

Himachal Pradesh Forest Department
SPITI SNOWLEOPARD CONSERVATION SOCIETY
Kaza, Himachal Pradesh

No. 174/12 Dated 01/07/ 2017

Member Secretary,
Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society
(SSLCS)-cum- Divisional Forest Officer
Spiti Wildlife Division, Kaza.

- To
1. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests-cum-CWLW
Shimla.
 - ✓ 2. Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)
Wildlife Circle Shimla.
 3. Additional Deputy Commissioner
Spiti, Kaza.
 4. Sub Divisional Magistrate
Kaza
 5. Deputy Superintendent of Police
Kaza.
 6. Executive Engineer
HPPWD, Kaza
 7. Executive Engineer
I&PH, Kaza
 8. Dy. Director Tourism
Kaza.
 9. Dy. Director
Agriculture
 10. SMS, Horticulture
Kaza
 11. Assistant Director
Animal Husbandry Department

- Kaza
12. Range Forest Officer
Spiti, Kaza
 13. Range Forest Officer
PVNP, Tabo
 14. BMO, Kaza
 15. Nature Conservation Foundation
Field Office, Kibber.
 16. Dy. Director Education
Kaza
 17. Dr. Yash Veer Bhatnager, Sr. Scientist
NCF, Mysore.
 18. Commanding Officer, Dogra Scouts
Sumdo.
 19. Commandant, ITBP
Sumdo
 20. Pradhans
Gram Panchayat, Kibber, Sagnam, Lalung and Hansa.


Subject: Proceedings of the first meeting of Governing Body of "SPITI SNOW LEOPARD CONSERVATION SOCIETY (SSLCS)" held under the Chairmanship of Chief Conservator of Forests(WL)-cum-President, Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society(SSLCS) on 04/07/2017 at Kaza.

Dear Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith the proceedings of the the first meeting of Governing Body of "SPITI SNOW LEOPARD CONSERVATION SOCIETY (SSLCS)" held under the Chairmanship of Chief Conservator of Forests(WL)-cum-President, Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society(SSLCS) on 04/07/2017 at Conference hall of ADC Kaza for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl; As above.

Yours faithfully,


Member Secretary,
Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society
(SSLCS)-cum- Divisional Forest Officer
Spiti Wildlife Division, Kaza.

The first meeting of Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society(SSLCS) was held in conference hall in the office of ADC Spiti at Kaza on dated 4.07.2017 under the chairmanship of Chief Conservator of Forests (south) -cum-Chairman SSLCS. The detail of participants as under:-

Sr.No	Name & Address	Signature
1	Dr. Anuradha Chauhan Veterinary Officer Animal Husbandry Department	/
2	Dr. Kalzang Chhukit H.D.O. O/O SMS(H) Kaza	
3	Dr. Suri Venkatachalow, NCF, Mysore	
4	Tanzin Thinley , NCF, Kibber	
5	Siddharth Bhatnagar,NCF, Mysore	
6	Krishan Bhagat Negi, RFO Tabo	
7	Dr. Vikas Roopa,MO datel CHC,Kaza	
8	ER.Manoj Negi, SDO IPH,Kaza	
9	Dr.Dorje BMO CHC,Kaza	
10	Padma Angchuk VPO Sagnum	
11	Dorje Chhering VPO Kibber	
12	Balwant Naik (APO) Kaza	
13	Paldan Gatuk	
14	Angdui Norbu Sr.Astt.Dy.Dir. Elementary Education,Kaza	
15	Er.Virender Kumar XEN HPPWD,Kaza	
16	Dr.Sushil Kapta,CCF WL(S) Shimla	
17	Dr.Vikram Singh Negi(HAS) ADM Kaza	
18	Dr.D.S. Dhaulta,HPFS	
19	Rajeev Sharma, DFO WL Spiti	
20	Devdender Singh Chauhan,RFO WL Kaza	
21	Ranjeet Kumar,Sr,Asstt. O/O DFO Spiti	
22	Mukesh Kumar,HPS, O/o SMO Kaza	

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2	Dr. Kalzang Chukit H.D.O. of SMC (H) Kaza	
3	Dr. Sri Venkateshachalam, NCF Mysore	
4	TANZINI Thimley NCF Kibbis	
5	Siddharth Bhatnagar NCF Mysore	
6	Mr. Srikanth Bhargava Negi R.P.O. Tabo	
7	Dr. Vikas Lopa, MO, District Chitkoo	
8	ER. MANOJ NEGI S.D.O. IPIP KAZA	
9	Dr. Donyo BMO Chitkoo	
10	Padma Anghel V.O. Sargnam	
11	Donyo Chhery (A.P.O.) UPO KIBBISI	
12	Balwant Malik (A.P.O.) KAZA	
13	Palden Gintuk	
14	Angli Norbu SA Habi Dy. Dist. E.C. P.O.	
15	Mr. Vamdeo Kumar XEN HPPWD KAZA	
16	Dr. SUSHIL KAPTA, CEF (WL) Shimla	
17	Dr. Vikram Singh Negi (IAS) ADM KAZA.	

Sr. No	NAME & ADDRESS	Signature.
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19	Rajeev Sharma D. P.O. - Serit.	<u>Re</u>
20	Devender Singh Chaudhary, RFO, Spiti	<u>Devender</u>
21	Ranjit Kumar Sr. Asst. P/O Spiti	<u>Ranjit</u>
22	Mulkerh Kumar Dy. S. I. C. S. A.	<u>Mulkerh</u>
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Minutes of the first Meeting of the Governing Body of the Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society held at Kaza on 04/7/2017 under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Sushil Kapta, Chief Conservator of Forest (WL) South, Shimla.

First Meeting of the Governing Body of the Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society (SSLCS) was held at Kaza in the Conference Hall of ADC Kaza on 04/7/2017 under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Sushil Kapta, Chief Conservator of Forest (WL) South, Shimla.

List of Participants is enclosed as Annexure-A.

After a quick round of introduction by the participants, at the outset of the meeting the Chairman welcomed all the participants for taking part in the first meeting of the Governing Body of the Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society. He highlighted that the Project Snow Leopard is a flagship species conservation programme of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF and CC), Govt. of India, launched in January 2009 to strengthen wildlife conservation in the Indian high altitudes that comprise areas above tree line in the Himalayan and trans Himalayan regions and for Spiti, to be a part of the PSL programme is a matter of pride to the entire state. It is a result of unique partnership between the Central government, state governments and non-governmental organizations with experience in research and community based conservation. He further elaborated that as envisaged in the Project Snow Leopard (PSL), the Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society is a mechanism through which funds can be raised for conservation and apart from overall supervision and guidance; it is a mechanism for streamlining fund flow in a transparent and more efficient manner and to remove bureaucratic hurdles in decision making. After this, Agenda Items were taken and a Presentation on the Constitution and functioning of the Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society was first made for the benefit of the participants by Mr Rajeev Sharma, DFO WL Kaza. This was followed by a presentation by the representative of NCF Mysore on the activities undertaken by the Nature Conservation Foundation, Mysore under PSL in the project area over the years. After detailed discussion on various issues, following decisions were taken:

-That, the visitors entering all three PAs in Spiti Wildlife Division (namely Kibber WLS, Pin Valley NP and Chandertal WLS) would be charged entry fee by the Spiti Wildlife Division, Kaza on the analogy of GHNP till such time the Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society develops its own mechanism of charging entry fee and all such collections will be deposited in the account of the Society. Further, it was also decided that the Camp owners who have pitched tents for tourists at Chandertal would continue to be charged Rs.150/- per tent per day till 30th September, 2017 and these funds shall also be deposited in the Society's account. However, in future (tourist season of 2018), the Society would review the present system of camping arrangements being made by the tour operators by strictly enforcing basic instructions to conserve the ecology and religious values of the Chandertal lake and fee being charged by the Society. The amount so collected will be used for the cleanliness of the PAs and to guide and educate tourists, to maintain order and for providing basic facilities like toilets etc. An APO


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Wildlife (South), Shimla-171007

would be prepared from the financial year 2018-19 onwards to judiciously spend the funds of the Society by the DFO WL Spiti after getting the same approved from the Society.

-That, the Account of the Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society would be got audited from a CA by the DFO Spiti (who is also the Member Secretary of the Governing Body of the Society) within six weeks from the date of issuing of the Minutes and same shall be placed before the Governing Body at the time of next meeting.

-That, the DFO Spiti (who is Member Secretary of the Governing Body of the Society) would take necessary steps to register the Society under Section 12 of the Income Tax Act to seek exemption from paying any income tax on the income of the Society as, it being a nonprofit society purely constituted for the protection, conservation and management of wildlife of the Cold deserts of the Himachal Himalayas.

-That, the funds presently lying with the Society would be utilized for the purpose these were meant. The funds which are part of the approved APO for the year 2015-16 shall be released on demand to the NCF for carrying out the approved activities and the UC for the funds utilised will have to be given to the Society by the NCF. Similarly funds of Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve Programme (CDBRP) deposited with other agencies like Wildlife Institute of India- Dehradun, Wildlife Department Ladakh and Forest Training Institute Chail and others shall be spent for the purpose specified in the approved APO.


-That, the APO presented for the Financial Year 2017-18 by the DFO Spiti under Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve Programme (CDBRP) was approved by the Governing Body of the Society and it was decided to purpose/ forward the same to MoEF and CC in Govt. of India for seeking funding. The Society was satisfied with the last year's achievement under CBDR.

-That, it was also approved that the Wildlife wing of the HP Forest department in consultation with NCF should submit a proposal to MoEF and CC for seeking funds under second phase of PSL with effect from 2017-2022 (5 years) and if possible it should also be pursued to revalidate the unspent funds lying with Govt. of India in the future. This would help in consolidation of the efforts and interventions made so far for the conservation of Upper Spiti Landscape (USL) by the HP Forest Department and the NCF and local communities. The NCF would provide all technical support to write the Management Plan if required.













-That, Dr. Yash Veer Bhatnagar, a renowned Scientist was nominated as a Non-Official member keeping in view his contribution in the field of conservation of snow leopards world over. Beside him, Panchayat Pardhans of Kibber, Sagnam, Lalung and Hansa were also nominated as Non-Official members in the Governing Body of the SSLCS for two years. One representative each of Dogra Scouts and ITBP were also nominated as non-official members to have a diverse composition of the Governing Body.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to all the participants.

Approved.


Chief Conservator of Forests,
Wildlife (South), Shimla-171002

Today on datedA meeting was convened in the presence of the following persons at Kaza with a view to register a society under the provision of Himachal Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2006 to discuss the objectives and functions of Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society. For the purpose the draft bye-laws have been read over carefully and adopted by all the members with their full consent. Therefore, it is unanimously resolved for registration under the Act ibid. The Divisional Forest Officer-cum-Member Secretary is hereby authorized to make any deletion/alteration and sign all the relevant documents for registration.

S. No.	Address	Designation	Signature
1	ADC Spiti at Kaza	Chairman	
2	SDM Kaza	member	
3	DSP Kaza	member	
4	Assistant Director tourism Spiti	Member	
5	Assistant Director, Agriculture Spiti	Member	
6	Assistant Director, Animal husbandry	member	
7	Executive Engineer, PWD Kaza	Member	
8	BMO, Kaza	Member	
9	Executive Engineer, HPSEB Kaza	Member	
10	Range Forest Officer, PVNP and Kaza	Member	
11	Range Forest Officer, Kibber	Member	
12	Divisional Forest Officer, Spiti	Member Secretary	



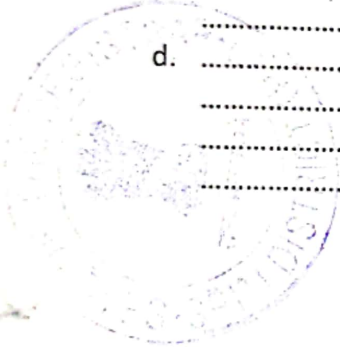

Member Secretary


Chairman cum adviser

Memorandum for Registration of society
(Under H.P. Society Registration Act, 2006)

1. Name of Society: **Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society**
2. The registered office: Register office Spiti at Kaza
3. Area of operation: entire Spiti Landscape under the jurisdiction of Spiti Forest Division
4. The aims and objectives of the society:

- a.
- b. *Documents attached -*
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**Project Snow Leopard:
Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society**

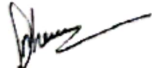
**Memorandum of Association
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**C.C.F. Wild Life (South)
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla, 171001
Himachal Pradesh**

Spiti the land of snow leopard and excellent habitat for many other magnificent Himalayan species has vast scope of income generation through the optimum utilization of the eco-tourism potential by systematically organising and channelizing the local natural as well as human resources available in Spiti landscape. This will not only help in generating employment for local people thereby uplifting there living standard but also help in addressing a lot of other issues such as; organised eco-tourism, co-ordination among various Govt and Non-Govt agencies, support of local people for conservation, awareness generation, mass publicity to the cultural and natural heritage of the landscape, strengthening the man power of the department etc. To achieve all such goals of economic upliftment and nature conservation through the involvement of people there is dire need of an eco-tourism society in the Spiti landscape so that the income from all resources can be pooled up in society account and utilized to achieve the objectives of development along with conservation.




Member secretary




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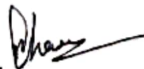
1. **Funds of the Society**

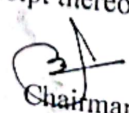
- a) The funds of the Society shall consist of the following:-
- The DFO/ Director of the concerned PSL landscapes shall continue to operate all the existing budget heads and draw funds from the treasury as happens at present including pay bills, other establishment expenditure, and contingency, through DFO / Director of the concerned PSL landscape. No Government support through grant-in-aid is envisaged. It will continue to be in the form of budgetary provisions as heretofore.
 - With reference to a specific project for the concerned PSL landscapes, the state Government will make a provision for the Grants-in-aid. This will be done with the aim of furtherance of the objectives of the Society.
 - The existing assets and liabilities of the concerned PSL landscapes shall continue to be those of the State Government but income generated from their use will belong to the SSLCS. Replacement or new additions out of society's income will appear on the books of society.
 - Contribution from other sources, such as fund raising for the concerned PSL landscapes at national as well as international levels; fund raising will be of two types: (i) to plan, design, develop and execute projects for the management of biodiversity of the concerned USL landscape (ii) to develop a corpus fund for biodiversity conservation at the concerned PSL landscapes.
 - Income from the assets of the Society
 - Grants, donation or assistance of any kind from foreign Governments and other external agencies with prior approval of the central Government.
 - Income from any other source as may be approved by the Government of India/Govt. of H.P./Governing Body, including any 'green cess' or any such levy on tourists or others.
- b) The bankers of the Society shall be decided by the Executive Committee. All funds shall be paid into the Society account with the bank and shall not be withdrawn except through a cheque signed by such officers as may be duly empowered in this behalf by the Executive Committee.

Till such time the grant-in-aid rules are finalized and approved. The society shall spend the annual budget allotment (if any) made to it by the Government through the forest department.

2. **Accounts and Audit**

- i) The Society shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare annual accounts comprising the Receipts and payment account, statement of liabilities in such form as may be prescribed by the Registrar of Societies or the State Government.
- ii) The accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by a Chartered Accountant or any agency so authorized by the Finance Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- iii) The audited accounts shall be submitted to the Society, which shall submit a copy of Audit Report along with its observation to the State Government within 15 days from the receipt thereof.


Member secretary


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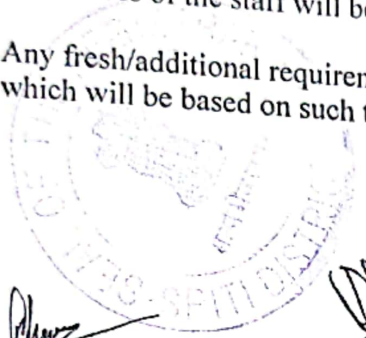

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- iv) The accounts of the Society shall also be subject to the provisions of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Duties Powers and Conditions of service) Act, 1971 as amended from time to time.

Staffing, Establishment in the concerned PSL landscapes:


The number of posts in the concerned PSL landscapes will remain as per present norms of HP Forest Department. The salaries, T.A., medical allowances, and other allowances of the staff will be budgeted by the Govt. of H.P. as is done at present.

Any fresh/additional requirement will be met with out of SSLCS's own resources, which will be based on such terms and conditions as decided by the society.




Member secretary




Chairman-cum-advisor

**Memorandum of Association of the Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society (SSLCS),
Himachal Pradesh**

1. The name of the Society shall be the Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society, Himachal Pradesh, which hereafter will be referred as "The Society".
2. The head office of the Society shall be located at Kaza (Spiti, Himachal Pradesh).
3. Area of operation of the Society shall extend over, but not remain limited to, the Spiti Wildlife Division.

4. Objectives of Society:

The society shall be an autonomous and independent body with the main aim of biodiversity conservation through community-based efforts in the concerned PSL landscapes and specifically the **Upper Spiti landscape in Phase I**. It will also facilitate the efficient functioning of the Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve. To achieve this main aim, the society shall have the following objectives:


- a) To safeguard the natural environment in the concerned PSL landscapes in the state of Himachal Pradesh.
- b) To promote economic, social, cultural and ecological development in community, staff and others in the landscape as per the PSL principles (see Chapter 5 of PSL (2008)).
- c) To solicit technical, financial, social and other support required for the activities of the SSLCS for achieving the above said objectives from different sources permitted by law.
- d) To invest in competency building of local resource persons (community folk and government officials) who can aid in the execution of tasks identified by the Society (Non-Government Individuals).
- e) To support research, environmental education and training, management, advisory aspects and policy advocacy in the above and related fields.
- f) To support the functioning of the bodies mandated in the PSL, viz. the Landscape Level Implementation Committee (LLIC) and the Village Wildlife Conservation Committee (VWCC).
- g) To invest in regular skill up-gradation of HPFD field staff in advanced tools of wildlife monitoring, participatory conservation planning and implementation, and enforcement.
- h) To create, and or maintain such assets as felt necessary.

The Governing Body of the Society shall be the body constituted by the Divisional Administration of Spiti in accordance with the aforesaid objectives and PSL guidelines

5. The Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society has been registered on **26/7/2016** in the office of Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Kaza.


Member secretary




Chairman-cum-advisor

The Himachal Pradesh Forest Department was a leader in the process of the formulation of the PSL. Presently the Upper Spiti Landscape (c.3, 950 sq.km) has been identified by the Government of Himachal Pradesh as a PSL landscape and a Management Plan has been prepared and approved for the same.

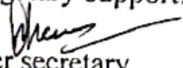
Public funds alone may not be sufficient to meet the challenge of conserving Himalayan heritage. As we appreciate and care for the biological diversity of the unique ecosystems, so we must seek resources from other channels too. Fortunately, as envisaged in the PSL we have a mechanism of the Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society (SSLCS) through which funds can be raised for conservation. Apart from overall supervision, the SSLCS will also help in streamlining fund flow through more efficient, transparent and flexible fund raising and utilization.


As and when new PSL landscapes are identified in the State, separate Societies may be set up enriched by the lessons learnt from the SSLCS. If needed, a State level Society can also be set up.

Facts about the SSLCS:

- The Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society (SSLCS) was registered on 26/03/2016
- The SSLCS has the overall responsibility for the management of conservation initiatives within the entire Spiti Wildlife Division, which is a 'Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve' (Letter No. 9/9/2005-CS/BR, MoEF, 28 August 2009) and close to half of it is the Upper Spiti Landscape that covers c. 4,000 sq.km, which is the first such landscape selected by the state.
- The SSLCS provides fund advances, empowerment, flexible administrative procedures, and Governing Body structure, which in combination provides continuity of funding across fiscal years, eliminates most bureaucratic delays, renders managerial autonomy at the Landscape level, and helps to ensure the flexibility required for a process-oriented approach.
- The Member-Secretary of the Governing Body of the SSLCS will be the Divisional Forest Officer (Spiti Wildlife Division) and will supervise the works under PSL.
- The Governing Body is strong, capable, and committed to the biodiversity conservation of the State.

The following deed is recorded in order to (i) provide functional autonomy in the running of existing SSLCS so as to create an incentive to more productively utilize the staff and assets, and (ii) ensure that this also results in economy for the Government by lessening the pressure for budgetary support.


Member secretary


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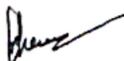
The Project Snow Leopard (PSL) is a flagship species conservation programme of the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF), Government of India (GOI), launched in January 2009 to strengthen wildlife conservation in the Indian high altitudes that comprise areas above the tree-line in the Himalayan and Trans Himalaya regions. It is a result of unique partnership between the Central Government, State Governments, National Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations with experience in research and community-based conservation.

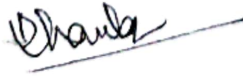
PSL recognizes that high altitude wilderness areas are unique in that the wildlife, including endangered one like the snow leopard, are not confined in protected areas (PAs) but occurs in the larger landscape in a scenario where human use of natural resources is also pervasive. It, therefore, underscores the importance of robust conservation science and strong community involvement in conservation efforts (PSL_2008). Thus, what is different about PSL from the present conservation approaches followed in the country and the high altitudes in particular is the emphasis on conservation of biodiversity not just within, but in large landscapes that include PAs as well as areas outside too. The PSL has discussed enabling mechanisms to implement this. The salient principles of PSL include:


- Landscape-based and participatory conservation in the Indian high altitudes with strong involvement of stakeholders such as local communities, Government departments, research institutions, community-based organizations, NGOs and defence forces.
- Identification of important wildlife areas in the landscape, to form a mosaic of high value areas, which are interspersed with human use areas. The high value or 'core landscape units' may be as small as 10-20 sq. km but can extend upto a few hundred sq. km where possible.
- Institution of a four-tiered administrative and implementation structure consisting of representatives at village, district, state and national levels.
- Scientific monitoring to provide feedback on conservation action for 'adaptive management'

In Himachal Pradesh it has been decided to begin with setting up a Sub Divisional level Society in Spiti, a Landscape Level Committee in Spiti and village cluster level committees. This document deals with the **Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society (SSLCS)**, the Society at the Sub Divisional level.

In the State of Himachal Pradesh, the PSL landscape comprises close to 50% of its geographical area (c.28,000 sq.km) spread over six districts. These potential areas include most of Lahaul, Spiti, Pangi, Kinnaur, Upper Chamba (especially Bharmour), Upper Kangra (Bara Bhangal), Upper Kullu (Mantalai, Pin Parvati, upper Great Himalayan NP, upper Manali), and Upper Shimla (Dodra Kwar). The state has declared the snow leopard as its 'State Animal', recognizing the importance of this species and the unique ecosystem it represents.


Member secretary




Chairman-cum-advisor

FORM-II

(See Rule-5)

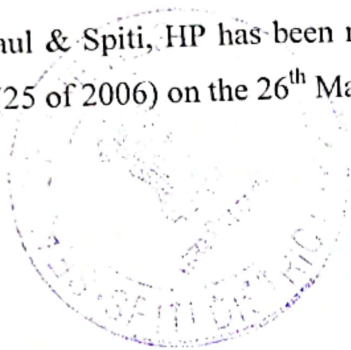
GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF THE SOCIETY

No.....02...../RC

Dated Kaza

28/03/2016

This is certified that the Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society Kaza, Tehsil Spiti, Distt Lahaul & Spiti, HP has been registered under the Himachal Pradesh Society Registration Act 2006 (25 of 2006) on the 26th March, 2016.



Registrar,
Spiti at Kaza, H.P.

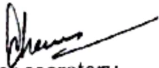
Rules of the Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society, Shimla (Articles of Association)


- (i) **Title**
These rules shall be called "Rules of the Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society,"
- (ii) **Scope and Application**
These Rules shall extend to all the units and activities of the Society.
- (iii) **Date of Application**
These Rules shall come into force from the date on which the Rules of Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society are approved by the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

I. Definitions

In these Rules unless the context otherwise requires:

- (i) "Act" shall mean The Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- (ii) The "Society" shall mean the Spiti Snow Leopard Conservation Society, Himachal Pradesh.
- (iii) "PSL" is short for the Project Snow Leopard, Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF) flagship conservation programme for Indian High altitude areas under which this Society is being formed.
- (iv) "The concerned PSL landscapes" shall mean any Snow Leopard area identified by the Himachal Pradesh Forest Department under the PSL, and may include an existing PA or part of it. The present one is called the 'Upper Spiti Landscape' or the 'USL'.
- (v) The Society shall also assist in conservation of the 'Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve', the CDBR.
- (vi) "Governing Body" shall mean the body as constituted under these rules by the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- (vii) The "Chairperson" shall mean the President of the Governing Body of the Society.
- (viii) "The Chairperson, EC" shall mean the Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Society.
- (ix) "State Government" shall mean Government of Himachal Pradesh (Forest Department).
- (x) The "Executive Committee" shall mean the body, which is constituted as such under Rule-16 as the Executive Committee of the Society.
- (xi) "Officers and Staff" shall mean every employee of the society appointed by the Executive Committee or any authority or officer delegated with the powers to do so and would include consultants, fellows, eco-volunteers, community organizers, and research staff.
- (xii) "Member Secretary" shall mean the officer of the rank of Divisional Forest Officer or above appointed by the Govt. of HP.


Member secretary


Chairman-cum-advisor

- (xiii) "Voluntary Agencies" shall mean non Government organizations or group of people assigned responsibility for execution of any activity in the concerned PSL landscapes by an authority empowered to do so, and would include registered Societies, public trusts and nonprofit making groups and companies.
- (xiv) "DFO/ Director" shall mean the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) or official in-charge of the Upper Spiti Project Snow Leopard landscape.
- (xv) The "Landscape Level Implementation Committee" is the body set up at each of the PSL Landscapes to coordinate and facilitate the works in the landscape.
- (xvi) The "Village Wildlife Conservation Committee" is a body to be set up at each of the PSL Landscapes at the village or village cluster level.
- (xvii) The 'partner NGO' shall mean a local or national NGO that is identified or set up in a PSL landscape to fulfill the role of key planning and implementation along the Forest Department, and other partners

II. Functions of the Society

In pursuance of the above objects, the functions of the Society, to be undertaken directly by the Society through its staff or sponsored/supported by it through other institutions, agencies or individuals shall be as follows:

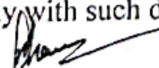
Functions: To take up all such activities as are required to meet these objectives.

III. Property, Assets and Liabilities

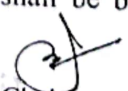
The income and property of the Society, however, derived shall be applied towards promotions of the objectives thereof- as set-forth in the Memorandum of Association, -subject nevertheless, in respect of expenditure of grants made by the Government of Himachal Pradesh to such limitations as the Government may, -from time to time, impose. No portion of the income and property of the Society shall be paid or transferred directly or -indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, howsoever by way of profit, to the persons who at any time have been members of the society or to any of them or to any person claiming through them provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any member thereof or other persons in return for any service rendered to the Society or travelling allowance, halting or other charges. If on any winding up or dissolution of the Society there shall remain, after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them, but shall be dispensed with in such a manner as the Government of Himachal Pradesh may determine.

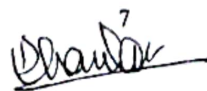
IV. Government Powers

State Government may appoint one or more persons to review the work and progress of the Society, and to hold inquiries into the affairs thereof and to report thereon in such manner as the Government may stipulate and upon receipt of any such report, the Government may take such action and issue such directions as they may consider necessary in respect of any of the matter dealt with in the report and the Society shall be bound to comply with such directions. The Government may by special order restrict or extend the scopes and functions of the Society, if required keeping in view the performance of the Society in achieving the objectives assigned thereto. In addition, the State Government may, at any time, issue directives on matters of policy to the Society and the latter shall be bound to promptly comply with such directives.


Member secretary

vice chairman


Chairman-cum-advisor



V (a). PATRON

Pr.C.C.F (WL)-cum-Chief Wildlife Warden, HP shall be the ex-officio Patron of the society.

V (b) Composition of the Governing Body

The Governing Body will consist of the following members:

(A) Officials Members:

Chairman	1 Chief Conservator of Forests WL (South)
Vice-Chairman	2 Asst. Divisional Magistrate, Spiti <i>Additional DC</i>
Member	3 Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Spiti
Member	4 Deputy Superintendent of Police, Spiti
Member	5 Asst. Director, Tourism (Spiti)
Member	6 Asst. Director, Agriculture (Spiti)
Member	7 Asst. Director, Animal Husbandry (Spiti)
Member	8 Asst. Director, Horticulture (Spiti)
Member	9 Executive Engineer, PWD (Spiti)
Member	10 Block Medical Officer, Spiti
Member	11 Executive Engineer, HPSEB (Spiti)
Member	12 Range Forest Officers, Spiti
Member Secretary	13 DFO, Spiti

(B) Non-Official Member

Member	Nature Conservation Foundation, Mysore (NCF)
Member	From credible NGO
Member	Representatives from TAC
Member	representatives from Panchayati Raj institutions
Member	Dr. Yashveer Bhatnagar, Sr. scientist NCF

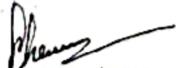
V. Tenure of nominated members


The term of non-official members nominated by the Himachal Pradesh Forest Department shall be two years. Such members shall not be eligible for remuneration but will be paid TA/DA for attending meetings and other official business in connection with the Society. There may be addition to the list of Non-Official Members on a periodic basis, based on consent within the Governing Body. Further, the Governing Body can ask politicians, Government, NGO representatives, or NGIs to attend meetings as Special Invitees. Membership of Non-Official Members may be renewed based on mutual consent.

VI. Cessation of membership

Members of the Governing Body shall cease to be such members if:

- (i) They resign, are of unsound mind, are insolvent or are convicted of a criminal offence involving moral turpitude.
- (ii) They do not attend three consecutive meetings of the Governing Body without proper leave of the President/Chairperson.
- (iii) A member of the Governing Body becomes a member by reasons of the office of appointment he holds, his membership of the Governing Body shall terminate when he ceases to hold that office or appointment.


Member secretary


Chairman-cum-advisor

VII. Resignation of membership

Resignation of the membership of the Governing Body shall be tendered to the Chairman, SSLCS and shall not take effect unless it has been accepted on behalf of the Chairman.

VIII. Casual Vacancies:

- (i) Any vacancy in the membership of the Society shall be filled by nomination of the authority entitled to make nomination, and the persons appointed in the vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired period of the term of the membership.
- (ii) The Governing Body shall function notwithstanding that any person who is entitled to be a member by reason of his/her office, is not a member of the Society for the time being and notwithstanding any other vacancy in its body, whether by non-appointment or otherwise and no act of the Society shall be invalidated merely by reason of the happening of any of the member of Governing Body.


IX. Powers and Functions of the Governing Body

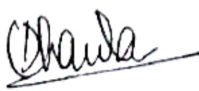
The Governing Body shall have the following powers and functions:


- (i) To implement the decisions/proposals finalized by the Society for the conservation and development of the Spiti PSL landscape (the USL and also the CDBR).
- (ii) To review the implementation of the management of the USL (PSL landscape in and nearby) and to give overall policy guidance and direction for efficient functioning of the Society.
- (iii) To consider and approve the balance sheet and audited accounts of the Society for the previous Financial Year.
- (iv) To consider and approve the annual report prepared by the Executive Committee.
- (v) To add and to amend the rules of the Society.
- (vi) To secure effective coordination between different departments and other Government/ Government aided Institutions for the benefit of achievements of the objectives of the Society.
- (vii) To seek inputs and provide directions to the LLIC for ensuring better coordination among conservation and development goals in Spiti.
- (viii) To perform such other functions as are entrusted to it under these Rules.

X. Proceedings of the Governing Body

- (i) The meetings of the Governing Body shall be held at least once a year at the time, date and place as may be determined by the Chairman.
- (ii) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, all meetings of the Governing Body shall be called by at least fifteen days prior notice under the signatures of the DFO/ Director, of the concerned PSL landscapes and in case of special meeting also, the fifteen days prior notice shall be issued. A summary of the business to be transacted at the annual and other meetings be communicated to the members well in advance.
- (iii) The inadvertent omission to give notice to or the no-receipt of notice of any meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.


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- (iv) If the Chairman is not present in the meetings of the Governing Body, the DFO, Spiti will chair the meeting.
- (v) One third of the members of the Governing Body present in person shall form a quorum at every meeting of the Governing Body provided that no quorum shall be necessary in respect of any adjourned meeting.
- (vi) All disputed questions at meetings of the Governing Body shall be determined by vote and in case of equality of votes; the person chairing the meeting shall have a casting vote.

XI. Office and Authorities of the Governing Body

The officers of the Society shall be the Chairperson, Member Secretary (GB), DFO/Director of the concerned Upper Spiti PSL landscape; Chairperson, EC, and such other persons as may be designated as such by the Executive Committee.

XII. Executive Committee

The affairs of the Society shall be administered subject to the Rules and Regulations and orders of the Society, by an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the following:

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| 1. Additional Deputy Commissioner(Spiti) | Chairperson |
| 2. Sub-Divisional Magistrate (Spiti) | Member |
| 3. Representatives from line departments ¹ | Member(s) |
| 4. Range Forest Officers (Spiti) | Member |
| 5. Non-Governmental Individuals ² | Member(s) |
| 6. Divisional Forest Officer (Spiti) | Member-Secretary |

XIII. Functions and Powers of the Executive Committee

It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to endeavor to achieve the objectives of the Society and discharge all its functions. The Executive Committee shall exercise all administrative and financial powers including powers to create posts of all descriptions and make appointments thereon in accordance with regulations.

XIV. The Executive Committee shall have under its control the management of all the affairs and funds of the Society.

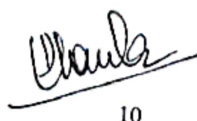
XV. The Executive Committee shall have the powers and responsibilities in respect of the following:


- i) To frame regulations with the approval of the State Government.
- ii) To frame, amend or repeal any bye-laws for the conduct of activities of the Society in furthering its objectives.

¹ Representatives shall be nominated by Department Heads who form part of the Governing Body

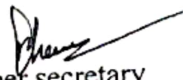
² Non-Government Individuals (NGI) include local individuals who are respected locally. Such individuals will play the role of representatives of the wider local community in Spiti. Their role will be to identify pertinent areas of concern in Spiti and garner community support to enable the execution of tasks and activities of the Society. The NGIs will be nominated in a manner such that there is adequate representation from all the Panchayats in Spiti. The Governing Body will nominate NGIs to the Executive Committee. The NGIs shall be encouraged to improve their capacity in participatory planning and implementation.



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- XVI. The Executive Committee shall have the power to enter into a written arrangement with other public or private organizations (NCF, WWF, or any such organization of repute) or individuals for furtherance of its objectives.
- XVII. The Executive Committee shall have powers for fund-raising (at national and international levels), securing and accepting endowments, grants-in-aid, donations, or gifts to the Society on mutually agreed terms and conditions or gifts shall not be inconsistent or in conflict with the objectives of the Society or with provisions of these Rules.
- XVIII. The Executive Committee shall have the power to take over and/or acquire in the name of the Society by purchase, gift or otherwise from Government and other public bodies or private individuals, any movable and immovable properties in the state or elsewhere or other funds together with any attendant obligation and engagement not inconsistent with the objectives of the Society and the provisions of these Rules.
- XIX. The Executive Committee shall take all steps required for the successful implementation of the management of the concerned PSL landscapes.
- XX. The Executive Committee shall have the power to sell or give on lease any movable or immovable property of the Society provided, however, that no asset of the Society created out of Government grants shall without the approval of the Government be disposed of encumbered or utilized for purposes other than those for which the grant was sanctioned.
- XXI. The Executive Committee shall also:
- i) Consider and approve the Annual Plan of Operations of the concerned PSL landscape(s) and any subsequent alternations in it.
 - ii) Consider and approve the Annual Budget of the concerned PSL landscape(s).
 - iii) Sort out problems in the implementation of the management of the concerned PSL landscape(s).
 - iv) Ensure co-ordination with the line departments for the concerned PSL landscape(s) management.
 - v) Control and review the different activities of the concerned PSL landscape(s) management.
 - vi) Review the implementation of the activities under the concerned PSL landscape(s) management.
 - vii) Perform any other works assigned by the Government.
 - viii) Full powers to accord financial sanctions for the purchase of various inputs, goods, equipment, services etc. required for execution of management aspects of the concerned PSL landscape(s).
 - ix) Full powers for financial, technical and administrative sanctions for roads, buildings and all other works of the concerned PSL landscape(s).


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- x) Full powers to accord financial and administrative sanctions for all other expenditure required for implementing the management works of the concerned PSL landscape(s).
- xi) Full powers to examine Annual Budget and other financial reports of the Society before they are approved by the Governing Body.

XXIV. The Executive Committee may delegate to the Chairperson, DFO/Director of the concerned PSL landscape(s) or any of its members and/or to a Committee/Group or any other officer of the Society/Project such administrative and financial powers and impose such duties as it deems proper and also duties that are to be exercised or discharged.

XXV. Proceedings of the Executive Committee

Every meeting of the Executive Committee shall be presided over by the Chairperson and in his/her absence, by a member chosen by the members present at the meeting to chair for the occasion.

XXVI. One third of the members of the Executive Committee present shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Executive Committee, provided that no quorum shall be necessary in respect of any adjourned meeting.

XXVII. Not less than fifteen clear days notice of every meeting of the Executive Committee shall be given to each member of the Executive Committee provided that

- a) The Chairperson may call an emergency meeting at the notice of three days, and
- b) Any inadvertent omission to give notice of the meeting shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.

XXVIII. Every notice calling a meeting of the Executive Committee shall state the date, time and place at which such meeting will be held and shall, except otherwise provided in these Rules, be under the signature of Member Secretary.

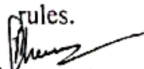
XXIX. The Executive Committee shall meet so far as necessary but at least once in each half of the year.


XXX. Each member of the Executive Committee including the Chairperson shall have one vote and if there shall be equality of votes on any question to be decided by the Executive Committee, the Chairperson shall, in addition have a casting vote.


XXXI. Regulations

Subject to any specific directions of the Society and keeping in view the overall advice of the State Government, the Executive Committee shall have powers to frame and amend Regulations, not inconsistent with these Rules, for the administration and management of the affairs of the Society and without prejudice to the generality of this provision, such Regulations may provide for the following matters:-

- I. Service matters of officers and staff including creation of posts, qualifications, selection procedures, service conditions, pay and emoluments, discipline and control

rules.

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- II. Important financial aspects including formulation of budget, purchase procedures, delegation of financial powers, investment of funds, maintenance of accounts, audit, TA and DA rules etc.
- III. Such other matters as may be necessary for the furtherance of the objectives and the proper administration of the affairs of the Society. Provided that for the purpose of this Rule, following guidelines would be kept in view while creating the posts and formulating the Service and Financial Regulations:
- a) Scales of pay in respect of the posts to be created by the Executive Committee shall correspond, as far as possible, to the scales of pay of the State Government.
 - b) Mode of recruitment in respect of the posts to be created for the Society shall be either transfer or short term contract. For work related specific assignments, persons would be deployed on fixed emoluments with provision for revision each year if considered appropriate;
 - c) In the management structure, new staff which may devolve permanent liability on the State Govt. shall not be appointed;
 - d) Till such time, the Society formulates its own set of regulations, the decisions taken by the Executive Committee in all such matters will be carried out;
 - e) Consideration of financial propriety and prudence shall be kept in view.


XXXII. Bye-laws

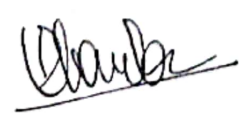
Subject to specific directions of the Society and the provisions in these Rules and Regulations to be framed thereunder, the Executive Committee shall have powers to frame and amend bye-laws for the conduct of activities of the Society for achievement of its objectives and these bye-laws may, inter-alia, include matters relating to:-

- a) Establishment of field units and branch offices.
- b) Conduct of business of Executive Committee and other Committees and sub-Committees;
- c) Grant-in-aid to voluntary agencies;
- d) Involvement of individuals and contractual new arrangements with them;
- e) All aspects of technical resource support;
- f) Such other things as may be necessary for implementation of the management plans of the concerned PSL landscapes.

XXXIII. District Level Coordination

The District Level Coordination shall be done by integrating community-based conservation aspects in the district level planning. The member-secretary will coordinate with the concerned district department to facilitate the management of the concerned PSL landscapes. Half-yearly reviews of smooth coordination of the works of Landscape Level Implementation Committee and Village Wildlife Conservation Committee will be done so as to resolve the local implementation issues.


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XXXIV. Annual Report of the Society

The Annual Report on the working of the Society and the work undertaken by it during the year together with balance sheet and audited accounts shall be prepared by the Executive Committee for information of the State Government and the members of the Society. A draft of the Annual Report along with the Audited accounts of the Society and the Auditor's Report thereon shall be placed before the Governing Body in its Annual General Meeting.

XXXV. Amendments

With the prior approval of the Governing Body, the Society may alter, extend or abridge these rules or amalgamate the Society in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

- a. As and when there is any change in the nomenclature of Ministries, Departments, or institution(s) and designation(s) mentioned in the Rules, such changes shall automatically stand incorporated in these Rules.
- b. If such Society needs to be dissolved, it shall be dissolved as per provisions laid down by the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

XXXVI. Miscellaneous

- a. Once in every year, a list of members of the Governing Body shall be filed with the Registrar of Societies as required under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- b. If any change occurs in the composition of the Governing Body or in the holder of the office of the Chairman or the DFO/ Director of the concerned PSL landscape(s) at any time for any reasons intimation of such change shall within 30 days be submitted to the Registrar of the Societies.
- c. All properties belonging to the Society shall be deemed to be vested in the Governing Body of the Society but shall be referred to as the property of the Society.

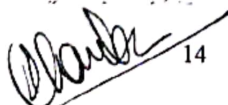
XXXVII. Suits by and against the Society

Subject to provisions of this Act, the person in whose name the Society may sue or be sued shall be of the Society or any member of the Society authorized by the Governing Body in this behalf;

- i) No suit or proceedings shall abate by reasons of any vacancy or change in the holder or the office of the Chairman, the DFO/ Director of the concerned PSL landscapes or any member of the Society authorized in this behalf;
- ii) Every decree or order against the Society in suit or proceedings shall be executable against the property of the Society and not against the personal property of the Chairman, DFO/ Director of the concerned PSL landscapes, or any other member of the Governing Body/Society.
- iii) Nothing herein shall exempt the Chairman, the DFO/ Director of the concerned PSL landscapes or any other member of the Governing Body from any original liability under the Act or entitle him to claim any contribution from the property of the Society in respect of any fine paid by him on conviction by a criminal court.

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Every member of the Society may be sued or prosecuted by the Society for any loss or damages caused to the Society or its property for anything done by him detrimental to the interests of the Society.

XXXVIII Service of Notice

- i) A notice may be served upon any member of the Society either personally or by sending it through the post under certificate of posting in an envelope addressed to such members at the last known address.
- ii) Any notice so served by post shall be deemed to have been duly served on the day following which registered letter is received at post office and the letter, envelope or wrapper containing the same shall be sufficient to prove that the cover containing such notice was properly addressed and put into the post office.

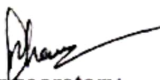
Financial Regulations:



1. Powers of the Member Secretary

Divisional Forest Officer shall be the Principal Executive Officer of the Society and shall be responsible for proper administration of the affairs and funds of the SSLCS and efficient implementation of various activities of the concerned PSL landscape(s) under the directions and guidance of the Chairperson of the Executive Committee. Chief Conservator of Forests (South) shall exercise all the technical, administrative, financial and disciplinary authority exercised by the Head of the Department. He shall also continue to perform the duties and exercise the powers as may be or may have been assigned to him by the HP Government/Executive Committee/Financial Committee.

For the effective discharge of his functions he shall have powers to:

- (a) Prescribe the duties of the officers and staff of the concerned PSL landscapes.
- (b) Exercise such supervision and disciplinary control as may be necessary.
- (c) Coordinate and exercise general supervision over the activities of the concerned PSL landscapes including its adjoining areas.
- (d) Conduct meetings of the Society and its committees and keep a record of proceedings of these meetings in accordance with these Rules.
- (e) Exercise financial, technical and administrative powers of head of departments.
- (f) Discharge such other functions as may be or may already have been assigned to him by the HP Government/Executive Committee/Financial Committee/ Governing Body in furtherance of the objectives of the Society.


Member Secretary



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The management of the affairs of the society is entrusted by the regulation of society, whose name, addresses and occupation are specified below:-


Governing Body:


(A) Official Members:

S. No.	Address	Designation	Signature
1	Chief Conservator of Forest WL(South) Shimla	Chairman	
2	ADC Spiti at Kaza	Vice-chairman	
3	SDM Kaza	member	
4	DSP Kaza	member	
5	Assistant Director, tourism Spiti	Member	
6	Assistant Director, Agriculture Spiti	Member	
7	Assistant Director, Animal husbandry	member	
8	Executive Engineer, PWD Kaza	Member	
9	BMO, Kaza	Member	
10	Executive Engineer, HPSEB Kaza	Member	
11	Range Forest Officer, PVNP and Kaza	Member	
12	Range Forest Officer, Kibber	Member	
13	Divisional Forest Officer, Spiti	Member Secretary	

(B) Non-official members:

1. Nature Conservation Foundation
2. Representatives from TAC
3. Credible NGOs
4. Representatives from Panchayati Raj institutions
5. Dr. Yashveer Bhatnagar, Sr. Scientist NCF


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COPY OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST'S LETTER NO. PA/ECO TOURISM DATED 3RD MARCH, 2007 ADDRESSED TO THE ADDITIONAL PR. CCF(WL) & CHIEF WILD LIFE WARDEN, HP, SHIMLA, ALLCFs(T) & CFs (WL) & DIRECTOR GHNP.
 Subject :- User charges-Rates to be charged for tentage/Camping film units by locan EcoSocs.

Memo :-

The rates of tent pitching and film shooting as approved in Kullu Circle and as fixed by the G.NP authorities were gone through and the following rates have been arrived at and approved for uniform implementation in all circles/division(Given below). The above realistic rates may kindly be transmitted to the divisional level field units for realization by the local ecotourism societies, as their funds and as per sharing defined in the memorandum of association and rules of the Ecotourism Society of Himachal Pradesh (EcoSoc).

Sr. No.	Item	Rate
Tent Pitching (A security of Rs.500/- collected in the start)		
1. for commercial organizations		Rs. 100/- per tent per day
2. -do-	> 2 men tent	Rs. 125/- per tent per day
3. Non-commercial organization (educational etc.)	Single or 2 men tent	Rs. 75/- per tent per day
4. -do-	> 2 men tent	Rs. 100/- per tent per day ✓
Film shooting (A security of Rs.10,000/- be collected in the start)		
1. Feature film by Private agency	Per day	Rs. 5,000/- per day
2. Feature film by Govt. Agency	Per day	Rs.3,000/- per day
3. Feature film by Private agency	Per week	Rs. 33,000/- per week
4. Feature film by Govt. Agency	Per week	Rs.20,000/- per week
5. Documentary film by private agency	Per day	Rs.3,000/- per day
6. Documentary film by Govt. Agency	Per day	Rs.2,000/- per day
7. Documentary film by private agency	Per week	Rs.20,000/- per week
8. Documentary film by Govt. Agency	Per week	Rs. 12,000/- per week
For home video (Security of Rs.1000/- be collected in the start)		
1. For home video	Per day	Rs. 1,000/- per day ✓
2. For home video	Per week	Rs. 5,000/- per week
Rent for camping equipment (sleeping bags/jackets/tents) (Security of Rs. 100/- be collected per item in the start)		
	Per day	1. Rs. 50/- per item for jacket/wind cheater/Trekker shoes/blankets/Mattresses/rucksacks 2. Rs.100/- per item for sleeping bag. 3. Rs. 250/- or Rs.350/- per tent as per size.

Endst. No. 13912/0 Dated Kullu, the 19.9.2007

Copy forwarded to The Dist. Tourism Officer, Kullu for information and necessary action. He is requested to direct all the tour/trek operator registered with him to not pitch any tent in the forest areas without prior permission of this office failure which triple rates will be charged.

[Signature]
 Divisional Forest Officer,
 Kullu Forest Division, Kullu.