



Forest and Nature Conservation Rules and Regulations, 2023



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Foreword

In exercise of the power conferred under Section 248 of the Forest and Nature Conservation Act of Bhutan, 2023; the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources is pleased to issue the Forest and Nature Conservation Rules and Regulations, 2023 to facilitate the effective implementation of the Act.

The Rules and Regulations have been endorsed and adopted by the Ministry on 31st October, 2023 after thorough consultations with the relevant stakeholders. This Rules and Regulations will come into force from 31st October 2023, and it shall supersede all the executive orders and circulars which are inconsistent with the Act and the Rules and Regulations

Further, the Ministry solicits the kind support and cooperation of other Ministries, Agencies, Local government and general public for the smooth implementation of the Forest and Nature Conservation Act, 2023 and its Rules and Regulations 2023.



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CHAPTER 1

PRELIMINARY

Title

1. This Rules and Regulations is called the Forest and Nature Conservation Rules and Regulations, 2023.

Commencement

2. This Rules and Regulations shall come into force on the Day of the ninth month of the 18th day of the Bhutanese Calendar corresponding to 31st Day of the October month of 2023.

Extent

3. The Rules and Regulations extend to the whole of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

Objectives

4. The main objective of this Rules and Regulations is to facilitate implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the Act.

CHAPTER 2

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

Powers and Functions of the Ministry

5. The Ministry in exercise of powers and functions envisaged under Section 8 (1) to (14) of the Forest and Nature Conservation Act, 2023 may delegate where appropriate to Department under the Ministry.
6. The Ministry shall:
 - 1) Instruct the Department to formulate the policies on nature conservation, protection and management envisaged in Section 8 (1) of the Act;
 - 2) Revise and approve the proposed fees, fines and charges for services as envisaged under Section 8 (2) and (4) of the Act;
 - 3) Approve listing and delisting of schedule II and III species as may be recommended by the Department;
 - 4) Designate and approve authorities for regulations, conduct of forestry research, declaration of significant wetland of national importance, classification of forest, conservation and management plan envisaged under Section 8 (5), (6), (7), (9) and (10) of the Act based on the report and recommendation submitted by the Department;
 - 5) Endorse the bill proposal for revision of royalty as envisaged under Section 8 (3) of the Act;
 - 6) Propose declaration bill of any parts of country as park, reserve, protected, critical watershed, biological corridor and significant wetland of international importance and listing and delisting of species under schedule I as envisaged under Section 8 (8) and (12) of the Act and submit to the Lhengy Zhungtshog for onward submission to the Parliament; and
 - 7) Approve conservation and management plan as envisaged under Section 8 (10) of the Act.



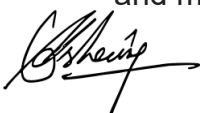
Powers and Functions of the Department

7. The Department in exercise of powers and functions envisaged under Section 9 (1) to (18) may delegate its powers and functions to Division or Park Office.
8. The conservation management plan other than Tsamdro and Sokshing for State Reserve Forest Land shall be prepared in consultation with relevant stakeholders.
9. The Tsamdro and Sokshing management plan shall be adapted in the conservation management plan as per Tsamdro and Sokshing management plan approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.
10. The Department shall in consultation with relevant agency carry out the national inventory on forest, medicinal, wild flora and fauna and wetland in every five to ten years as authorized under Section 9 (9) of the Act.
11. The Department shall list and delist the special class timber species from Schedule II and III based on the value and rarity of the species as per Annexure XXVI of this Rules.
12. The Department shall formulate and approve the guidelines on eligibility and mode of operation by any authorized agency.
13. In accordance with Section 9 (12) of the Act, the Scientific Authority shall recommend the listing and delisting of schedule I species based on scientific research as per the following procedures:
 - 1) The Scientific Authority shall prepare a report for listing and delisting of schedule I species based on the level of threat and conservation status and submit to the Department;
 - 2) The Department shall endorse the report of Scientific Authority on listing and delisting of schedule I species and submit to the Ministry for endorsement;
 - 3) The Ministry shall submit the listing and delisting of schedule I bill to the Parliament through Lhengye Zhungtshog; and
 - 4) The Ministry shall issue notification of listing and delisting of schedule I species for implementation after adoption by the Parliament.

14. In accordance with Section 9 (12) of the Act, the Scientific Authority shall recommend the listing and delisting of schedule II and III species based on the scientific research as per the following procedures:
- 1) The Scientific Authority shall prepare report for listing and delisting of schedule II and III species based on level of threat and conservation status and submit to the Department;
 - 2) The Department shall review the proposal for listing and delisting of schedule II and III species and may submit proposal to the Ministry for approval; and
 - 3) The Ministry shall approve the listing and delisting of schedule II and III species and issue notification for implementation.
15. In accordance with Section 9 (16) of the Act, the Department in consultation with relevant agency shall:
- 1) Identify all Integrated Check Post in the country as forest check gate through notification;
 - 2) Designate checkpoint at a strategic location along the motorable road or footpath for conducting inspection for forest produce or product by the forestry official through office order as and when required; and
 - 3) Identify the regulatory authority through office order for regulating the forest produce at exit point from air services.

Scientific Authority

16. The Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Forestry Research and Training under the Department shall be the focal coordinator for Scientific Authority.
17. The Scientific Authority shall carry out the following functions in compliance to Section 10 of the Act:
- 1) Advise the Department and Management Authority on the implementation of the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species;
 - 2) Monitor the status of wild flora and fauna to recommend suitable remedial measures to maintain consistent level of species in wild and minimize the threat to survival of species in the wild;



- 3) Gather and analyze information on wild biological status of the species affected by trade in the wild;
- 4) Propose listing and delisting of wild flora and fauna in Schedule I, II and III depending on the level of the threat and conservation status of the species;
- 5) Prepare proposals necessary to amend the appendices in the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species;
- 6) Review proposals to amend the appendices submitted by other parties to the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species;
- 7) Advise the Department and Management Authority on the Schedule I species for import, export, or re-export for scientific research and education purpose;
- 8) Develop criteria for import, export and re-export of Schedule I species for research and population management purpose;
- 9) Advise the Management Authority on issuance of permit and certificate for import, export and re-export of the Schedule II and III species for trade stating whether or not the actions will be detrimental to the survival of species in the wild; and
- 10) Advise on the scientific review of available information on the population status, distribution, population trend, harvest, and other biological and ecological factors, as appropriate, and trade information relating to the species concerned.

Procedure for Conduct of Scientific Authority Meeting

18. The Scientific Authority shall:
 - 1) Conduct meeting quarterly or as and when required;
 - 2) Meet with minimum quorum of two third of the members; and
 - 3) Make decisions based on the simple majority.
19. The Head of Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Forestry Research and Training under the Department shall chair the Scientific Authority meeting with a maximum of seven members from relevant agencies based on the field of expertise.

20. The Scientific Authority shall provide advice to the Management Authority within 10 working days from the date of submission of the request on whether import, export and re-export of wild flora and fauna specimen is detrimental to the species in the wild.
21. The Scientific Authority shall maintain record of the meeting and share the decision with the designated Management Authority immediately on completion of the meeting.

Management Authority

22. The Department in accordance with Section 11 of the Act shall designate the Head of the Department as ex-officio Management Authority to issue permits under the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species.
23. The Management Authority shall carry out the following functions in compliance to Section 11 of the Act:
 - 1) Issue import, export, re-export permits or certificates for Schedule I, II and III species of wild flora and fauna on the recommendation of the Scientific Authority;
 - 2) Prepare and submit annual reports on the import, export and re-export and traded wild flora and fauna to the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species secretariat upon approval from the Department;
 - 3) Provide documents and related information to the Scientific Authority for review and assessment and respond to the queries as desired; and
 - 4) Communicate with the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species secretariat on the change in the regulations on trade of wild flora and fauna upon approval from the Department.

Powers and Functions of Forestry Official

24. The forestry official shall exercise powers granted under Section 13 to 29 of the Act in accordance with the Civil and Criminal Procedure Code of Bhutan envisaged in this Rules.



Procedure for Inspection

25. The Forestry official may:

- 1) Carry out inspection either in response to complaints received or as part of enforcement functions under the Act and this Rules;
- 2) Coordinate with law enforcement agency for carrying out duty under the provisions of the Act and this Rules if necessary;
- 3) Verify any forest produce or product including permit or other relevant document and ensure compliance with the Act or this Rules; and
- 4) The forestry official may inspect any person or conveyance entering into the Protected Area from a designated checkpoint.

Procedure to Entry

26. In accordance with Section 21 of the Act, the forestry official may enter into any Forest Based Industry or construction sites without court warrant for inspection and monitoring of forest produce or product as per the procedure prescribed in Section 25 and 26 of this Rules.

27. The Forestry official shall:

- 1) While entering the Forest-Based Industry or construction site wear uniform or produce identity card issued by the Department in case of any other attire;
- 2) Not use any force at any time while entering the Forest-Based Industry or construction site. In the event there is any obstruction in entry, the forestry official shall immediately report such obstruction of entry to the Division or Park Office for necessary action; and
- 3) Not destroy any property of Forest-Based Industry or construction site while entering for inspection.

28. The forestry official may:

- 1) Inspect any conveyance within the premise or open a receptacle or package that is found in the place of inspection, where there is a suspicion of any illegal forest produce or product;

- 2) Order the owner or person having possession of forest produce or product, care or control of a produce or product that is found in the place or of the conveyance to move it or, for any time that may be necessary, not to move it or to restrict its movement; and
- 3) Take photographs and make recordings and sketches if necessary.

Procedure to Arrest

29. Subject to Section 14 and 29 of the Act, forestry official may, without warrant, arrest any person for offence related to schedule I species and take without delay to the detention facilities of Royal Bhutan Police.
30. The forestry official shall inform the person of the reason for arrest during the time of arrest or on detention in the detention facilities of Royal Bhutan Police as per Section 29 of the Act.
31. The forestry official shall produce an arrested and detained person before a Court under Section 29 of this Rules within twenty-four hours of his or her arrest or detention or as soon as practicable thereafter exclusive of the time necessary for the journey from the place of arrest and government holidays.
32. In accordance with Section 16 of the Act, the forestry official may seek remand order from the competent Court as prescribed under Annexure I of this Rules.
33. Any person detained under Section 30 of this Rules may be moved to or from any other place in the custody or office for the purpose of investigation and be deemed to be in lawful custody.

Procedure for Search with Warrant

34. In accordance with Section 17 of the Act, the forestry official shall obtain a search warrant to enter into any premise in search of evidence related to forest produce or product from a Court of competent jurisdiction as prescribed in the Annexure II of this Rules.

Procedure for Search Without Warrant

35. The forestry official may conduct a search without warrant in the Forest-Based Industry, construction sites, conveyance at designated forest check gate or check point or any person or livestock in accordance with Section 18 to 21 of the Act.



Procedure of Seizure and Confiscation

36. The forestry official in exercising the power envisaged under Section 22 of the Act shall adhere to the following:
- 1) Seize or confiscate forest produce being illegally transported, transacted, stored, felled, collected and in possession as per Annexure III of this Rules;
 - 2) Prepare a seizure or confiscation list of all the forest produce or product seized or confiscated at the time of search and the copy shall be served to the owner or the person in occupation of the premise;
 - 3) Seizure or confiscation list shall be dated and counter signed by the forestry official at the time of seizure or confiscation; and
 - 4) Seized or confiscated forest produce or product shall be handed over as evidence to the Division or Park Office with labeling.

Storage of Seized or Confiscated Forest Produce

37. The seized or confiscated forest produce shall be stored as prescribed below:
- 1) All seized or confiscated flora specimen listed under schedule II and III shall be stored under safe custody until the offence is settled or case is completed from the Court of competent jurisdiction; and
 - 2) Seized or confiscated produce of perishable nature may be disposed through a committee from the Division or Park Office.
38. The confiscated wild fauna specimen listed under schedule I, II and III shall be kept under safe storage and custody of the Division or Park Office until the settlement of offence or case is completed from Court of competent jurisdiction.
39. The forestry official may detain any conveyance involved in illegal transportation with the Division or Park Office until the settlement of offence.

Disposal Procedure for Seized or Confiscated Forest Produce

40. The Division or Park Office shall surrender the confiscated wild fauna specimen listed under schedule I, II and III and wild flora listed under schedule I to the Department for proper storage and custody after settlement of the offence or completion of the case from competent jurisdiction as per the following procedure:
- 1) The concerned Division or Park Office shall prepare an inventory of the list of confiscated wild flora schedule I and wild fauna schedule I, II and III and submit to the Department;
 - 2) The Department shall assign relevant Division at the headquarter to preserve, conserve and maintain the confiscated wild flora and fauna depending on the possible potential for preservation; and dispose the forest produce which has no potential for preservation with approval from the Ministry as per the disposal committee constituted by the Division or Park Office.
 - 3) The assigned relevant Division at the headquarter shall maintain proper inventory of all the forest produce received from the Division or Park Office and store and safe keep under proper protection.
 - 4) The concerned Division or Park Office shall conduct an open auction for all the special class timber.
 - 5) The concerned Division or Park Office may sell the other class of timber on a first come first basis at the Natural Resources Pricing Committee rate and deduct the extraction cost if incurred by the Division upon approval from the Department.
41. The Division or Park Office may release the seized wild flora listed under schedule II and III other than special class timber to the offender upon payment of fines, compensation and cost of fair market value or carry out an auction of the flora if the offender does not pay the cost of fair market value.
42. The forestry official or the Department, acting pursuant to this authority shall not be liable for the deterioration or damage of any forest produce seized in accordance with the Act or this Rules.



Settlement of Offence

43. In accordance with the authority conferred under Section 28 of the Act, the Range Officer shall settle the forest offence as per the following procedures:
- 1) Upon detection or apprehension of any forest offence, the written statement with affixed legal stamp shall be obtained from the offender accepting the offence as per Annexure IV of this Rules;
 - 2) The Range Officer shall authorize any forestry official under the Range Office to register the case as prescribed under Annexure V of this Rules;
 - 3) The Range Officer shall submit the settlement of the offence report to the Division or Park Office as prescribed in Annexure VI of this Rules;
 - 4) In the event of any confiscation or seizure, the seizure list shall be submitted as prescribed in Annexure III of this Rules to the Division or Park Office;
 - 5) The settlement of offence shall include realization of fines, compensation, cost at fair market value;
 - 6) The detained vehicle or machinery or tools shall be released, only upon settlement of the offence;
 - 7) The Range Officer shall settle the offence within two months from the date of registration of the offence; in the event the offender fails to settle within two months, it shall be forwarded to Division; and
 - 8) The Division or Park Office shall provide one month time to settle the offence after the case has been forwarded by the Range Office. In the event, the offender fails or refuse to settle the case with Division or Park Office within a period of one month, the case shall be registered with the Royal Court of Justice as a civil suit for realization of fines or compensation or both by the Division or Park Office or through involvement of Legal Division in the Ministry.

Forestry Hammer Design and Procurement

44. The Department shall design and procure the forestry hammer in accordance with Section 31 of the Act.

45. The design of the hammer shall be as follows:

- 1) Made of metal and shaped as required for its specific use;
- 2) Facsimile of the hammer shall include the code and serial number indicating the origin and purpose of the hammer;
- 3) The design of the forestry hammer and impression shall be as per the Annexure VII of this Rules and shall maintain registry with the Department;
- 4) The Department shall issue the forestry hammer to the Division or Park Office; and
- 5) The Division or Park Office shall release the forestry hammer to the Range Office and only authorized forestry officials under the Department shall be allowed to use the hammer.

Forestry Hammer Use

46. The forestry hammer shall be used for marking trees for felling, passing, movement, seizure, sale, import, export and release of timber as per Section 32 of the Act.

Marking Hammer

47. The marking hammer shall be used for marking the standing tree for harvesting timber from State Reserve Forest Land, private forest, community forest, industrial forest, institutional forest, urban forest and for allotment of timber for rural purpose and commercial sales.

Passing Hammer

48. The passing hammer shall be used for marking harvested timber for transportation from stump site to the depot, construction site and sawmill.

49. The passing hammers shall be used for passing timber from State Reserve Forest Land, private forest, community forest, industrial forest, institutional forest, urban forest, import, export and for allotment of timber for rural purpose and commercial sales.

Sale Hammer

50. The sale hammer shall be used for marking the timber with confirmation of sale from the auction yard.



Seizure Hammer

51. The seizure hammer shall be used for marking the seized and confiscated timber for violation of the Act and this Rules.

Release Hammer

52. The release hammer shall be used for release or disposal of seized timber.

Import and Export Hammer

53. The import and export hammer shall be used for marking the imported and exported timber after determination of the import or export of timber.

Monitoring and Evaluation

54. The Department or Division or Park Office shall carry out monitoring and evaluation of activity related to forest in the State Reserved Forest Land, check gate or check point, waste management in the State Reserved Forest Land.

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CHAPTER 3

STATE RESERVED FOREST LAND

Declaration of Protected Area

55. The Declaration of National Park, Wildlife Reserve, Nature Reserve, Protected Forest, Biosphere Reserve, Critical Watershed, Biological Corridor, significant wetland of international importance, and such other categories meriting protection shall be carried out in consultation with relevant agency as per Section 36 of the Act.
56. The Department may propose to Ministry any area as protected area in accordance with Section 36 of the Act with following one or more criteria:
- 1) Area is of national and international biological significance;
 - 2) Area which requires protection or conservation because of hydrological or watershed reasons;
 - 3) Specific habitat area under threat and its protection which is of national interest; or
 - 4) Area of cultural or natural heritage significance.

57. The Department shall:

- 1) Carry out the feasibility study for each area proposed to be declared as protected area in consultation with relevant agency;
- 2) Carry out the public consultation;
- 3) Prepare the final report for the declaration of the protected area and submit to the Ministry;
- 4) Submit the protected area declaration bill to the Parliament; and
- 5) Demarcate the area as protected area;
- 6) Prepare the management plan for different forest management regime as per the Forest and Nature Conservation Code of Best Management Practices of Bhutan.



58. In accordance with Section 37 of the Act, the protected area may be delineated into core zone, transition zone, buffer zone and multiple use zone as per the technical guidelines issued by the Department.
59. The Biological corridor shall be delineated with the status of multiple use zone of other protected areas.
60. Any infrastructure development in the biological corridor shall not obstruct wildlife routes and in the event the infrastructure development is unavoidable and critical for the benefit of the community, wildlife underpass or overpass shall be constructed to facilitate the movement of animals.

Preparation of Management Plan

61. The Department shall prepare the Management Plan as per the procedures prescribed under Forest and Nature Conservation Code of Best Management Practices of Bhutan.

Review, Recommendation and Approval of Management Plan

62. The Department shall review and recommend the Management Plan to the Ministry for approval.
63. The concerned Protected Area Management shall be responsible for the preparation of the Operational Plan based on the approved Management Plan and submit to the Head of the Department for approval.

Conditions on Forestry Clearance for quarry and developmental activity in the Protected Area

64. In accordance with Section 39 of the Act, the Department or Division or Park Office may issue forestry clearance as per the delegated authority under Section 77 of this Rules for quarrying activity in the protected area other than core zone for rural use by the local inhabitants or for developmental activity on the following conditions:
- 1) An applicant shall be local inhabitant or proponent approved to carry out the development activities by the Government;
 - 2) The quarry shall be used only for the approved activities, and
 - 3) The applicant shall produce the construction approval.

Procedures for Approval

65. The applicant shall submit the application for forestry clearance to the Division or Park Office on paper or through any digital platform along with the required documents prescribed under Section 64 of this Rules.
66. The Division or Park Office shall verify the proposed site and issue or reject the forestry clearance.

Monitoring and Evaluation of Management Plan

67. The Department may form a team to carry out monitoring and evaluation as per the prescription and schedule of monitoring in the Management Plan.
68. The team shall submit the evaluation report to the Department for necessary decision.

Permit for Entry or Service Charge

69. Any foreign national entering into the Protected Area shall obtain a permit; and if the foreign national intends to enter the exclusive areas of the protected area, the approved service charge under Annexure X of this Rules may be imposed.
70. The entry fees for recreational area managed or owned by state shall be imposed as per the Annexure X of this Rules.

Habitat and Population Management

71. The Division or Park Office shall carry out the habitat and population management in the Protected Area as per the technical guidelines issued by the Department.

Forest Produce in State Reserved Forest Land

72. In accordance with Section 41 of the Act, the Department shall manage forest produce in Forest Management Unit, Local Forest Management Area, Community Forest Management or any other suitable management regimes primarily for the production of forest produce under Forest and Nature Conservation Code of Best Management Practices of Bhutan, issued by the Department.



Road right of way and transmission line

73. In accordance with Section 42 of the Act, the Division or Park Office shall allot the forest produce falling along the road right of way or transmission line corridor` to authorized agency or community as per the following procedures:
- 1) The Division or Park Office shall mark the trees for felling based on the forestry clearance; and
 - 2) The authorized agency or community shall lift the timber or forest produce before the commission of the activity upon payment of royalty at commercial rate depending on the types of allotment and upon fulfillment of the permit requirement.
74. In accordance with Section 43 of the Act, the allotment of timber from any State Reserve Forest Land along the roads in the areas specified as any critical ecological sites, landslide prone area, risk of damaging roads and bridges and significant landmarks and heritage sites shall not be allowed.

Forestry Clearance

75. Except for those activities listed under Section 46 (1) to (6) of the Act, the Department may, in accordance with Section 44 and 45 of the Act, issue forestry clearance for the following activity in the State Reserve Forest Land as per Annexure VIII of this Rules:
- 1) Allotment of Kidu land;
 - 2) Energy project;
 - 3) Muck dumping sites;
 - 4) Landfill sites;
 - 5) Biological pits;
 - 6) Camp sites;
 - 7) Satshab (Substitute land);
 - 8) Land acquisition by Government institution;
 - 9) Land leasing;
 - 10) Land exchange;
 - 11) Transmission line;



- 12) Bridge construction;
 - 13) Archery range;
 - 14) Road;
 - 15) Irrigation channel;
 - 16) Tower;
 - 17) Water pipeline where felling of tree is required;
 - 18) Surface collection;
 - 19) River Bed Material Dredging;
 - 20) Sand quarry;
 - 21) Stone quarry;
 - 22) Soil extraction;
 - 23) Ropeway;
 - 24) Trail;
 - 25) Mining;
 - 26) Railway track;
 - 27) Any other activities as determined and notified by the Department.
Procedure for Issuance of Forestry Clearance
76. The applicant shall apply for forestry clearance for any activity in the State Reserve Forest Land to the Range Office or through any digital platform with following documents:
- 1) Detailed project report or feasibility report for hydropower, transmission line and tower;
 - 2) Letter of intent for mining and quarrying and surface collection;
 - 3) Copy of Kasho for kidu land;
 - 4) No objection certificate from the members based on the simple majority of the members present, if the activity is in Community Forest except for any developmental activity exercised under Section 55 of the Act.



77. In accordance with Section 45 of the Act, the Department shall delegate the authority to issue forestry clearance to the Division and Park Office as follows:

- 1) Any activity up to 3 acres of area or 3 Km length by the Range Office;
- 2) Any activity more than 3 acres of area up to 7 acres or more than 3 Km up to 7 Km length by the Division or Park Office; or
- 3) Any activity more than 7 acres of area or more than 7 Km of length by the Head of Department.

Validity of Forestry Clearance

78. The forestry clearance shall remain valid for a period of project or activity.

79. The forestry clearance shall be revoked after one year, if the approved activity is not commenced after the issuance of forestry clearance.

Disposal and Release of Forest Produce from State Reserved Forest Land

80. The Range Office may dispose off the forest produce from State Reserve Forest Land which has been leased or allotted for any activity specified under Section 75 of this Rule after the physical demarcation.

Procedure for Release of Forest Produce

81. The Range Office may dispose the forest produce from the allotted land within 60 working days in one of the following ways by:

- 1) Allotting the forest produce for domestic use in rural area as per rural entitlement or at commercial royalty rate;
- 2) Allotting the forest produce to any other individuals for domestic use in the rural areas if there are no requirement as per the entitlement in the rural areas or at commercial royalty rate to the person who has been allotted with the land; or
- 3) Handing over to an authorized agency or any other agency authorized by the Department at commercial royalty rate.

Monitoring of Forest Produce from Leased State Reserved Forest Land

82. The Lessee shall provide access to any forestry official for the purpose of monitoring and inspection of forest produce from the leased State Reserve Forest Land.

Service Charge

83. The Department shall impose service charge for any technical assistance or any services for the lease of any State Reserve Forest Land for commercial activities as per Annexure X of this Rules.

84. The Department may revert the leased State Reserve Forest Land after expiry of the term or annulment of the term in consultation with the Dzongkhag and National Land Commission Secretariat.

Payment for Ecosystem Services

85. In accordance with Section 47 of the Act, the Department may institute mechanisms for ecosystem services as per Forest and Nature Conservation Code of Best Management Practices of Bhutan.



CHAPTER 4

FOREST MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION

Felling and Extraction of Timber from State Reserved Forest Land

86. Any felling and extraction of tree from the State Reserve Forest Land shall require valid permit and hammer impression at the base in accordance with Section 49 of the Act.
87. The Range Office shall maintain the detailed list of trees and poles marked for various purposes and submit them to the Division or Park Office.

Community Forest

88. In accordance with Section 51 of the Act, the Department may facilitate establishment of any area of State Reserved Forest Land, suitable for control and management by Community Forest Management Group as Community Forest with following criteria:
- 1) The area has potential to meet subsistence requirements of forest produce and income generation for Community Forest Management Group members;
 - 2) The area may include degraded or adjoining to the settlement or private registered land; or with customary rights;
 - 3) The local household are willing to form and cooperate as a Community Forest Management Group to manage the forest and improve the condition of forest; and
 - 4) The community forest shall not be allowed inside production areas of the Forest Management Units and core zone of the Protected Areas.
 - 5) Availability of adequate remaining area to meet the resource needs of communities and members of the same community who could not join the particular Community Forest Management Group.

Area Ceiling of Community Forest

89. The maximum ceiling of Community Forest area to be allotted to individual household shall be as follows:



- 1) Maximum of three hectares per household in mixed conifer or blue pine forest;
- 2) Maximum of four hectares per household in chir pine forest; and
- 3) Maximum of five hectares per household in mixed broadleaved and other forest types.

Procedure for Establishment of Community Forest

90. Any community may form a group and apply for establishment of community forest in accordance with Section 53 of the Act as per the following procedure:

- 1) The group shall comprise of not less than 5 households and submit a written application to the Division or Park Office;
- 2) The concerned Division or Park Office shall review the application and in coordination with Gup, Dzongkhag Land Registrar, representative of community and adjacent community shall carry out a field verification as per Annexure XI of this Rules.
- 3) In the event of any overlapping boundaries issues between two or more Gewogs, Dzongkhags, Divisions or Parks for the proposed Community Forest area, the concerned Gewog or Dzongkhag Administration and Division or Park Office shall verify and resolve the matter prior to approval of the application.
- 4) The Community Forest shall not be established within the Thromde.
- 5) After approval of application, Community Forest Management Group shall prepare the management plan with technical support from Division or Park Office as per the Section 53 of the Act and Forest and Nature Conservation Code of Best Management Practices of Bhutan.

Formation of Community Forest Management Group

91. The community who forms the Community Forest Management Group shall maintain a clear list of head of households with Gung and Thram Number.
92. A household shall not be eligible to become a member to more than one Community Forest Management Group in the country and eligible where census is registered.



93. A household without Thram and Gung shall not be allowed to be a member of the Community Forest Management Group.

Procedure for Preparation of Management Plan and adoption of By-laws

94. The Division or Park Office may provide technical assistance to the Community Forest Management Group in preparation of the Community Forest Management Plan through consultation and collaboration.

95. The Community Forest Management Group shall prepare and adopt by-laws observing good governance principles such as participation, transparency, accountability, equity and inclusiveness.

96. The Community Forest Management Group shall maintain a proper record of forest resource utilization and financial management.

Submission of Management Plan for Approval

97. The Community Forest Management Group shall prepare and submit the management plan through Division or Park Office to the Head of Department for review and approval.

Review, Approval, Ownership Certificate and Renewal

98. The Department may return the management plan to the Division or Park Office and Community Forest Management Group for any necessary alteration if there are any amendment required and the plan shall be resubmitted to the Department after effecting such alteration.

99. In the event the Department agrees to the proposed alteration in the management plan submitted by the Community Forest Management Group, the approved management plan shall be shared with the Division or Park Office for implementation.

100. The Division or Park Office shall issue the Community Forest User Certificate as prescribed in Annexure XII of this Rules.

101. The Community Forest Management Plan shall be valid for a period of 10 years and may be revised based on the performance.

102.As per Section 55 of the Act, the Royal Government shall exercise the right to implement and execute any developmental activity of national importance in the Community Forest. In the event the Community Forest area is taken over by the government, a fair compensation determined by the Department may be paid to the Community Forest Management Group.

Resource Utilization from Community Forest

103.As per Section 52 of the Act, the right of the Community Forest Management Group members is limited to trees and non-wood forest produce and shall have no ownership over the land, water resources, soil, sand, stone, boulders and riverbed materials in the Community Forest.

104.The Community Forest Management Group shall meet their timber requirement from the Community Forest.

105.The forest produce allotted to Community Forest Management Group for personal use shall not be sold.

106.The Community Forest Management Group shall obtain a permit from the Chairman of the group for harvesting of any forest produce from the Community Forest.

107.The harvesting of any tree shall be allowed only after marking by the concerned Range Office.

108.The Community Forest Management Group shall not be entitled to subsidized timber if there are adequate resources available in the Community Forest.

109.The Community Forest Management Group shall be entitled to forest produce for other use prescribed under Section 229 of this Rules from State Forest Reserve Land if there are no adequate resources available in the Community Forest.

110.The Community Forest Management Group shall be permitted to sell Non-Wood Forest Produce from the Community Forest as per the management plan.



111. The Community Forest Management Group shall be allowed to sell the surplus forest produce to any buyers within the country not exceeding Natural Resources Pricing Committee rate provided that the surplus stock is reviewed and assessed by the Division or Park Office.

Cancellation of Community Forest

112. In the event the members of the Community Forest Management Group voluntarily decide to cancel Community Forest, the Community Forest shall be canceled with effect from the date of notification of the decision to the Division or Park Office and surrender the area of Community Forest along with a certificate to the Department.

113. The Division or Park Office shall verify and assess the cancellation to ensure that no harvest or collection is carried out in contravention to Section 112 of this Rules and shall be fined as prescribed under Section 330 and 331 of this Rules.

Suspension of Community Forest

114. The Community Forest may be suspended by the Division or Park Office based on the preliminary finding of the Division or Park Office for one year, if there is a violation of the management plan and Sections 56 of the Act and this Rules.

Reinstatement of Community Forest

115. The Division or Park Office shall investigate and verify if there is any violation of the management plan and provisions of the Act and Rules by the Community Forest Management Group and based on the findings, the Community Forest shall be reinstated if the gravity of the violation is minor and repairable with corrective measures.

Termination of Community Forest

116. In accordance with Section 56 of the Act, the Department shall terminate the rights and privileges of the Community Forest Management Group to control, manage and utilize the Community Forest upon the recommendation of the Division or Park Office; if the Community Forest Management Group functions in violation of the management plan and the Act and Rules is grave and irreparable with no corrective measures even after suspension of one year.

117. In the event of termination of a Community Forest Management Group in accordance with Section 116 of this Rules, the members shall not be allowed to join any other Community Forest Management Group.

118. The Department shall terminate the community forest falling under thromde.

Procedure for Cancellation or Suspension or Reinstatement of Community Forest

119. The suspension, cancellation and termination shall be carried as per the following procedures:

- 1) Any Community Forest Management Group intending to cancel the Community Forest shall inform the Division or Park Office in writing.
- 2) The Division or Park Office shall verify and assess the cancellation with proper inventory of the available resources in the Community Forest and forward the report to the Department.
- 3) The Department shall issue an order of cancellation of the Community Forest with copy to the Division or Park Office.
- 4) The Division or Park Office shall issue the suspension order of Community Forest based on the preliminary report from the Range Office for one year.
- 5) Upon determination of reinstatement for the suspended Community Forest, the Division or Park Office shall reinstate the Community Forest and carry out the monitoring and evaluation on a regular basis.
- 6) The Division or Park Office shall submit the report for termination of Community Forest to the Department with recommendation and the Department shall issue order for termination of the Community Forest.
- 7) Upon termination order from the Department, the Division or Park Office shall take over the Community Forest within seven working days from the time of issuance of termination order.



Formation of Community Forest Network and Association

120. The Community Forests Management Group shall facilitate the formation of a Community Forest Network and Association to strengthen good governance, sustainable utilization of resources, equity, and common market access as per Section 54 of the Act.

Monitoring and Evaluation of the Community Forest

121. The concerned Forest Official shall conduct regular monitoring of the Community Forest and submit report annually to the Division or Park Office.

122. The Division or Park Office shall conduct annual monitoring of Community Forest which shall include verification of the records on physical and financial achievements and submit report to the Department.

123. The Monitoring and Evaluation of Community Forest shall be carried out as per the prescription in the Management Plan and as per technical guidelines in the Forest and Nature Conservation Code of Best Management Practices of Bhutan.

Private Forest

124. The Private Forest shall constitute trees planted or grown naturally on the private registered land as per Section 57 of the Act and there shall be no change in the land category or status in the Thram as allowed under Land Act and Rules.

Procedure for Registration

125. Any person intending to register a private land as private forest shall apply to the Division or Park Office as prescribed under Annexure XIII of this Rules.

126. Upon receipt of application, the Division or Park Office shall carry out the field verification to register the private forest and issue ownership certificate as per Annexure XIV of this Rules with all the enumerated list of resources if there is any.

127. The Division or Park Office shall register the private forest and maintain record.

Plantation Species

128. The species for plantation on the private registered land shall be carried out in consultation with the Division or Park Office.

129. The Division or Park Office may provide seedling support for plantation, if necessary.

Procedure for Removal of Trees and Other Forest Produce

130. The private forest owner shall apply for a permit to remove any trees or non-wood forest produce from the private forest through a digital platform or on paper to Division or Park Office.

131. The Division or Park Office shall verify, mark and issue the permit for harvest or extraction and transportation as per Annexure XVII of this Rules.

132. The owner of private forest shall not be imposed with any royalty for personal or commercial use of timber.

Deregistration of Private Forest

133. In the event the owner of the Private Forest intends to deregister the private forest, the owner shall apply to the Division or Park Office.

Institutional Forest

134. The Division or Park Office may extract or dispose of the forest produce before the allotment or lease of land to any Institution; or any authorized agency to extract in accordance with Section 58 of the Act at commercial royalty rate if there is a requirement to extract.

135. The Division or Park Office shall allow the Institutions to maintain and manage the forest produce on the land which is to be allotted or leased to the institution as Institution Forest in the event there is no necessity to extract and may maintain inventory of the existing trees.

136. Any tree or non-wood forest produce planted after the lease or allotment of the land to the Institution under Section 59 of the Act shall be Institution Forest and its use shall be as per the following procedure:



- 1) The institution shall apply for removal of trees to the Range Office;
- 2) The Range Office shall carry out the inspection;
- 3) Upon verification, the Division or Park Office may approve the removal for institutional or commercial use upon payment of commercial royalty.

137. Any forest produce listed under schedule I in the Institution Forest shall belong to the State and be disposed of as per the disposal guidelines.

Industrial Forest

138. The extraction or harvest of forest produce for the Industry land shall be carried out as per Section 134 of this Rules.

139. The Division or Park Office shall allow the Industry to maintain and manage the forest produce on the land which is to be allotted or leased to the Industry as Industrial Forest and the procedures for removal of trees or forest produce shall be carried out as per Section 136 of this Rules.

140. Any export of timber from Institutional or Industrial Forest shall be carried in compliance to Section 162 of the Act.

Designation of Production Forest

141. The Department may designate any area under State Reserved Forest Land as production forest area through Forest Management Unit or any other suitable management regime in accordance with Section 62 and 63 of the Act.

142. The designation of production forest area shall be carried out as per the Forest and Nature Conservation Code of Best Management Practices of Bhutan.

Harvest and Utilization

143. The harvest and utilization of forest produce from Forest Management Unit shall be carried out in accordance with Section 64 of the Act and as per the following procedures:

- 1) The Division Office shall prepare a management plan based on the Forest and Nature Conservation Code of Best Management Practices of Bhutan and submit it to the Department for approval from Ministry.

- 2) The Division Office shall prepare Annual Operation Plan based on the approved management plan and submit to the Department.
 - 3) The Division Office shall mark the trees and hand them over to the authorized agency for extraction and disposal.
 - 4) The authorized agency shall extract and harvest the timber upon payment of royalty and service charge.
144. The harvest and utilization of forest produce from the Local Forest Management Area shall be carried out as per the following procedures:
- 1) The Division or Park Office shall prepare a management plan based on the Forest and Nature Conservation Code of Best Management Practices of Bhutan and submit to the Department for approval.
 - 2) The Division or Park Office shall allot forest produce for both rural and commercial use based on the management plan.
 - 3) The Park Office shall allot forest produce for rural and developmental activity within the Protected Area based on the management plan.
145. The Department shall evaluate the effective implementation of the management plans as prescribed in the Forest and Nature Conservation Code of Best Management Practices of Bhutan.
146. The Department may recommend corrective measures and strengthen the monitoring and evaluation of the Division or Park Office based on the report.

Urban Forest

147. The removal or harvest of forest produce from the Thromde area shall comply with the procedure under Section 136 of this Rules.

Plantation in State Reserved Forest Land

148. The Department or authorized agency may carry out plantation, reforestation, afforestation, voluntary plantation, and compensatory plantation as per the technical guidelines issued by the Department in accordance with Section 67 to 70 of the Act.



149. The Division or Park Office shall monitor the plantation carried out under Section 148 of this Rules.

150. The Department or authorized agency may establish nursery on the need basis as per technical guidelines issued by the Department in accordance with Section 72 of the Act.

Forest Fire

151. In accordance with Section 73 to 78 of the Act, the Department shall prevent and protect forest from forest fire in compliance with the Forest and Nature Conservation Code of Best Management Practices of Bhutan.

152. The Department shall institute Inter-Agency Forest Fire Coordination Group and Community based Forest Fire Management Group.

Procedures for Forest Fire Coordination Group for Prevention, Suppression and Post Fire Management

153. The Division or Park Office shall immediately inform the Inter-Agency Forest Fire Coordination Group and community based forest fire management group on the incident of any fire in the State Reserve Forest Land through any digital platform for prevention and suppression.

154. The Inter-Agency Forest Fire Coordination Group and community based forest fire management group upon receipt of the information of forest fire, shall immediately activate forest fire suppression in coordination with Division or Park Office.

155. The Division or Park Office shall submit the report on forest fire to the Department.

Forest Pest and Diseases

156. In accordance with Section 79 of the Act, the Department shall prevent, detect and manage outbreak of pest and disease in forest through scientific research and management to keep forest healthy, improve resilience and mitigate impact on forest ecosystem productivity as per the following procedures:

- 1) The Division or Park Office shall assess the occurrence and extent of outbreak of pests and disease and submit a report to the Department for approval to extract or conduct research;

- 2) The Department shall implement integrated pest management as per the prescription mentioned in Forest and Nature Conservation Code of Best Management Practices of Bhutan.

Sanitation Operation of Wild Flora

157. The Department shall delegate authorized agency to carry out sanitation operations in the fire burned areas and coordinate the post fire management.
158. The Department shall authorize concerned agency or any person for extraction and disposal of such timber for sanitation operation for pest and disease.
159. The Division or Park Office shall carry out on site auction for any sanitation operation for fallen or uprooted special class timber and the other class timber shall be sold on site at first come first basis at commercial royalty.

Pest and Diseases in Wild Fauna

160. The pest and disease in wild fauna shall be managed to prevent animals and microorganisms that negatively impact wildlife population, habitats and ecosystems.
161. The appropriate measures to prevent pest and disease in wild fauna shall be carried out as per the Forest and Nature Conservation Code of Best Management Practices of Bhutan.

Forestry Research

162. The Ministry shall approve any research in the State Reserve Forest Land as per Section 82 of the Act and shall delegate the approving authority to Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Forestry Research and Training.
163. The procedures for application and approval of research is as follows:
 - 1) Any person intending to conduct research in the State Reserve Forest Land shall seek approval from Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Forestry Research and Training;



- 2) The Research Committee of Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Forestry Research and Training shall approve or reject the proposal and inform concerned Division or Park Office under whose area the research shall be conducted;
- 3) The applicant shall be informed on the approval or rejection of the research proposal by the Research Committee within one month from the date of submission of proposal;
- 4) Upon completion of the research field work, a copy of data shall be submitted to the Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Forestry Research and Training, who have carried out the research on public expenses or while in office.
- 5) Any private researcher may share the findings to Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Forestry Research and Training.

164. The Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Forestry Research and Training shall impose a research permit fee of Nu. 10,000 on the foreigners except the researchers of Bhutanese nationality.

165. The foreign students pursuing long term or short term studies in any of the universities in Bhutan shall not be imposed with the permit fees under Section 164 of this Rules.

Research Coordination

166. The Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Forestry Research and Training shall be the coordinating agency for any national research carried out for the Department.

167. Any Division or Park Office or person carrying out surveys or any data collection in the field shall deposit the data to Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Forestry Research and Training.

168. Any person intending to access or use the data shall seek authorization from Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Forestry Research and Training.

CHAPTER 5

NATURE CONSERVATION

Conservation of Wild Flora

169. In accordance with Section 89 of the Act, no person shall collect, possess or trade any wild flora listed in Schedule I except for scientific research, population management and conservation breeding or plantation on recommendation of scientific authority.

170. The Department shall allow cultivation of any wild flora listed in Schedule II and III as per the following procedure:

- 1) Any person intending to carry out ex-situ cultivation of wild flora listed under schedule II and III shall submit proposal to the Department for permit;
- 2) The Department shall review the proposal and may provide permit to the proponent as proposed or reject the proposal.

171. The Department shall allow collection and trade of wild flora listed under schedule II and III as per the following procedures:

- 1) Any person intending to collect wild flora listed under schedule II and III shall apply for permit from the concerned Division or Park Office;
- 2) The Management Authority shall issue permits for transport and trade of the wild flora listed under schedule II and III; and
- 3) Upon issuance of export permit from the Management Authority, the Phytosanitary Certificate shall be obtained from the relevant agency.

172. Any person intending to collect the wild flora listed under schedule II and III for cultivation shall seek a permit from the Division or Park Office and permit may be issued based on the quantity and wild population.

173. Any person intending to cultivate and trade wild flora listed under schedule II and III from private registered land shall be allowed with issuance of permit from the Management Authority based on the recommendation of the Scientific Authority.



Conservation of Wild Fauna

174. In accordance with Section 91, 92 and 93 of the Act, the wild fauna listed under schedule I, II and III shall not be killed, injured, or destroyed, captured, collected, possessed, bred, raised or traded except as authorized under the Act.

175. In the event that any wild fauna is injured or killed as authorized under Section 91 and 93 of the Act, the report shall be submitted in accordance with Section 94 and 95 of the Act to the nearest forest office as per the following procedures:

- 1) Report to any nearest forest office;
- 2) The Local Government and forestry official shall conduct joint verification in case the animal is killed or trapped in private land and escaped and later died either in the agricultural field, private land and in State Reserve Forest Land;
- 3) The forestry official shall surrender the killed wild fauna specimens listed under schedule I to the Department;
- 4) The forestry official shall dispose the killed wild fauna specimen listed under schedule II and III as per the disposal guidelines; or
- 5) The forestry official shall rescue and rehabilitate the injured wild fauna listed under schedule I, II and III and release the wild fauna.
- 6) In the event of death of wild fauna during rescue measures by the forestry officials, the specimen shall be dealt with as per Section 175 (3) and (4) of this Rules.

Feeding of Wild Fauna

176. In accordance with Section 96 of the Act, feeding of wild fauna is prohibited except for enclosure and for scientific research.

Conservation Breeding

177. The Department or any other authorized agency shall carry out conservation breeding of flora and fauna on the recommendation of Scientific Authority in accordance with the following procedures:

- 1) The Department shall identify species or area and initiate both conservation breeding of wild flora and fauna for population management, research, education and conservation;
- 2) The authorized agency may identify any species for conservation breeding and submit proposal to the Department;
- 3) The Ministry shall approve the conservation breeding for Department or any authorized agency; and
- 4) The conservation breeding shall be carried out as per the technical guidelines issued by the Department.

Species Conservation

178. In accordance with Section 100 and 101 of the Act, the Department may collaborate with relevant agency or conservation support group to carry out species conservation to protect, preserve, manage, and restore wild flora and fauna; and their natural habitat as per the species conservation plan.

179. The Department shall approve the species conservation plan and carry out compliance monitoring as per Section 178 of this Rules.

Possession of Wild Fauna Trophy

180. Any person in possession of any wild fauna trophy listed under schedule I, II and III of Section 103 of the Act as family heirloom prior to commencement of the Act shall declare to the Department as per the following procedures:

- 1) The family heirloom shall be registered within one year from the date of enforcement of the Rules to their respective Division or Park Office;
- 2) The Division or Park shall issue certificate of possession as per Annexure XXV of this Rules;
- 3) The Division or Park Office may seek verification from the local government if there is any doubt on the possession of the trophy; and
- 4) The Division or Park Office shall maintain record of the registry and share the record with other Division or Park in the Department.



181. Any person in possession of any wild fauna trophy under schedule I, II and III as heirloom shall not be allowed to be transferred, traded or gifted to any person unless it is through inheritance.

Introduction of Invasive, Alien or Exotic Species

182. In accordance with Section 105 of the Act, the Department shall adopt appropriate measures to manage spread of invasive or alien or exotic species listed in accordance with Biodiversity Act and Rules.

Release of Rescued Domestic Animal

183. Any release of rescued domestic animals in State Reserved Forest Land shall be carried out in the leased State Reserved Forest Land in accordance with Section 106 of the Act.

Confiscated Wild Flora and Fauna Specimen

184. In accordance with Section 107 of the Act, any confiscated wild flora listed in Schedule I and wild fauna listed in Schedule I and II shall be surrendered to the Department by the Division or Park Office upon settlement of the case.

185. In accordance with Section 108 of the Act, the Department shall curate, preserve or mount for use in scientific research and education or traditional medicine or disposed as per the Guideline.

186. In accordance with Section 109 of the Act, any confiscated wild flora specimen listed in Schedule II and III of the Act and wild fauna specimen listed in Schedule III shall be disposed of as per the Guidelines.

187. Any confiscation of wild flora and fauna specimens under Section 110 of the Act shall be carried out as per the procedure established under Section 36 of this Rules.

Fishing

188. Fishing in any river, stream, lake or natural pond other than a restricted area in State Reserved Forest Land shall be regulated by the Department.

189. The Department shall delineate river, stream, lake, or natural pond into Mahseer water, Trout water, Normal fishing site; and High-end recreational fishing site which may be further classified into different zones.

Fishing Permit

190. The recreational fishing and normal fishing delineated water bodies shall be allowed and regulated through issuance of permit and such permit shall not be transferable.

191. The validity of the fishing permit shall be as specified in the permit as per Annexure XV of this Rules.

192. The Division or Park Office shall issue fishing permits for recreational or normal fishing with payment of fees as per Annexure X of this Rules.

Recreational Fishing

193. The following permit shall be valid for:

- 1) Permit for recreational fishing in High-end recreational fishing sites shall remain valid for Normal fishing sites; whereas permit for normal fishing shall not be allowed in high-end recreational fishing;
- 2) Permit for Mahseer water shall be allowed in trout water, whereas the permit for Trout water shall not be allowed in Mahseer water; or
- 3) Permit obtained for the higher zone shall remain valid for the lower zones in High-end recreational fishing site.

194. The recreational fishing shall be restricted to catch and immediate release.

195. Fishing for recreational purposes shall be restricted to the use of rod and reel angling using fly fishing and spin fishing techniques and artificial flies with a single barbless hook or artificial lures with one single barbless hook.

196. Any non-Bhutanese national fishing shall be accompanied by a Bhutanese fishing guide.

Normal Fishing

197. The Division or Park Office shall issue permit for normal fishing in the designated or delineated area for personal consumption with payment of fees as per Annexure X of this Rules.



198. Fishing for personal consumption shall be allowed for Bhutanese nationals in the Normal fishing site through use of rod and reel angling using fly fishing and spin fishing techniques with artificial flies or handlining with artificial lures with one single, double, or triple hook.

Community Fishing

199. In accordance with Section 113 of the Act, the local community may form community-based capture fishery groups with prior approval from the Department and practice sustainable fishing from the water body in their vicinity for consumption and sale.

200. The designated local community as a community-based capture fishery group shall be allowed to harvest fish in accordance with the management plan developed in collaboration with the relevant Departments.

201. The development of a management plan for community-based capture fishery shall be guided by a Guideline for Capture Fishery.

202. Any development of community-based capture fishery areas shall be prohibited in High-end recreational fishing sites.

Fishing Timing

203. In accordance with Section 116 of the Act, fishing shall be prohibited in the following days and months:

- 1) During the fish spawning season in months of November and December every year in all Trout Waters and during the months of June, July and August every year in all Mahseer Waters;
- 2) On 8th, 15th, and 30th day of each Bhutanese calendar month;
- 3) Zhadrung Kuechoe, Lord Buddhas Parinirvana, Birth Anniversary of Guru Rinpoche, first sermon of Lord Buddha, and Descending day of Lord Buddha; and
- 4) Choethruel Dawa and Saga Dawa of the lunar calendar.

Nature Recreation and Ecotourism

204. The approval for nature recreation and ecotourism shall be in accordance with Section 117 of the Act.

Human Wildlife Conflict Management

205. The Ministry shall adopt measures to prevent and mitigate human wildlife conflict as per the Human Wildlife Conflict Management Strategies.

206. The Ministry shall carry out institutionalization of measures with compensation to address loss of life or cause permanent disability to human or damage to property, crop and livestock by the wildlife based on the instruction or order of the Government in accordance with Section 119 of the Act.

207. The Ministry may formulate a guideline for compensation based on the instruction of the Government.

208. In accordance with Section 120 of the Act, the landowner affected by Human Wildlife Conflict may lay trap or snares in the private registered land under following:

- 1) The trap and snares shall be laid within the edge of the cultivated land;
- 2) use of non lethal traps and snares;
- 3) Share information of such laying of traps and snares to the Local Government and community members; and
- 4) Place signage and information to ensure that information is being displayed for safety.

209. Any person laying traps or snares shall be liable for any risk or imminent threat to life of human or domestic animal.



CHAPTER 6

SOIL, WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Soil Conservation

210. In accordance with Section 122 of the Act, afforestation, reforestation and soil conservation in State Reserved Forest Land shall be carried out as per Technical Guidelines.

Watershed

211. The Department of Water shall carry out technical assessment and classify watersheds in accordance with Section 123 and 124 of the Act in consultation with Department and relevant agency.

212. The Department of Water in consultation with the relevant agency shall identify and propose for declaration of critical watershed to the Ministry as per Section 6 (6) of this Rules.

Wetland

213. In accordance with Section 126 and 127 of the Act, the Department of Water shall carry out technical assessment of wetlands of national and international importance.

214. The Department of Water shall map and protect the wetland with appropriate management plan.

Waste Management

215. In accordance with Section 129 and 130 of the Act, the Department shall collaborate with relevant agency in prevention and management of waste as per Waste Prevention and Management Act and Rules.

216. The Department shall conduct regular monitoring of waste management in the State Reserve Forest Land.

217. The concerned Division or Park Office shall coordinate with other agencies for proper disposal of waste within the State Reserved Forest Land and ensure that the waste collected is transferred to the waste disposal site in collaboration with the relevant agency.

CHAPTER 7

ALLOTMENT OF TIMBER AND NON-WOOD FOREST PRODUCE

Timber in State Reserved Forest Land

218. Any timber in State Reserved Forest Land shall be harvested or removed as per the scientific management plan implemented under different management regimes in compliance to Forest and Nature Conservation Code of Best Management Practices of Bhutan.

Granting of Subsidized Timber

219. Any subsidized timber granted in accordance with Section 132 of the Act shall be allotted as per Section 47 and 48 of this Rules.

Allotment of Commercial Timber by the Department

220. In accordance with Section 135 of the Act, the Department may allot commercial timber in standing form for any construction upon fulfillment of the following criteria:

- 1) Construction site is in remote location;
- 2) If the authorized agency is not in the position to supply the required timber;
- 3) The applicant has the construction approval from concerned agency; and
- 4) Timber estimates have been provided by the concerned agency.

221. The Department may allot commercial timber for construction depending on the availability of resources from State Reserved Forest Land at commercial royalty rate directly upon fulfillment of criteria prescribed under Section 135 of the Act as per the following procedures:

- 1) The applicant shall submit application to the Division or Park Office along with:
 - a) Lagthram;



- b) Construction approval and timber estimate approved by the concerned agency;
 - c) Verification letter from authorized agency on the possibility of timber supply.
- 2) The Division or Park Office shall verify and approve or reject; and
 - 3) The Division or Park Office shall mark and allot the timber to the applicant.
222. The Ministry or Department and Division or Park Office shall have the authority to allot the timber as follows:
- 1) The Division or Park Office may approve standing tree volume equivalent to 3000 cft in sawn form or 300 poles on thinning basis;
 - 2) The Department may approve standing tree volume upto 5000 cft in sawn form; and
 - 3) The Ministry may approve if the requirement of standing tree volume is more than 5000 cft in sawn form.

Allotment of Commercial Timber by the Authorized Agency

223. The Department may allot the harvest or extraction of timber to an authorized agency based on the availability of the resources from the State Reserved Forest Land from the following identified areas:
- 1) Forest Management Unit;
 - 2) Working scheme;
 - 3) Road widening or construction;
 - 4) Scientific thinning;
 - 5) Pest infested area or sanitation operation;
 - 6) Transmission line;
 - 7) Energy project;
 - 8) Institutional or Industrial forest; and
 - 9) Any other area which may be identified and notified by the Department.

224. The Department may allot the timber to an authorized agency under Section 220 of this Rules as per the timber harvesting guidelines issued by the Department.

225. The authorized agency shall pay the royalty before transportation of the timber from the felling site.

Allotment of Commercial Timber for Construction of Dzong, Monastery and other Religious Institution

226. Any timber allotment for renovation and restoration of Lhakhang, Sheldras and other religious site of local and national importance shall be carried out by the Ministry in accordance with Section 136 of the Act.

Allotment of Forest Produce for Other Use

227. The Department may allot forest produce at the rural royalty rate in rural areas for the purpose as prescribed under Section 138 of the Act and as per Annexure XVI of this Rules.

Firewood in Rural Area

228. Any dry firewood and lops and tops collected or transported by men or draft animals shall be allowed free of royalty for domestic use.

229. The Division or Park Office may allot at rural royalty:

- 1) Any type of firewood which is transported by mechanical devices;
- 2) Dead, dying, deformed or diseased trees where ever possible;
- 3) 8 cubic meter in a year per household or religious institutions where there is electricity connection; or
- 4) 16 cubic meters in a year per household or religious institution where there is no electricity connection.

230. The firewood allotment under Section 228 and 229 of this Rules shall be carried out as per the following procedures:

- 1) The applicant shall apply to Gewog for firewood as per Annexure XVI of this Rules;
- 2) The concerned Gup shall endorse or reject the application after verification as per Annexure XVI of this Rules and forward to the Division or Park Office; and



- 3) The Division or Park Office shall verify the documents forwarded by the Gewog and shall approve or reject.

Fencing Post

231. The Division or Park Office may allot:

- 1) The pole size which produce up to 100 numbers of fencing post with six feet length and up to 20 centimeter diameter at rural royalty rate; or
- 2) Standing tree which will produce fencing post on splitting based on the volume assessment; or
- 3) More than 100 numbers of fencing posts at commercial royalty rate.

232. The procedure for allotment of fencing post shall be as per Section 230 of this Rules.

Pyre Wood

233. The Range Officer shall allot one meter cube of special class and three meter cube of other class of pyre wood on the rural royalty rate directly in the rural area based on the approval from Gewog.

234. The Department may designate any authorized agency to supply pyre wood outside rural areas on rural royalty rate.

Flag Pole

235. The Division or Park Office may allot upto 108 flag poles in the rural or urban area as per rural royalty rate in case of death and other flag poles on commercial royalty rate.

236. The Department may designate an authorized agency to allot 108 flag poles in the urban area at rural royalty at the option of the applicant.

Livestock shelters

237. The Division or Park Office may allot standing tree volume equivalent to 200 cft in sawn form based on the assessment report submitted by the Gewog Livestock Sector and Gewog administration and the frequency shall be assessed based on the need.

238. The Division or Park Office may carry out allotment under Section 237 of this Rules shall be as per the following procedures:

- 1) The applicant shall apply to Division or Park Office along with endorsement from gewog administration and Gewog Livestock sector; and
- 2) The Division or Park Office shall verify the documents and allot or reject the application.

Makeshift shack

239. The Division or Park Office may allot standing tree volume equivalent to 200 cft in sawn form timber required for construction of farm guard, watch tower, machinery shed or storehouse in the rural areas upon approval by the Gewog Administration once in five years.

Allotment of Firewood and Fencing post by Authorized Agency

240. The Department may designate authorized agency for allotment and supply of firewood and fencing post in the areas outside rural areas and the applicant shall submit the application to an authorized agency for allotment or supply.

Allotment for Other Religious Purpose

241. The Division or Park Office may allot standing tree volume equivalent to 100 cft in log form of timber for Sogshing, Zhungshing of special class timber for religious institutions at commercial royalty.

242. The Division or Park Office may allot 24 cubic meter of firewood for national Kureem at commercial royalty.

243. The Division or Park Office may allot standing tree volume equivalent to 200 cft of timber for construction of Tsamkhang at commercial royalty in accordance with Section 221 of this Rules.

Allotment for Chadri

244. The Division or Park Office shall allot the following quantity of timber or forest produce for Chadri on payment of commercial royalty:

- 1) Flag pole upto 100 numbers;
- 2) Tsim or Dangchung upto 100 numbers;



- 3) Bamboo of upto 1000 numbers; and
- 4) Timber upto 300 cft.

245. Any additional forest produce for Chadri which are beyond the authority specified under Section 244 of this Rules shall be sourced through authorized agency.

Allotment of Raw Material for Handicraft Item

246. The Division or Park Office shall allot raw material for manufacture of handicraft items in standing trees to any person having valid license with payment of royalty at commercial rate on log volume basis.

247. The procedures for allotment of raw material for handicraft items shall be as follows:

- 1) The Division or Park Office may approve three number of trees per license holder per year or approve 200 burrs per license holder per year from specified location;
- 2) The Head of Department may approve more than three numbers of tree per license holder per year; and
- 3) In the event of change in location of raw material collection, the applicant shall re-apply to the Division or Park Office.

Mushroom Billets

248. The Department or Division or Park Office may allot mushroom billet upon realization of royalty at the commercial rate as per the procedure prescribed under Section 249 of the Rules.

249. The Applicant shall submit for requirement of mushroom billets from concerned Dzongkhag and based on the recommendation the allotment of billets shall be carried out as follows:

- 1) The Division or Park may allot up to 3000 numbers of billets based on the availability of resources in phase wise manner, if the quantity is considerably huge; or
- 2) The Department may allot more than 3000 numbers of billets based on the availability of resources in phase wise manner if the quantity is considerably huge.

250. The mushroom billets shall be supplied from the branch of the standing tree.

251. The Division or Park Office shall monitor the utilization of billets allotted and any additional requirement of billet shall be subject to the utilization report.

Non-Wood Forest Produce

252. In accordance with Section 142 to 146 of the Act, the Non -Wood Forest Produce shall be allowed to be collected or harvested except for wild flora listed under schedule I of the Act on commercial royalty rate for commercial purpose.

253. Any person collecting or harvesting Non-Wood Forest Produce for personal use except for schedule I species of wild flora shall be free of royalty in accordance with Section 141 of the Act.

254. The Non-Wood Forest Produce shall be allowed for harvest on priority for the community whose livelihood is dependent on Non-Wood Forest Produce for commercial purpose.

255. The Department shall facilitate and promote formation of Non-Wood Forest Produce Management Group in accordance with Section 142 of the Act and register with the Division or Park Office; and prepare management plan as per the Forest and Nature Conservation Code of Best Management Practices in Bhutan.

Collection of Cordyceps

256. In accordance with Section 144 of the Act, the collection of the Cordyceps shall be allowed by the individual as per the following criteria:

1. The residents of the high-altitude villages who have their thram, census and land user right certificate registered in the concerned Gewog Administration shall be eligible for collection.
2. The maximum of three household members shall be eligible for collection of cordyceps and the collection permits to the eligible households will be issued jointly by the concerned Gups and Concerned Division or Park Office.



3. The collection of cordyceps shall be allowed only within the respective gewog boundary or having traditional rights. In the event of any conflicts arising out of ambiguous boundaries between the gewogs, the concerned dzongkhag shall resolve such conflicts through Dzongkhag Tshogdu.
4. The collection of cordyceps shall be strictly restricted to one-month period, excluding the number of days of journey to and from the collection site.
5. The concerned Division or Park office shall monitor the cordyceps collections.

257. The collection of permit fees shall be imposed as per the Schedule of fees prescribed under Annexure X of this Rules.

258. The Division or Park Office shall issue Certificate of Origin as per Annexure XX of this Rules and collection methods shall be implemented as per the Cordyceps Guidelines.

259. The Department shall facilitate and promote propagation and domestication of Non- Wood Forest Produce.

260. The Non-wood Forest Produce from State Reserved Forest Land shall be as follows:

- 1) The Division or Park Office shall approve less than one metric ton.
- 2) The Department shall approve more than one metric ton.

Cancellation of Non-Wood Forest Management Group

261. Any cancellation of deregistration of the Non-Wood Forest Management Group by the members voluntarily, an application shall be put up to the Division or Park Office.

262. The Division or Park Office shall assess the cancellation and ensure that no harvest or collection is carried out after the cancellation has been applied.

Suspension or Termination of Non-Wood Forest Produce Management Group

263. The Division or Park Office shall suspend the Non-Wood Forest Produce Group based on the preliminary finding in the event of violation of the management plan and Section 145 of the Act and this Rules.

264. The Department may terminate Non-Wood Forest Produce Group based on the report and recommendation from the Division or Park Office.

Reinstate

265. The Division or Park Office shall investigate and verify if there is any violation of the management plan and provisions of the Act and Rules by the Non-Wood Forest Produce Group and based on the findings, the Non-Wood Forest Produce Group shall be reinstated if the gravity of the violation is minor and repairable with corrective measures.

Unclaimed Drift Timber

266. In accordance with Section 147 of the Act, the Division or Park Office may notify the existence of drift timber within the respective jurisdiction of Division or Park Office immediately after the flash flood or during the monsoon.

267. Any person claiming right over the drift timber within the one month of the notification by the Division or Park Office shall establish their right with submission of valid permit.

268. The Division or Park Office shall inspect and verify the authenticity of the claim applied under Section 267 of this Rules.

269. In the event the rightful ownership has been established, the Division or Park Office shall allow the rightful owner to collect the drift timber.

270. The Division or Park Office after one month of notification shall allow any person to collect the drift timber upon issuance of permit if there is no claim on realization of commercial royalty.

Timber and Non-Wood Forest Produce from Private Registered Land

271. The harvest of tree or Non-Wood Forest Produce from the private registered land for personal use or commercial purpose shall be allowed without royalty.



272. The Non-Wood Forest Produce harvested from private registered land for commercial purpose shall be allowed upon issuance of permit.

273. The removal of tree from private registered land for personal use and commercial purpose shall be allowed as per the following procedure:

- 1) The owner of the private registered land intending to remove the tree shall apply with copy of Lagthram to the Range Office; and
- 2) The Range Office shall carry out the joint field verification with Thromde or Dzongkhag Land Sector shall demarcate the land for felling after approval of Forestry Clearance by the Range Office as per Annexure XVII of this Rules.

274. The land owner shall comply with all the requirements for trade and transport of timber and Non Wood Forest Produce.

275. The private land owner shall pay service charge for marking of the trees as per Annexure X of this Rules.

CHAPTER 8

FOREST BASED INDUSTRY

276. In accordance with Section 149 of the Act, the Department shall classify Forest-Based Industry into Wood-Based Industry and Non Wood-Based Industry and shall be duly registered with the Department and renew every two years.

277. In accordance with Section 150 of the Act, the Department shall classify Wood-Based Industry into primary and secondary Wood-Based Industry based on the types of raw material used.

Classification

278. The Department may update the list of primary Wood-based Industry and secondary Wood-based Industry through office order.

279. The Primary Wood based Industry shall include but not limited to the following:

- 1) Stationary Sawmill;
- 2) Mobile Sawmill or Power Chain Saws;
- 3) Veneer Factory;
- 4) Plywood Factory;
- 5) Particle Board Factory;
- 6) Paper Factory;
- 7) Charcoal Manufacturing Unit;
- 8) Incense Manufacturing Unit;
- 9) Handicraft Units;
- 10) Logging;
- 11) Forest bio-refinery;
- 12) Chipping Unit; or
- 13) Any other activities as may be determined by the Department.



280. The Secondary Wood-Based Industry shall include but not limited to the following:

- 1) Chopstick Unit;
- 2) Wood Pellet;
- 3) Furniture Unit;
- 4) Tooth Pick;
- 5) Wood Briquette;
- 6) Earbud Unit;
- 7) Block Board;
- 8) Fiber Mill;
- 9) Wood Lamination;
- 10) Wood Joinery;
- 11) Packing Boxes and Crates;
- 12) Match Box;
- 13) Wooden Photo Frames; or
- 14) Any other activities as may be determined by the Department.

Registration and Operation of Forest-Based Industry

281. In accordance with Section 153, 154, 155 and 156 of the Act, the Department shall register and regulate the operation of primary Wood-Based Industry as per the following procedures:

- 1) The Division or Park Office shall carry out physical verification of primary Wood -Based Industry upon receipt of the registration application.
- 2) The concerned Division or Park Office shall maintain inventory of all the primary Wood-Based Industry within the respective jurisdiction.
- 3) The primary Wood-Based Industry shall maintain a proper record of the incoming and outgoing quantity of timber or forest produce procured or received from various sources.

- 4) Any registered mobile and stationed machinery shall be permitted to saw both rural and commercial timber.
- 5) Any person intending to saw the subsidized timber shall apply to Range Office with a copy of subsidized house building timber approval.
- 6) The Range Office shall verify approved timber permit, status of timber sawn and the location applied and issue a sawing permit.

282. The primary Wood-Based Industry shall produce certification of registration and necessary permit issued for the timber or forest produce procured or received from various sources.

283. The registration of Wood-Based Industry may be allowed on digital platform as and when the digital process is available.

Registration and Operation of Secondary Wood-Based Industry

284. In accordance with Section 153, 154, 155 and 156 of the Act, the Department shall regulate the operation of secondary Wood-Based Industry and register with the Division or Park Office with a copy of trade license.

285. The Division or Park Office shall verify the source of timber based on the permits and documents.

Non Wood-Based Industry

286. In accordance with Section 149 and 153 of the Act, the Department may facilitate and regulate Non Wood- Based Industry.

Installation and Operation of Cable Crane or Rope Way

287. The installation and operation of cable crane shall be allowed for rural or commercial timber extraction in the State Reserved Forest Land with approval from the Department.

288. The installation and operation of rope way for transportation of materials and ecotourism may be allowed in the State Reserved Forest Land with approval from the Department.

289. The applicant of cable crane and rope way shall carry out compensatory plantation equivalent to the area felled.



CHAPTER 9

TRADE AND TRANSPORT OF FOREST PRODUCE

Export, Re-export and Transit

290. Any export, re-export and transit of wild flora listed under schedule I shall be allowed for scientific research, conservation breeding and education purposes upon issuance of permit from the Management Authority in accordance with Section 158 of the Act on the advice of the Scientific Authority.
291. The Management Authority may grant permits for export, re-export or transit of wild flora specimens listed under schedule II and III for trade on the advice of the Scientific Authority under Section 20 of this Rules.
292. Any person intending to export, re-export and transit the wild fauna listed under Schedule I, II and III shall be allowed in accordance with Section 158 of the Act to export for scientific research, conservation breeding and education purpose with permit from the Management Authority upon recommendation from the Scientific Authority under Section 20 of this Rules.
293. The Management Authority may approve or reject the application based on the recommendation of the Scientific Authority under Section 20 of this Rules and as per the form prescribed under Annexure XVIII of this Rules.
294. The permit shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance and the importer, exporter, re-exporter shall comply with all the conditions specified in the permit.
295. The Scientific Authority shall prepare a list of wild flora species under schedule II and III for export based on the level of threat of the survival of the species and conservation measures in management of the wild population in the natural habitat and issue the list to the Management Authority for necessary permit.
296. Any person intending to export forest produce for academic and other research without commercial intent shall comply with the requirements under Section 92 of the Biodiversity Act of Bhutan, 2022.

Import

297. The Ministry may allow import of forest produce accompanied by relevant documents to meet the demand in the country.

298. The Ministry delegates the approving authority for the import of forest produce to the Division or Park Office.

299. The concerned Division or Park Office shall issue permits in accordance with Section 161 of the Act.

Export

300. In accordance with Section 162 of the Act, the Ministry shall not allow export of timber in log form and sawn form; and firewood except in a situation, where the timber has no market within the country as per the following procedures:

- 1) Any person or authorized agency intending to export the timber in log form and sawn form; and firewood shall provide evidence of one time auction of such timbers to the Department.
- 2) The Department shall submit the proposal to the Ministry for export of timber based on the evidence submitted under Section 301 (1) of this Rules.
- 3) Upon approval of the export of timbers by the Ministry, the Management Authority shall grant permit for export as per the form prescribed under Annexure XVIII of this Rules.

301. The export of timber in log and sawn form; and firewood harvested from private registered land shall be allowed on issuance of permit from Management Authority in compliance to Section 163 of the Act.

302. Any person intending to export the timber from dismantled structure shall be allowed for export on issuance of permit from the Management Authority in accordance with Section 166 of the Act.

303. The timber from dismantled religious structures shall not be allowed for export under any circumstances.

Internal Movement

304. In accordance with Section 167 of the Act, the Department shall regulate the internal movement of timber as per the following procedures:



- 1) The Range Office shall issue Certificate of Origin to facilitate movement of timber from stump to depot or sawmill or construction site or work area with hammer impression.
 - 2) The Range Officer shall issue Certificate of Origin and Internal Movement Order for movement of any Non Wood Forest Produce.
305. The internal movement of timber from the dismantled wooden structure from heritage or religious site or private shall be as per the following procedure:
- 1) An application shall be applied to the concerned Division or Park Office; and
 - 2) The Division or Park Office shall issue Certificate of Origin.

Forest Check Gate and Check Point

306. Any movement of forest produce shall be declared at the Integrated Check Post as forest established check gate for inspection.
307. The designated Check Point shall be flexible in nature to monitor the illegal movement of forest produce.
308. The office order for the Check Point shall consist of specific duration to monitor the movement of forest produce and the forestry officials shall exercise the rights and powers granted under Section 12 to 29 of the Act.

Permit

309. In accordance with Section 170 of the Act and as per powers delegated under Section 7 of this Rules, the permit for harvest, collection, research and academic purpose, movement and trade of any forest produce shall be issued by the Division or Park Office.

CHAPTER 10

OFFENCE AND PENALTY

Illegal Fishing

310. Any person fishing in any river, stream, lake or natural pond without a valid permit issued under the Act and this Rules is an offence of illegal fishing under Section 171 of the Act and person shall be liable for a fine of one month's daily minimum national wage along with confiscation of fishing gear.
311. Any person fishing in a restricted area of river, stream, lake or natural pond is an offence of illegal fishing under Section 172 of the Act and person shall be liable for a fine of two month daily minimum national wage along with confiscation of the fishing gears.
312. Any person fishing by river diversion is an offence of illegal fishing under Section 173 of the Act and person shall be liable for a fine of five months daily minimum national wage along with confiscation of the fishing gear.
313. Any person fishing by using a large net or trap or snare is an offence of illegal fishing under Section 173 of the Act and person shall be liable for a fine of three month's daily minimum national wage along with confiscation of the fishing gear.
314. Any person fishing in river, stream, lake or natural pond on prohibited months and days shall be an offence under Section 174 of the Act and person shall be liable for a fine of five month's daily minimum national wage along with confiscation of the fishing gears.
315. The forestry official shall seize the fish under Section 310 to 314 of this Rules and dispose at the market rate and deposit the proceeds in the government account.

Illegal Mining, Quarry and Developmental Activities

316. Any person carrying out mining activity without forestry clearance in State Reserved Forest Land shall be an offence under Section 175 of the Act and shall be liable for fines of thirty-six month's daily minimum national wage along with the compensation for restoration estimated cost by the Department.



317. Any person carrying out quarrying activity without forestry clearance in the State Reserved Forest Land shall be an offence under Section 175 of the Act and shall be liable for fines of twenty-four month's daily minimum national wage along with compensation for restoration cost estimated by the Department.
318. Any person carrying out developmental activity without forestry clearance in the State Reserved Forest Land shall be an offence under Section 175 of the Act and shall be liable for fines of twelve month's daily minimum national wage along with compensation for restoration cost estimated by the Department.
319. Any person carrying out mining, quarrying and developmental activity in the declared critical watershed shall be an offence under Section 176 of the Act and shall be liable for fines of 120 month's daily minimum national wage along with compensation for restoration cost estimated by the Department.
320. Any person carrying out mining in the protected area shall be an offence under Section 177 of the Act and shall be liable for fines of 120 month's daily minimum national wage along with compensation for restoration cost estimated by the Department.
321. Any person carrying out quarrying in the core zone of the protected area shall be under Section 177 of the Act and shall be liable for fines of 150 months daily minimum national wage along with compensation for restoration cost estimated by the Division or Park Office.
322. Any person carrying out developmental activity in the core zone of the protected area shall be an offence under Section 177 of the Act shall be an offence and liable for fines of twelve months daily minimum national wage along with compensation for restoration cost estimated by the Division or Park Office.
323. Any person carrying out quarrying activity in the protected area other than core zone which is not for rural use by the local inhabitant or for developmental activity within the protected area shall be an offence under Section 178 of the Act and shall be liable for fines of six months daily minimum national wage along with compensation for restoration cost estimated by the Division or Park Office.

Introduction of Invasive, Alien, or Exotic Species

324. Any person introducing invasive, alien or exotic wild flora and fauna species in the wild that pose risk to the native species or spread pest and disease in State Reserved Forest Land shall be an offence under Section 179 of the Act and shall be liable for fine of three months daily minimum national wage and the species may be destroyed as per Section 186 of this Rules.

Release of Exotic Fish in Water Body

325. Any person releasing exotic fish species in any water body across the country is an offence of release of exotic fish in water body under Section 180 of the Act and shall be liable for fines of six months daily minimum national wage and the Department shall carry out management of the released exotic fish.

Risking of Wild Fauna Species

326. Any person killing, injuring, destroying, collecting, breeding, or raising wild fauna listed under Schedule II and III shall be an offence of risking of wild fauna species under Section 181 of the Act and shall be liable for fine as per prescribed in Annexure XIX of this Rules along with confiscation of the specimen, and equipment.

Illegal Possession of Wild Fauna Specimen listed under Schedule II and III

327. Any person who possesses wild fauna specimens listed under Schedule II and III of the Act shall be an offence under Section 182 of the Act and shall be liable for fine as prescribed in under Annexure XIX of this Rules along with confiscation of specimen.

Illegal Felling and Extraction of Trees

328. Any person illegally felling and extracting special class timber listed under Schedule II of the Act from State Reserved Forest Land without valid permit and hammer impression shall be an offence under Section 183 of the Act; and shall be liable for fine of Nu. 150 per cft for both log and sawn, cost at fair market value and compensation as per Natural Resources Pricing Committee Rate, and confiscation of the timber as prescribed under Section 36 of this Rules.



329. Any person illegally felling and extracting other class timber listed under Schedule II and III of the Act from State Reserved Forest Land without valid permit and hammer impression shall be an offence under Section 184 of the Act and shall be liable for:

- 1) Fine of Nu. 125 per cft for both log and sawn;
- 2) Compensation as per Natural Resources Pricing Committee Rate; and
- 3) Payment of cost at fair market value as per Natural Resources Pricing Committee Rate and release the timber.

330. Any person illegally felling and extracting other class timber listed under schedule II and III of the Act from the State Reserved Forest Land without valid permit and hammer impression is an offence under Section 184 of the Act and shall be liable for:

- 1) Fine of Nu. 125 per cft for both log and sawn;
- 2) Compensation at Natural Resources Pricing Committee Rate and confiscation of the timber as per Section 36 of Rules, if the payment of cost at fair market value is not paid.

331. Any person illegally felling tree within the stipulated distance from the bank or edge of the water body as specified under Section 46 of the Act is an offence under Section 185 of the Act and shall be liable for fine, compensation or cost at fair market value in accordance with Section 328 and 330 of this Rules.

332. Any person illegally felling of special class tree in core zone of protected area and critical watershed shall be an offence under Section 186 of the Act and shall be liable for:

- 1) Fine of Nu. 150 per cft;
- 2) Compensation as determined by the Ministry; and
- 3) Confiscation of timber as Section 36 of this Rules.

333. Any person illegally felling of other class tree in core zone of protected area and critical watershed shall be an offence under Section 186 of the Act and shall be liable for:

- 1) Fine of Nu. 150 per cft;

- 2) Compensation at Natural Resources Pricing Committee Rate;
- 3) Payment of cost at fair market value as per Natural Resources Pricing Committee Rate and release the timber.

334. Any person illegally felling of other class tree in core zone of protected area and critical watershed shall be an offence under Section 186 of the Act and shall be liable for:

- 1) Fine of Nu. 150 per cft;
- 2) Compensation at Natural Resources Pricing Committee Rate;
- 3) Confiscation of timber as per Section 36 of this Rules, if the payment of cost at fair market value as per Natural Resources and Pricing Committee Rate is not paid.

Feeding of Wild Fauna

335. Any person feeding wild fauna except in enclosure and for scientific research shall be an offence Section 187 of the Act and shall be liable for fine of one month daily minimum national wage per incident.

Disturbance to Wild Fauna

336. Any person disturbing wild fauna in State Reserved Forest Land by use of electronic device, call playback, or flushing shall be an offence under Section 188 of the Act and shall be liable for fine of one month daily minimum national wage and confiscation of equipment.

Release of Rescued Domestic Animal

337. Any person or agency releasing rescued domestic animals in State Reserved Forest Land except in the leased area shall be an offence under Section 189 under the Act and shall be liable for Nu. 100 per animal.

Illegal Extraction and Harvest of Non Wood Forest Produce

338. Any person illegally extracting or harvesting Non Wood Forest Produce other than timber listed under Schedule II and III from State Reserved Forest Land shall be an offence under Section 192 of the Act and shall be liable for fines, compensation at fair market value, cost at fair market value and release of produce; or payment of fines, compensation at fair market value as per schedule of fines and confiscation of produce as per Section 36 of this Rules.



Setting of Forest Fire

339. Any person setting State Reserved Forest Land or State Land on fire shall be an offence under Section 193 of the Act and shall be liable as follows:

- 1) Fine of Nu. 200 per acre;
- 2) Restoration cost shall be determined as Nu. 100 per tree damaged by fire.

Research on State Reserved Forest Land

340. Any person conducting research in State Reserved Forest Land without prior approval from the Ministry shall be an offence under Section 194 of the Act and shall be liable for fine of one month daily minimum wage and confiscation of research materials collected.

341. In the event of failure to comply with the requirements under Section 163 of this Rules, the Division or Park Office shall impose a fine equivalent to one month's minimum daily wage rate and surrender the data within two weeks from the date of issuance of notice by Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Forestry Research and Training.

Trade of Wild Flora and Fauna Specimen Listed under Schedule II and III

342. Any person involved in the internal trade of wild flora and fauna specimens listed under Schedule II and III of the Act shall be an offence under Section 195 of the Act, except in accordance with the Act and shall be liable for fine as prescribed under Annexure XIX of this Rules and confiscation of the specimen.

343. Any person involved in internal trade of wild flora specimens of special class timber listed under Schedule II of the Act shall be an offence under Section 196 of the Act and shall be liable for fine as prescribed under Annexure XIX of this Rules.

344. Any person involved in the internal trade of wild flora specimen other than special class timber listed under Schedule II and III of the Act is an offence under Section 197 of the Act and shall be liable for fine as prescribed under Annexure XIX of this Rules.

345. Any vehicle used for internal transportation of illegal wild fauna or flora listed under schedule II and III shall be liable for fine amounting to Nu. 10,000 per heavy vehicle and Nu. 7000 for medium vehicle, other vehicle Nu. 3000 per vehicle.

Killing or Injuring of Wild Fauna listed under Schedule II and III

346. Any person killing, injuring and destroying wild fauna listed under schedule II and III shall be an offence under Section 198 of the Act and shall be liable for fine as per Annexure XIX of this Rules.

347. Any person capturing, collecting, breeding, and raising of wild fauna species listed under Schedule II and III shall be an offence under Section 198 of the Act except in accordance with the Act and shall be liable for fines as per Annexure XIX of this Rules and confiscation of specimen and equipment.

Use of Animal to Transport Illegal Forest Produce

348. Any person using animals for transportation of illegal forest produce shall be an offence under Section 199 of the Act and shall be liable for fine of Nu. 500 per animal and animal shall be released upon completion of registration of an offence.

Laying of Trap and Snare

349. Any person laying trap or snare in State Reserved Forest Land, State Land or private registered with an intend to kill or capture wild fauna species shall be an offence under Section 200 of the Act and shall be liable for fine of one month minimum national wage multiplied by number of days and confiscation of equipment.

Import, Export, Transit, or Re-export of Wild Flora and Fauna Specimen

350. Any person importing, exporting, transiting, or re-exporting wild fauna specimen listed under Schedule II and III of the Act without valid permit shall be an offence under Section 201 of the Act and shall be liable for fines as per Annexure XIX of this Rules in addition to confiscation of specimen.



351. Any person importing, exporting, transiting, or re-exporting wild flora specimen listed under Schedule II and III of the Act without valid permit shall be an offence under Section 202 of the Act and shall be liable for fines, compensation at fair market value, cost at fair market value and release of specimen; or payment of fines as prescribed in Annexure XIX of this Rules, compensation at fair market value and confiscation of the specimen

Illegal Activity in State Reserved Forest Land

352. Any person carrying out any activity specified under Section 75 of this Rule in the State Reserved Forest Land without forestry clearance from the Department shall be an offence under Section 203 of the Act and shall be liable for fine of two months daily minimum national wage and payment of restoration cost determined based on the acreage of area damaged.

Removal of Forest Produce from Private Registered Land

353. Any person removing timber from private registered land without authentication of Thram from the concerned Gewog or Thromde and verification of timber by the forest field office shall be an offence under Section 204 of the Act and shall be liable for fine of Nu. 200 per tree and Nu. 50 per pole and without valid approval but with marking impression shall be liable for Nu. 100 per tree and Nu. 25 per pole.

Illegal Operation of Forest-Based Industry

354. Any person operating Forest based Industry without registration certificate shall be an offence under Section 205 of the Act and shall be liable for fine of one month's daily national wage and to register with the Department.

355. The Forest-Based Industry shall be de-registered in the event of violation of the Act and Rules.

Illegal Use of Timber in Forest-Based Industry

356. Any Forest-Based Industry involved in sawing, processing, or utilizing illegal timber shall be an offence under the Act and shall be liable for fine for two month daily minimum wage compensation or payment of cost price.

Misuse of Subsidized Timber and Forest Produce Allotted for Other Purpose

357. Any person misusing subsidized timber granted under Section 132 of the Act other than for intended purpose shall be an offence under Section 207 of the Act and liable for fine for two months daily minimum wage and payment of compensation and fair market value in the event timber is released and payment of fine and compensation if the timber is confiscated.

358. Any person misusing the forest produce allotted under Sections 138 to 140 of the Act other than for intended purpose shall be an offence under Section 207 of the Act and shall be liable for fine for one month daily minimum wage and payment of compensation and fair market value if the forest produce is released or payment of compensation and fine if the forest produce is confiscated.

Non Declaration of Forest Produce

359. Any person transporting forest produce without declaration at the check gates shall be an offence under Section 208 of the Act and shall be liable for fine of two months minimum national wage.

Transport of Timber without Hammer Impression

360. Any person transporting or transiting timber with valid documents and without a valid hammer impression shall be an offence under Section 209 the Act and shall be liable for fine of Nu. 20 per cft.

Non Registration of Mobile Machinery

361. Any person using mobile machinery in Forest-Based Industry or inside State Reserved Forest Land without registration certificate shall be an offence under Section 210 of the Act and shall be liable for fine one month daily minimum wage and confiscation of the mobile machinery.

Renewal of Registration

362. Any person failing to renew the registration of mobile machinery, Wood-Based Industry and Non Wood Industry shall be an offence and liable for a fine of Nu.1000.



Subsequent Offence

363. Any person who commits an offence listed under Sections 171 to 210 of the Act for a second time shall be liable for 50% additional fine on the fine component imposed for commission of that offence, additional fine of 100% and 200% for commission of an offence for three and more times.

Criminal Offence

364. Any person committing a criminal offence under Section 213, 215 and 216 of the Act and in the event, the specimen is found missing, compensation for missing part shall be imposed as prescribed in the Annexure XIX of this Rules.

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CHAPTER 11

MISCELLANEOUS

Entitlement of Uniform

365. The Forestry official in the Division or Park Office of the field office shall be issued with following uniform set as per Section 237 of the Act and shall be used in conformity with the Forestry Uniform Code:

- 1) One official and combat set once in two years;
- 2) Beret, Jab cap, Insignia, belt, monogram once on appointment or promotion;
- 3) T-shirt and long sleeves once in two years;
- 4) Jacket and pullover once in two years;
- 5) Combat shoes or field boots once in a year; and
- 6) Official shoes once in two years.

366. The forestry officials in the functional division of the Department Head Quarter shall be issued with the following uniform set and shall be used in conformity with the forestry uniform code:

- 1) One official and combat set of uniform set once in three years;
- 2) Beret, Jab cap, Insignia, belt, monogram once on appointment or promotion;
- 3) Jacket and pullover once in three years;
- 4) Combat shoes or field boots once in three years; and
- 5) Official shoes once in three years.

367. Any forestry official violating the forestry uniform code may be liable for administrative action under the Civil Service Act and Rules.

368. The Department shall conduct arms and ammunition training using the arms and ammunition responsibility.

Rules of Construction

369. In this Rule, the singular includes the plural and the feminine includes the masculine, and vice versa.



Amendment

370. The amendment of this Rules by way of addition, variation or repeal may be affected on the approval of the Ministry.

Definitions

371. In this Rules and Regulations, unless the context the otherwise requires:

- 1) Act means Forest and Nature Conservation Act of Bhutan, 2023.
- 2) Bill means a draft of a proposed law presented to the Parliament for discussion.
- 3) Biological status means the status of the population of both wild flora and fauna describing the health of the natural state.
- 4) Biological significance means any area significant for conservation of key biodiversity
- 5) Developer shall mean any person carrying out the activity or proposing to carrying out the activity
- 6) Division or Park Office means any field office established under the Department of Forests and Park Services.
- 7) Endangered species means any species of wild flora or fauna that is gravely at risk of extinction.
- 8) Enclosure means an area where wild fauna is kept for rehabilitation, conservation breeding or recreation.
- 9) Forest Management Unit means an area of State Reserved Forest Land designated as production forest area for timber harvesting.
- 10) Industrial Forest means forests planted and maintained by the Forest based industries and other companies for deriving commercial and economic benefits
- 11) Institutional Forest means any trees grown on the land of schools and institutes, hospitals, dzongs and dratshangs, and any other offices of the Government.
- 12) Integrated check post means the established and designated check post of Royal Bhutan Police.

- 13) Lepshing means a wooden piece used in covering the religious text
- 14) Local Forest Management Area means an area of State Reserved Forest Land other than Forest Management Unit or any other area which is not managed and administered under any of the management regime.
- 15) Lethal traps and snares mean any traps or snares that may cause death or serious injury to any person.
- 16) Management Plan means any prescription which designs the management and operation of the particular area under different management regime scientifically.
- 17) Mahseer water shall means all such delineated waterbodies in Bhutan, that is, where Mahseer are believed to be present for at least part of the year.
- 18) Operational Plan means a plan outlining the activities, objectives and target of managing the forest resources in a year and extraction of timber managed and administered under different management regimes.
- 19) Production forest means an area of State Reserve Forest land demarcated for scientific and sustainable extraction of timbers to meet the demands of the construction industry in the country.
- 20) Range Office means any office established under the Division or Park Office of the Department of Forests and Park Services and Forest Management Unit Office.
- 21) Re-export means export of any forest produce in the same form as how it has been imported.
- 22) Rehabilitate means restore to normal health or life of flora or fauna in the natural habitat.
- 23) Rules means Forest and Nature Conservation Rules and Regulations, 2023
- 24) Sanitation operation means removal of any dead, dying and diseased trees caused by pest and disease outbreak or any other natural or manmade calamities to maintain the health and hygiene of the forest.



- 25) Scientific thinning means a process of selective removal of trees or poles to improve the forest stand.
- 26) Sokshing means any State Reserved Forest Land leased for leaf litter collection for use in the agriculture field or as bedding for livestock.
- 27) Special class timber means any timber which has been classified as special class based on value and rarity.
- 28) Surplus forest produce shall mean any balanced timber from annual allowable cut after the allotment in a particular year in the Community Forest.
- 29) Thromde means the area as defined under Local Government (Amendment) Act of Bhutan, 2014.
- 30) Trout water shall mean all other water body not delineated as Mahseer water.
- 31) Zhungshing or Sokshing means a wooden piece used as ritual object inside a statue or chorten.

Annexure I

Request for Remand Order

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Services

The Hon'ble Drangpoen
Dzongkhag Court
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Subject: Request for Remand Order

This is to request for the issuance of a remand order under the Section 186 of the Civil and Criminal Procedure Code of Bhutan to detain Mr./Mrs., DoBfather's name from village, gewog, dzongkhag, bearing CID no., present address working as having been suspected in connection to the criminal offence mentioned in the report of case registration no.....and arrested on at from under the arrest warrant no..... dated issued as per Section 163, 165, 166.1 and 167 of the Civil and Criminal Procedure Code of Bhutan until the interrogation is completed.

Range Officer/Chief Forestry Officer



Annexure II

Request for Search Warrant

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Services

The Hon'ble Drangpoen
Dzongkhag Court

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Subject: Request for Search Warrant

This is to request for the issuance of a search warrant under the Section 168 of the Civil and Criminal Procedure Code of Bhutan of Mr./Mrs. bearing CID no..... father's name..... from village, gewog, dzongkhag, present address having been suspected in connection to

Based on the facts presented as follows:

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.....
.....

..... kindly issue us with a search warrant of

Range Officer/Chief Forestry Officer



Annexure III

Seizure and Confiscation

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Services

Part A. SEIZURE LIST

Case No. (Corresponding to case
No. under Forest Offence Registration of
Range.....Division/Park)

1. Name of the offender:
2. CID No:
3. Address of offender:
3. Nature of forest offence:

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.....
.....

4. List of material/forest produce/tools/seized from the offender

- a.
- b.
- c.

5. Signature with legal stamp of the offender after the agreement on the list
of seized items shown above.

(Name and signature of the offender with legal stamp)

Name, address and signature of the witness.

Seized by

Range/Division/Park.....Dated.....

A copy of seizure list shall be handed over to the offender.

PART B: Released List -

a. Following seized items released to the offender as per compounding order
No. Dated.....of Division/Range.



b. Acknowledged by the offender for items confiscated or/and realized as detail shown above.

Signature with legal stamp

c. Name, address and signature of witness (with legal stamp)

Dated.....

Range/Division/Park

Disclaimer: Quantity and quality of forest produce is/are based on the time of seizure.

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Annexure IV

Offence Statement

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Services

Name:..... CID.....
Village.....
Gewog Dzongkhag.....
.....
Nature of offence.....

Witness

Name and Signature:.....
CID No:.....
Present Address:.....

Name and signature of
offender:.....
Date.....



Annexure V

Forest Offence Case Registration

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Services

Case No.

Dated:.....

1. Name of the offender.....
2. Address of the offender
3. CID No:.....
4. Nature of offence.....
5. Place of commission of offence.....
6. Offence detected on (date)
7. Offence detected by:.....

(Signature of the offender with legal stamp)

Name, CID, address and signature of
witness.....

Range Officer



Annexure VI

Forest Offence Case Settlement Order Sheet

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
 MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
 Department of Forests and Park Services

Case No.....(Corresponding to case No. under Forest Offence Registration of Range.....Division/Park)

1. Name of the offender
2. CID No:
3. Address of offender
4. Nature of forest offence (Forest offence registration under Annexure V, reference No..... dated is attached here).
5. Details of penalty:

Penalty	Amount (Nu)
Fine	
Compensation at NRPC rate	
Cost at fair market value	
Repeated conviction	
TOTAL	

6. Vehicle(s)/animals(s)/Materials/forest produce/tools/implements etc. seized as per the seizure list under Annexure III as per reference no.....dated..... are a) hereby confiscated OR b) released to the offender.
7. The case has been settled as per the acceptance in commission of offence based on the statement submitted by the offender expressing his willingness to compound and settle the case.
8. The list of items seized/confiscated/released in connection with this offence case as per Annexure III attached here.



Signature with legal stamps

a. Offender

b. Witness (Name,Signature,CID & Address)

Date:

Compounded by;

Range Officer

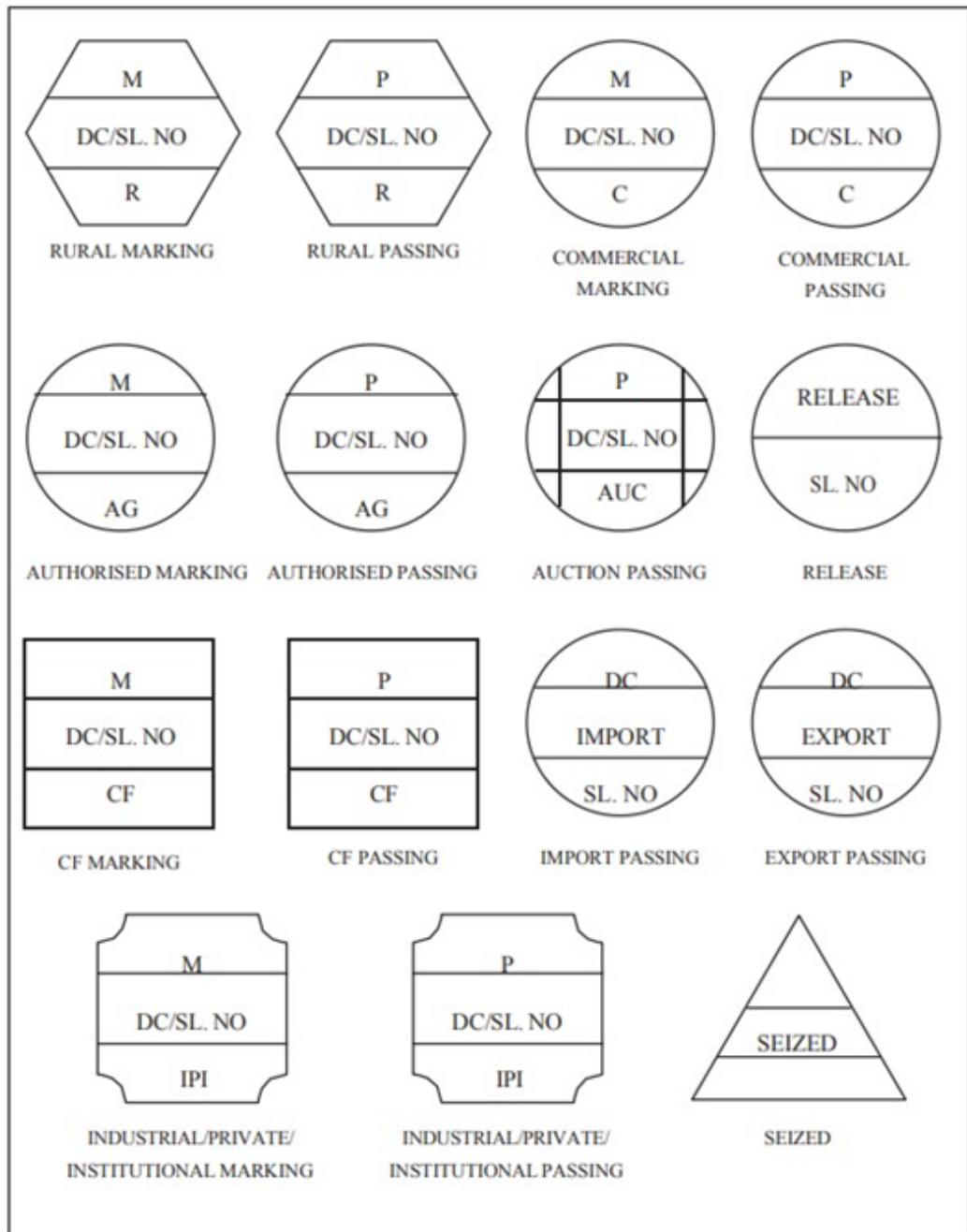
..... Range

.....Division/Park

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Annexure VII

Design of Forestry Hammer




Annexure VIII

Inspection Report for Forestry Clearance

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
 MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
 Department of Forests and Park Services

(1)Allotment of Kidu land; (2)Energy project; (3)Muck dumping sites; (4) Landfill sites; (5)Biological pits; (6)Camp sites (7)Satshab (Substitute land); (8)Land acquisition by Government institution;(9)Land leasing; (10)Land exchange; (11)Transmission line; (12)Bridge Construction; (13)Archery Range; (14) Road; (15)Irrigation Channel; (16)Tower; (17)Water Pipeline where felling of tree is required; (18)Surface Collection; (19)River Bed Material Dredging; (20)Sand Quarry; (22)Stone Quarry; (22)Soil Extraction; (23)Ropeway; (24)Trail; (25)Mining; (26)Railway track; (27)Any other activities as determined and notified by the Department.

This inspection report shall include the following:

Range Office:.....

1.Details of applicant:

Individual	Institution/Group/Community
(a) Name:	(a) Name:
(b) CID:	(b)Address:
(c) House No:	
(d) Thram No:	
(e) Chiwog:	
(f) Gewog:	
(g) Dungkhag:	(c) Contact Number/email:
(h) Dzongkhag:	
(i) Contact Number/email:	



2. Reasons for applying for State Reserved Forest Land:

- (i).....
- (ii).....

3. Location of the proposed State Reserved Forest Land

Dzongkhag:..... Gewog:.....

Village:.....

Polygon Geo-coordinates (Centre point of polygon) : (Northing and Easting).....

Proposed Area:.....(Acre)

Line Geo-coordinates (Start Point): Northing..... Easting.....

(Midpoint): Northing.... Easting.....(Endpoint) : Northing.....

Eastng.....

Length (m): Width (m):.....

4. Reference to:

- (a) Kasho (attach copy)
- (b) Letter from relevant organization (attach copy)
- (c) Any other document (attach copy)
- (d) Detailed Project Report or Feasibility report (If FC is for Hydropower, Mining and Quarrying, Transmission line and Tower)

5.The details of the proposed SRF land (Answer in “Yes” or “No”):

Land allotment Criteria (Answer in “Yes” or No”)	Answer in “Yes” or “No”:
1 (a) Inside Declared Critical Watershed	
(b) Inside the Core Zone of the Protected Area	
2. (a) High Forest: i. Trees are of economic values and social benefits ii. Trees grown by means of natural seedling iii. Trees grown by plantation iv. The forest canopy cover is 40% and more	



(b) Declared wetland	
(c) i. Any critical ecological sites along the roads ii. Landslide prone area iii. Risk of damaging roads, and bridges, and iv. Any significant landmarks or heritage sites	
3. Areas within 100 feet from the bank or edge of any water body except for collection of River Bed Material, bridge, road, river training work, embankment and retaining wall from the identified site.	
4. Water recharge area identified by the Department.	
5. Areas within 500 meters from the plinth of the monastery or Dzong, where there are no settlements nearby except for Monastery or Dzong.	
6. (a) Does the proposed area fall outside the core zone of protected areas (b) Is the proposed activity for native inhabitants for their domestic use and national developmental activity undertaken by the Ministry or government agency.	



6.Details of forest produce in the proposed SRF land:

SINo	Species	Tree (Above 3' girth)		Poles Above 6' height and less than 3' girth)		NWFP	Presence of important wildlife
		No.	Vol. (M3)	No.	Vol. (M3)		

7. KML/KMZ file

8. Remarks of the Inspection team, based on Section 46 of F&NC Act 2023.

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Name and signature of Team Members

- 1.
- 2.

9.Remarks of the Range Officer, based on Section 46 of F&NC Act 2023 and field report.

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Signature of the Range Officer (Seal)

Name..... Date.....

10.Remarks of Chief Forestry Officer, based on Section 46 of F&NC Act 2023 and field report.

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Name and Signature of Chief Forestry Officer (Seal)

Name..... Date.....



Annexure IX

Forestry Clearance

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Services

The Forestry Clearance is issued from the State Reserved Forest Land for..... measuring....acres ormeters at Gewog.....Dzongkhag.....infavour of.....CID.No..... The proposed areas contain.....trees..... poles as per the enumeration list. This clearance is accorded as per the recommendation of inspection officials and further recommendation of respective offices on the following conditions:

1. This clearance is limited to the forestry perspective as per the detailed field report.
2. This clearance is not transferable.
3. This clearance shall not be liable for any dispute arising during the implementation of activity.
4. Any damage caused to public/private property shall be borne by the holder of this clearance.
5. Any waste generated from the activity should be properly disposed of as per existing Waste Prevention & Management Regulations.
6. The SRF Land shall be released only after the proper handing taking note is signed by both entities.
7. The existing forest produce shall be disposed/removed only after physical demarcation of the land.
8. Only those trees/poles which are marked shall be removed.
9. Compensatory plantation shall be required as per Section 70 of the Act.
10. The legal status of the land for the transmission line/road/ridge/water pipeline/irrigation channel/cable crane line shall remain unchanged and on any occasion, the land shall not be converted to private ownership.
11. This clearance shall not restrict easement.
12. The clearance shall be revoked without any liability on the part of the Government, if the holder of this clearance violates any of the above terms and conditions.
13. The forestry clearance shall remain valid for a period of project or activity



or the FC shall be revoked after one year if the proposed activity is not commenced from the date of issuance.

14. The applicant shall be responsible for any illegal activity within the vicinity of the proposed activity site.

15. Others.....

Therefore, this clearance is issued based on the field inspection report submitted

by:....., (Designation).....dated..... on the
aforementioned conditions.

Range Officer/Chief Forestry Officer/Director

Copy:

1.The applicant shall share a copy of forestry clearance to all concerned agencies



Annexure X

Fees and Service Charges

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Services

SI.No	Particulars	Rate (Nu)	
1	Marking fee per tree	Rural	10
		Commercial	20
2	Marking fee per pole	Rural	5
		Commercial	10
3	Export fee	Timber (cft)	5
		Non Wood Forest Produce (Per kg)	10
		Charcoal (Metric ton)	40
		Bamboo (Pcs)	2
4	Import fee	Timber (cft)	5
		Semi finished (truck load)	500
		Charcoal (Metric ton)	20
		Bamboo (Pcs)	2
		NWFP (Per kg)	5
5	Power chain saw	Registration	500
		Renewal	100
6	Mobile sawmill	Registration	1000
		Renewal	500
7	Stationed sawmill	Registration	1000
		Renewal	500
8	Primary wood based industry except power chain	Registration	1000
		Renewal	500



9	Secondary wood based industry	Registration	500
		Renewal	250
10	Non wood based industry	Registration	500
		Renewal	250
11	Research fee	Foreigners	10000
12	Cordyceps collection	Permit fee	310

Normal Fishing Permit Fee

SI.No	Fishing Duration	Trout Water	Mahseer Water
1	One Day	250	350
2	One Week	750	1000
3	One month	2250	3000
4	6 Months	6000	9000
5	One Year	10000	15000

High-end Recreational Fishing Permit Fee

Fishing Zone/ Major River	1 Day		1 Week		1 Month	
	National	Non-Bhutanese	National	Non-Bhutanese	National	Non-Bhutanese
Mahseer Zone 1:	2000	9,000	6,000	45,000	15,000	140,000
Mahseer Zone 2:	1500	7,000	4,500	35,000	13,000	110,000
Mahseer Zone 3:	1000	5,000	3,000	25,000	10,000	85,000
Trout water	1000	5,000	3,000	25,000	10,000	85,000



High-end recreational fishing	1 year for national	30,000
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Fees for Eco-Tourism

Bhutanese

SINo	Package	Amount (Nu)
1	Wildlife watching and vehicle safari	20 per visitor
2	Mahseer fishing in ecotourism sites	As per High-end recreational fishing permit fee
3	Elephant safari	50 per visitor
4	Animal enclosure	25 per visitor
5	Filming in State Reserved Forest Land	2000 per movie

Foreign Nationals

SINo	Package	Amount (Nu)
1	Wildlife watching and vehicle safari	100 per visitor
2	Mahseer fishing in ecotourism site	As per High-end recreational fishing permit fee
3	Elephant safari	300 per visitor
4	Animal enclosure	50 per visitor

Service Charge

SINo	Activity	Rate (Nu)
1	Transmission line (KM)	250 per KM
	Road construction (KM)	
	Prorate for less than 1 KM	300 per KM
	Land lease for commercial activities including plantation	50 per acre
2	Service charge for issuance of permit	10 per permit
3	Tree removal from private registered land	10 per tree

Annexure XI

Application to Establish Community Forest/ Non-Wood Forest Produce Group

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Service

APPLICATION - PART A (To be filled by the applicant)

To,
The Chief Forestry Officer,
..... Division/Park Office,
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Sir,

I,,the Chairperson (Interim) of the Management Group of villages(s) consisting of households (list attached), would like to submit this application for establishment of Community Forest/ Non Wood Forest Produce;

a) Gewog :.....

b) Chiwog :.....

c) Description of the State Forest Reserve Land proposed for establishment of

management group:

i) Name of the forest area/location

ii) Proposed boundary description :

East

West

North

South

iii) Estimated area in hectares

iv) Forest type:



LIST OF MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERS

SINo	Name of Head of Household	CID No	House No	Thram No	Signature

Name of the Chairperson

Signature:.....

CID. Number.....Contact

Number.....

Date:.....



APPLICATION - PART B (To be filled by the Inspection Committee)

Review and Recommendation of the Committee:

We have reviewed and evaluated the area applied for establishment of the Community Forest/Non Wood Forest Produce Group based on the criteria as per Forest and Nature Conservation Rules and Regulation of Bhutan, 2023.

Name of the Group :
Village :
Proposed Location :

We found or did not find (tick relevant) the area applied for establishment of the Community Forest/ Non Wood Forest Produce Group feasible or not feasible (tick relevant) and recommend or do not recommend (tick relevant) for the formation of Community Forest/Non Wood Forest Produce Group in the proposed area.

Name and Signature of Gup:
Gewog.....
Date.....

Name and signature of Land
Record Officer:
Dzongkhag
Date.....

Name and signature of local Tshokpa
Chiwog.....
Date:

Name and signature of
adjacent community
representative.....
Range
Date

Name and signature of Range officer:.....
Village:.....
Date:.....



APPLICATION - PART C (To be approved/ rejected by the CFO)

I have reviewed the application and recommendations of the evaluation committee and I am satisfied/not satisfied with the details provided in the application and the area is suitable/unsuitable for Community Forest Management/Non-Wood Forest Management. I accept/do not accept the application for establishment of the group.

Name and Signature of the Chief Forestry Officer

Division/Park:.....

Date:.....

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Annexure XII

Community Forest/Non-Wood Forest Produce User Certificate

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Services

User Certificate No. :

Name of the Group

Village:.....

Gewog :.....

Dzongkhag:.....

In accordance with the Forest and Nature Conservation Rules and Regulations, 2023; This User Certificate is awarded for managing..... (Name of the Forest) as Community Forest/ Non wood Forest Produce described below with approved map and authorize the Management Group (membership list attached) to manage the designated forest area as per the approved Management Plan. This User Certificate is subject to compliance with the management plan approved by the Department vide letter No. dated

a) Prominent Boundary Geo-coordinates:.....

b) Area:..... (ha)

Official Awarding Certificate

Signature of Chief Forestry Officer:

Division/Park Office.....

Date



Annexure XIII

Application for Registration of Private Forest/ Industrial/Institutional

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Service

To,
Date.....
Chief Forestry Officer,
.....Division/Park

Sir,

I am interested in registering a Private/Industrial/Institutional Forest on my/
our registered land. Details of my/our land to be considered as Private/
Industrial/Institutional forest are as follows:

1. Details of Applicant:

Name:.....CID No:
House No/Company/Institution Registration No:.....
Village:.....Gewog..... Dungkhag.....
Dzongkhag.....

2. Details of registered land applied for registration as Private/Industrial/
Institutional Forest.

1. Land category:.....

2. Area (acres/ha)

3. Status of Registered Land

1. Thram No.....

2. Plot No.....

3. Under cultivation

4. Uncultivated/fallow:.....

5. Area to be planted (acres):.....

4. Proposal

Forest produce to be raised or to be nurtured in Private Forest is for....
..... production (Timber, firewood, fodder,
medicinal plants, canes, bamboo, recreation and others (Specify)).

Yours faithfully,

Name and signature



Annexure XIV

Private Forest/Industrial/Institutional Ownership Certificate

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Services

Ownership Certificate No. :

In accordance with the Forest and Nature Conservation Rules and Regulations, 2023. It is certified that Mr./Mrs./Ms/Agency..... of.....Village,.....Gewog,..... Dzongkhag is the owner of the Private Forest/Industrial/Institutional in his/its privately registered land shown in the attached map and as described below. A list of the tree species and number on the land is attached

Thram No./ Lease certificate no	Plot No.	Location	Land Category	Area (Ac)	No. of trees/poles/ seedlings			Boundaries
					Planted	Naturally grown	Total	

Signature of Chief Forestry Officer.....

Division/Park:.....

Date :

OFFICIAL SEAL



Annexure XV

Fishing Permit

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Services

Reference No.....

Date.....

Fishing Permit for recreational fishing/normal fishing

- I. Personal Information (both National/International)
 - a. Name of the applicant:
 - b. Citizenship Identity Card No/Passport No:
- II. Type of waterbody:
 - a. Mahseer water:
 - b. Trout water:
- III. Fishing type:
 - a. High-end recreational fishing
 - b. Normal fishing site
- IV. Fishing Area
 - a. Name of the area permitted for fishing
 - b. No. of days/weeks/months/year:.....
- V. Fee amount (Nu.):
- VI. Date of issue..... Validity
- VII. Revenue Receipt No:

Name of Issuing Authority Range:

Division/Park:



Annexure XVI

Application form for Forest Produce for Other Use

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Services

Part A: To be filled in by the Applicant

- a. Name of the Applicant.
- b. Citizenship I.D. no.....
 - c. Village.....
 - d. Gewog.....
 - e. Dzongkhag/Dungkhag
 - f. Thram No.....
 - g. Gung No.....
 - h. Household no.....
 - i. Details of other forest produce requirement:
 - i) Firewood.....(Truckloads)
 - ii) Fencing Posts.....(Nos)
 - iii) Flag Poles.....(Nos)
 - iv) Pyre Wood.....(M3)
 - v) Livestock shelters.....(cft)
 - vi) Makeshift shack.....(cft)

I hereby certify that the details given above are true to the best of my knowledge. In case of any false or wrong information, I am liable to be penalized under the Forest & Nature Conservation Act 2023 and the Rules made there under.

Signature of applicant with legal stamp affixed
Date.....



Part B: To be filled in by Gup

Gewog's Letter no: Date.....

Verification by Gup

- a. Is the applicant member of any Community Forestry? Yes No
- b. If yes, has the applicant availed any of the applied resources from the CF? Yes No

If Yes, how many quantities has the applicant availed from the CF?

Firewood.....(Truckload)

Flag pole..... (Nos.)

Fencing post..... (Nos.)

Pyre wood(Nos.)

Livestock shelter.....(cft)

Makeshift shack.....(cft)

I hereby recommend allotting other forest produce to the applicant as per the requirement and the entitlement.

Signature & Seal of Gup

Name:.....

Date



Part C: To be filled in by the Chief Forestry Officer

Ref. noDate
Gewog's Ref. no.Date
Name of Division/Park

The details of the applicant have been verified with the records maintained at the Divisional Forest Office/ Park Office and found to be correct. The forest produce requisitioned above has been noted in the relevant records and approved for allotment.

Verified by dealing officer: Name and Signature.....
Date

ALLOTMENT ORDER

Name of Range
Issue the following quantities of other forest produce on dateand from area

Forest Produce	Quantity	Royalty (Nu.)	Remarks
Firewood			
Flag post			
Fencing post			
Pyre wood			
Livestock shelter			
Makeshift shack			

Total Amount: Total Royalty (Nu)+ Permit fee (Nu)= Nu.

Signature with official seal of CFO
Date



Annexure XVII

Application Form for Removal of Forest Produce from Private Registered Land

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Services

Part A – To be filled in by the Applicant and Submit to Range Officer

To,
The Chief Forestry Officer,
..... Division/Park Office,
Sir,

I would like to apply for removal of forest produce from my private land as follows:

1. Name of Applicant:.....
1. CID No:.....
2. Village:..... Gewog:.....
3. Dungkhag/Dzongkhag:.....
4. House No:..... Thram No.....
5. Plot No.....
6. Details of forest produce to be removed :.....
.....

I hereby certify that the details given above are true to the best of my knowledge. In case of my false or wrong information, I am liable to be penalized under Forest & Nature Conservation Act 2023 and the Rules made there under:

Signature of the applicant

Date:



Part B: To be filled in by Gup

I.....Gup of.....Gewog, hereby certify that:

- i. I have verified the details of the applicant and found to be true and correct;
- ii. During the physical inspection, the land will be shown to the forest official by Tshogpa

I hereby recommend for removal of forest produce to the applicant as per his request.

Name:..... Signature:.....
Seal..... Date:.....

Part C: Inspection Report

Details of the proposed land and trees to be removed;

Plot no	Location (GPS coordinates)	Land category	Species Trees>3' girth	Poles < 3' girth	Other forest produce

- 3. Thram copy with cadastral map
- 4. Inspection Officer's remarks:.....

Signature of Inspection Officer

Office Seal

Name..... Designation.....
Place..... Date.....

Recommendation of the Range Officer Office No.....



Date:.....

Forwarded to the Division/Park with the following recommendations: Recommended for issuing forestry clearance.....OR Recommended for review (reason for review).....

Signature of the Range Officer (Office Seal)

Name:.....

Designation:.....

Part D: Approval / Rejection

The following terms and conditions apply:

1. The tree/pole should be marked by the forestry official, prior to felling.
2. The owner shall obtain transit permit prior to transportation of forest produce.
3. This clearance shall not replace/substitute any other clearances required by other laws/Regulations.
4. Any damage caused to public/private property and disputes arising thereof shall be liability of the applicant
5. The clearance shall be revoked without any liability on part of the Government if the holder of this clearance violates any of the above terms and conditions;
6. This clearance is valid for..... from the date of issue.

Chief Forestry Officer

Date

Copy to:

- 1.Gup,.....Gewog for information.
- 2.The Range Officer,.....Range for necessary action.
3. The applicant for information and necessary follow-up.




Annexure XVIII

CITES Certificate/Permit



དཔལ་ལྷན་འབྲུག་གཞུང་།
 རྒྱལ་ཁྲིམས་དང་རང་བཞིན་ཐོན་སྐྱེད་ལྷན་ཁག་།
 རྒྱལ་ཚལ་ཐོན་སྐྱེད་འཆར་གཞི་དང་འཛིན་སྐྱོང་ལྷན་ཚན
 ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
 MINISTRY OF ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES
 DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS & PARK SERVICES
CITES CERTIFICATE/PERMIT



PERMIT/CERTIFICATE No.		EXPORT MPORT	RE-EXPORT OTHER:	Original:		2. Valid until		
3. Importer (name and address)				4. Exporter/re-exporter (name, address and country)				
3a. Country of import				Signature of the applicant				
5. Special conditions <small>If for live animals, this permit or certificate is valid only if the transport conditions comply with the IATA Live Animals Regulations; if for live plants, with the IATA Perishable Cargo Regulations; or, in the case of non-air transport, with the CITES Guidelines for the Non-Air Transport of Live Wild Animals and Plants</small>				6. Name, address, national seal/stamp and country of Management Authority				
5a. Purpose of the transaction (see reverse)		5b. Security stamp no.						
7./8. Scientific name (genus and species) and common name of animal or plant		9. Description of specimens, including identifying marks or numbers (age/sex if live)		10. Appendix no. and source (see reverse)		11. Quantity (including unit)		
11a. Total exported/Quota								
A	7./8.		9.		10.		11.	
	12. Country of origin * Permit no. Date		12a. Country of last re-export Certificate no. Date		12b. No. of the operation ** or date of acquisition ***			
B	7./8.		9.		10.		11.	
	12. Country of origin * Permit no. Date		12a. Country of last re-export Certificate no. Date		12b. No. of the operation ** or date of acquisition ***			
C	7./8.		9.		10.		11.	
	12. Country of origin * Permit no. Date		12a. Country of last re-export Certificate no. Date		12b. No. of the operation ** or date of acquisition ***			
D	7./8.		9.		10.		11.	
	12. Country of origin * Permit no. Date		12a. Country of last re-export Certificate no. Date		12b. No. of the operation ** or date of acquisition ***			
* Country in which the specimens were taken from the wild, bred in captivity or artificially propagated (only in case of re-export) ** Only for specimens of Appendix I species bred in captivity or artificially propagated for commercial purposes *** For Pre-Convention specimens								
13. This permit/certificate is issued by:								
Place				Date		Security stamp, signature and official seal		
14. Export Endorsement:				15. Airway bill number:				
Block	Quantity							
A								
B								
C								
D								
Port of Export:				Date:		Signature:		
						Official stamp & title		

Annexure XIX

Offence and Penalty

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Services

Mammal Schedule I

SI No	Scientific Name	Common Name	Missing Part	Compensation for the missing part
1.	Panthera tigris	Tiger	Skin	50,000
			Bone per set (Prorate if less than the set)	50,000
			Claws	500 per claw
			Canine	1000 per canine
			whisker	100 per piece
2.	Panthera uncia	Snow Leopard	Skin	30,000
			Bone per set (Prorate if less than the set)	20,000
			Claws	200 per claw
			Canine	100 per canine
3.	Neofelis nebulosa	Clouded Leopard	Skin	15,000
			Bone per set (Prorate if less than the set)	10,000
			Claws	200 per claw
			Canine	100 per canine
4	Budorcas taxicolor	Takin	Canine	100 per canine
			Skin	5,000
			Horn	2500 per horn
5	Elephas maximus	Asian Elephant	Tusk	100,000 per tusk

6.	Rhinoceros unicornis	Great one-Horned Rhino	Horn	100,000 per horn
7	Moschus sp.	Musk Deer	Musk Pod	100,000
8	Manis sp.	Pangolin	Skin	100,000

Schedule II

SINo	Scientific Name	Common name	Fine for killing, injury and destroying	Fine for capturing, collecting, breeding and raising	Confiscation
1	Ailurus fulgens	Red Panda	5000	2500	Confiscation of specimen
2	Aonyx cinereus	Asian small-clawed Otter	3000	1000	Confiscation of specimen
3	Arctictis binturong	Binturong	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
4	Arctonyx collaris	Greater Hog Badger	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
5	Axis axis	Spotted Deer	5000	2500	Confiscation of specimen
6	Axis porcinus	Hog Deer	5000	2500	Confiscation of specimen
7	Bos gaurus	Gaur	10000	3000	Confiscation of specimen
8	Bubalus arnee	Wild Water Buffalo	10000	3000	Confiscation of specimen
9	Canis lupus	Tibetan Wolf	10000	3000	Confiscation of specimen
10	Capricornis thar	Himalayan Serow	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
11	Caprolagus hispidus	Hispid Hare	500	300	Confiscation of specimen
12	Catopuma temminckii	Asiatic Golden Cat	500	300	Confiscation of specimen
13	Cuon alpinus	Dhole	1000	300	Confiscation of specimen
14	Felis chaus	Jungle Cat	1000	200	Confiscation of specimen
15	Lutra lutra	Common Otter	1000	200	Confiscation of specimen



16	Lutrogale perspicillata	Smooth-coated Otter	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
17	Macaca munnzala	Arunachal Macaque	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
18	Naemorhedus goral	Himalayan Goral	2500	1000	Confiscation of specimen
19	Nycticebus bengalensis	Bengal Slow Loris	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
20	Otocolobus manul	Pallas's Cat	500	300	Confiscation of specimen
21	Panthera pardus	Common Leopard	10000	5000	Confiscation of specimen
22	Pardofelis marmorata	Marbled Cat	2000	500	Confiscation of specimen
23	Petaurista nobilis	Bhutan Giant Flying Squirrel	500	100	Confiscation of specimen
24	Prionailurus bengalensis	Leopard Cat	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
25	Prionailurus viverrinus	Fishing Cat	3000	1000	Confiscation of specimen
26	Pseudois nayaur	Blue Sheep	10000	5000	Confiscation of specimen
27	Rusa unicolor	Sambar Deer	10000	5000	Confiscation of specimen
28	Semnopithecus schistaceus	Gray Langur	1500	500	Confiscation of specimen
29	Trachypithecus geei	Golden Langur	5000	300	Confiscation of specimen
30	Trachypithecus pileatus	Capped Langur	1500	300	Confiscation of specimen
31	Ursus thibetanus	Asiatic Black Bear	Killing 20000	5000	Confiscation of specimen
			30000		Missing Bile
			5000		Missing skin
			5000 per paw		Missing Paw
32	Vulpes vulpes	Red Fox	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen

Birds

SINo	Scientific Name	Common Name	Kill, injuring, collecting, breeding	Possession	Trade
1	<i>Aceros nipalensis</i>	Rufous-necked Hornbill	10000	5000	7000
2	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	Cinereous Vulture	5000	2500	3500
3	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Common Kingfisher	2000	1000	1400
4	<i>Alcedo hercules</i>	Blyth's Kingfisher	5000	2500	3500
5	<i>Anser indicus</i>	Bar-headed Goose	2000	1000	1400
6	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>	Oriental Pied Hornbill	5000	2500	3500
7	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Golden Eagle	2000	1000	1400
8	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	Eastern Imperial Eagle	2000	1000	1400
9	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	Steppe Eagle	2000	1000	1400
10	<i>Arborophila mandellii</i>	Chestnut-breasted Partridge	5000	2500	3500
11	<i>Aythya baeri</i>	Baer's Pochard	5000	2500	3500
12	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>	Great Hornbill	5000	2500	3500
13	<i>Clanga clanga</i>	Greater Spotted Eagle	2000	1000	1400
14	<i>Clanga hastata</i>	Indian Spotted Eagle	2000	1000	1400
15	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon	1000	500	700
16	<i>Garrulax imbricatus</i>	Bhutan Laughingthrush	5000	2500	3500
17	<i>Grus grus</i>	Common Crane	1000	500	700
18	<i>Grus nigricollis</i>	Black-necked Crane	10000	5000	7000
19	<i>Grus virgo</i>	Demoiselle Crane	2000	1000	1400
20	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	Bearded Vulture	5000	2500	3500
21	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>	Himalayan Vulture	5000	2500	3500
22	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	White-tailed Eagle	1000	500	700

23	Haliaeetus leucorhynchus	Pallas's Fish Eagle	1000	500	700
24	Harpactes wardi	Ward's Trogon	1000	500	700
25	Ketupa flavipes	Tawny Fish Owl	500	250	350
26	Lophophorus impejanus	Himalayan Monal	10000	5000	7000
27	Megaceryle lugubris	Crested Kingfisher	100	50	70
28	Neophron percnopterus	Egyptian Vulture	5000	2500	3500
29	Rhyticeros undulatus	Wreathed Hornbill	3000	1500	2100
30	Sarcogyps calvus	Red-headed Vulture	1000	500	700
31	Spilornis cheela	Crested Serpent Eagle	1000	500	700
32	Tetraogallus tibetanus	Tibetan Snowcock	10000	5000	7000
33	Tragopan blythii	Blyth's Tragopan	5000	2500	3500
34	Tragopan satyra	Satyr Tragopan	5000	2500	3500
35	Tragopan temminckii	Temminck's Tragopan	5000	2500	3500

AMPHIBIAN

SINo	Scientific Name	Common Name	Fine for killing, injury and destroying	Fine for capturing, collecting, breeding and raising	Confiscation
1	Nanorana liebigii	Paa	500	300	Confiscation of specimen
2	Tylototriton verrucosus	Himalayan Newt	500	300	Confiscation of specimen

REPTILE

SINo	Scientific Name	Common Name	Fine for killing, injury and destroying	Fine for capturing, collecting, breeding and raising	Confiscation
1	Ophiophagus hannah	King Cobra	3000	1500	Confiscation of specimen
2	Naja kaouthia	Monocled Cobra	3000	1500	Confiscation of specimen
3	Gekko gekko	Tokay Gecko	3000	1500	Confiscation of specimen
4	Melanochelys trijuga	Rock Terrapin	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
5	Python molurus molurus	Burmese Python	5000	2500	Confiscation of specimen
6	Varanus bengalensis	Monitor Lizard	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
7	Varanus flavescens	Monitor Lizard	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
8	Python molurus bivittatus	Burmese Python	5000	2500	Confiscation of specimen



INSECT

SINo	Scientific name	Common Name	Fine for killing, injury and destroying	Fine for capturing, collecting, breeding and raising	Confiscation
1	Bhutanitis ludlowii	Ludlow's Bhutan Swallowtail	5000	2500	Confiscation of specimen
2	Bhutanitis lidderdalii	Bhutan Glory	3000	1500	Confiscation of specimen
3	Megalestes gyalsey	Gyalsey Emerald Spreadwing	3000	1500	Confiscation of specimen

Plants (Non Wood Forest Produce)

SINo	Scientific name	Common Name	Fine	Compensation and cost at fair market value
1	Aconitum orochryseum	Bongkar	850 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
2	Aconitum violaceum	Bongmaar	850 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
3	Cyathea spp.		200 per piece	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
4	Cycas pectinata	Bongo (Sha)	200 per piece	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
5	Delphinium brunonianum	Jagoidpoi (Med)	1250 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
6	Dioscorea deltoidea	Wild Yam	100 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
7	Fritillaria spp.	Tsika (Med)	4350 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
8	Meconopsis bhutanica		1000 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount

9	<i>Nardostachys jatamansi</i> /N. <i>gandiflora</i>	Pang Poi (Dzo)	700 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
10	<i>Neopicrorhiza scrophulariiflora</i>	Honglen (Med)	700 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
11	<i>Ophiocordyceps sinensis</i>	Yartsa gunbu (Dzo)	200 per piece	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
12	Orchidaceae spp. not included in Schedule I		200 per bunch	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
13	<i>Panax pseudoginseng</i>	Ginseng	500 per kg or prorated	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
14	<i>Paris polyphylla</i>	Dochu kewa serto chem/ satuwa / thogsampa / girchungtshomo	3000 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
15	<i>Podophyllum hexandrum</i>	Wolmosoe/ Bamarpo	250 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
16	<i>Sorbuslingshiensis</i>			Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount

Schedule III Mammal

SINo	Scientific Name	Common Name	Fine for killing, injury and destroying	Fine for capturing, collecting, breeding and raising	Confiscation
1	<i>Atherurus macrourus</i>	Asiatic Brush-tailed Porcupine	500	300	Confiscation of specimen
2	<i>Callosciurus erythraeus</i>	Pallas's Squirrel	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
3	<i>Callosciurus pygerythrus</i>	Irrawaddy Squirrel	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
4	<i>Canis aureus</i>	Common Jackal	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
5	<i>Dremomys lokriah</i>	Orange-bellied Himalayan Squirrel	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
6	<i>Funambulus pennantii</i>	Northern Palm Squirrel	200	100	Confiscation of specimen



7	<i>Herpestes auro-punctatus</i>	Small Indian Mon-goose	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
8	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>	Indian Grey Mon-goose	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
9	<i>Herpestes urva</i>	Crab-eating Mon-goose	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
10	<i>Hystrix brachyura</i>	Himalayan Crest-less Porcupine	500	300	Confiscation of specimen
11	<i>Hystrix indica</i>	Indian Crested Porcupine	500	300	Confiscation of specimen
12	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>	Indian Hare	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
13	<i>Lepus oiostolus</i>	Woolly Hare	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
14	<i>Macaca assamensis</i>	Assamese Macaque	500	300	Confiscation of specimen
15	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus Macaque	500	300	Confiscation of specimen
16	<i>Marmota himalayana</i>	Himalayan Marmot	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
17	<i>Martes flavigula</i>	Yellow-throated Marten	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
18	<i>Megaderma spasma</i>	Lesser False Vampire	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
19	<i>Melogale moschata</i>	Small-toothed Ferret Badger	500	300	Confiscation of specimen
20	<i>Melogale personata</i>	Large-toothed Ferret Badger	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
21	<i>Miniopterus fuliginosus</i>	Schreiber's Bent-winged Bat	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
22	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	Barking Deer	3000	1500	Confiscation of specimen
23	<i>Mustela altaica</i>	Altai Weasel	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
24	<i>Mustela kathiah</i>	Yellow-bellied Weasel	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
25	<i>Mustela sibirica</i>	Siberian Weasel	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
26	<i>Petaurista caniceps</i>	Spotted Giant Flying Squirrel	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
27	<i>Petaurista magnificus</i>	Hodgson's Giant Flying Squirrel	200	100	Confiscation of specimen

28	Petaurista petaurista	Red Giant Flying Squirrel	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
29	Ratufa bicolor	Malayan Giant Squirrel	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
30	Sus scrofa	Wild pig	1000	500	Confiscation of specimen
31	Tamiops maccllelandi	Himalayan striped Squirrel	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
32	Viverra zibetha	Large Indian Civet	500	300	Confiscation of specimen

BIRDS

SINo	Scientific Name	Common Name	Kill, injuring, collecting, breeding	Possession	Trade
1	Accipiter gentilis	Northern Goshawk	1000	500	700
2	Accipiter nisus	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	500	250	350
3	Accipiter trivirgatus	Crested Goshawk	500	250	350
4	Accipiter virgatus	Besra	500	250	350
5	Aegolius funereus	Boreal Owl	500	250	350
6	Aix galericulata	Mandarin Duck	500	250	350
7	Amaurornis phoenicurus	White-breasted Waterhen	500	250	350
8	Anas acuta	Northern Pintail	500	250	350
9	Anas clypeata	Northern Shoveler	500	250	350
10	Anas crecca	Common Teal	500	250	350
11	Anas falcata	Falcated Duck	500	250	350
12	Anas formosa	Baikal Teal	500	250	350
13	Anas penelope	Eurasian Wigeon	500	250	350
14	Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard	500	250	350
15	Anas poecilorhyncha	Indian Spot-billed Duck	500	250	350
16	Anas querquedula	Garganey	500	250	350
17	Anas strepera	Gadwall	500	250	350
18	Anastomus oscitans	Asian Openbill	500	250	350

19	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	Greater White-fronted Goose	500	250	350
20	<i>Anser anser</i>	Greylag Goose	500	250	350
21	<i>Apus acuticauda</i>	Dark-rumped Swift	1000	500	700
22	<i>Arborophila rufogularis</i>	Rufous-throated Partridge	500	250	350
23	<i>Arborophila torqueola</i>	Hill Partridge	500	250	350
24	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Grey Heron	500	250	350
25	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Purple Heron	500	250	350
26	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>	Chinese Pond Heron	500	250	350
27	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	Indian Pond Heron	500	250	350
28	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Short-eared Owl	500	250	350
29	<i>Asio otus</i>	Long-eared Owl	500	250	350
30	<i>Athene brama</i>	Spotted Owlet	500	250	350
31	<i>Athene noctua</i>	Little Owl	500	250	350
32	<i>Aviceda jerdoni</i>	Jerdon's Baza	500	250	350
33	<i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>	Black Baza	500	250	350
34	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Common Pochard	1000	500	700
35	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Tufted Duck	500	250	350
36	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	Ferruginous Duck	1000	500	700
37	<i>Batastur teesa</i>	White-eyed Buzzard	500	250	350
38	<i>Batrachostomus hodgsoni</i>	Hodgson's Frogmouth	500	250	350
39	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	Great Bittern	500	250	350
40	<i>Bubo (bubo) bengalensis</i>	Indian Eagle Owl	500	250	350
41	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	Eurasian Eagle Owl	500	250	350
42	<i>Bubo nipalensis</i>	Spot-bellied Eagle Owl	500	250	350
43	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Common Goldeneye	500	250	350
44	<i>Buteo (buteo) burmanicus</i>	Himalayan Buzzard	500	250	350
45	<i>Buteo hemilasius</i>	Upland Buzzard	500	250	350
46	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	Long-legged Buzzard	500	250	350

47	<i>Butorides striata</i>	Striated Heron	500	250	350
48	<i>Cacomantis merulinus</i>	Plaintive Cuckoo	500	250	350
49	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>	Grey-bellied Cuckoo	500	250	350
50	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>	Banded Bay Cuckoo	500	250	350
51	<i>Cairina scutulata</i>	White-winged Duck	500	250	350
52	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	Lapland Longspur	500	250	350
53	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Curlew Sandpiper	500	250	350
54	<i>Calinator jacobinus</i>	Jacobin Cuckoo	500	250	350
55	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>	Great Egret	500	250	350
56	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	Pied Kingfisher	500	250	350
57	<i>Ceyx erithacus</i>	Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher	500	250	350
58	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Emerald Dove	500	250	350
59	<i>Chrysococcyx maculatus</i>	Asian Emerald Cuckoo	500	250	350
60	<i>Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus</i>	Violet Cuckoo	500	250	350
61	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	Woolly-necked Stork	1000	500	700
62	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Black Stork	500	250	350
63	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	Short-toed Snake Eagle	500	250	350
64	<i>Circus (aeruginosus) spilonotus</i>	Eastern Marsh Harrier	500	250	350
65	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	500	250	350
66	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Hen Harrier	500	250	350
67	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	Pallid Harrier	1000	500	700
68	<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>	Pied Harrier	500	250	350
69	<i>Clamator coromandus</i>	Chestnut-winged Cuckoo	500	250	350
70	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Long-tailed Duck	1000	500	700

71	<i>Columba hodgsonii</i>	Speckled Wood Pigeon	500	250	350
72	<i>Columba leuconota</i>	Snow Pigeon	500	250	350
73	<i>Corvus (macrorhynchos) levaillantii</i>	Eastern Jungle Crow	500	250	350
74	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	Large-billed Crow	500	250	350
75	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Common Quail	500	250	350
76	<i>Coturnix japonica</i>	Japanese Quail	1000	500	700
77	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Eurasian Cuckoo	500	250	350
78	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>	Indian Cuckoo	500	250	350
79	<i>Cuculus poliocephalus</i>	Lesser Cuckoo	500	250	350
80	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>	Oriental Cuckoo	500	250	350
81	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	Fulvous Whistling-duck	500	250	350
82	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	Lesser Whistling-duck	500	250	350
83	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Black-winged Kite	500	250	350
84	<i>Emberiza rustica</i>	Rustic Bunting	1000	500	700
85	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>	Black-necked Stork	1000	500	700
86	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	Horned Lark	500	250	350
87	<i>Erpornis zantholeuca</i>	White-bellied Erpornis	500	250	350
88	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>	Great Thick-knee	1000	500	700
89	<i>Falco amurensis</i>	Amur Falcon	500	250	350
90	<i>Falco chicquera</i>	Red-necked Falcon	1000	500	700
91	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Merlin	500	250	350
92	<i>Falco severus</i>	Oriental Hobby	500	250	350
93	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Eurasian Hobby	500	250	350
94	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Common Kestrel	500	250	350
95	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>	Black Francolin	500	250	350
96	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Eurasian Coot	500	250	350

97	<i>Gallicrex cinerea</i>	Watercock	500	250	350
98	<i>Gallinago nemoricola</i>	Wood Snipe	1000	500	700
99	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Common Moorhen	500	250	350
100	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Red Junglefowl	500	250	350
101	<i>Geokichla wardii</i>	Pied Thrush	500	250	350
102	<i>Glaucidium brodiei</i>	Collared Owlet	500	250	350
103	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>	Asian Barred Owlet	500	250	350
104	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>	Jungle Owlet	500	250	350
105	<i>Gorsachius melanolophus</i>	Malayan Night Heron	500	250	350
106	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	Asian Pied Starling	500	250	350
107	<i>Halcyon coromanda</i>	Ruddy Kingfisher	500	250	350
108	<i>Halcyon pileata</i>	Black-capped Kingfisher	500	250	350
109	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	White-throated Kingfisher	500	250	350
110	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	Brahminy Kite	500	250	350
111	<i>Harpactes erythrocephalus</i>	Red-headed Trogon	500	250	350
112	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>	Bonelli's Eagle	500	250	350
113	<i>Hieraaetus kienerii</i>	Rufous-bellied Eagle	500	250	350
114	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	Booted Eagle	1000	500	700
115	<i>Hierococcyx fugax</i>	Hodgson's Hawk Cuckoo	500	250	350
116	<i>Hierococcyx sparveroides</i>	Large Hawk Cuckoo	500	250	350
117	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>	Common Hawk Cuckoo	500	250	350
118	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>	Ibisbill	500	250	350
119	<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus</i>	Pallas's Gull	500	250	350
120	<i>Ichthyophaga humilis</i>	Lesser Fish Eagle	500	250	350

121	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>	Black Eagle	1000	500	700
122	<i>Ithaginis cruentus</i>	Blood Pheasant	500	250	350
123	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>	Cinnamon Bittern	500	250	350
124	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	Eurasian Wryneck	500	250	350
125	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>	Brown Fish Owl	500	250	350
126	<i>Larus (heuglini) barabensis</i>	Heuglin's Gull	500	250	350
127	<i>Larus (heuglini) barabensis</i>	Steppe Gull	500	250	350
128	<i>Larus canus</i>	Mew Gull	500	250	350
129	<i>Larus heuglini</i>	Heuglin's Gull	500	250	350
130	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	Lesser Adjutant	500	250	350
131	<i>Lerwa lerwa</i>	Snow Partridge	1000	500	700
132	<i>Lewinia striata</i>	Slaty-breasted Rail	500	250	350
133	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>	Kalij Pheasant	500	250	350
134	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	Goosander	500	250	350
135	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	Bronze-winged Jacana	500	250	350
136	<i>Microhierax caecens</i>	Collared Falconet	500	250	350
137	<i>Microhierax melanoleucos</i>	Pied Falconet	500	250	350
138	<i>Milvus (migrans) lineatus</i>	Black-eared Kite	500	250	350
139	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Black Kite	500	250	350
140	<i>Mulleripicus pulverulentus</i>	Great Slaty Woodpecker	1000	500	700
141	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>	Brown Hawk Owl	500	250	350
142	<i>Nisaetus nipalensis</i>	Mountain Hawk Eagle	500	250	350
143	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Eurasian Curlew	1000	500	700
144	<i>Otus (bakkamoena) lettia</i>	Collared Scops Owl	500	250	350

145	Otus spilocephalus	Mountain Scops Owl	500	250	350
146	Otus sunia	Oriental Scops Owl	500	250	350
147	Pandion haliaetus	Osprey	500	250	350
148	Pastor roseus	Rosy Starling	500	250	350
149	Pavo cristatus	Indian Peafowl	500	250	350
150	Pelargopsis capensis	Stork-billed Kingfisher	500	250	350
151	Pellorneum tickelli	Buff-breasted Babbler	500	250	350
152	Perdix hodgsoniae	Tibetan Partridge	500	250	350
153	Pernis ptilorhyncus	Oriental Honey-buzzard	500	250	350
154	Phalacrocorax carbo	Great Cormorant	500	250	350
155	Phalacrocorax fuscicollis	Indian Cormorant	500	250	350
156	Phalacrocorax niger	Little Cormorant	500	250	350
157	Philomachus pugnax	Ruff	500	250	350
158	Phodilus badius	Oriental Bay Owl	500	250	350
159	Pitta brachyura	Indian Pitta	500	250	350
160	Pluvialis squatarola	Grey Plover	500	250	350
161	Podiceps cristatus	Great Crested Grebe	500	250	350
162	Podiceps nigricollis	Black-necked Grebe	500	250	350
163	Polyplectron bicalcaratum	Grey Peacock Pheasant	1000	500	700
164	Porphyrio porphyrio	Purple Swampphen	500	250	350
165	Porzana bicolor	Black-tailed Crake	500	250	350
166	Porzana fusca	Ruddy-breasted Crake	500	250	350
167	Porzana parva	Little Crake	500	250	350
168	Prinia cinereocapilla	Grey-crowned Prinia	1000	500	700



169	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	Red-breasted Parakeet	500	250	350
170	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	Alexandrine Parakeet	500	250	350
171	<i>Psittacula finschii</i>	Grey-headed Parakeet	500	250	350
172	<i>Psittacula roseata</i>	Blossom-headed Parakeet	500	250	350
173	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	Yellow-billed Chough	500	250	350
174	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	Red-billed Chough	500	250	350
175	<i>Saxicola insignis</i>	White-throated Bushchat	1000	500	700
176	<i>Sitta formosa</i>	Beautiful Nuthatch	1000	500	700
177	<i>Spelaeoris caudatus</i>	Rufous-throated Wren Babbler	1000	500	700
178	<i>Sphenocichla humei</i>	Blackish-breasted Babbler	1000	500	700
179	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>	Black-bellied Tern	2000	1000	1400
180	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	River Tern	1000	500	700
181	<i>Strix (aluco) nivicola</i>	Himalayan Wood Owl	500	250	350
182	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>	Brown Wood Owl	500	250	350
183	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Ruddy Shelduck	500	250	350
184	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Common Shelduck	500	250	350
185	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>	Asian Paradise-flycatcher	500	250	350
186	<i>Todiramphus cloris</i>	Collared Kingfisher	500	250	350
187	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl	500	250	350
188	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>	River Lapwing	1000	500	700
189	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Northern Lapwing	1000	500	700

INSECT

SI No.	Scientific name	Common Name	Fine for killing, injury and destroying	Fine for capturing, collecting, breeding and raising	Confiscation
1	Dolichovespula spp.	Hornets and Yellow Jackets	5000 Per kg or prorate	2500	Confiscation of specimen
2	Provespa spp.		1000 Per kg or prorate	500	Confiscation of specimen
3	Vespa spp.		1000 Per kg or prorate	500	Confiscation of specimen
4	Vespula spp.		1000 Per kg or prorate	500	Confiscation of specimen

REPTILE

SINo	Scientific Name	Common Name	Fine for killing, injury and destroying	Fine for capturing, collecting, breeding and raising	Confiscation
1	Calotes bhutanensis	Bhutan-Schönechse	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
2	Cyclemys gemeli		200	100	Confiscation of specimen
3	Daboia russelii	Eastern Russell's Viper	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
4	Eutropis quadratilobus		200	100	Confiscation of specimen
	Varanus salvator	Common Water Monitor	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
76	Xenochrophis piscator		200	100	Confiscation of specimen



AMPHIBIAN

SINo	Scientific Name	Common Name	Fine for killing, injury and destroying	Fine for capturing, collecting, breeding and raising	Confiscation
1	Hoplobatrachus tigerinus		200	100	Confiscation of specimen
2	Ingerana borealis	Rotung Oriental Frog	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
3	Nanorana arnoldi		200	100	Confiscation of specimen
4	Nanorana pleskei	Tibetan Frog	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
5	Philautus garo	Garو Hills Bubble-nest Frog	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
6	Rhacophorus aurantiventris	Orange Bellied Tree Frog	200	100	Confiscation of specimen

TORTOISE AND TURTLE

SINo	Scientific Name	Common Name	Fine for killing, injury and destroying	Fine for capturing, collecting, breeding and raising	Confiscation
1	Pangshura smithii	Brown Roofed Turtle	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
2	Cyclemys gemeli	Assam Leaf Turtle	200	100	Confiscation of specimen
3	Melanochelys trijuga	Indian Black Turtle	200	100	Confiscation of specimen

Plant (Non wood forest produce)

SI No	Scientific name	Common Name	Fine	Compensation and cost at fair market value
1	Androsace hemisphaerica		300 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
2	Astilbe rivularis	Bura Okhati (Lho)	300 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
3	Astragalus paroensis		300 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount

4	Bambusa clavata		10 per piece	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
5	Bistorta griersonii		300 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
6	Bryocarpum himalaicum	Tshema Heontshe (Dz)	50 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
7	Calamus acanthospathus	Minji (Sha)	20 per piece	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
8	Calamus latifolius		20 per piece	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
9	Calatropis gigantea		200 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
10	Carex nigra subsp. drukyulensis		100 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
11	Ceropegia bhutanica		100 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
12	Citronela spp.	Sofi	300 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
13	Corallodiscus cooperi		100 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
14	Cymbopogon bhutanicus		100 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
15	Daphne bholua	Shogushing (Sha), Deyshing (Dz), Kagatey or Argeli (Lho)	250 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
16	Delphinium brunonium	Jagoidpoi (Med)	1250 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
17	Dendrocalamus spp.		20 per piece	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount



18	Dendrophthoe falcata		100 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
19	Edgeworthia spp.		250 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
20	Hoya bhutanica		20 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
21	Hypericum sherriffii		50 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
22	Illicium griffithii		200 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
23	Isodon atroruber		100 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
24	Lycopodium spp.		50 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
25	Meconopsis superba		500 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
26	Neomicrocalamus andropogonifolius		500 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
27	Neopicrorhiza minima		600 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
28	Pedicularis griniformis		2000 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
29	Pedicularis sanguilimbata		1500 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
30	Phyllanthus embelica		100 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
31	Pouzolzia spp.		100 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
32	Piper nigra		200 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount

33	Pleurospermum amabile			Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
34	Polygonatum verticillatum		150 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
35	Sapindus spp.		100 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
36	Rhus spp.		100 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
37	Rubia cordifolia		100 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
38	Saxifraga vacillans		50 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
39	Swertia chirayita		200 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
40	Terminalia bellerica		150 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
41	Terminalia chebula		150 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
42	Thysanolaena spp.		100 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
43	Viscum album	Ngeshitheup (Dz), Ngeyshing Jormu (Sha)	500 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
45	Yushania sp.	Deu Yangka (Dz)	50 per piece	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount
46	Zanthoxylum armatum	Thingey (Dz)	500 per kg	Compensation and cost at fair market value equal to fine amount



Annexure XX

Certification of Origin for Harvesting and Movement of Forest Produce

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Services

Certificate of Origin

Name of Permit Holder:

CID No: House No:.....Village:
..... Gewog:..... Dzongkhag:

Approval Reference No. :.....

Source (From): Destination (To):

Vehicle No: Driver Name:

Type of Forest Produce	Species	Measurement details	Quantity (specify)	Royalty Rate	Amount	Remarks
	Total					

Nu. (in word).....

Date of issue: Valid upto:

Issued by

Name and signature of Issuing Authority:

Designation:.....

Name of Division/Park:



Annexure XXI

Non Wood Forest Products Certificate

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests and Park Services

NWFPs Certificate No.:
NWFP Management Group Village Gewog
..... Dzongkhag.....

In accordance with the Forest and Nature Conservation Rules and Regulations, 2023; This Certificate is awarded to.....(Name of the Group) NWFP Management Group as described below with approved map and authorize the NWFP Management Group (membership list attached) to manage the designated forest area as per the approved Management Plan. This Certificate is subject to compliance with the management plan for the NWFP approved by the Department vide letter No. dated

- a) Location (GPS Co-ordinates):.....
- b) Boundaries:.....
- c) AreaHa.

Officials Awarding Certificate

Signature of Chief Forestry Officer:
Division/Park:.....
Date:.....

Signature of Gup:
Gewog:.....
Date:.....



Annexure XXII

Internal Movement Order for NWFP

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
 MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
 Department of Forests & Park Services

Name of the Division/Park:.....
 Name of the permit holder/buyer:.....
 CID No:.....
 Address:
 Source (From).....Destination (To):.....

 Vehicle Number:.....
 Ref; Certificate of Origin No:

Type of NWFP	Quantity/Volume	Unit	Remarks
TOTAL			

Royalty realized vide money receipt:.....date.....
 Date of Issue:.....

Name and Signature of Issuing Authority

Note: A copy of Certificate of Origin shall be attached.



Annexure XXIII

Export Transit Permit for Forest Produce

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
 MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
 Department of Forests & Park Services

Name:.....

Address:.....

Source (From): Destination (to) :.....

SINo	Type of Produce	Species	Measurement Details	Quantity (Specify)
	TOTAL			

Date of issue:

Vehicle Number:.....Name of driver:..... Contact No:

Name and Signature of Issuing Authority

Designation.....



Annexure XXIV

Import Transit Permit for Forest Produce

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
 MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
 Department of Forests & Park Services

Import License/Authority reference:.....
 Name of the Importer:
 Address:
 Purpose of Import: Country of Origin:.....
 Phytosanitary Certificate No (only for live flora specimen):
 Invoice and Challan no.:..... Destination:

SINo	Type of Produce	Species	Measurement Details	Quantity (specify)
Total				

Date of issue:

Vehicle Number:.....Name of driver:.....
 Contact No:

Name and Signature of Issuing Authority
 Designation:
 Name of Division/Park:

Note: This permit should be accompanied by a copy of Phytosanitary certificate, Invoice and challan legal for movement of imported forest produce.



Annexure XXV

Certificate for Possession of Animal Trophy

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests & Park Services

Reference No:

Date:.....

This Certificate is issued to Dasho/Mr/Mrs.....CID
No..... Village.....Geog.....
Dzongkhag.....for possession of the following wildlife parts:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Total number of items.....

This Certificate is issued based on the verification done and authentication submitted videdated..... of the Range Officer, Division.

Chief Forestry Officer
Division/Park

Officer Seal



Annexure XXVI

Special Class Timber

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Department of Forests & Park Services

SI No	Scientific Name	Common Name
1	Acacia catechu	Toeja, Khair
2	Aquilaria agalocha	Agoor, Agarwood
3	Carpinus viminea	Rotoshing, Hornbeam
4	Cupressus	Tsendey, Cypress
5	Dalbergia sissoo	Jaseng, Sissoo
6	Dalbergia latifolia	Rosewood
7	Juglans regia	Ta-shing, Walnut
8	Junipers spp.	Shoop, Juniper
9	Morus laevigata	Tshende, Mulberry
10	Shorea robusta	Gotenshing, Sal
11	Taxus baccata	Hashing, Yew
12	Tectona grandis	Teak