



**NO.12(9) PO(COORD-II)P&D/2024
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Dated Lahore the 19th October, 2024**

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1. The Secretary to Government of the Punjab,
 - i. Finance Department
 - ii. FW&F Department
 - iii. Environment Protection Department
2. The Chief Economist/ All Members, P&D Board.
3. The Director, Punjab Economic Research Institute (PERI).
4. The Director General, Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E).
5. The Chief Executive Officer, Urban Unit, Lahore.

Subject: **MINUTES / DECISIONS OF THE MEETING OF PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY (PDWP). (SECTOR: FW&F)**

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of **37th PDWP meeting held on 15th October, 2024** under the chairmanship of Chairman P&D Board, for information and further necessary action of the following Item(s):-

Agenda Item No.	Name of the Item	ADP No. (2024-25)	Status
1	Establishment of State of the Art Wildlife Hospital at Safari Zoo, Lahore.	3270 (New)	Approved
2	Chief Minister Wildlife Rescue Force	3272 (New)	Approved
3	Immersive Wildlife Experience (Cinema and moving theatre) in Punjab	3273 (New)	Approved

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2	Manager (MIS) P&D Board
3	PSO to Chairman, P&D Board.
4	PS to Secretary, P&D Board.
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7	Chief (ENV & CC), M/o Planning, Dev. & Special Initiatives, Govt. of Pakistan, "P" Block, Pak Secretariat, Islamabad.

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Agenda Item No. 2	Chief Minister Wildlife Rescue Force. ADP No. 3272 (New)
Date & Time:	15.10.2024 (Friday) At 10:00 A.M
Venue:	Auditorium P&D Board
Participants:	List Attached

Chief (Env.&CC.), P&D Board briefed the forum that the project titled "Chief Minister Wildlife Rescue Force" has been included in ADP 2024-25 at Gs. No. 3272 as a new scheme with an allocation of Rs. 750.00 million. She added that the FWF Department submitted the PC-I of the subject scheme at a cost of Rs. 5,859.628 million with a gestation period of 36 Months (2024-2027) for consideration by the PDWP.

2. She further informed the house that the PC-I of the subject scheme was presented before 32nd PDWP on 27-09-2024, wherein the forum deferred the scheme with the following decisions:

- AD to rationalize the cost of the scheme.
- After making necessary amendments and cost reductions, AD may bring the case again before PDWP for approval / consideration.

3. She added that in the light of aforementioned decisions, AD has reduced the cost of the scheme from Rs. 5,859.628 million to Rs. 2,363.46 million. Also, the executing agency of the project has been changed from IDAP to C&W Department along with FWF Department.

DISCUSSION:

4. The Director General Wildlife & Parks briefed the house that as per the discussion of the last PDWP dated 27-09-2024, the location of the rescue center at Lahore has been changed from Jallo Park, Lahore to Safari Zoo, Lahore. He further added that the main objective of this scheme is to rescue the animals/birds kept illegally or are treated badly.

The Chair inquired about the usage of 12 no. laptops proposed under this scheme. The DG Wildlife & Parks responded that the laptops are required for veterinary stage (record keeping, etc) as well as for drone use for rescue purposes as these are to be connected to laptops. However, the Secretary, FWF Department agreed to reduce the no. of laptops from 12 to 09.

6. The Chair raised a query about spending Rs. 200 million on 50 no. GPS collar trackers for birds & animals. The DG Wildlife & Parks responded that the use of GPS transmitters represents a significant step toward strengthening wildlife conservation and research efforts in Punjab. The technology although widely used around the world for research and informed conservation decision-making, is a new field for the Government sector. The department routinely rescues animal and bird species (over 350 animals and

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14,000 birds have been released over the past 7 months), however, the species are released into their natural habitat after necessary treatment/rehabilitation without any form of tagging. He further added that the use of GPS technology will enable the department to monitor species of concern such as Common Leopard, Punjab Urial, Black Buck, Chinkara, Houbara Bustard, and Gaviel, as well as migratory species, including falcons, waterfowls, etc. Tracking these species will help in generating critical data about their behavior, habitat use, and movement patterns. For migratory birds, the transmitters will provide valuable insights into their migratory routes, stopover locations, and wintering grounds, which are essential to ensuring their protection. This data will also allow the department to understand changes in migration patterns due to factors like climate change or habitat destruction, which can further inform habitat conservation strategies. The generated data will be analysed and incorporated into the GIS-based mapping through the network of GIS nodes operating across Punjab.

7. The DG Wildlife & Parks was of the view that beyond tracking migratory species, the initiative will also support local wildlife management, particularly for animals such as leopards and ungulates, by identifying movement corridors and territorial boundaries. This knowledge is vital for mitigating human-wildlife conflicts, such as leopards entering human settlements or grazing areas, allowing the department to take proactive measures. Globally, GPS tracking has proven to be an essential tool for conservation. For example, organizations like the Snow Leopard Trust and WWF use GPS devices to monitor endangered species and protect critical habitats. Similarly, the study of bird migration by collecting real-time tracking data helps to guide conservation efforts at both local and international levels. By adopting similar technology, the Punjab Wildlife & Parks Department aligns itself with these global conservation frameworks while also advancing Pakistan's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), which emphasizes the importance of scientific research and habitat protection.

8. He further explained that the long-term conservation benefits of this project far outweigh the initial investment. The information gathered will allow for evidence-based policymaking, including improved protected area management and the development of wildlife corridors. It will also contribute to international conservation efforts under frameworks like CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically Goal 15, which focuses on biodiversity conservation. Additionally, partnerships with research organizations, universities, and NGOs will enhance the initiative's impact by facilitating data analysis and collaborative research. The initiative will open avenues to collaborate and engage universities and research organizations, extending the project's impact beyond immediate conservation needs. Furthermore, by partnering with academic institutions, the department can foster research-driven conservation strategies while sharing the burden of data analysis and interpretation. Universities can use this tracking data to conduct long-term ecological studies on species' behaviour, migration patterns, and ecosystem interactions. Moreover, involving students and researchers in these projects will help build local capacity in conservation science, ensuring future generations are equipped to tackle biodiversity challenges. The proposed project component will enable the Punjab Wildlife &

Parks Department to take proactive, science-based conservation actions that safeguard biodiversity and promote coexistence between wildlife and human communities.

9. After the aforementioned detailed discussion, the Chair directed to constitute a Technical Committee, headed by the DG Wildlife & Parks, having members from IUCN, WWF, academia, NGOs, and field experts to streamline the use of GPS transmitters scientifically.

10. While discussing the human resources under the project, the Chair highlighted that the nomenclature of the proposed project posts should be different from the regular posts of the department. The DG Wildlife & Parks assured that the nomenclature of all the proposed posts does not exist in the department. Furthermore, the human resource proposed under the project was discussed and deliberated in detail. The Chair was of the view that rescue of animals / birds is a regular activity of the department and huge investment is being made under this project by procuring expensive equipment, therefore, it was directed that human resources proposed under the project should be permanent and hired through creation of SNE from the Finance Department.

11. While discussing the transport component of the project, including 04 nos. off-road SUVs, 06 nos. 4x4 Single Cabins, 03 nos. trucks and 30 nos. e-bikes, the Chair inquired regarding the use of 4x4 SUVs. The DG W&P explained that the 4x4 off-road SUV is the best suitable vehicle for the rough terrains of Punjab, while it is less costly and maintainable than its alternate 4x4 Double Cabin. The forum agreed with the transport proposed under the project.

12. The Chair was of the view that instead of developing a separate staff hostel under this project for Lahore site the hostel facility established under another scheme titled "Establishment of State of the Art Wildlife Hospital at Safari Zoo, Lahore" may be used.

DECISIONS:

13. After detailed deliberations, the scheme was approved by PDWP with the following decisions:

- i. A Technical Committee, headed by the DG Wildlife & Parks, having members from IUCN, WWF, academia, NGOs, and field experts shall be constituted to streamline the use of GPS transmitters scientifically
- ii. Scope and specifications of civil work shall be vetted from Technical section, P&D Board.
- iii. No. of laptops be reduced from 12 to 09.
- iv. Staff hostel proposed in Lahore site may be deleted and the hostel facility developed under scheme titled "Establishment of State of the Art Wildlife Hospital at Safari Zoo, Lahore" will be used.
- i. Finance Department may be approached for creation of SNE.
- ii. High-end specifications will not be used by the C&W Department in construction work (less brick and mortar and close to natural habitat).
- iii. All E-Bikes and vehicles procured by the AD shall be properly branded as the property of FWF Department.
- iv. AD to revise the PC-I accordingly and upload on SMDP Portal.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks

ASSTANT CHIEF
P&D BOARD
LAHORE

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

PDWP MEETING, 15-10-2024

Dated: 15.10.2024

Name of the Officer		Designation / Department
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1.	Dr. Asif Tufail	Secretary, P&D Board/Member(Env.&CC.) (In Chair) Chairman P&D Board (Additional Charge)
2.	Mr. M. Masood Anwar	Chief Economist
3.	Mr. Abid Bodla	Member (ID / Water)
4.	Mr. Ahmed Mustajab Karamat	Member (Social Development)
5.	Mr. Yawar Hussain	Member (Education)
6.	Mr. Khawar Kamal	Member (LG&CD/UD)
7.	Mr. Sadaqat Hussain Khan	Member (Energy)
8.	Mr. Mohsin Abbas Shakir	Member (Water)
9.	Mr. Mahmood-ul- Hassan	Sr. Chief (RP)
10.	Mr. Sohail Rauf	Sr. Chief (C&M)
11.	Ms. Saba Asghar Ali	Chief (Env. & CC.)
12.	Mr. Yasir Arif Raja	Chief (Technical)
13.	Mr. Musa Raza	Assistant Chief (Coord-II)
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23.	Mr. M. Ansar	Director (PERI)
FOREST, WILDLIFE & FISHERIES		
24.	Mr. Muddasir Waheed Malik	Secretary, FWF
25.	Mr. Muddasir Riaz Malik	Director General (Wildlife & Parks)
26.	Ch Hayat Hassan	Additional Secretary (Tech.)
27.	Mr. Talat Abbas	DS (Forest)
28.	Mr. Junaid Nadeem	Deputy Director (Headquarter)
29.	Dr. M. Rizwan	Vet Officer Punjab Wildlife
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30.	Ms. Nur-ul-Ain	AS(F)
ENERGY DEPARTMENT		
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