring and the evaluation of tiger reserves;
- (xiv) establishment and development of eight new tiger reserves;
- (xv) provision of project allowance to all categories of staff working in tiger reserves;
- (xvi) providing residential amenities to facilitate basic education to children of frontline field staff posted in tiger reserves;
- (xvii) providing assistance to States for fostering ecotourism to benefit local people.



Incorporating the above measures, States prepare a Tiger Conservation Plan, which is a statutory requirement under Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Based on the approved Tiger Conservation Plan, an Annual Plan of Operations is formulated, which serves as the basis for the release of financial assistance under Project Tiger. Over the years, the Project Tiger Scheme has received the following budgetary support:

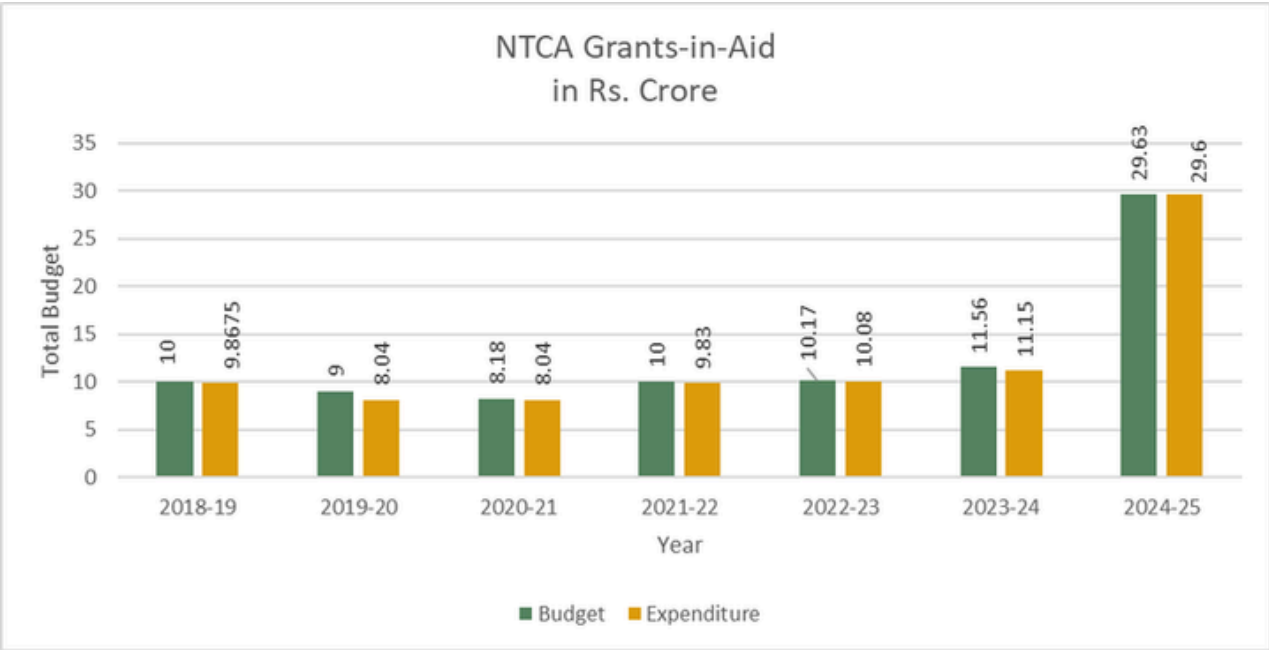


Funds received under the Grants-in-aid to the NTCA are utilized for achieving the following statutory mandate of the Authority:

- i. measures for addressing conflicts of men and wild animal
- ii. estimation of population of tiger and its natural prey species, status of habitats, disease surveillance, mortality survey, patrolling, reports on untoward happenings and such other management aspects as it may deem fit
- iii. approve, co-ordinate research and monitoring on tiger, co-predators, prey habitat, related ecological and socio-economic parameters and their evaluation
- iv. initiatives through eco-development and people's participation as per approved management plans along with outreach and extension activities.
- v. ensure critical support including scientific, information technology and legal support for better implementation of tiger conservation initiatives
- vi. facilitate ongoing capacity building programme for skill development of officers and staff of tiger reserves



Over the last few years, following is the picture of the budget allocated under the NTCA Grants-in-aid –





Chapter 8

STATUTORY COMPLIANCES



Tiger Conservation Plans

Under section 38 O (I) (a) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, the NTCA is authorized to accord approval to Tiger Conservation Plans prepared by the States. The details of Tiger Conservation Plans (TCPs) are as below:

Abstract	
Approved and Valid TCPs	25
Approved but expired	11
Under Review at NTCA	8
Sent to state for Rectification	9
Not submitted	7
Total Number of Tiger Reserve (including Amagarh Buffer of Corbett TR)	59

Steering Committee

Under section 38U of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, States are required to constitute a State level Steering Committee headed by the Chief Minister. All the tiger range states have constituted the steering committee. The correspondences from this Authority to the states for ensuring its meetings are done on a regular basis.

Tiger Conservation Foundation

As per Section 38 X of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the State Governments are required to establish a Tiger Conservation Foundation for each tiger reserve in order to facilitate and support their management for conservation of tiger and biodiversity and to take initiatives in eco-development by involvement of people in such development process. The TCF of following tiger reserves is yet to be constituted.

1. Rajaji Tiger Reserve (Uttarakhand)
2. Kamlang TR (Arunachal Pradesh)
3. SrivilliputhurMegamalai Tiger Reserve (Tamil Nadu)
4. Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve (Madhya Pradesh)
5. DholpurKarauli Tiger Reserve (Rajasthan)
6. Ranipur Tiger Reserve (Uttar Pradesh)
7. Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve (Rajasthan)

Notification of Core & Buffer

Under section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the National Tiger Conservation Authority is vested with the mandate to recommend the notification of an area as a tiger reserve, which is composed of a core/critical tiger habitat and a buffer. The status of core and buffer notification by States is as under:

S.No.	Tiger Reserve (TR)	PA Notification Year	State	Core Area (sq km)	Buffer Area (sq km)	Total Area (sq km)
1	Bandipur	1973-74	Karnataka	872.24	584.06	1456.3
2	Corbett	1973-74	Uttarakhand	821.99	466.32	1288.31
	Amanagarh buffer	–	Uttar Pradesh	–	80.6	80.6
3	Kanha	1973-74	Madhya Pradesh	917.43	1,134.36	2,051.79
4	Manas	1973-74	Assam	526.22	2,310.88	2,837.10
5	Melghat	1973-74	Maharashtra	1,500.49	1,268.03	2,768.52
6	Palamau	1973-74	Jharkhand	414.08	715.85	1,129.93
7	Ranthambore	1973-74	Rajasthan	1,113.36	297.92	1,411.29
8	Simlipal	1973-74	Odisha	1,194.75	1,555.25	2,750.00
9	Sunderban	1973-74	West Bengal	1,699.62	885.27	2,584.89
10	Periyar	1978-79	Kerala	881	44	925
11	Sariska	1978-79	Rajasthan	881.11	332.23	1,213.34
12	Buxa	1982-83	West Bengal	390.58	367.32	757.9
13	Indravati	1982-83	Chattisgarh	1,258.37	1,540.70	2,799.07
14	Namdapha	1982-83	Arunachal Pradesh	1,807.82	245	2,052.82
15	Nagarjunsagar Sagar	1982-83	Andhra Pradesh	2,595.72	700.59	3,296.31

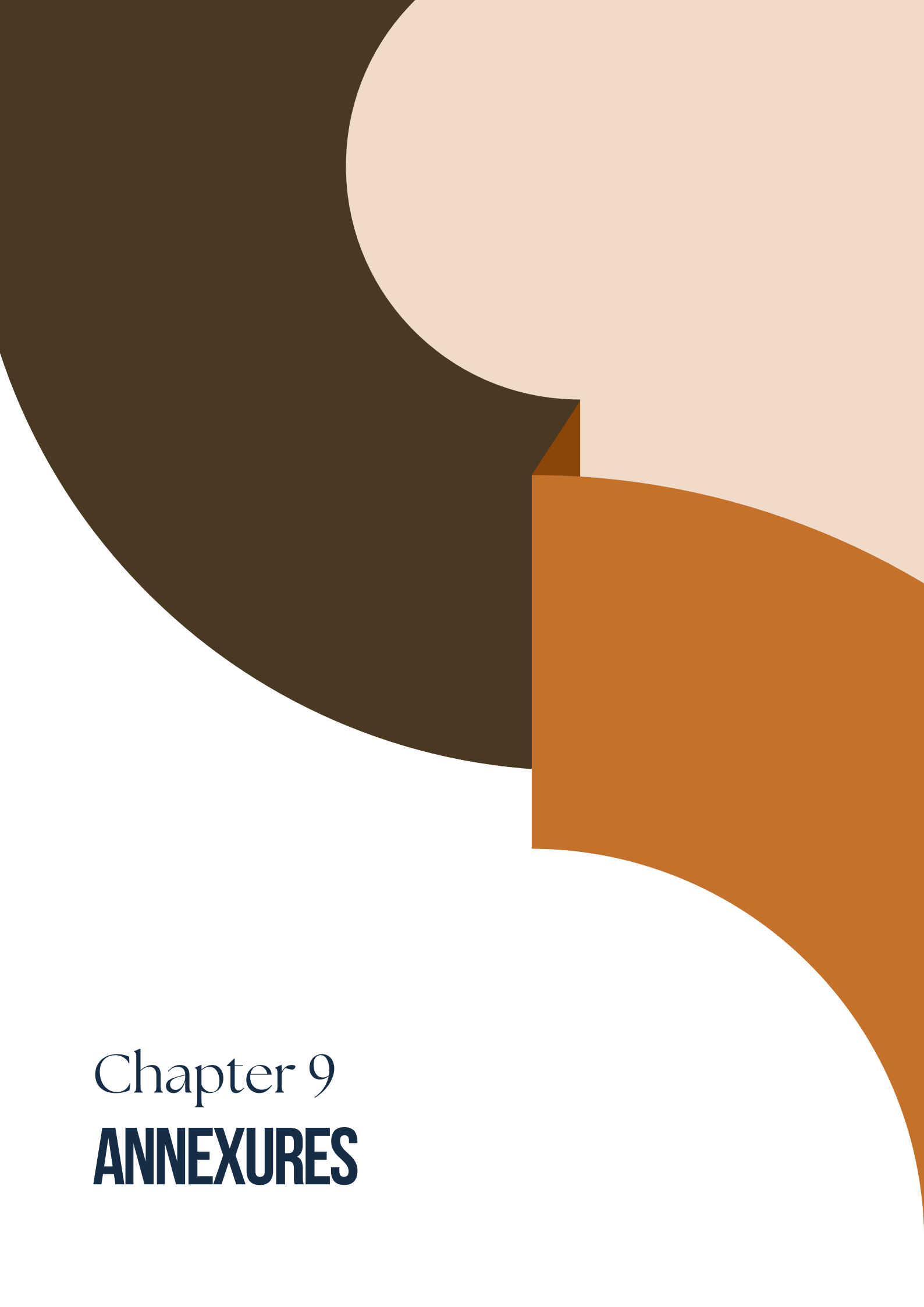


S.No.	Tiger Reserve (TR)	PA Notification Year	State	Core Area (sq km)	Buffer Area (sq km)	Total Area (sq km)
16	Dudhwa	1987-88	Uttar Pradesh	1,093.79	1,107.98	2,201.77
17	Kalakad Mundanthurai	1988-89	Tamil Nadu	895	706.54	1,601.54
18	Valmiki	1989-90	Bihar	598.45	300.93	899.38
19	Pench	1992-93	Madhy Pradesh	411.33	768.3	1,179.63
20	Tadobha Andhari	1993-94	Maharashtra	625.82	1,101.77	1,727.59
21	Bandhavgarh	1993-94	Madhy Pradesh	716.9	820.03	1,536.93
22	Panna	1993-94	Madhy Pradesh	576.13	1,021.97	1,598.10
23	Dampa	1994-95	Mizoram	500	488	988
24	Bhadra	1998-99	Karnataka	492.46	571.83	1,064.29
25	Pench – MH	1998-99	Maharashtra	257.26	483.96	741.22
26	Pakke	1999-20	Arunachal Pradesh	683.45	515	1,198.45
27	Nameri	1999-20	Assam	320	144	464
28	Satpura	1999-20	Madhya Pradesh	1,339.26	794.04	2,133.31
29	Anamalai	–	Tamil Nadu	958.59	521.28	1,479.87
30	Udanti Sitanadi	–	Chattisgarh	851.09	991.45	1,842.54
31	Satkoshia	–	Odisha	523.61	440.26	963.87
32	Kaziranga	1974	Assam	625.58	548	1,173.58

S.No.	Tiger Reserve (TR)	PA Notification Year	State	Core Area (sq km)	Buffer Area (sq km)	Total Area (sq km)
33	Achanakmar	–	Chattisgarh	626.19	287.82	914.02
34	Kali	–	Karnataka	814.88	282.63	1,097.51
35	Sanjay Dhubri	–	Madhya Pradesh	812.57	861.93	1,674.50
36	Mudumalai	–	Tamil Nadu	321	367.59	688.59
37	Nagarhole	–	Karnataka	643.35	562.41	1,205.76
38	Parambikulam	–	Kerala	390.89	252.77	643.66
39	Sahyadri	–	Maharashtra	600.12	565.45	1,165.57
40	Biligiri Ranganatha Temple	–	Karnataka	359.1	215.72	574.82
41	Kawal	–	Telangana	892.23	1,123.21	2,015.44
42	Sathyamangalam	–	Tamil Nadu	793.49	614.91	1,408.40
43	Mukundara	–	Rajasthan	417.17	342.82	759.99
44	Nawegaon Nagzira	–	Maharashtra	653.67	1,241.27	1,894.94
45	Amrabad	–	Telangana	2,166.37	445.02	2,611.39
46	Pilibhit	–	Uttar Pradesh	602.79	127.45	730.25
47	Bor	2012	Maharashtra	138.12	678.15	816.27
48	Rajaji	–	Uttarakhand	819.54	255.63	1075.17
49	Orang	–	Assam	79.28	413.18	492.46



S.No.	Tiger Reserve (TR)	PA Notification Year	State	Core Area (sq km)	Buffer Area (sq km)	Total Area (sq km)
50	Kamlang	–	Arunachal Pradesh	671	112	783
51	Srivilliputhur Megamalai	–	Tamil Nadu	641.86	374.7	1016.57
52	Ramgarh Vishdhari	–	Rajasthan	481.9073	1019.9848	1501.8921
53	Ranipur	–	Uttar Pradesh	230.31	299.0512	529.3612
54	Veerangana Durgavati	–	Madhya Pradesh	1414.006	925.12	2339.12
55	Dholpur – Karauli	–	Rajasthan	599.6406	458.24	599.6406
56	Guru Ghasidas – Tamor Pingla	–	Chhattisgarh	2049.232	780.155	2829.387
57	Ratapani	–	Madhya Pradesh	763.812	507.653	1271.465
58	Madhav	–	Madhya Pradesh	375.233	1276.154	1651.387
			TOTAL	46,701.29 sq km	38,244.78 sq km	84,946.07 sq km



Chapter 9

ANNEXURES

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अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, 18 सितम्बर, 2023

का.आ. 4100(अ).—केन्द्रीय सरकार, वन्यजीव संरक्षण अधिनियम, 1972 (1972 का 53) की धारा 38ड की उपधारा (1) एवं (2) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए राष्ट्रीय व्याघ्र संरक्षण प्राधिकरण के निम्नलिखित सदस्यों को इस अधिसूचना के राजपत्र में प्रकाशन की तारीख से 3 वर्ष की अवधि के लिए नियुक्त करती है और उस प्रयोजन के लिए भारत सरकार के पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय की अधिसूचना सं. का.आ 1403 (अ) तारीख 4 सितंबर, 2006 में निम्नलिखित और संशोधन करती है, अर्थात्:—

उक्त अधिसूचना में,—

(i) विद्यमान क्रम सं. 6 से 13 तथा उससे संबंधित प्रविष्टियों के स्थान पर क्रमशः निम्नलिखित क्रम सं. और प्रविष्टियां रखी जायेंगी, अर्थात्:—

6	श्री एस.एस. श्रीवास्तव, सेवानिवृत्त प्रमुख वन संरक्षक एवं प्रमुख वन बल, ओडिशा	सदस्य
7	श्री राहुल भटनागर, सेवानिवृत्त क्षेत्र निदेशक, रणबन्धोर व्याघ्र आरक्ष, उदयपुर, राजस्थान	सदस्य
8	श्री रवि मिश्र, सेक्रेटरी जनरल, विश्व प्रकृति निधि - भारत, लोधी इस्टेट, नई दिल्ली	सदस्य
9	डॉ. रूप नारायण माण्डविके, एम.बी.बी.एस., डी.सी.पी., सलाहकार रोगविज्ञानी, जबलपुर, मध्य प्रदेश	सदस्य
10	डॉ. प्रदीप क. मलिक, सेवानिवृत्त जरिष्ठ प्रोफेसर - भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान, देहरादून उत्तराखण्ड	सदस्य

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11	डी डब्ल्यू. लीवबाह, मेबानिबुल वन महानिरीक्षक, राष्ट्रीय व्याघ्र संरक्षण प्राधिकरण, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, नुवाहटी, बर्गिटा बैरीली, नुवाहटी, असम	सदस्य
12	डॉ. एच.एम. नेगी, मेबानिबुल, अतिरिक्त प्रमुख मुख्य वन संरक्षक (बन्धुव्यापी) मध्य प्रदेश	सदस्य
13	डॉ. मधु वर्मा, मेबानिबुल मेकाव सदस्य, भारतीय वन प्रबंधन संस्थान, भोपाल	सदस्य

(ii) क्र.सं. 22 से 27 तथा उससे संबंधित प्रविष्टियों के स्थान पर क्रमशः निम्नलिखित क्रम सं. और प्रविष्टियां रखी जाएंगी, अर्थात्:—

22	मुख्य बन्धुवी प्रतियालक, राजस्थान	सदस्य
23	मुख्य बन्धुवी प्रतियालक, ओडिशा	सदस्य
24	मुख्य बन्धुवी प्रतियालक, तमिल नाडु	सदस्य
25	मुख्य बन्धुवी प्रतियालक, उत्तराखण्ड	सदस्य
26	मुख्य बन्धुवी प्रतियालक, मिजोरम	सदस्य
27	मुख्य बन्धुवी प्रतियालक, छत्तीसगढ़	सदस्य

[क्र. सं. 15-30/2011-रा.व्या.सं.प्रा.]

डॉ. एस.पी.सादव, अतिरिक्त वन महानिदेशक (व्याघ्र परियोजना)

टिप्पणी: राष्ट्रीय व्याघ्र संरक्षण प्राधिकरण गठित करने वाली मूल अधिमूचना भारत के राजपत्र, असाधारण, भाग II खण्ड 3, उप खण्ड (ii) में क्रमांक का.अ. 1403 (अ), तारीख 4 सितम्बर, 2006 और अंतिम बार संशोधित, अधिमूचना संख्या का.सं. 5254 (अ), दिनांक 4 नवम्बर, 2022

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 18th September, 2023

S.O. 4100(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 38L of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972), the Central Government hereby appoints the following members to the National Tiger Conservation Authority for a period of three years, from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette and for that purpose makes the following further amendments in the notification of the Government of India in the erstwhile Ministry of Environment, Forest number S.O. 1403(E), dated the 4th September, 2006, namely:—

In the said notification, —

(i) for serial numbers 6 to 13 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial numbers and entries shall respectively be substituted, namely:—

6.	Shri S.S. Srivastava, Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Odisha	- Member
7.	Shri Rahul Bhatnagar, Former Field Director Ranthambore Tiger reserve, Udaipur, Rajasthan	- Member
8.	Shri Ravi Singh, Secretary General, World Wide Fund for Nature - India, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi	- Member
9.	Dr. Roop Narayan Mandwe, M.B.B.S., D.C.P. Consultant Pathologist, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh	- Member
10.	Dr. Pradeep K. Malik, Former Senior Professor - Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, Uttarakhand	- Member
11.	Shri W. Longvah, Former Inspector General of Forests, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Regional Office, Guwahati, Bishishta Chariali, Guwahati, Assam	- Member
12.	Dr. H.S. Negi, Former Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Madhya Pradesh	- Member
13.	Dr. Madhu Verma, Former Faculty Member, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal	- Member

(ii) for serial numbers 22 to 27 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial numbers and entries shall be substituted, namely:—

22.	Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan	- Member
23.	Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha	- Member
24.	Chief Wildlife Warden, Tamil Nadu	- Member
25.	Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand	- Member
26.	Chief Wildlife Warden, Mizoram	- Member
27.	Chief Wildlife Warden, Chhattisgarh	- Member

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Dr. S.P. YADAV, Addl. Director General of Forests (Project Tiger & Elephant)

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नई दिल्ली, 20 सितम्बर, 2024

का.आ. 4233(अ).—केंद्रीय सरकार, वन्य जीव (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1972 (1972 का 53) की धारा 38 की उप-धारा (1) और (2) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, एतद्वारा भारत सरकार के तत्कालीन पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय, आधिकारिक राजपत्र संख्या एस.जी. 1403 (अ), दिनांक 4 सितंबर, 2006, अधिसूचना में निम्नलिखित संशोधन और करती है अर्थात् :—

उक्त अधिसूचना में क्रमांक 3 और 4 और उससे संबंधित प्रविष्टियों के स्थान पर क्रमशः निम्नलिखित संशोधित संख्याएँ और प्रविष्टियाँ रखी जाएँ, अर्थात् :—

3 श्री हरीश चंद्र मीना,
संसद सदस्य (लोक सभा)

सदस्य

यह दिनांक 18.09.2026 तक या उनके लोक सभा के सदस्य रहने तक, इसमें जो भी पूर्वतर हो, पद धारण करेंगे।

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[पा. सं. 15-G/2022-रा.व्या.स.प्रा.]

डॉ. जी.एस. भारद्वाज, अतिरिक्त वन महानिदेशक (व्याघ्र परियोजना)

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 20th September, 2024

S.O. 4233(E)—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 38L of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972), the Central Government hereby makes the following further amendments in the notification of the Government of India in the *erstwhile* Ministry of Environment and Forests, published in the Official Gazette *vide* number S.O. 1403(E), dated the 4th September, 2006, namely :—

In the said notification, for serial numbers 3 and 4, and the entries relating thereto, the following serial numbers and entries shall respectively be substituted, namely :—

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| 3. | Shri Harish Chandra Meena. | - | Member |
| | Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) | | (He shall hold office till 18.09.2026 or till he ceases to be a Member of Lok Sabha, whichever is earlier). |
| 4. | Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy. | - | Member |
| | Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) | | (He shall hold office till 18.09.2026 or till he ceases to be a Member of Lok Sabha, whichever is earlier)". |

[F. No. 15-6/2022-NTCA]

Dr. G. S. BHARDWAJ, Addl. Dir. Gen. of Forests (Project Tiger)

Note: The principal notification was published in the Gazette of India, Extra-ordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) *vide* number S.O. 1403 (E), dated the 4th September, 2006 and last amended, *vide*, notification number S.O. 5254 (E), dated the 14th November, 2022.

F. No. 15-5/2024-NTCA

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Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
राष्ट्रीय व्याघ्र संरक्षण प्राधिकरण
National Tiger Conservation Authority

Date: As per esign

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Summary record of 25th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority held on July 29, 2024-reg.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the summary record of the 25th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, as approved by the Hon'ble MEF&CC/ Chairman NTCA, which was held on July 29, 2024 at the Mahanadi conference hall, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi for kind perusal and record.

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Minutes of the 25th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority held under Chairmanship of Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change on July 29, 2024 at Mahanadi Hall, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi

The 25th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Bhupender Yadav, Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change on July 29, 2024 at Mahanadi Hall, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi. The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

The Chairman welcomed the participants and initiated the deliberations.

Details of agenda wise deliberations are as below:

Agenda Item No. 1

Confirmation of minutes of the 24th meeting and observations received from Members

The minutes of the 24th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) were confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2

Action taken on the decisions of the 24th meeting

The NTCA took note of the action taken on the decisions made during the 24th meeting of the NTCA.

Agenda Item No. 3

Updates on activities of the NTCA

1. Ratification of the decisions of the Technical Committee
 - a. 7th Technical Committee held on April 29, 2024
 - b. 8th Technical Committee held on July 3, 2024
2. Update on NBWL proposals

The Authority ratified and took note of the updates.

Agenda Item No. 4

Approval of budget/ expenditure schedules of the NTCA for the year 2023-24

The NTCA approved the budget/ expenditure schedules of the NTCA for the year 2023-24

Agenda Item No. 5

Any other agenda with permission of the Chair

1. Remarks by Director, Ministry of Panchayati Raj

- It was informed that management of buffer areas of tiger reserves should be done in convergence with Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI).
- The said Ministry has an ongoing program of capacity building which should be dovetailed with matters relating to tiger conservation.
- It was decided that details of tiger reserves shall be forwarded to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to include them in the said program. Further it was decided that a training capsule along with a video will be prepared by the NTCA with in a month and will be sent to Ministry of Panchayati Raj for further needful.

2. Remarks by Shri H. S. Negi

- The member informed that there are several areas in the country where the required welfare factors for harboring tigers are available that can be considered for notification as a tiger reserve. He gave the example of Anini in Arunachal Pradesh.
- With regards to tourism management, he mentioned that strict regulation as per the NTCA guidelines as well as its regulation through the Eco Sensitive Zone should be adhered to.
- The need to revisit the Tiger Conservation Plan guidelines in view of latest developments in the field of conservation is also in order.

3. Remarks by Shri S. S. Srivastava

- The member informed that there is too much reliance on technology which has diminished fieldcraft that frontline staff used to possess earlier.
- However, technological aids are necessary to assist fundamental practices which needs to be adopted in territorial areas around tiger reserves and protected areas.
- The member raised the issue of forest fires, especially in areas outside tiger reserves, wherein accountability of frontline staff needs to be ensured through the use of applications like M-STrIPES. He mentioned that the tendency to involve other departments in managing fires rather than the Forest Department themselves had not yielded the desired dividends.

4. Remarks by Shri Rahul Bhatnagar

- The member informed the need to develop a centralized portal for booking of facilities in tiger reserves which had been discussed in previous meeting also.
- The member highlighted commendable work in management of invasive alien species at the Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan.
- The member stated that tourism outside the core area of tiger reserves should be factored in the tourism plan in the master plan of the Eco Sensitive Zone.
- In respect of notification of the Kumbalgarh Tiger Reserve, he elicited a response from the Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan that an Expert Committee has been notified by the State for the purpose

5. Remarks by IGF, NTCA

- The IG, NTCA suggested that due diligence should be exercised while proposing notification of new tiger reserves as this results in resentment amongst people because of potential restriction of their rights. Further tiger conservation and management in Non Protected Area should be promoted so that sinks of the tiger population may be protected and managed professionally without bringing them under PA or TRs.

6. Remarks by Shri Ravi Singh

- The member informed that there is a high turnover of tigers monitored by the States during the Phase-IV exercise every year. In addition, there is also a record of tiger mortality which is available with the NTCA. These sets of data should be invariably used for keeping a track of tigers which are not photocaptured in subsequent cycle.

7. Remarks by Secretary, Environment, Forest & Climate Change

- The Secretary stressed on the need to have a dedicated eco-tourism plan which was driven as per guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority.
- Emphasis should be laid on incorporating science-based interventions in day to day management activities.
- The Secretary appreciated the idea of capacity building of village Sarpanch through programs of Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

8. Remarks by Vice Chairman, NTCA/ Hon'ble MoS, Environment, Forest & Climate Change

- The Hon'ble Vice Chairman informed members present about haphazard

development along the southern boundary of the Corbett Tiger Reserve which has blocked the animal corridor along the river Kosi extending into Ramnagar Forest Division.

- The need to explore the possibility of evolving a policy-based strategy to control mushrooming of these resorts should be considered in discussion with the States.
- He highlighted the need and importance of fire lines in fire control.
- In context of habitat management, he highlighted that removal of invasive alien species should be accompanied by replacement with indigenous species prevalent in the area.

9. Remarks by Chairman, NTCA/ Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change

- The Hon'ble Chair remarked that apart from the technology the human skills and traditional knowledge of the local communities i.e. native wisdom needs to be gathered. A mix of technological intervention and traditional knowledge should be worked out for maximum outputs.
- Instead focus should be on exploring indigenous technology and how it can be used for benefit of tiger conservation. He gave the example of use of *Lantana* briquettes at cremation grounds and brick kilns, which can be used to address habitat management. Further roping in MSMEs in evolving technical solutions by using traditional knowledge should be explored by encouraging their locally evolved skill sets.
- Tiger reserve management needs to ensure that the sensitivity of stakeholders, especially in buffer and fringe areas of tiger reserves is enhanced periodically through awareness programs. Special focus should be given to local livelihoods.
- The Hon'ble Chairman remarked that to address haphazard development in buffer and fringe areas, the relevant permissions and provisions enshrined in law should be reiterated and communicated to all concerned.
- There is a need to review tourism in the most frequented tiger reserves to ensure that they do not degrade.
- The Hon'ble Chair suggested that the Secretary, EF&CC review fire protection strategies across the country.
- The Hon'ble Chair discussed the thematic areas outlined for discussion during the Field Directors conference scheduled on July 29, 2024 with a need to discuss innovative mechanisms for addressing the gap between policy and field implementation.

Agenda Item No. 6

Releases

- Photographic documentation of 50 years of Project Tiger
- Decolonizing India's biodiversity: restoring indigenous ecosystems from alien invasions

The Chairman, NTCA desired to present the releases during the Field Directors conference organized on the occasion of Global Tiger Day.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Member Secretary, NTCA

F. No. 15-8/2024-NTCA

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National Tiger Conservation Authority

Date: As per esign

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The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the summary record of the 26th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, as approved by the Hon'ble MEF&CC/ Chairman NTCA, which was held on December 21, 2024 at the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun for kind perusal and record.

Encl: As above

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Minutes of the 26th meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority held under the Chairmanship of Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change on December 21, 2024 at Platinum Jubilee Hall of the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun

The 26th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Bhupender Yadav, Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change on December 21, 2024 at the Platinum Jubilee Hall of the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun. The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

The Chairman welcomed the participants and initiated the deliberations. The ADG (PT) & MS (NTCA) welcomed the newly appointed members of Parliament of the Hon'ble Lok Sabha to the NTCA.

The Chairman, NTCA released the following publication:

- Cheetah landscape in India 2024: Atlas of Kuno-Gandhisagar Landscape for meta-population management of cheetah in India

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Agenda Item No. 3

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1. Ratification of the decisions of the Technical Committee
 - a. 9th Technical Committee held on September 20, 2024
 - b. 10th Technical Committee held on October 3, 2024
 - c. 11th Technical Committee held on November 14, 2024
2. Update on NBWL proposals

The Authority ratified and took note of the updates.

Agenda Item No. 4

Placing of the Annual Report of the NTCA for the year 2023-24

The NTCA approved the Annual Report of the NTCA for the year 2023-24

Agenda Item No. 5

Any other agenda with permission of the Chair

Process of village rehabilitation from tiger reserves:

The Member Secretary, NTCA informed the following:

- Section 38 V (5) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 prescribes:
 - That village rehabilitation is a completely voluntary process.
 - That informed consent of the Gram Sabha's, and of the people is obtained prior to undertaking village rehabilitation.
 - That an incentivized resettlement package has been made available since 2012 which was revised in 2021.
- The above provisions have been circulated through the NTCA guidelines from time to time for the benefit of all stakeholders.

The Authority decided to reiterate the same

Inputs from Members:

1. Shri Harish Chandra Meena, Hon'ble MP Lok Sabha

Highlighting the recent human tiger conflict at the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, the Hon'ble member stressed on the need of making available contingency funds with the Field Director to immediately respond to conflict situations. He informed that the tourism associations are willing to contribute to the cause of tiger conservation provided they have a stake in deciding how this contribution is utilized. Further, adequate coordination between the forest, police and administration needs to be strengthened as the forest department is not the sole stakeholder. He emphasized on the vacancies of frontline staff in tiger reserves which needs to be fulfilled rather than adopting stopgap measures of deploying casual temporary workers such as border home guards.

2. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Hon'ble MP Lok Sabha

The Hon'ble MP Lok Sabha having been reappointed as member of the Authority for a second term requested updates on the following matters:

- a. Leveraging Corporate Social Responsibility for tiger conservation
- b. Enhancement of budget for the ongoing Project Tiger
- c. Disbursement of financial assistance from the Government of India directly to the

statutory Tiger Conservation Foundation.

- d. Status of daily wage workers in tiger reserves
- e. Publication of a water atlas of tiger reserves
- f. Documentation of forest rest houses in tiger reserves
- g. Latest developments in the management of lantana in tiger reserves
- h. Status of the Special Tiger Protection Force in tiger reserves
- i. Re-ploughing revenues/ income of tiger reserves directly into the Tiger Conservation Foundation
- j. Provision of devices for silent communication between nature guides and eco-tourists in tiger reserves
- k. Evolving a format for monthly reporting of happenings in tiger reserves
- l. Compliance of report of patrolling standards.
- m. Reserve wise status of rescue vehicles
- n. Evolving a curriculum for naturalists in the education system
- o. Conflict arising due to right burdened forests
- p. Mapping of carbon sequestration in tiger reserves
- q. Exploring the possibility of hot air ballooning over tiger reserves apart from framing guidelines for eco-tourism in buffer areas
- r. Status of notification of Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve
- s. Status of identification of corridors

3. Shri Ravi Singh

The member informed that habitat quality, especially grasslands are deteriorating in most habitats which has resulted in a cascading effect on ungulates, which have reduced, as well as prey species moving out of jurisdictional limits of tiger reserves thereby enhancing the human-wildlife conflict interface.

He suggested that a small group of experts from different landscapes be engaged to strategize and explore the possibility of formulating landscape specific Standard Operating Procedures to address this issue.

4. Shri S. S. Srivastava

Highlighting the example of South Kheri territorial division near the Dudhwa Tiger

Reserve and Bijnor Social Forestry Division near the Corbett Tiger Reserve, the member informed that there are inadequate technical and financial resources with such divisions to manage tigers dispersing outside tiger reserves.

He suggested that support for tigers outside tiger reserves should be enhanced vis-a-vis provision available in the National Tiger Conservation Authority (Normative Standards for Tourism activities and Project Tiger) Guidelines, 2012.

5. Dr. P. K. Malik

Citing the case of the Sariska and Ranthambore Tiger Reserves in Rajasthan, the member informed that capacity building of staff in both these tiger reserves needs to be stepped up in the context of monitoring tiger populations.

He suggested that owing to Sariska's dispensation of being proximal to the national capital as well as its rising tiger numbers, a committee may be thought of for addressing its unique issues.

6. Ms. Madhu Verma

The member informed that the package for voluntary village rehabilitation may not be appealing to all communities living in core/ critical tiger habitats.

Leveraging carbon markets to further incentivise the available relocation package needs to be thought of. In addition, corporates should be encouraged to invest in the carbon markets so that adequate financial assistance is available for restorative inputs in tiger habitats. The supplemental incomes gained by tiger reserves through carbon markets shall also incentivise communities living around tiger reserve as they are the ones who usually bear the brunt of conservation efforts.

7. Shri Roop Narayan Mandwe

The member suggested that the package for voluntary village relocation should be periodically revised based on inflationary trends so as to make it more attractive. He mentioned that people being relocated out of forest areas are usually reluctant to any change which needs to be factored in while incentivising voluntary village rehabilitation through adequate capacity and skill upgradation.

Giving the example of the newly notified Ratapani Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh, he suggested that retrofitting of existing linear infrastructure should be carried out to avoid tiger/ wildlife casualties.

8. Shri Rajan Sehgal, representative of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

Representative of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment suggested that schemes of their Ministry can be dovetailed with tiger conservation efforts in context of addressing the needs of communities living in fringes of tiger reserves.

9. Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Representative of Ministry of Tribal Affairs informed that they had received several representations from organizations after the letter of the NTCA requesting States to undertake voluntary village relocation was circulated. It was pointed out that due

consultation had been carried out and it was directed that the matter raised in the meeting be duly examined by the Division to check if the issues had been examined earlier or not.

10. Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand

As there is a sizeable presence of tigers in territorial forests of Uttarakhand, the member suggested that assistance to such divisions outside the protected area network should also be provided apart from expanding the use of M-STrIPES in such areas.

11. Chief Wildlife Warden, Tamil Nadu

The member suggested that the domain of the tiger conservation foundations should be strengthened in areas beyond the tiger reserve.

12. Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan

Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan informed the Authority that land in respect of voluntary village rehabilitation is not available as per requirement for which there is a need to enhance the cash package available in the existing policy.

13. Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha

The member apprised the Authority of the inter-state translocation of tigers from Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra to the Similipal Tiger Reserve in Odisha.

14. Chief Wildlife Warden, Chhattisgarh

The Chief Wildlife Warden informed members present that people residing in core/critical tiger habitat of tiger reserves in Chhattisgarh are not willing to be relocated on forest land. He suggested that a workshop on best practices in tiger reserves be conducted by the NTCA so that experiential learning takes place. Further, the Ministry should explore the option for providing grants to encourage home stays.

15. Director, Wildlife Preservation, MoEF&CC

The Additional Director General of Forests, Wildlife opined that gaps identified in the Management Effectiveness Evaluation of Tiger Reserves should be addressed through periodic engagement with the States. In addition, the policy agenda of addressing invasive alien species as discussed in the standing committee of the National Board of Wildlife was also relevant for tiger reserves.

16. Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEF&CC

The DGF&SS requested the Authority to expedite notifying the Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve in consultation with the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

In conclusion, the Vice Chairman, NTCA/ Hon'ble MoS, MoEF&CC and the Chairman, NTCA/ HMEF&CC remarked the following:

Vice Chairman, NTCA/ Hon'ble MoS, MoEF&CC

- i. Vice Chairman, NTCA/ Hon'ble MoS, MEF&CC reiterated the need to address the issue of invasive alien species using novel methods such as genetic control.

Notification of Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve should be expedited as the same had received in-principle approval in 2012.

Chairman, NTCA/ HMEFCC

- i. The Chairman, NTCA/ Hon'ble MoEFCC stated that the tiger conservation model of the country is unique which is now being replicated across the world. He informed members present that tiger reserve network has increased to 57 and now occupies nearly 2.5 % of the country's geographical area. The Chairman, NTCA emphasized that voluntary relocation of the villages from core/critical tiger habitats of the tiger reserve, which is backed with statutory provisions, should be taken on priority so that a win-win situation for tiger conservation and inclusive growth can be achieved and people living in side forest areas can be brought into main stream.
- ii. He further remarked that green growth has to be achieved through appropriate mitigatory strategies in buffer and corridor areas while the core/ critical tiger habitat should be made inviolate as per the principles of the tiger management. He emphasized that the needs of forest dwellers and their genuine needs should be taken care of while executing voluntary relocations. He stressed on the potential of tiger reserves as an instrument for development of tier II cities in the country

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Member Secretary, NTCA

Technical Committee of National Tiger Conservation Authority

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National Tiger Conservation Authority

F, No. 15-30(7)/2023-NTCA

New Delhi, the May 20, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub.: 7th Technical Committee Meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority - reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith summary record of the 7th Technical Committee Meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority which was held on April 29, 2024 (Monday) at 1100 hours in hybrid mode, under Chairmanship of the ADG (PT & E) & MS (NTCA) for information.

Encl.: As above,

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2. Director (IFD), MoEF&CC, New Delhi
3. Sh. S. S. Srivastava, Former PCCF & HoFF, Odisha
4. Dr. H. S. Negi, Former APCCF (WL), Madhya Pradesh
5. Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan
6. Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand

Summary record of the 7th Technical Committee of the NTCA

S.No.	Agenda	Agency	Cost	Recommendations
Agenda 1	Approval for payment of ex-gratia to forest personnel who died in an accident near Chilla Barrage	Chief Wildlife Warden of Uttarakhand	Rs. 5 Lakhs/person	Recommended for approval in accordance with MoEFCC/Project Tiger Guidelines
Agenda 2	Amending permission for research on Dholes in Madhya Pradesh from Pench to Kanha Tiger Reserve,	Chief Wildlife Warden of Madhya Pradesh	-	Recommended for approval
Agenda 3	Supplementation of tigers in Similipal Tiger Reserve	Chief Wildlife Warden of Odisha	-	Recommended for approval subject to > 1. Adherence to SOP of this Authority on active management 2. Sourcing of tigers from the Central Indian landscape, preferably from Madhya Pradesh or Maharashtra
Agenda 4	Proposal for fitting a satellite radio collar on a tiger seen dispersing in Kuno National Park, Sheopur.	Chief Wildlife Warden of Madhya Pradesh	-	Recommended for approval
				Recommended for approval for the following: 1. The State will constitute a team for supervision and monitoring of the said tigers during rewilding, which shall <i>inter-alia</i> shall include a veterinarian and biologist besides field officials. 2. The aforesaid team shall undergo capacity building in coordination with the State of Madhya Pradesh at appropriate sites.
Agenda 5	Seeking guidance regarding the cubs of Tigress T-114	Chief Wildlife Warden of Rajasthan	-	

				3. Rewilding shall be carried out strictly in adherence to SOP this Authority on active management 4. The State team will work in coordination and guidance of the following NTCA members: a. Dr, H,S Negi b. Dr, S,S Shrivastav
Agenda 6	Management planning of Protected areas in tiger landscapes	Global Tiger Forum	Rs, 20 lakhs per plan	Recommended for approval subject to finalization of sites by the NTCA
Agenda 7	"Ecological Monitoring of Butterfly Communities in heterogenous landscapes of Assam	Proposal of Gaurab Nandi Das, Assam, approved by the CWLW, Assam	-	Recommended for approval
Agenda 8	Budget allocation for NTCA Tiger cell from 2024-25 to 2028-29	NTCA	Rs, 1,78,04,043	Recommended for approval
Agenda 9	Engagement of Prof, Qamar Quershi as Consultant, NTCA after superannuation to steer mandate of NTCA Tiger Cell	NTCA	As per Govt. of India norms	Recommended for approval

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Sub: Summary record of 8th Technical Committee of NTCA-reg.

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Summary record of 8th Technical Committee of NTCA

S. No.	Agenda	Agency	Financial implication	Recommendations
Agenda 1	Re-initiation of tiger reintroduction at Satkoisa Tiger Reserve	Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha	-	Recommended for approval. Subject to adherence of SOP of the NTCA on active management of tigers and recommendations of the committee constituted for the purpose.
Agenda 2	Establishing a Melanistic Tiger Safari near Similipal Tiger Reserve, Odisha	Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha	-	Recommended for referring to the Central Zoo Authority, As the project shall be in the larger interest of tiger and wildlife conservation
Agenda 3	Re-appropriation of Grants-in-Aid for M-STrIPES Project	NTCA Tiger Cell	No Cost re-appropriation	Recommended for approval.
Agenda 4	Rectification of minutes circulated in respect of extension of NTCA Tiger Cell (referenced letter and total amount)	NTCA	-	Recommended for approval. The Technical Committee was apprised of the typographical error in respect of referenced letter and total amount circulated after the 7th Technical Committee
Agenda 5	Proposal for interim continuation of TCP of the Nameri Tiger Reserve, Assam	Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam	-	Recommended for approval, subject tot the condition that the entire TCP shall be submitted by August, 2024.

Agenda 6	Proposal for Web-Series on the world's first intercontinental translocation of a large carnivore - Project Cheetah - Inside Out	Shen Films and Planting Production	Rs. 2,00 Crore	Recommended for approval, at no cost to the NTCA.
Agenda 7	Development of conservation Plan for Clouded Leopard at Nameri Tiger Reserve, Assam	Field Director/ Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam	Rs. 25.00 lakh	Recommended for approval.
Agenda 8	Extension of Tiger Conservation Plan of Manas Tiger Reserve	Field Director, Manas TR / Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam		Recommended for approval, subject to the condition that the fresh TCP shall be submitted by August, 2024.
Agenda 9	Extension of AITE project	Director, WII	-	Recommended for approval, subject to the condition that no further extension shall be permitted.
Agenda 10	Extension of contract of Consultant and Research Associate at National Tiger Conservation Authority Tiger cell, New Delhi	NTCA Tiger cell	Rs. 96,000/-	Recommended for approval, subject to IFD concurrence
Agenda 11	Renewal of Annual contract of outsourced staff of NTCA Hqrs and Regional offices at Bengaluru, Guwahati and Nagpur-reg	NTCA		Recommended for approval, subject to IFD concurrence.

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S. No.	Agenda	Amount	Recommendations
Agenda 1	Extension of Tiger Conservation Plan of Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan	No cost	Recommended for extension till March 31, 2025
Agenda 2	Translocation of tiger/ tigress from the States of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh to Rajasthan State Maharashtra- 4 female tigers Madhya Pradesh- 2 female tigers Release sites- Mukundra Hills: 1 male and 2 females and Ramgarh: 2 females	No cost	Recommended for approval of the following: Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve: 1 male from Sariska (ST2303) and 3 females from MP/ Maharashtra. <i>It shall be ensured that ST2303 shall be brought first followed by prey augmentation and subsequently the other animals shall be translocated.</i> Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve: 1 male from Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and 2 females from MP/ Maharashtra
Agenda 3	Translocation of Gaur to NSTR, Andhra Pradesh from Papikonda National Park (10 male and 30 female: total 40 animals)	No cost	Deferred for further consultation with the State.
Agenda 4	Collaboration and support for organizing the exhibition to promote conservation ethos of tribal communities and other forest dwellers living in and around tiger reserves	Rs. 39.39 lakhs	Deferred as approval of the Competent Authority is yet to be obtained.
Agenda 5	Proposal for setting up of Otters Conservation Breeding Centre in core area of Pench Tiger Reserve, Nagpur	No cost	Recommended for rejection.
	Proposal for Secretariat	Rs. 10	

Agenda 6	Assistance to International Bigakhs Cat Alliance		Recommended for rejection.
Agenda 7	GTF proposal for technical assistance towards developing a digital dashboard for the NTCA	No cost	Recommended for "in-principle" approval.
Agenda 8	Proposal regarding male tiger ST-2303 of Sariska Tiger Reserve	No cost	Recommended for approval.
Agenda 9	Translocation of tigers to Madhaav National Park.	No cost	Recommended for deferment.
Agenda 10	Seeking guidance regarding the cubs of tigress T-114 at Rajasthan (As decided in 7th Technical committee)		Recommended for approval.

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S. No.	Agenda	Amount	Decision
Agenda 1	Collaboration and support for organizing the exhibition to promote conservation ethos of tribal communities and other forest dwellers living in and around tiger reserves	Rs. 39.39 lakhs	Approved

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S. No.	Agenda	Amount	Recommendations
Agenda 1	Proposal for translocation of 40 individuals of Blackbucks from Belora Airport to Pench Tiger Reserve	No cost	Recommended for deferment for want of discussion with the State.
Agenda 2	Request to declare all Tiger Reserves in India as No-Fly Zones for Drones for the General Public	No cost	Recommended for approval with the exception of State/Central Authorities engaged in tiger/wildlife conservation oriented works.
Agenda 3	Extension of consultancy of Shri W. Longwah for a period of one year i.e. from 30th January 2025 to 29th January 2026.	Rs. 1,27,800 pm	Recommended for approval.
Agenda 4	Project proposal for reintroduction of Gaur in Nagarjunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve.	No cost	Recommended for approval subject to the condition that animals will be sourced from Central Indian landscapes as per the following priority: 1. Pench-MP 2. Satpura 3. Kanha 4. Tadoba Andhari
Agenda 5	Translocation of 2 female tigress to Barnawapara WLS	No cost	Recommended for deferment. The State is required to undertake voluntary village relocation on a war footing as well as add adjoining forest areas to the Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary.
Agenda 6	Translocation of tigers to Madhav National Park.	No cost	Recommended for approval of one male and one female to the Western half of Madhav National Park

Additional Agenda			
Agenda 7	Amendment of SOP for Active Management towards Rehabilitation of Tigers from source areas at the Landscape level	No cost	Recommended for approval. In CG-Cluster III: Simlipal TR and Satkosia TR, the following amendment shall be carried out: Existing: "We, therefore, need to maintain the genetic integrity of this landscape by refraining from relocation tigers from other areas of central Into this cluster" Amendment: Tigers should be sourced from the following populations, in order of priority for active management of their populations in the CG-Cluster III: Simlipal TR and Satkosia TR. 1. Bandhavgarh and surrounding populations 2. Kanha and surrounding populations 3. Tadoba- Pench and Vidarbha populations 4. Other source populations in Madhya Pradesh, only when the above options are not viable.
Agenda 8	Notification of Madhav National Park as Tiger Reserve	No cost	Recommended for final approval under Section 38 V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972

Agenda 9	Translocation of 500 spotted deer from Keoladevi National Park, Bharatpur to Ramgarh Vishdhari and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve	No cost	Recommended for deferment for want of details on the previous such exercise undertaken by the State
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Subj: Summary record of 12th Technical Committee of NTCA- reg.

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S. No.	Agenda	Amount	Recommendation
<u>Agenda 1</u>	Proposal received from the CWLW, Rajasthan regarding translocation of 500 cheetal from Keoladevi National Park to Ramgarh Vishdhari and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserves	No cost	Approved "in-principle" subject to details from the State and health screening of all animals.
<u>Agenda 5</u>	Proposal from Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun regarding request for approval of revised fellowship/ emolument rates in NTCA- funded projects following enhancement by Anusandhan National Research Foundation (formerly DST-SERB)		Approved "in-principle"
<u>Agenda 6</u>	Proposal received from the CWLW, Rajasthan regarding monitoring dispersal of tigers in Ranthambore Tiger Reserve	Rs. 123,50 lakhs	Approved at "no-cost" subject to telemetry being carried out by the Department/ Government
<u>Agenda 7</u>	Proposal received from the Field Director, Kaziranga Tiger Reserve regarding submission of Expenditure of Parliamentary Standing Committee visit in Kaziranga NP & TR on 18 th & 19 th Nov, 2024	Rs. 15,59,507/-	Approved for reverting to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
<u>Agenda 8</u>	Tiger Conservation Plan of Nandapha Tiger Reserve, Arunachal Pradesh	No cost	Approved
Agenda 12	Extension of contract to G. A. Digital for hiring of contractual staff from September, 2024 to March, 2025.		Approved
	Proposal from Wildlife Institute of India,		Revised amount

<u>Agenda 13</u>	Dehradun regarding Conservation of Batagur baska in Sundarban Tiger Reserve to NTCA	Rs. 4,86,83,380/-	of Rs. 2,52,83,620/- approved
<u>Additional Agenda 14</u>	Proposal received from the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Madhya Pradesh regarding translocation of 20 Barasingha from Kanha Tiger Reserve to Satpura Tiger Reserve	-	Approved
<u>Additional agenda 16</u>	Proposal received from WII, Dehradun regarding Cooperation between Ministry of Environment of Cambodia and India on Tiger introduction in Cambodia	Rs. 19,73,400/-	Approved
<u>Additional agenda 17</u>	Proposal received from WII, Dehradun regarding All India Tigers, Co-Predators, Prey & Their Habitat in India (2025-27)	Rs. 3699,70 lakhs	Approved
<u>Additional agenda 20</u>	Investigating Tiger and Co-Predator Health: A Comprehensive Study to Understand the Prevalence of Major Carnivore Diseases in Indian Tiger Reserves and their Conservation Implications	Rs. 9.05 crores but at no cost	Approved at "no-cost" to the Government of India/ NTCA
<u>Addl. agenda 21</u>	Radio collar of tigers in Sariska Tiger Reserve		Approved subject to collaring by the Department / Government

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New Delhi, the 8th April, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

S u b : Constitution of a Committee / team to assess the feasibility of establishing a Melanistic Tiger Safari in Odisha - reg.

As per decision taken in the 5th Technical Committee of this Authority, a team has been constituted to assess the feasibility of establishing a Melanistic Tiger Safari in Odisha comprising the following members:

- (i) Ms. Banumathi G., DIG , NTCA Hqrs.
- (ii) Representative of the CZA
- (iii) Representative of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha

The ToR of the team is as follows:

To assess the feasibility of the Safari vis-à-vis extant provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, NTCA Tiger Safari Guidelines, 2016 and relevant provisions of the Central Zoo Authority regulations.

The team will submit its report within 15 days of issue of this OM.

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F. No. 15-30(6)/2023-NTCA

New Delhi, the 8th April, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Constitution of a Committee / team to assess the feasibility of re-initiating tiger reintroduction at the Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Odisha - reg.

In compliance of decision taken in the 6th Technical Committee of this Authority, a team has been constituted to assess the feasibility of re-initiating tiger reintroduction at the Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Odisha comprising the following members:

- (i) Dr. Shailesh Prasad, PCCF (Retd.), Uttar Pradesh
- (ii) Shri Hemant Singh, AIG, NTCA Hqrs.
- (iii) Dr. Bivash Pandav, Scientist G, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun

The ToR of the team is as follows:

Review the efforts made by the State of Odisha to address recommendations made by the National Tiger Conservation Authority as well as assess ecological conditions on the ground for tiger re-introduction, with emphasis on evaluating community engagement.

The team will submit its report within 30 days of issue of this OM.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Whereas, tiger presence was recorded in the State of Gujarat in Lunawada Taluk, Mahisagar district in February 2019.

Whereas, this Authority vide its letter No. 1-20/2013-NTCA dated February 11, 2019 had solicited a factual status from the State of Gujarat in the said matter and it was suggested a survey in the said area be done in expedition mode.

Whereas, the said tiger was found dead in Mahisagar district shortly thereafter.

Whereas, this Authority vide its letter No. 15-17/2011-NTCA (Part IX) dated February 27, 2019 had requested action vis-a-vis SOP of the Authority on tiger deaths and disposal of tiger body parts.

Whereas, this Authority had requested the Chief Wildlife Warden, Gujarat to furnish information in respect of the said tiger as well as details of the prey and habitat available and also communicated the SOP of this Authority to deal with emergency arising due to straying of tigers in human dominated landscapes vide letter no. 1-20/2013-NTCA dated February 25, 2019

Whereas, vide letter No. 16-22 (1)/2019-NTCA/GJ dated March 20, 2019, this Authority provided the required guidance documents and suggested coordinating with the State of Madhya Pradesh while extending all possible support.

Whereas, the Inspector General of Forests, NTCA visited the State of Gujarat and interacted with their Chief Wildlife Warden from February 26 to 27, 2019, and advised to strengthen interstate coordination with the States of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra

Whereas, vide letter No. 16-22 (1)/2019-NTCA/GJ dated April 02, 2019, the aforesaid advice were reiterated.

Now, therefore, keeping in view the possibility of identifying potential tiger habitats in the State of Gujarat, the following team is hereby constituted:

1. Hemant Singh, AIG, NTCA
2. Dr. Vishnu Priya, Kolipakkam, Scientist D, WII
3. Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, Research Scientist, NTCA Tiger Cell WII

The team shall conduct a Rapid Reconnaissance Survey in potential forest areas of Gujarat to assess their feasibility to harbour tigers and assess their findings vis-a-vis historic tiger distribution in the said part of the country.

The team shall submit its findings by August 30, 2024.

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राष्ट्रीय व्याघ्र संरक्षण प्राधिकरण
National Tiger Conservation Authority

F. No. 5-6/2020-NTCA

New Delhi, the July 22, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub.: Constitution of committee to select the winners of activities hosted on My Gov portal in Sep, 2022-reg.

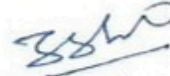
The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject cited above and to inform that the following 3 activities were hosted on My Gov in Sep, 2022, in reference to Project Cheetah :

- (i) Compose a Welcome Song For Cheetah
- (ii) Poster Making Competition on 'Cheetah In Its Habitat'
- (iii) Cheetah Quiz

2. In view of the above, this Authority has constituted a committee comprising the following members to select the winners of activities hosted on My Gov portal in Sep, 2022:

- (i) Banumathi G., Deputy Inspector General of Forests, NTCA
- (ii) Director or representative from the National Museum of Natural History
- (iii) Representative from ENVIS centre, MoEFCC

3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority



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National Tiger Conservation Authority

F. No- 7-1/2015-NTCA

Date: 23.08.2024

ORDER

Sub: Constitution of Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace in the National Tiger Conservation Authority- reg.

In terms of Section 4(2) of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace in the National Tiger Conservation Authority is hereby constituted as under-

Member/Chairperson	Name
Chairperson	Smt. Banumathi G., DIGF, NTCA Hqrs
Member	Md. Sajid Sultan, AIGF, NTCA Hqrs
Member	Ms. Suveena Thakur, AIGF, MoEF&CC
Member	Ms. Inka Goel, Technical Officer, NAEB
Member	Ms. Gyanwati, Action India (NGO)

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Signed by
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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
National Tiger Conservation Authority

F. No. 7-8/2009 -NTCA

New Delhi, the February 01, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Constitution of Special Investigation Team (SIT)

The following Special Investigating Team is constituted to monitor and supervise offence case number 0889/222232/2025 registered in Rajura Taluka, Central Chanda Forest Division, Chandrapur, Maharashtra regarding poaching of Tiger (*Panthera tigris*) and Illegal trade of its body parts as per the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

1. Sh. Rudolf Alvares, IPS, Deputy Director, WCCB (**Incharge**)
2. Sh. Hemant Singh AIGF, NTCA
3. Sh. Ritesh Sarothiya, Head Tiger Strike Force, Madhya Pradesh
4. Ms. Swetha Boddu, DCF Central Chanda Forest Division, Maharashtra
5. Sh Anand Reddy Yellu, Deputy Director (Core), Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve

The SIT shall monitor and supervise the investigation and shall probe forward and backward linkages in collaboration with the relevant enforcement authorities and agencies at pan-India level. Further the SIT will provide recommendations to strengthen anti poaching measures in tiger landscapes to prevent recurrences.

Signed by Vaibhav Chandra
Mathur

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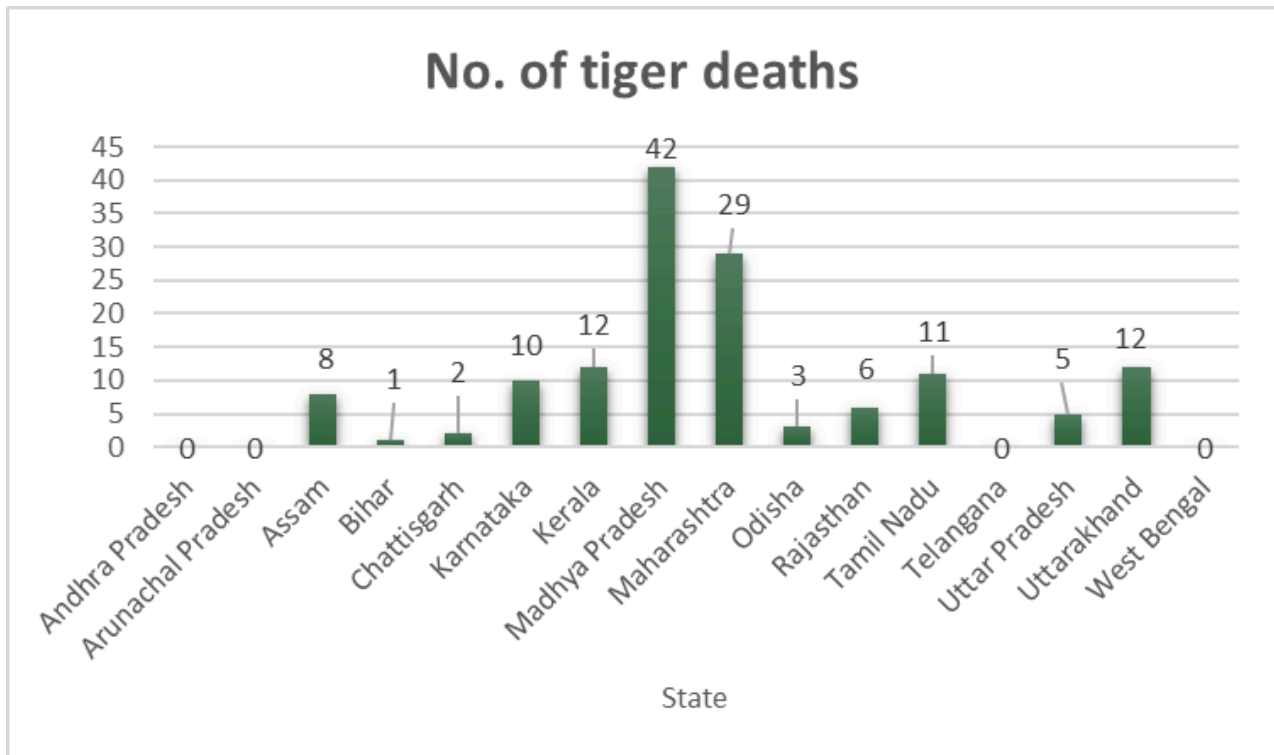
List of Tiger Reserves in India

S. No.	Tiger Reserve	State
1	Nagarjunsagar Srisaillam	Andhra Pradesh
2	Namdhapu	Arunachal Pradesh
3	Pakke	Arunachal Pradesh
4	Kamlang	Arunachal Pradesh
5	Kaziranga	Assam
6	Manas	Assam
7	Nameri	Assam
8	Orang	Assam
9	Valmiki	Bihar
10	Indravati	Chattisgarh
11	Achanakmar	Chattisgarh
12	Udanti-Sitanadi	Chattisgarh
13	Guru Ghasidas – Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve	Chattisgarh
14	Palamau	Jharkhand

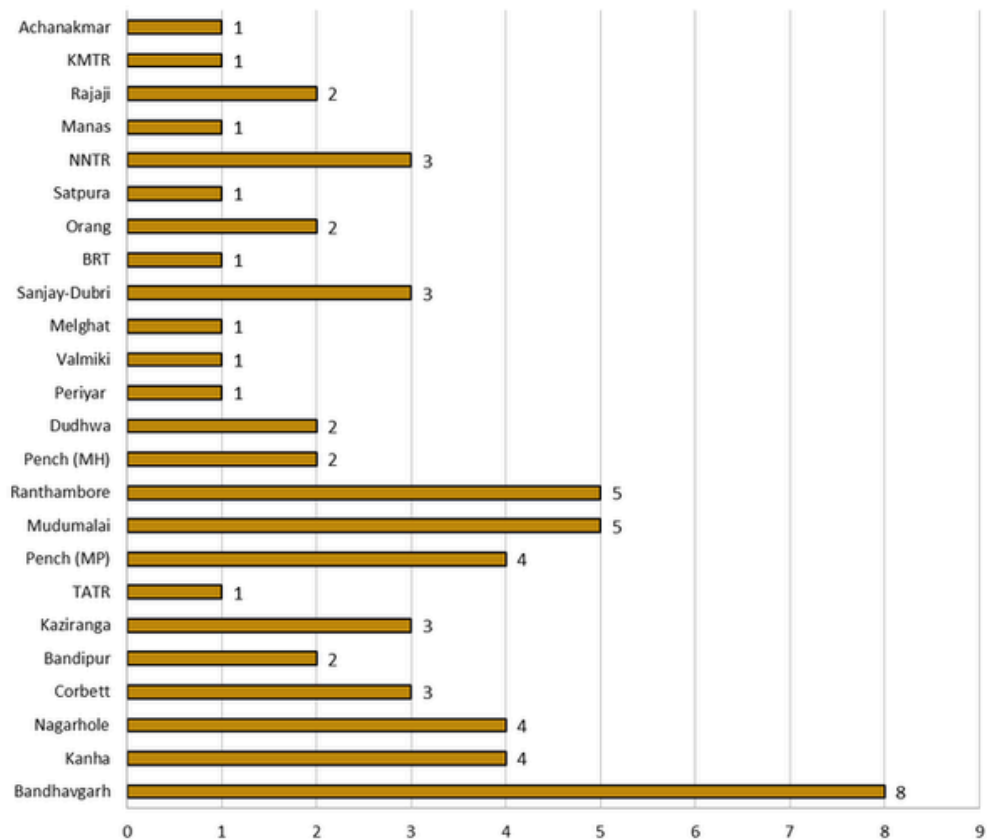
15	Bandipur	Karnataka
16	Bhadra	Karnataka
17	Dandeli-Anshi	Karnataka
18	Nagarahole	Karnataka
19	Biligiri Ranganath Temple	Karnataka
20	Periyar	Kerala
21	Parambikulam	Kerala
22	Bandhavgarh	Madhya Pradesh
23	Kanha	Madhya Pradesh
24	Panna	Madhya Pradesh
25	Pench	Madhya Pradesh
26	Sanjay-Dubri	Madhya Pradesh
27	Satpura	Madhya Pradesh
28	Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve	Madhya Pradesh
29	Ratapani Tiger Reserve	Madhya Pradesh
30	Madhav	Madhya Pradesh

31	Pench	Maharashtra
32	Tadoba-Andhari	Maharashtra
33	Sahyadri	Maharashtra
34	Nawegao-Nagzira	Maharashtra
35	Bor	Maharashtra
36	Melghat	Maharashtra
37	Dampa	Mizoram
38	Satkosia	Odisha
39	Similipal	Odisha
40	Ranthambore	Rajasthan
41	Sariska	Rajasthan
42	Mukundra Hills	Rajasthan
43	Ramgarh Vishdhari	Rajasthan
44	Dholpur – Karauli Tiger Reserve	Rajasthan
45	Kalakad-Mudunthurai	Tamil Nadu
46	Mudumalai	Tamil Nadu

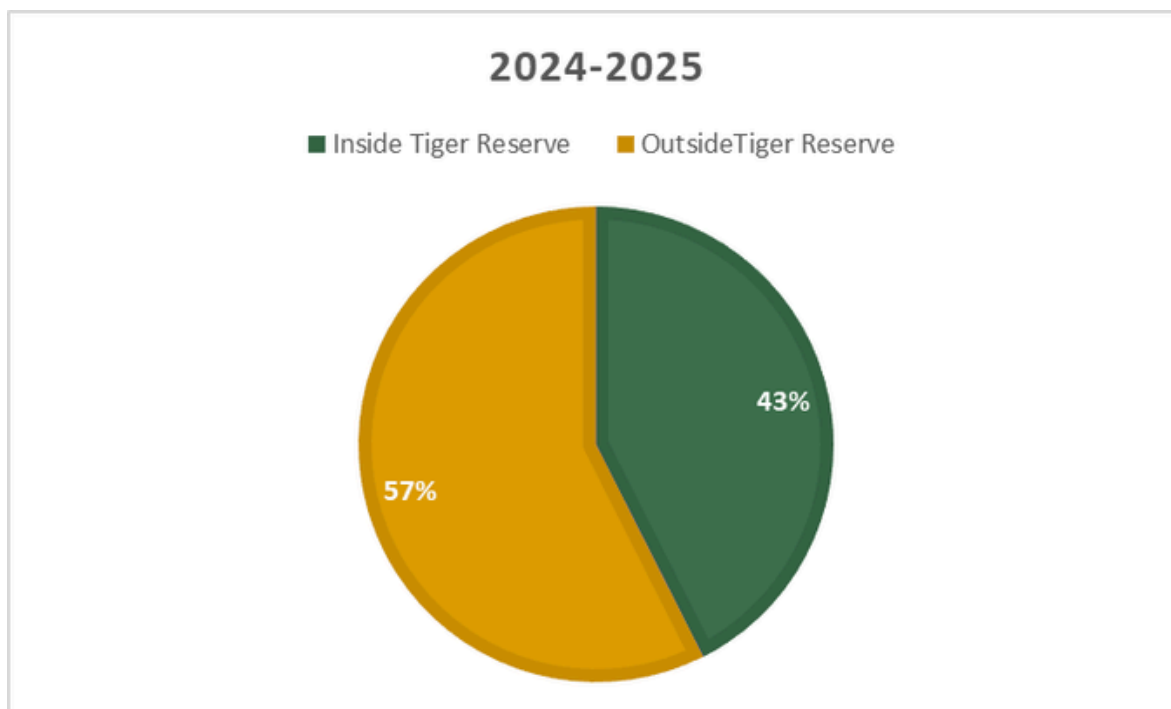
47	Anamalai	Tamil Nadu
48	Sathyamangalam	Tamil Nadu
49	Srivilliputhur-Megamalai	Tamil Nadu
50	Kawal	Telangana
51	Amrabad	Telangana
52	Rajaji	Uttarakhand
53	Corbett	Uttarakhand
54	Dudhwa	Uttar Pradesh
55	Pilibhit	Uttar Pradesh
56	Ranipur	Uttar Pradesh
57	Buxa	West Bengal
58	Sundarban	West Bengal



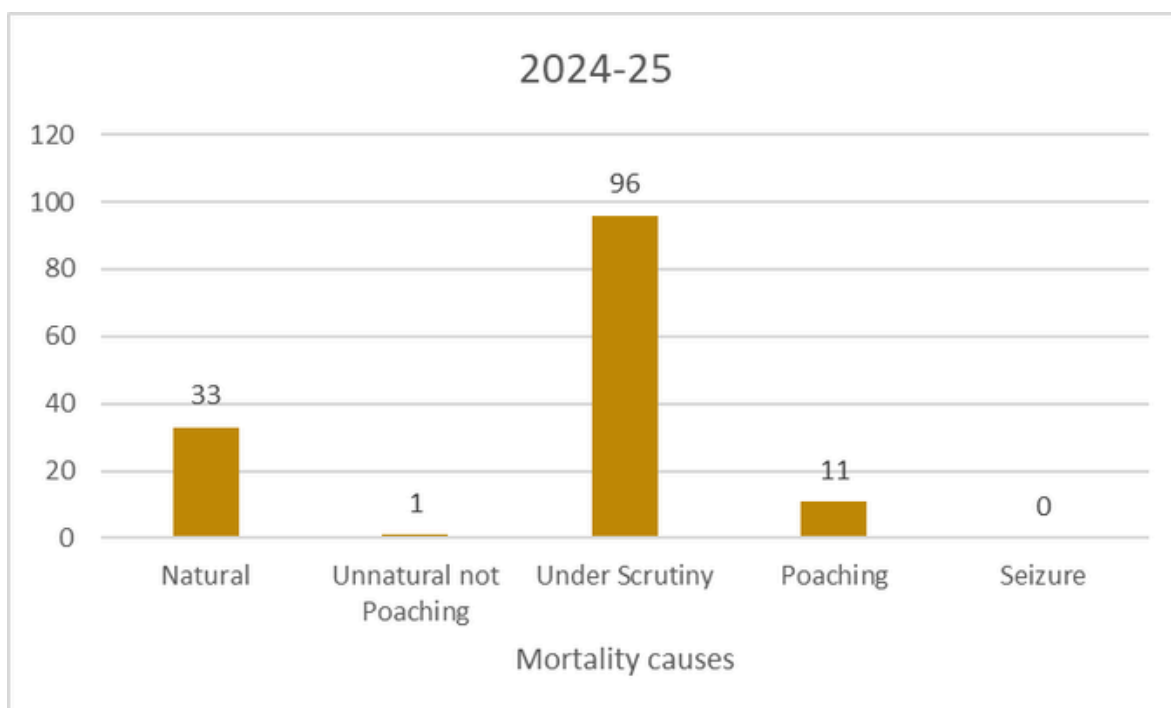
State-wise tiger mortality in 2024-25



Tiger reserve-wise tiger mortality in 2024-25



Tiger mortality inside and outside tiger reserves in 2024-25



Causes of tiger mortality in 2024-25

CSS-Project Tiger: Sanction Details for 2024-25 Details of sanctions Tiger Reserve wise		
Sr. No.	Name of Tiger Reserve	Total Released during 2024-25 (Rs. In Lakhs)
1	Nagarjunsagar Sagar	350.70
2	Namdapha	415.43
3	Pakke	673.64
4	Kamlang	306.22
5	Nameri	437.96
6	Kaziranga	1,234.62
7	Manas	637.00
8	Orang	311.11
9	Valmiki	522.20
10	Indravati	45.14
11	Udanti Sitanadi	94.63
12	Achanakmar	146.16
13	Guru Ghasidas – Tamor Pingla	-
14	Palamau	404.16
15	Bandipur	720.12
16	Bhadra	423.27
17	Kali	509.04
18	Nagarhole	608.30
19	Biligiri Ranganatha Temple	371.04

20	Periyar	82.63
21	Parambikulam	67.72
22	Gandhisagar	312.25
23	Pench	864.47
24	Bandhavgarh	804.77
25	Madhav	-
26	Panna	617.56
27	Ratapani	283.40
28	Kanha	976.62
29	Kuno	411.40
30	Satpura	703.50
31	Sanjay Dhubri	413.38
32	Veerangana Durgavati	499.73
33	Melghat	999.16
34	Tadoba Andhari	927.32
35	Pench	722.53
36	Sahyadri	291.68
37	Bor	358.12
38	Nawegaon Nagzira	850.89
39	Dampa	356.30
40	Satkosia	233.19
41	Simlipal	527.58
42	Ranthambore	185.325

43	Sariska	202.36
44	Mukundara	101.04
45	Ramgarh Vishdhari	85.97
46	Dholpur – Karauli	-
47	Kalakad Mundanthurai	277.51
48	Anamalai	327.60
49	Mudumalai	486.08
50	Sathyamangalam	489.65
51	Srivilliputhur Megamalai	427.02
52	Kawal	180.21
53	Amrabad	111.48
54	Dudhwa	1,136.89
55	Pilibhit	599.07
56	Ranipur	251.04
57	Corbett	1,095.01
58	Rajaji	561.96
59	Sunderban	305.53
60	Buxa	91.30
	Net Released	26,429.99

CSS-Project Tiger: Sanction Details for 2024-25 Details of sanctions State wise.				
Sr. No.	State	Project Tiger	Project Elephant	Total PT &E (Rs. In Lakhs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	350.7000	14.4300	365.1300
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1395.2900	372.7000	1767.9900
3	Assam	2620.6930	410.1514	3030.8444
4	Bihar	522.2007	20.8960	543.0968
5	Chhattisgarh	285.9316	22.0579	307.9895
6	Jharkhand	404.1560	323.4000	727.5560
7	Karnataka	2631.7758	169.4912	2801.2670
8	Kerala	150.3493	71.0180	221.3673
9	Madhya Pradesh	5887.0911	23.4100	5910.5010
10	Maharashtra	4149.7035	27.0013	4176.7048
11	Mizoram	356.3032	10.7865	367.0897

12	Odisha	760.7659	158.8134	919.5792
13	Rajasthan	574.6823	4.7949	579.4772
14	Tamil Nadu	2007.8643	177.0192	2184.8836
15	Telangana	291.6820	0.0000	291.6820
16	Uttar Pradesh	1986.9984	88.1084	2075.1068
17	Uttarakhand	1656.9779	166.2543	1823.2322
18	West Bengal	396.8251	29.1248	425.9499
	Total	26429.9900	2089.4573	28519.4473
19	Haryana		31.2000	31.2000
20	Himachal Pradesh		40.5720	40.5720
21	Manipur		29.2500	29.2500
22	Meghalaya		59.4000	59.4000
23	Nagaland		305.4420	305.4420
24	Tripura		14.6887	14.6887
	Total	0.0000	480.5527	480.5527
	Grand Total	26429.9900	2570.0100	29000.0000

Annexure IX

Expenditure Plan for FY 2024-25 (as on 31.03.2025)

Rs. In Crore

S. No.	Budget Head	BE 2024-25	RE / FE 2024-25	Expenditure	Percentage Expenditure (Rs. In crores)
	Project Tiger Scheme				
1.	3601.06.101.02.05.31 (Assistance to State Governments)	210.00	210.00	210.00	100%
2.	3601.06.796.02.05.31 (Assistance to State Governments) Tribal Sub Plan (TSP), Grants-in-aid General	25.00	25.00	25.00	100%
3.	3601.06.789.02.05.31 (Assistance to State Governments) Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP), Grants-in-aid General	25.00	25.00	25.00	100%
4.	2552.00.114.06.05.31 (Assistance to North Eastern Region Grants-in-aid General	30.00	30.00	30.00	100%
	Total (PT)	290.00	290.00	290.00	

5.	2406.02.110.17.03	35.00	RE 30.86 FE 29.635	29.60	99.88% on FE
	Total (Gen + Sal)	35.00	29.635	29.60	
	National Tiger Conservation Authority (Detailed Head)				
a.	17.03.31 Grants-in-aid General	33.25	RE 29.11 *(FE Rs. 29.11)	29.11	100% on FE
b.	17.03.36 Grants-in-aid Salaries	1.75	RE 1.75 *(FE Rs. 0.525)	0.49	93.33% on FE
	Total	35.00	29.635	29.60	

*(Final Estimate for NTCA General and Salary of Rs. 29.635 Cr. For FY 2024-25)

OTHER FUNDS				
S. No.	Particular of Fund	Funds Received during 2024-25 (Rs. In Crores)	Expenditure during 2024-25 (Rs. In Crores)	% of Fund Utilization
1	CAMPA	26.20	10.6646	40.70%
2	Swachh Bharat Scheme	2.89	2.89	100%

3	Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund	*Fund received during the year 24-25 Rs.10.00 Unspent balance of previous year Rs.5.3668 Total =(10.00 + 4.79) = Rs. 14.79	14.79	96.24%
4	Other Contribution	0.11		

FORM OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS)			
Name of Entity NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY			
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2025			
(Amount in Rs.)			
CORPUS/CAPITAL FUND AND LIABILITIES	Schedule	Current Year	Previous Year
Corpus/Capital Fund	1	29,60,60,518.56	14,36,73,508.56
Reserves and Surplus	2	-	-
Earmarked/Endowment Funds	3	-	-
Secured Loans and Borrowings	4	-	-
Unsecured Loans and Borrowings	5	-	-
Deferred Credit Liabilities	6	-	-
Current Liabilities and Provisions	7	1,31,39,745.67	5,88,00,920.83
TOTAL		30,92,00,264.23	20,24,74,429.39
ASSETS			
Fixed Assets	8	2,88,86,505.00	3,03,52,020.00
Investments- From Earmarked/Endowment Funds	9	-	-
Investments-Others	10	-	-
Current Assets, Loans, advances Etc.	11	28,03,13,759.23	17,21,22,409.39
Miscellaneous Expenditure to the extent not written off or adjusted		-	-
TOTAL		30,92,00,264.23	20,24,74,429.39
Significant Accounting Policies	24		
Contingent Liabilities and Notes on Accounts	25		


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FORM OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS)			
Name of Entity NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY			
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31.3.2025			
(Amount in Rs.)			
INCOME	Schedule	Current Year	Previous Year
Income from Sales/Services	12	-	-
Grants/Subsidies	13	58,83,50,000.10	24,96,25,000.00
Fees/Subscriptions	14	-	-
Income from Investments (Income on Investment From Earmarked/Endow. Funds transferred to Funds)	15	-	-
Income from Royalty, publication etc.	16	-	-
Interest Earned	17	42,43,584.00	29,06,792.00
Other Income	18	10,200.00	3,60,739.00
Increase/(Decrease) in Stock of Finished Goods & WIP	19	-	-
TOTAL (A)		592603784.10	252892531.00
EXPENDITURE			
Establishment Expenses	20	2,61,61,564.00	2,73,82,495.00
Other Administrative Expenses etc.	21	2,43,61,876.10	5,67,31,466.70
Expenditure on Grants, Subsidies etc.	22	38,09,02,214.00	15,11,83,690.00
Interest (Remitted into govt account)	23	42,43,584.00	29,06,792.00
Provision for Statutory Audit Fee	7	1,00,000.00	1,00,000.00
Depreciation (Net Total at the year-end)	8	44,47,536.00	43,49,529.00
TOTAL (B)		440216774.10	242653972.70
Excess of Income over Expenditure (A-B)		15,23,87,010.00	1,02,38,558.30
Prior Period Adjustment (Net)			1,900.00
Balance Being Surplus Carried to Corpus/Capital Fund		15,23,87,010.00	-
Balance Being Deficit Carried to Corpus/Capital Fund		-	1,02,40,458.30
Transfer to Special Reserve			
Transfer to /from General Reserve			
Significant Accounting Policies	24		
Contingent Liabilities and Notes on Accounts	25		


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FORM OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS)

Name of Entity **NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31.3.2025

(Amount in Rs.)

RECEIPTS	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR	PAYMENTS	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
I. Opening Balances			I. Expenses		
(a) Cash in Hand	25,000.00	25,000.00	(a) Establishment Expenses (corresponding to Schedule 20)	24,526,264.00	25,027,207.00
Imprest	150,000.00	150,000.00	(Outstanding at beginning of the year)	1,165,092.00	1,344,947.00
(b) Bank Balances					
i) in current accounts	-	-	(b) Administrative Expenses (corresponding to Schedule 21)	19,135,052.14	48,391,780.47
ii) in deposit accounts	-	-	(Outstanding at beginning of the year)	465,449.00	333,769.00
iii) Savings accounts	166,030,139.39	210,359,742.54	(c) Grant in aid to Institutions/ Organisations (corresponding to Schedule 22)	380,902,214.00	151,183,690.00
II. Grants Received			(Payable at beginning of the year - Payable at end of the year)	100,000.00	200,000.00
(a) From Government of India	585,160,817.00	248,698,846.00	II. Payments made against funds for various projects		
(b) From State Government	-	-	(Name of the fund or project should be shown along with the particulars of payments made for each project)		
(c) From other sources (details) CSR & Contribution	105,103,404.00	138,879,379.00	i) Research Projects	-	-
(Grants for capital & revenue exp. To be shown separately)	-	-	ii) Training, Workshop Conference	2,416,512.00	7,236,089.00
III. Income on Investments from			III. Investments & deposit made		
(a) Earmarked/Endow Funds	-	-	(a) Out of Earmarked/Endowment funds	-	-
(b) Own Funds (Oth. Investment)	-	-	(b) Out of own funds (Investments- Others)	-	-
IV. Interest Received			IV. Expenditure on fixed Assets & capital work-in-progress		
(a) On bank deposits	4,243,584.00	2,970,993.00	(a) Purchase of fixed assets	2,982,021.00	3,952,835.00
(b) Loans, Advances etc.	-	-	(b) Expenditure on capital work-in-progress (Software under development)	-	-
V. Other Income (Specify)			V. Refund of surplus money/loans		
Refund of Bank Charges	-	-	(a) to the Government of India	-	-
Sale Proceeds of old articles/ items/ Misc Receipts	10,200.00	360,739.00	(b) to the State Government	-	-
VI. Amount Borrowed			(c) to other providers of funds	-	-
VII. Any other receipts (give details)			VI. Finance Charges (Interest)	4,370,548.00	2,513,081.00
(a) Misc. Receipts	-	-	VII Other Payments (Specify)		
(b) Interest on Scooter Adv.	-	-	(a) Payment of TDS	-	1,281.00
(c) Security deposit	-	-	(b) Security Deposit/Retained/Retained	-	-
(d) Recovery of Advances	1,041,588.00	10,546,711.77	(c) Amount adjustable (by other dept.)	-	-
(a) Recovery of TDS	-	-	(d) Advances Recoverable in Cash or for Value to be Recovered	543,800.00	12,539,319.00
(b) Staff car recovery	-	-	(e) Staff advances	-	-
(c) License Fee	-	-	(f) Payment to other Depatt, (Recoveries from pay bills)	-	-
(d) Recovery from pay bills, adjustable by other Departments	-	-	(g) Bank Charges	-	-
(i) Sale proceed of assets	-	-	(h) Reimbursement of imprest advance	-	-
(j) GSA refunded	-	-	(i) Remittances (Sale proceed of Assets and Old articles/items/ Misc Receipt)	-	321,000.00
(k) Leave salary & Pension contribution payment made last yer received back	-	-	(j) CSR funds release/expenditure	147,905,634.02	192,741,273.45
			VIII. Closing Balances		
			(a) Cash in Hand	25,000.00	25,000.00
			Imprest	150,000.00	150,000.00
			(b) Bank Balances		
			i) in current accounts	-	-
			ii) in deposit accounts	-	-
			iii) Savings accounts	277,077,146.23	166,030,139.39
TOTAL	861,764,732.39	611,991,411.31	TOTAL	861,764,732.39	611,991,411.31


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(Annexure- VI)

FORM OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS)

Name of Entity **NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2025
SCHEDULE 1 - CORPUS/CAPITAL FUND

(Amount in Rs.)

SCHEDULE 1 - CORPUS/CAPITAL FUND:	Current Year	Previous Year
Balance as at the beginning of the year	14,36,73,508.56	13,34,33,050.26
Add/(Deduct): Balance of net income (Expenditure) transferred from the Income and Expenditure Account	15,23,87,010.00	1,02,40,458.30
BALANCE AS AT THE YEAR - END	29,60,60,518.56	14,36,73,508.56


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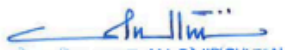

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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2025
SCHEDULE 2-RESERVES AND SURPLUS

(Amount in Rs.)

SCHEDULE 2-RESERVES AND SURPLUS:	Current Year	Previous Year
1. Capital Reserve:		
As per Last Account	-	-
Addition during the year	-	-
Less: Deduction during the year	(-) -	(-) -
2. Revaluation Reserve:		
As per Last Account	-	-
Addition during the year	-	-
Less: Deduction during the year	(-) -	(-) -
3.Special Reserves:		
As per Last Account	-	-
Addition during the year	-	-
Less: Deduction during the year	(-) -	(-) -
4.General Reserves:		
As per Last Account	-	-
Addition during the year	-	-
Less: Deduction during the year	(-) -	(-) -
TOTAL	-	-


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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2025
SCHEDULE 3- EARMARKED/ENDOWMENT FUNDS

SCHEDULE 3- EARMARKED/ENDOWMENT FUNDS	FUND WISE BREAK-UP				TOTALS	
	FUND WW	FUND XX	FUND YY	FUND ZZ	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
A) Opening Balance Of The Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
B) Additions To The Funds:	-	-	-	-	-	-
i) Donations/Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
ii) Income From Investments Made On Amount Of Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
iii) Other Additions (Specify Nature)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total (A + B)	-	-	-	-	-	-
C) Utilization/Expenditure Towards Objectives Of Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
(i) Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
(ii) Revenue Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaries, Wages And Allowances Etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Administrative Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL (c)	-	-	-	-	-	-
NET BALANCE AS AT THE YEAR END (a + b - c)	-	-	-	-	-	-

NOTES

(1) Disclosures shall be made under relevant heads based on conditions attaching to the grants

(2) Plan funds received from the central/share governments are to be shown as separate funds and not to be mixed up with any other funds.


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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2025
SCHEDULE 4 - SECURED LOANS AND BORROWINGS

Schedule 4 - Secured Loans and Borrowings:	(Amount in Rs.)	
	Current Year	Previous Year
1. Central government	-	-
2. State government (specify)	-	-
3. Financial institutions	-	-
a) term loans	-	-
b) interest accrued and due	-	-
4. Banks:	-	-
a) Term loans	-	-
- Interest accrued and due	-	-
b) Other loans (specify)	-	-
- Interest accrued and due	-	-
5. Other institutions and agencies	-	-
6. Debentures and bonds	-	-
7. Others (specify)	-	-
Total	-	-
Note: Amounts due within one year		


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SCHEDULE 5-UNSECURED LOANS AND BORROWINGS

(Amount in Rs.)

Schedule 5 - Unsecured Loans and Borrowings:	Current Year	Previous Year
1. Central Government	-	-
2. State Government (Specify)	-	-
3. Financial Institutions	-	-
4. Banks:	-	-
(a) Term Loans	-	-
(b) Other Loans (Specify)	-	-
5. Other Institutions And Agencies	-	-
6. Debentures And Bonds	-	-
7. Fixed Deposits	-	-
8. Others (Specify)	-	-
Total	-	-
Note: Amounts due within one year	-	-


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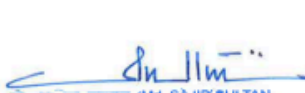
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2025

SCHEDULE 6-DEFERRED CREDIT LIABILITIES

(Amount in Rs.)

Schedule 6 - Deferred Credit Liabilities:	Current Year	Previous Year
a) Acceptance secured by hypothecation of capital equipment and other assets	-	-
b) Others	-	-
Total	-	-

Note: Amounts due within one year


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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2025
SCHEDULE 7 -CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS

	(Amount in Rs.)	
A. CURRENT LIABILITIES:	Current Year	Previous Year
1. Acceptances	-	-
2. Sundry Creditors:		
a) For Goods	-	-
b) Others	-	-
3. Advances Received	-	-
4. Interest accrued but not due on:		
a) Secured Loans/Borrowings	-	-
b) Unsecured Loans/Borrowings	-	-
5. Statutory Liabilities		
a) Overdue		
b) Others	-	-
6. Other current Liabilities		
a) Unspent Grant in Aid refundable to	404,672.96	2,089,183.10
b) Interest refundable to Ministry	463,813.00	590,777.00
c) Security refundable	-	-
d) Leave Salary & Pension Contribution, NPS Payable	694,579.00	-
e) Salary & Wages Payable	1,598,434.00	1,822,362.00
f) Other (Expenses Payable)	111,527.00	465,449.00
g) TDS Payable		
h) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)	9,766,719.71	53,733,149.73
TOTAL (A)	13,039,745.67	58,700,920.83
B. PROVISIONS:		
1. For Taxation	-	-
2. Gratuity	-	-
3. Superannuation/Pension	-	-
4. Accumulated Leave Encashment	-	-
5. Trade Warranties/Claims		
6. Other (Statutory Audit Fee)	100,000.00	100,000.00
TOTAL (B)	100,000.00	100,000.00
TOTAL (A + B)	13,139,745.67	58,800,920.83


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SCHEDULE FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2025											
SCHEDULE 8- FIXED ASSETS											
DESCRIPTION	GROSS BLOCK				DEPRECIATION					NET BLOCK	
	Cost/value at the beginning of the year (a)	Additions during the year (b)	Deductions during the year (c)	Cost/value at the year end (d)	Depreciation Rate % (e)	As at the beginning of the year (f)	On additions during the year (g)	On Deductions as during the year (h)	Total Up to the year-end (i)	As at the end of current year (j - k)	As at the end of previous year (l - m)
Tangible Assets											
Building	12,288,735	-	-	12,288,735	10%	1,228,874	-	-	1,228,874	11,059,861	12,288,735
Furniture & Fixtures	2,217,547	13,850	-	2,231,397	10%	221,755	-	693	222,448	2,008,949	2,217,547
Vehicle	4,669,074	-	-	4,669,074	15%	700,361	-	-	700,361	3,968,713	4,669,074
Mobile & Portable Devices	106,745	-	-	106,745	15%	16,012	-	-	16,012	90,733	106,745
Office Equipment	1,789,094	15,985	304,046	2,109,125	15%	268,364	2,398	22,803	293,565	1,815,560	1,789,094
Surveillance System	5,316,258	-	-	5,316,258	15%	797,439	-	-	797,439	4,518,819	5,316,258
Computer/ Peripherals	720,557	442,196	2,184,144	3,346,897	40%	288,223	176,878	436,829	901,930	2,444,967	720,557
Library Books	3,568	-	-	3,568	40%	1,427	-	-	1,427	2,141	3,568
Scientific/Technical Equipment/ Camera	36,580	-	-	36,580	15%	5,487	-	-	5,487	31,093	36,580
Intangible Assets											
Website	1,085,192	-	-	1,085,192	25%	271,298	-	-	271,298	813,894	1,085,192
Computer Software	23,881	-	21,800	45,681	25%	5,970	-	2,725	8,695	36,986	23,881
TOTAL	28,257,231	458,181	2,523,840	31,239,252		3,805,210	179,276	463,050	4,447,536	26,791,716	28,257,231
Software (Under Development)/ Capital Work in Progress	2,094,789	-	-	2,094,789	0%	-	-	-	-	2,094,789	2,094,789
TOTAL FOR THE CURRENT YEAR	30,352,020	458,181	2,523,840	33,334,041		3,805,210	179,276	463,050	4,447,536	28,886,505	30,352,020


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SCHEDULE 9-INVESTMENTS FROM EARMARKED/ENDOWMENT FUNDS		
(Amount in Rs.)		
INVESTMENTS FROM EARMARKED/ENDOWMENT FUNDS:	Current Year	Previous Year
1. In government securities	-	-
2. Other approved securities	-	-
3. Shares	-	-
4. Debentures and bonds	-	-
5. Subsidiaries and joint ventures	-	-
6. Others (to be specified)	-	-
Total	-	-


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SCHEDULE 10 - INVESTMENTS OTHERS

	(Amount in Rs.)	
INVESTMENTS OTHERS	Current Year	Previous Year
1. In Government Securities	-	-
2. Other Approved Securities	-	-
3. Shares	-	-
4. Debentures and Bonds	-	-
5. Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures	-	-
6. Other (to Be Specified)	-	-
TOTAL	-	-


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 SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2025
SCHEDULE 11 - CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS, ADVANCES ETC. (CONTD.)

	(Amount in Rs.)	
B. LOANS, ADVANCES AND OTHER ASSETS:	Current Year	Previous Year
1. Loans:		
a) Staff	-	-
b) Other Entities engaged in activities/ objectives similar to that of the Entity	-	-
c) Other (specify)	-	-
2. Advances and other amounts recoverable in cash or for value to be received		
a) On Capital Account	-	-
b) Prepayments	-	-
c) Other	-	-
(i) Advances (Meeting, Events, TADA etc.)	16,27,484.00	46,25,208.00
(ii) Security Deposit	62,584.00	62,584.00
(iii) Tax Deduction at Source	5,38,920.00	5,38,920.00
(iv) Account receivable	-	-
3. Income Accrued:		
a) On Investments from Earmarked/ Endowment	-	-
b) On Investments- Others	-	-
c) On Loans and Advances	-	-
d) Others (includes income due unrealized - Rs....)	-	-
4. Claims Receivable (MEA)	-	-
TOTAL (B)	22,28,988.00	52,26,712.00
TOTAL (A + B)	28,03,13,759.23	17,21,22,409.39


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SCHEDULE 11 -CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS, ADVANCES ETC.

	(Amount in Rs.)	
A. CURRENT ASSETS:	Current Year	Previous Year
1. Inventories:		
a) Stores and Spares (Stock of Consumable items/Stores)	8,32,625.00	6,90,558.00
b) Loose Tools	-	-
c) Stock-in-trade	-	-
Finished Goods	-	-
Work-in-progress	-	-
Raw Materials	-	-
2. Sundry Debtors:		
a) Debts Outstanding for a period exceeding 6 months	-	-
b) Others	-	-
3. Cash balances in hand (including cheques/drafts and imprest)		
Cash- In - Hand	-	-
Imprest	1,75,000.00	1,75,000.00
4. Bank Balances:		
a) With Scheduled Banks:		
'- On Current Accounts	-	-
'- On Deposit Accounts	-	-
(includes margin money)	-	-
'- On Savings Accounts	27,70,77,146.23	16,60,30,139.39
b) With non-Scheduled Banks:		
'- On Current Accounts	-	-
'- On Deposit Accounts	-	-
'- On Savings Accounts	-	-
5. Post Office-Savings Accounts	-	-
TOTAL (A)	27,80,84,771.23	16,68,95,697.39


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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31.03.2025
SCHEDULE 12 - INCOME FROM SALES/SERVICES

	(Amount in Rs.)	
INCOME FROM SALES/SERVICES:	Current Year	Previous Year
1) Income From Sales		
a) Sale Of Finished Goods	-	-
b) Sale Of Raw Material	-	-
c) Sale Of Scraps	10,200.00	3,21,000.00
2) Income From Services		
a) Labour And Processing Charges	-	-
b) Professional/Consultancy Services	-	-
c) Agency Commission And Brokerage	-	-
d) Maintenance Services (Equipment/Property)	-	-
e) Others (Specify)	-	-
TOTAL	10,200.00	3,21,000.00


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SCHEDULE 13 - GRANTS/SUBSIDIES

(Amount in Rs.)		
(Irrevocable Grants & Subsidies Received)	Current Year	Previous Year
1. Central Government	58,72,50,000.10	24,96,25,000.00
2. State Government(s)	-	-
3. Government Agencies	-	-
4. Institutions/Welfare Bodies	-	-
5. International Organisations	-	-
6. Others (Specify) Contribution	11,00,000.00	-
Total	58,83,50,000.10	24,96,25,000.00


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SCHEDULE 14 - FEES/SUBSCRIPTIONS

(Amount in Rs.)		
FEES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	Current Year	Previous Year
1. Entrance Fees	-	-
2. Annual Fees/Subscriptions	-	-
3. Seminar/Program fees	-	-
4. Consultancy Fees	-	-
5. Others (Specify)	-	-
TOTAL	-	-


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SCHEDULE 15 - INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

		(Amount in Rs.)		
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS	INVESTMENT FROM EARMARKED FUND		INVESTMENT OTHERS	
Income on investment from earmarked/ endowment funds transferred to funds	Current Year	Previous Year	Current Year	Previous Year
1. Interest				
a) On Govt. Securities	-	-	-	-
b) Other Bonds /Debentures	-	-	-	-
2. Dividends:				
a) On Shares	-	-	-	-
b) On Mutual Fund Securities	-	-	-	-
3. Rents	-	-	-	-
4. Others (Specify)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-
Transferred To Earmarked/Endowment Funds				

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SCHEDULE 16 - INCOME FROM ROYALTY, PUBLICATION ETC.

		(Amount in Rs.)	
Income from Royalty, Publication etc.	Current Year	Previous Year	
1. Income From Royalty	-	-	-
2. Income From Publications	-	-	-
3. Others (Specify)	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-


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SCHEDULE 17- INTEREST EARNED

	(Amount in Rs.)	
	Current Year	Previous Year
1. On Term Deposit		
a) With Scheduled Banks	-	-
b) With Non Scheduled Banks	-	-
c) With Institutions	-	-
d) Others	-	-
2. On Saving Accounts		
a) With Scheduled Banks	42,43,584.00	29,06,792.00
b) With Non-Scheduled Banks	-	-
c) Post office Savings Accounts	-	-
d) Others	-	-
3. On Loans		
a) Employee/Staff	-	-
b) Others	-	-
4. Interest on Debtors and Other Receivables	-	-
Total	42,43,584.00	29,06,792.00

Note - Tax deducted at source - NIL


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SCHEDULE 18 - OTHER INCOME

	(Amount in Rs.)	
	Current Year	Previous Year
1. Profit on Sale/disposal of Assets :		
a) Owned Assets	10,200.00	3,21,000.00
b) Assets acquired out of grants, or received free of cost	-	-
2. Export Incentives realized	-	-
3. Fees for Miscellaneous Services	-	-
4. Miscellaneous Income/Other receipt	-	39,739.00
Total	10,200.00	3,60,739.00


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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2025

SCHEDULE 19 - INCREASE/DECREASE IN STOCK OF FINISHED GOODS & WORK IN PROGRESS

(Amount in Rs.)

INCREASE/DECREASE IN STOCK OF FINISHED GOODS & WORK IN PROGRESS	Current Year	Previous Year
A) Closing Stock		
- Finished Goods	-	-
- Work In Progress	-	-
B) Less Opening Stock	-	-
- Finished Goods	-	-
- Work In Progress	-	-
Net Increase/(Decrease) [A-B]	-	-


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SCHEDULE 20 - ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES

(Amount in Rs.)

	Current Year	Previous Year
a) Salaries and Wages	2,26,88,434.00	2,49,80,637.00
b) Allowances and Bonus/Exgratia payment	32,00,000.00	18,26,000.00
c) Contribution to Provident Fund	-	-
d) Contribution to Other Fund (Specify)	-	-
e) Staff Welfare Expenses	-	-
f) Expenses on Employees Retirement & Terminal Benefits : LS&PC	-	1,56,375.00
g) Others (specify)		
LTC Expenses	46,152.00	2,77,092.00
Statutory Audit Fee	-	-
Reimbursement (Medical, News Paper, Briefcase, Telephone Charges etc) of NTCA Officers	2,26,978.00	1,42,391.00
TOTAL	2,61,61,564.00	2,73,82,495.00


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SCHEDULE 21- OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ETC.

(Amount in Rs.)		
Description	Current Year	Previous Year
a. Purchases	-	-
b. Conveyance and Cartage	82,174.00	78,130.00
c. Repairs and maintenance		
Building	7,535.00	61,442.00
Other	1,10,761.00	1,61,016.00
d. Vehicles Running Expenses	3,33,014.00	3,47,221.00
e. Vehicles Maintenance	87,751.00	1,17,370.00
f. Postage, Telephone and Communication Charges.	2,18,715.00	2,31,456.00
g. Printing, Publication and Periodicals		
h. Travelling Expenses:		
Domestic	47,75,022.00	75,87,797.00
Foreign	17,75,089.14	41,17,588.00
i. Legal & Professional Charges	29,88,730.00	18,10,752.00
j. Hospitality Expenses	2,58,126.00	2,92,444.00
k. Advertisement and Publicity		
l. Electricity & Water Charges	2,71,931.00	2,72,189.00
m. Distribution Expenses		
n. Printing & Stationery	2,91,755.00	13,34,302.00
o. Imp. Expenses		
p. Relocation/Moving Expenses		
q. Audit Fee	99,300.00	4,14,044.00
r. Other Office expenses (including Computer Consumables)	71,25,863.00	2,17,59,425.00
s. Rent	10,51,669.00	12,28,788.00
t. Deficit/loss on sale of unusable assets		
u. Remittance (Sale proceed assets/old articals and items/ other receipts)		3,21,000.00
v. Contributions/Grant Reufnded	4,04,672.96	20,89,183.00
w. Expenses on Training, Workshop & Conferences/Meeting	44,79,768.00	72,36,089.00
x. Expenditure from (CAMPA fund)		72,71,230.70
TOTAL	2,43,61,876.10	5,67,31,466.70


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SCHEDULE 22 - EXPENDITURE ON GRANTS, SUBSIDIES ETC.

(Amount in Rs.)		
	Current Year	Previous Year
a. Grants given to Institutions /Organisations		
(i) From Grant-in-aid General (NTCA)	19,53,55,961.00	2,20,48,130.00
(ii) Grant-in-aid received from CAMPA	10,66,46,253.00	9,31,35,560.00
(iii) Grant-in-aid under Swachh Bharat Scheme	2,89,00,000.00	2,70,00,000.00
(iv) Grant-in-aid under IBCA	5,00,00,000.00	90,00,000.00
b. Subsidies given to Institutions/ Organisations		
Total	38,09,02,214.00	15,11,83,690.00


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SCHEDULE 23- INTEREST

	(Amount in Rs.)	
	Current Year	Previous Year
a. On Fixed Loans	-	-
b. On Other Loans (including Bank Charges)	-	-
c. Other (Interest remitted to Govt Treasury)	42,43,584.00	29,06,792.00
Total	42,43,584.00	29,06,792.00


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SCHEDULE FORMING PART OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31.03.2025

SCHEDULE 24 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted Accounting policies.

2. Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are stated at cost of acquisition inclusive of inward freight duties and taxes and incidental and direct expenses related to acquisition less accumulated depreciation.

Fixed Assets received by way of non-monetary grants, (other than toward corpus fund) are capitalized at values stated, by corresponding credit to Capital Reserve.

3. Depreciation

Depreciation on Fixed Assets is provided on written down value at the rates provided in the Income Tax Act 1961. Assets acquired after September have been depreciated at half the rate of depreciation prescribed for an asset.

4. Government Grant

Government Grant are accounted on realization basis.

5. General

Accounting policies not specifically mentioned are otherwise inconsonance.


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SCHEDULE 25 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

1. **Contingent Liabilities:** Claims against the Entity not acknowledged as debts - NIL (Previous year NIL)
2. **Capital Commitments:** Estimated value of contracts remaining to be executed on Capital account and not provided for (net of advances) - NIL (Previous year NIL)
3. **Current assets, Loans and Advances:** In the opinion of the Management, the Current Assets, Loans and Advances have a value on realisation in the ordinary course of business, equal at least to the aggregate amount shown in the Balance Sheet.
4. Schedule 1 to 25 annexed form an integral part of the Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2025 and the Income and expenditure Account the year ended on that date.
5. Interest income on deposit is recognized at accrued basis and at gross figures and tax deduction at sources stated separately.


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दिनांक: 6/10/2025

सेवा में,

एडीजीएफ (प्रोजेक्ट टाइगर) एवं सदस्य सचिव (एनटीसीए),
राष्ट्रीय बाघ संरक्षण प्राधिकरण (NTCA)
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विषय: 2024-25 को समाप्त होने वाले वर्ष के लिए 'राष्ट्रीय बाघ संरक्षण प्राधिकरण
(NTCA), नई दिल्ली के वार्षिक खातों पर ड्राफ्ट पृथक लेखापरीक्षा रिपोर्ट (Draft SAR)।

महोदय,

मुझे वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए " राष्ट्रीय बाघ संरक्षण प्राधिकरण (NTCA) " की ड्राफ्ट पृथक
लेखा परीक्षा रिपोर्ट प्रेषित करने हेतु निर्देशित किया गया है।

आपसे अनुरोध है की इस रिपोर्ट में सम्मिलित तथ्यों और आंकड़ों की कृपया पुष्टि करें
तथा यदि कोई टिप्पणी हो तो उसे इस पत्र की प्राप्ति की तिथि से **दो सप्ताह** के भीतर इस
कार्यालय को प्रेषित करें , जिससे की पृथक लेखा परीक्षा रिपोर्ट जारी करने से पूर्व उन पर उचित
रूप से विचार किया जा सके तथा उन्हें सम्मिलित किया जा सके।

भवदीया,

संलग्नक: यथोपरि


6/10/25

वरिष्ठ लेखा परीक्षा अधिकारी (पर्यावरण अनुभाग)

Draft Separate Audit Report on the Accounts of National Tiger Conservation Authority,
NTCA for FY 2024-25

A. Balance Sheet

1. Liability

1.1 Current Liabilities & Provisions

Unspent Grant in Aid of ₹ 4,04,672, refundable to the Ministry, was not repaid resulting in overstatement of current liabilities and expenses.

1.2 Bank Interest Refundable to Ministry

Interest credited to the bank account as of 31.03.2025 amounting to ₹4,63,813 of Grant in aid was not returned to the Ministry. Consequently, there is an overstatement of current liabilities and interest income recorded in the Income & Expenditure Account.

1.3 Current Liabilities and Provisions – Schedule 7

Other Current Liabilities - Corporate Social Responsibility

Opening Balance of the above CSR fund was showing ₹ 5,37,33,149.73. However the bank reconciliation statement was showing the above balance as ₹ 5,36,68,949.73. Thus, there is a difference of ₹ 64,200. Further it was also observed that accrued interest from 01.01.2024 to 01.03.2024 of ₹ 5,87,047 was included in the F.Y. 2025-26 balance. NTCA is booking interest on cash basis instead of the accrual basis. This has resulted in the understatement of CSR amount of FY 2024-25 and overstatement of the same for FY 2025-26.

1.4 Other Payments - CSR funds release/expenditure: ₹ 14,79,05,634.02

An amount of ₹1000 lakh was received during the year as CSR contribution from IOCL. During the scrutiny of expenditure, it was observed that the Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation Society, Sheopur (IOCL), incurred expenses under the Kuno Wildlife Division, Sheopur, during the year 2024-25, and Utilisation Certificates (UCs) were furnished to the NTCA. Further, it was observed that four Utilisation Certificates (UCs) amounting to ₹535 lakh, ₹325 lakh, ₹140 lakh, and ₹1000 lakh were received from the Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation Society, Sheopur, for these funds under CSR contribution. A total of ₹2000 lakh in UCs was issued, while a payment of ₹1479 lakh was made during the year. There is a gross mismatch between the UCs and the corresponding expenditure incurred. This needs to be reconciled under intimation to the audit.

2. Assets

2.1 Fixed Assets

Library Books amounting to ₹ 2,141 are recorded under tangible assets, but there was no book register or physical verification report made available to Audit; thus, Audit was unable to verify the physical presence of these books.

2.2 Loans, Advances and Other Assets

Advances and other amounts recoverable in cash or for value to be received

During the scrutiny of records, it was observed that the advances stated at *Annexure-I* are still lying pending with NTCA.

The advances are lying pending for a period of 1 to 3 years, due to non-receipt of the final bills from the vendors/officials. In the absence of the final bills, the audit is unable to verify the actual expenditure incurred. This needs to be settled immediately after taking necessary action.

2.3 Current Assets, Loans and Advances(Schedule 11)

Advances and other amounts recoverable - Tax Deduction at source

An amount of ₹ 5,38,930 has been shown as Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) recoverable. This amount was deducted on the Fixed Deposit/ Term Deposit in the previous year's up to 2018-19. As per section 10(46) of the Income Tax Act 1961, a statutory body is exempted from payment of income tax subject to the Notification issued in this regard by the GOI. On being pointed out by Audit in the SAR for the year 2019-20, NTCA has filed income tax returns showing the refunds from 2014-15 to 2018-19 in ITR. However, pursuance with the income tax department was not found on record to recover the refund. This fact has also not been disclosed anywhere in the accounts.

2.4 Overstatement of Consumable Stores & Understatement of Stamps of 2nd International Tiger Forum:

Stores and spare consumable items amounting to ₹ 8,32,625 includes postage stamps (2nd International Tiger Forum) of ₹ 4,74,800 for the year 2024-25. However, these stamps are required to be included in the cash & cash equivalents instead of stores and spare. Thus, this has resulted in the Stores and spare consumable items are overstated and Cash & Cash Equivalents Balance was understated by ₹ 4,74,800 each.

B. Income & Expenditure Account

1. Grants/ Contribution

Above includes contribution of ₹ 11 lakh received from Dr. SP Yadav, Former, ADG (PT) & MS, and Shri C.P. Goyal, former DG & CSS, MoEF & CC who have contributed in the name of "Member Secretary, Tiger Conservation Authority Fund" for publication of Chitrakaya Book. This contribution is treated as a general grant and shown under the income of NTCA. As this is a specified contribution to be used for a specific purpose, which has not been spent during the year, this should have been shown under the current liability. Thus, this has resulted in overstatement of other contribution and understatement of current liabilities by ₹ 11 lakh each.

2. Non compliance of Accounting Standard- 15 (Employees Benefits)

During audit it was noted that Sh. Nandkishor Vyankatesh Kale, were appointed at the post of Assistant Inspector General of Forests (AIGF), at Nagpur and Smt. Harini Venugopal appointed at the post of Assistant Inspector General of Forests (AIGF), at Bengaluru on deputation basis under the Central Staffing Scheme.

In compliance of AS-15 which states that post-employment benefits such as gratuity, pension, other retirement benefits, has not been made by NTCA.

3. Prior Period Expenses:

During the scrutiny of records it was observed that an amount of ₹ 93,036/- for prior period expenses has wrongly been booked under the current year 2025-26 (**Annexure-II**).

This has resulted in overstatement of current year expenses and understatement of prior period expenses.

C. Receipts & Payments

Receipts & Payments Account was checked & found in order.

D. Accounting Policy

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E. General

I. Monitoring of Utilisation Certificates (UCs)

Rule 238 of GFR 2017 stipulates that a Certificate of Actual Utilisation of the grant received, certifying that the funds were used for the purpose for which they were sanctioned, must be obtained in Form GFR 12-A. This certificate should be submitted by the institution or organisation concerned within twelve months from the closure of the financial year in which the grant was utilised. It was however noticed that Utilisation Certificates in respect of 19 cases aggregating to ₹656.08 lakh were lying pending as on 31.03.2025 beyond the prescribed period of 12 months. Action taken by NTCA for the same was not found on record.

Amount pending since the Financial Year	Amount ₹ in lakh
Prior to 2022-23	22.27
2022-23	108.81
2023-24	525.00
Total up to 2023-24	656.08
2024-25	2517.88

Further, it was observed that NTCA had issued UCs on 09.04.2025 amounting to ₹ 2910.91 lakh to the Ministry without ensuring the expenditure incurred by organisations to which the fund was released as UCs amounting to ₹ 2517.88 lakh were lying pending so far.

F. Management Letter

NIL

G. Assessment of Internal Controls

(i) Adequacy of Internal Control System

Adequate.

(ii) Adequacy of Internal Audit System

Internal Audit has been conducted for the FY 2023-24 from 01.09.2024 to 20.09.2024 & 30.09.2024 to 01.10.2024.

(iii) System of Physical Verification of Fixed Assets

Physical Verification report of Fixed Assets was not provided to Audit.

(iv) System of Physical Verification of Inventory

Physical verification of inventory done.

(v) **Regularity in payment of statutory dues**

No discrepancies noticed.

(vi) **Other matters relating to functioning of the entity**

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H. Grant-in-Aid

During 2024-25, NTCA received ₹ 58.72 crore as Grant-in-Aid comprising ₹ 29.11 crore for GIA-General, ₹ 0.52 crore for GIA-Salary, ₹ 2.89 crore for Swatch Bharat Project and ₹ 26.20 crore from CAMPA. Against this, NTCA incurred an expenditure of ₹ 29.10 crore under GIA-General, ₹ 0.48 crore under GIA-Salary, ₹ 2.89 crore under Swatch Bharat project and ₹ 10.66 crore under CAMPA leaving a balance of ₹ 396042 under GIA-Salary and ₹ 26.46 crore under CAMPA as unutilised grant as on 31 March 2025.

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Annexure-I

Date	Particulars	Vch Type	Amount (₹)
29-Sep-21	Payment for organizing the event Ch. No. 316644 dated 29.09.2021 Payment made to Member Secretary, Executive Committee Tiger Conservation Foundation, for CTR, Corbett TR, Uttarakhand towards the payment for organizing the event 'India for Tigers - A Rally on Wheels' from 2nd to 8th October, 2021		1,00,000.00
20-Apr-23	Unadjusted Balance of Deputation Allowance (Payment made for Deputation Allowance to delegation members for official visit to South Africa & Namibia from 30th May, 2022 to 9th June, 2022)		63,962.00
06-Aug-22	Payment made to ITDC- Ashok Events BANK OF MAHARASHTRA, A/C NO. 60140760167	Payment Advance 2022-23	4,87,498.00
28-Nov-22	Payment made to Ashoka Hotel BANK OF MAHARASHTRA, A/C NO. 60140760167	Payment Advance 2022-23	84,000.00
31-Mar-23	Payment made to Govt. India Mint for Commemorative Coins BANK OF MAHARASHTRA, A/C NO. 60140760167	Payment Advance 2022-23	8,34,180.00
11-Mar-24	Payment made to Akbar Ansari, Driver for road expenses (diesel/ Repair) BANK OF MAHARASHTRA, A/C NO. 60140760167	Payment Advance 2023-24	5,000.00
15-Dec-23	Advance payment to Ashoka Hotel BANK OF MAHARASHTRA, A/C NO. 60140760167	Payment Advance 2023-24	32,844.00
	Total		16,07,484.00

Annexure-II

Sl. No.	Date	Particulars	Amount (₹)
1.	17.05.2024	Payment made to Sh. N.S. Murali, IGF (NTCA), RO Bengaluru for T.A. Claims in context of official visit/ tour.	20,210
2.	17.05.2024	Payment made to Sh. N.S. Murali, IGF (NTCA), RO Bengaluru towards the recoupment against imprest advance for expenditure from 04.03.2024 to 26.03.2024.	14,374
3.	17.05.2024	Payment made to car care centre for supply of diesel for staff Car vehicles for the period from 01.03.2024 to 31.03.2024.	39,939
4.	22.05.2024	Payment made to Dr. Kaushik Banerjee, Scientist, NTCA Tiger Cell towards reimbursement against expenses incurred for the period ending March 18, 2024 & March 26, 2024.	18,513
		Total	93,036/-



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