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To,

1. Secretary
Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department
2. All Member, PDWP

Subject: MINUTES / DECISIONS OF THE MEETING OF 24TH PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY (PDWP) DATED 03.09.2025 (SECTOR: FW&F)

I am directed to enclose herewith minutes of the 24th PDWP meeting held on 03rd September, 2025 under the chairmanship of Chairman P&D Board, for information and further necessary action of the following item (s):-

Agenda Item No.	ADP No. (2025-26)	Name of the Item	Approved Cost (Rs. in million)
03	2607 (New)	Punjab Wildlife Conservation and Habitat Restoration Program through Community Based Conservancies and Implementation Partners	3,929.298

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	GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD FW&F SECTION
MINUTES OF 24TH PDWP MEETING HELD ON 03.09.2025	
Agenda Item No.3	Punjab Wildlife Conservation and Habitat Restoration Program through Community Based Conservancies and Implementation Partners ADP No. 2607
Date & Time:	03.09.2025 (Wednesday) At 11:20 A.M
Venue:	AKS Auditorium P&D Board
Participants:	List Attached

Introduction:

The Sr. Chief (Env. &CC.), P&D Board briefed the forum that the project titled "Punjab Wildlife Conservation and Habitat Restoration Program through Community Based Conservancies and Implementation Partners" has been included in the ADP 2025-26 under GS. No. 2607 as a new scheme. She further added that the Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department has submitted the PC-I for the project, with an estimated cost of Rs. 3,999.452 million and a gestation period of 48 months (till June 2029), for the consideration of the PDWP.

2. She further informed that, through the implementation of this project, the AD aims to strengthen wildlife conservation in Punjab by establishing new Community-Based Conservancies (CBCs) and Private Wildlife Reserves, while also engaging existing ones. Its core activities include reintroducing native ungulate and bird species into their natural habitats, breeding indigenous endangered species, and restoring habitats. Alongside conservation goals, the project seeks to create jobs, support community development, promote ecotourism, and minimize threats to wildlife through community participation and education. She also elaborated that, to achieve these objectives, the AD plans to establish breeding centers, re-wilding and pre-release pens for ungulates and avian species, as well as mass breeding facilities for partridges. The project further includes infrastructure development, such as ecotourism lodges. A key innovation is the introduction of Wildlife Conservation Credits, which will provide performance-based funding to CBCs based on verified key performance indicators (KPIs).

Discussion:

3. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks, briefed the forum that Community-Based Conservancies (CBCs) are a well-established phenomenon. Currently, 64 CBCs are registered in Gilgit-Baltistan, whereas only 07 are registered in Punjab. The concept is to establish CBCs in wildlife-rich areas across Punjab. The registered CBCs will be incentivized through wildlife credits based on verifiable deliverables. These deliverables will be closely monitored and verified, after which funds will be released to the respective CBCs.

4. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks, further elaborated that the CBCs are categorized into five areas under a performance framework. A baseline survey is the primary prerequisite for establishing a CBC, in line with the International Union for

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Conservation of Nature (IUCN) standards. Furthermore, conservation credits will be released upon the successful achievement of key performance indicators (KPIs) defined under the performance framework. It was also highlighted that breeding and rewilding are the cornerstones of any successful conservation strategy, and that the IUCN has issued standards and set protocols for the reintroduction of species. He added that the CBCs will be registered in accordance with the rules in vogue.

5. In response to a query from the forum regarding the survey data of existing wildlife species in Punjab, the Director General, Wildlife & Parks, informed that the IUCN is currently conducting a zoological survey to develop a Red Data Book under the development scheme "Punjab Wildlife Census." Historically, the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination (MoCC&EC), IUCN, WWF, and the Wildlife Department have conducted annual Punjab Urial surveys to determine the trophy population.

6. The forum inquired whether any tagging of animals had been carried out previously. The Director General responded that it had not; however, he added that tagging of the released population would be undertaken under this project.

7. The forum inquired about the provision of third-party monitoring. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks, responded that third-party monitoring would be conducted by organizations such as IUCN and WWF, based on predefined parameters relating to breeding, rewilding, and habitat management.

8. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks, further added that the Wildlife Department currently operates 21 captive wildlife facilities, comprising 08 zoos and 13 wildlife parks. Under the proposed scheme, the department plans to establish 04 breeding centers, namely at Changa Manga, Dhodhlan, Kalar Kahar, and Koh-e-Suleman. A mega breeding center for the Punjab Urial is being established at Kalar Kahar. Additionally, for the first time, the department is setting up a breeding center for the Suleman Markhor, which has the highest trophy value in Pakistan. It will be bred in the Salt Range and subsequently rewilded in Koh-e-Suleman.

9. While reviewing the proposed construction materials for use in the jungle, the forum directed that only eco-friendly materials should be used.

10. While discussing the Partridge Breeding Center, the Director General, Wildlife & Parks, briefed that the department intends to develop a state-of-the-art breeding facility to ensure the optimum breeding of bird species for their eventual release into the wild. Consequently, this component is proposed under the EPC mode so that the consultant may develop the design in accordance with international standards.

11. The forum suggested that the AD should further explore rental options of breeding center for Partridge and then attempt to execute the project independently. The forum also observed that the cost of the EPC component, amounting to Rs. 300 million, appeared to be on the higher side. In response, the Director General W&P clarified that the major cost was attributed to the machinery required for the breeding

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center, which explained the higher overall estimate. After deliberation, the forum endorsed the proposed cost of the EPC component.

12. A forum member inquired whether DNA testing of animals and birds had been proposed in the scheme. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks, replied that an amount of Rs. 10.500 million had been allocated for genetic testing of species, particularly for Punjab Urial to prevent the release of mixed breed species.

13. In response to the query regarding vehicles proposed in the scheme, the Director General W&P explained that two 4x4 double-cabin vehicles had been proposed—one for the Project Director and one for the Director (Monitoring & Rewilding)—as both would be required to travel across Punjab to various project sites, particularly in off-road locations. He further added that one Hi-roof vehicle had been proposed for field visits, especially for the survey and monitoring staff, while 15 motorcycles (150CC) would be provided to the wildlife protection staff to ensure proper monitoring of released animals.

14. The human resource component of the project was also discussed. The Director General, Wildlife & Parks, stated that 34 project posts (both technical and support staff) would be required for the efficient execution of the project. A Project Director has been proposed to oversee the overall execution, while the Director (Monitoring & Rewilding) will serve as the technical in-charge for the rewilding and monitoring component. Additionally, survey support staff has been proposed, including Wildlife Surveyors, Survey Assistants, and a Data Analyst. The forum agreed with the 34 project posts proposed by the AD.

15. After incorporation of decisions of PDWP, the cost of the project was approved at Rs. 3,929.298 million with the following break-up:

Sr. No.	Detail of Items	Rs. In Million
		Approved Cost
1.	Civil Works	1,225.151
2.	Machinery & Equipment	463.150
3.	Transport	74.030
4.	Cost of Establishment	230.781
5.	Commodities & Services	1,636.186
6.	EPC Component	300.000
	Total	3,929.298

Decisions:

16. After detailed deliberations, the forum unanimously approved the scheme and following decisions were made:

- The scheme was approved at a cost of Rs. 3,929.298 million till June 2029 subject to fulfillment of all codal, legal / procedural formalities by the Sponsoring Department as well as Executing Agencies.
- The AD shall ensure that only eco-friendly materials are used for all construction activities in the wilderness.

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- iii. The proposal for 34 project posts was approved.
- iv. The provision of the following vehicles was approved:
 - a. Two Double Cabins (4x4)
 - b. One Hi-Roof
 - c. Fifteen Motorcycles (150CC)
- v. All vehicles procured by the AD shall be properly branded as the property of the FWF Department.
- vi. ToRs of consultancy shall be vetted / cleared by the Consultancy section of the P&D Board.
- vii. The AD to revise the PC-I accordingly and upload it to SMDP Portal.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

24th PDWP MEETING, FY 2025-26

Dated: 03.09.2025

Name of the Officer		Designation / Department
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD		
1.	Dr. Naeem Rauf	Chairman P&D Board (In Chair)
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3.	Mr. M. Masood Anwar	Chief Economist
4.	Mr. Muhammad Ajmal Bhatti	Member (ID / Energy)
5.	Mr. Yawar Hussain	Member (Education)
6.	Mr. Shafaat Ali	Member (Health)
7.	Mr. Aslam Javed	Member (Agriculture)
8.	Mr. Agha M. Ali Abbas	Member (Governance)
9.	Mr. Mohsin Abbas Shakir	Member (Water)
10.	Mr. Sohail Rauf	Sr. Chief (C&M)
11.	Ms. Nadia Shafiq	Sr. Chief (Env.&CC.)
12.	Mr. Abid Inanyat Sheikh	Chief (Technical)
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14.	Ms. Rabbia Ali	Assistant Chief (FW&F)
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21.	Mr. Ghazanfar Mubin	Director Evaluation
FORESTRY, WILDLIFE & FISHERIES DEPARTMENT		
22.	Mr. Muddasir Riaz Malik	Secretary, FWF
23.	Mr. Mubeen Ilahi	Director General (Wildlife)
24.	Mr. Junaid Nadeem	Deputy Chief Wildlife Ranger HQ (Wildlife)
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