

Project Title : Tiger Safari at Pakhro in the buffer of Corbett Tiger Reserve

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Justification for locating the project in Forest Area

As per Guidelines given in point 1.22 of Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, Zoo, Rescue and rehabilitation centre, Captive Breeding facilities, Tiger Safari are part of ex-situ conservation of wild animals and treated as a forestry activity for the purpose of applicability of provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 having both forestry and non-forestry components. Established through a special Act in 1936, Corbett National Park holds the distinction of being mainland Asia's first National Park. The Tiger density in the reserve has been estimated to be the highest in the world. This high density of Tiger and other wild animals many a times results in dispersal of animals in Human habitation causing Human Wild Animal Conflict. Apart from this, many injured, incapacitated wild animals and orphaned cub pose challenges to reserve management as well as overall wildlife conservation efforts.

The Normative Guidelines issued by National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in 2012 under section 38(O) of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 also state in Para 16.21 that, "The Tiger Safaris may be established in the buffer areas of tiger reserves which experience immense tourist influx in the core/critical tiger habitat for viewing tiger. The interpretation and awareness centres would be supported in such buffer areas to foster awareness for eliciting public support." The legal status of the proposed area is reserved forests situated at the periphery of the Tiger Reserve. The establishment will help in rescue and rehabilitation of the wild animals including Tigers providing valuable support in wildlife management in exigencies.

The major objectives of the establishment of Tiger Safari are :

- i. To promote ex-situ wildlife conservation.
- ii. Care and Rehabilitation of injured, incapacitated and orphaned wild animals and enrich the flora and fauna in this region by providing proper living conditions to the animals.

- iii. To collect and collate the scientific data on the biology, behaviour and health care of wild animals specially Tigers.
- iv. To reduce tourism pressure on core area of Corbett Tiger reserve and promoting better in-situ conservation.
- v. To provide visitors an absorbing and rewarding (recreation) at the Tiger Safari.
- vi. To promote eco-tourism by creating employment opportunity to local people.
- vii. To promote research and education on wildlife conservation.
- viii. To prepare print, publish and propagate literature, papers related to nature.

Establishment of such a facility under the Corbett umbrella will facilitate economic growth and wellbeing in the area, scientific research, support human-wildlife conflict mitigation, also winning public support for conservation and strengthening local stake and ownership in the wellbeing of Corbett Tiger Reserve.



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