

Himachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Board

O/o State Council for Science Technology and Environment, H.P 34-SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-9

Proceeding of the 1st Meeting of the Committee for Threatened Animals organized by the Himachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Board (HPSBB) under the Chairmanship of Sh. S. K. Sharma, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity Conservation), Himachal Pradesh Forest Department, on 01st February 2017, at 3:00 PM in the Conference Hall of Himachal Pradesh Forest Department, Talland, Shimla.

The HP State Biodiversity Board organized 1st Meeting of the Committee for Threatened Animals Plants to be re-notified under Section 38 of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 vide Gazette notification issued by Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, notification no. STE-A(3)-1/2004 dated 17th December 2016. The meeting⁻was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. S. K. Sharma, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity Conservation), Himachal Pradesh Forest Department, on 01st February 2017, at 3:00 PM in the Conference Hall of Himachal Pradesh Forest Department, Talland, Shimla to review the list and status of threatened animal species of Himachal Pradesh. List of members and special invitees who participated in the meeting is enclosed at *Annexure-1*. At the outset Sh. Kunal Satyarthi, Joint Member Secretary, HPSBB welcomed the Chairman, members and special invitees on the behalf of HP State Biodiversity Board. He briefed the participants about the purpose of the meeting and the background of the issues with reference to the threatened species of Himachal Pradesh. Thereafter, he made a presentation about the issues concerning Threatened Animal Species of the State notified by Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change, GoI, New Delhi on 19th March, 2009.

The issues taken up for discussion were as follows:-

- The list prepared by Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) for notifying threatened animal species was sent by Jt. Secretary, MoEF & CC, GoI for comments/suggestions to HPSBB on 20th October, 2008.
- 2. Therefore, effort was made by the HPSBB for getting comments and suggestions from the Departments, Universities and Institutions of the State during 2008-09 about the list of threatened animal species identified by ZSI.
- Subsequently, a Gazette notification under Section 38 of BD Act, 2002 was issued by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India on 19th March, 2009 vide which ten animal species were notified as threatened species namely:-
 - 1. Murina grisea Peters
 - 2. Cervus duvaucelii Cuvier
 - 3. Capra falconeri Wagner
 - 4. Moschus chrysogaster Hodgson
 - 5. Capricornis sumatraensis Hodgson
 - 6. Cervus elaphus hanglu Linnaeus
 - 7. Gyps bengalensis Gmelin
 - 8. Gyps tenuirostris Gray

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9. Sarcogyps calvus Scopoli

10. Vanellus gregarious Pallas

- 4. HPSBB received a letter from Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), HP Forest Department on 19/09/2016 about the notification dated 19th March, 2009 regarding the occurrence of *Murina grisea*, *Cervus duvaucelii*, *Capra falconeri*, *Cervus elaphus hanglu* and *Capricornis sumatraensis* in the State Himachal Pradesh.
- 5. List of threatened animal species adopted in the Himalayan State of Uttarakhand notified by MoEF&CC, GoI in consultation with Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board on 15th April, 2009 and the list of animals notified in Schedule-I & II of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 pertaining to Himachal Pradesh were also placed before the house for discussion.

Detailed discussions were held on each of the issue as above in the meeting and all members gave their views/suggestions on the list of animal species required to be re-notified by MoEF&CC, GoI as threatened animal species of Himachal Pradesh.

The list finalized, for re-notification of the threatened animals, after detailed deliberation is as follows:

Sr. No.	Scientific Name	Common Name	Family
1	Aquila nipalensis Hodgson	Steppe eagle	Accipitridae
2	Canis lupus chanco	Tibetan wolf	Canidae
3	Capricornis thar Hodgson	Himalayan serow	Bovidae
4	Catreus wallichii Hardwicke	Chir pheasant	Phasianidae
5	Gypaetus barbatus Linnaeus	Bearded vulture	Accipitridae
6	Gyps bengalensis Gmelin	White-rumped vulture	Accipitridae
7	Gyps tenuirostris Gray	Slender billed vulture	Accipitridae
8	Hemitragus jemlahicus C.H. Smith	Himalayan tahr	Bovidae
9	Moschus chrysogaster Hodgson	Himalayan musk deer	Moschidae
10	Parnassius charltonius Gray	Regal apollo	Papilionidae
11	Parnassius imperator augustus Oberthur	Snow apollo/ Imperial apollo	Papilionidae
12	Polypedates maculatus Gray	Himalayan tree frog/Indian tree frog	Rhacophorida
13	Pucrasia macrolopha Lesson	Koklass pheasant	Phasianidae
14	Sarcogyps calvus Scopoli	Red-headed vulture	Accipitridae
15	Tragopan melanocephalus Gray	Western tragopan/Jujurana	Phasianidae
16	Uncia Schreber	Snow leopard	Felidae

The Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Departments were also requested to prepare the probable list of aquatic fauna (fish, reptiles and amphibians) and traditional cattle varieties respectively which could be included under the Section 38 of Biological Diversity Act, 2002. The ZSI, High Altitude Regional Centre, Solan may also provide additional information regarding faunal species especially fish, reptiles, amphibians and birds which could be brought under threatened species.

Ms. Archana Sharma, Director, Environment, Science and Technology-cum-Member Secretary, HP State Biodiversity Board thanked the members for giving their valuable inputs for preparation of the

list of threatened animal species for re-notification of the animal species under the Section 38 of Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

Sh. S. K. Sharma, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity Conservation) and Chairman, Committee for Threatened Animal species formally thanked all the participating members and special invitees for their active participation and contribution during the deliberations and hoped that the list being recommended now for re-notification under the Section of 38 of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 would be realistic and would serve the purpose of providing necessary safe guards and also concrete measures for conservation of the species in perpetuity. Comments/suggestions on the list of threatened animal species of Himachal Pradesh require to be renotified by Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India, as above, is required within a fortnight please.

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1st MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THREATENED ANIMALS

to

"REVIEW THE LIST OF THREATENED ANIMAL SPECIES OF HIMACHAL PRADESH"

at

HIMACHAL PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT, TALLAND, SHIMLA (1st February 2017, at 03:00 PM)

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