

## Justification

**Justification for locating the project in forest area to be submitted by user agency and counter signed by DCF.**

### *Justification For locating Project on Forest Land*

*In Surat district large number of leopards are rescued every year and predominantly from non- forest areas. Mandvi and especially Khodamba is very sensitive as far as leopard rescue is concerned. For rehabilitation of rescued leopards, a natural habitat is required for which Khodamba forest area is an ideal location. A natural habitat suitable for rehabilitation of leopards is not available in revenue Land. Further, leopard safari park cum rescue centre is required for creating awareness amongst public so as to mitigate the challenges of human Wildlife conflict and showcase the conservation model for Wildlife.*

  
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