



THE TASK FORCE

THE TCC & SUB- TEAMS

2010

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
ENVIRONMENT & FOREST DEPARTMENT
DISPUR ::: GUWAHATI**

**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION**

Dated Dispur, the 27th January, 2010.

No. FRW. 24/2005/30 : In partial modification of Government Notification No.FRW.

24/2005/15, dated 30th June, 2005, and No. FRW. 24/2005/25, dated 10th July, 2007

the Government of Assam is pleased to reconstitute the "Task Force for Translocation

of Rhinos within Assam", hereinafter referred to as the "Task Force" with the

following members –

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| 1. Sri. Suresh Chand, IFS,PCCF, Wildlife and Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam | - | Chairman |
| 2. Sri, D.M. Singh, IFS, CCF-WL, Assam | - | Member |
| 3. A Representative from the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India | - | Member |
| 4. A Police Officer not below the rank of DIG deputed by DGP | - | Member |
| 5. A Representative from Wildlife Institute of India | - | Member |
| 6. A Representative from College of Veterinary Sciences, Khanapara | - | Member |
| 7. A Representative from Wildlife Trust of India | - | Member |
| 8. Sri. B.S. Bonal, IFS, Member Secretary, CZA, New Delhi | - | Member |
| 9. Dr. Anil Kr. Goswami, Assam | - | Member |
| 10. Sri. M.C. Malakar, IFS (Retd.) Assam | - | Member |
| 11. Dr. Padmeswar Gogoi, Assam | - | Member |
| 12. Dr. Anwaruddin Choudhury, Assam | - | Member |
| 13. Dr. Bibhab Talukdar, Assam | - | Member |
| 14. Sri. Amit Sharma, WWF-India, Assam | - | Member |
| 15. Council Head of Dept., Environment & Forest BTC, Kokrajhar | - | Member |
| 16. The Forest Officer in charge of the Protected Areas bearing rhinos in the Past or Present i.e. – Kaziranga NP, Manas NP, R.G. Orang NP, Pobitora WLS, Laokhowa WLS, Burachapori WLS and Dibru-Saikhowa WLS | - | |
| 17. The Conservator of Forest (WL) Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (WL), Assam Basistha, Guwahati – 29. | - | Member Secretary. |

The terms of reference for the Task Force will remain unchanged.

Sd/- B. B. Hagjer,
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Environment and Forest Department

Memo.No.FRW.24/2005/30-A

Dated Dispur, the 27th January ,2010.

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1. The PCCF, Assam, Rehabari, Guwahati - 781008.
2. The PCCF (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden Assam, Basistha Forest Complex, Guwahati – 29.
3. The CCF (WL), o/o The PCCF(WL), Basistha Forest Complex, Guwahati – 29.

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**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS : WILDLIFE : ASSAM
BASISTHA : GUWAHATI – 781029**

No. WL/ FG.41 / Rhino Translocation / 2005

Dated Guwahati, the 1st January 2010

NOTIFICATION

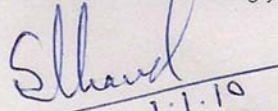
In pursuance of the decision taken in the 12th meeting of the Translocation Core Committee (TCC) held in Basbari on 18th December 2009 the TCC is reconstituted as below -

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| 1. Sri. D.M. Singh, IFS, CCF-WL | - | Chief Operation Officer (COO) |
| 2. Sri. Amit Sharma, WWF-India | - | Deputy Chief Operation Officer |
| 3. Field Director, Manas TP | - | Member |
| 4. Director, Kaziranga NP | - | Member |
| 5. DFO, Guwahati WL Division | - | Member |
| 6. Sri. Bibhab Talukdar, Aaranyak | - | Member |

The COO, TCC can co-opt any additional member with prior approval of the CWLW, Assam.

Terms of reference:

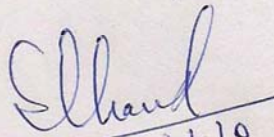
1. The TCC will be responsible for planning, executing and monitoring the capturing, transporting and releasing of the rhinos to be translocated from source PA's to target PA's.
2. TCC will constitute the different teams that may be required for executing different activities in both the source PA's i.e. – Kaziranga NP and Pobitora WLS and in the target PA's.
3. TCC will also assign the works and responsibilities to the concerned teams accordingly.


(Suresh Chand) 1.1.10

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL)
and Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam
Basistha, Guwahati.

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BASISTHA, GUWAHATI-29

No. WL/ FG.41 (A)/ TCC/ 2007

Dated Guwahati, the 29th November, 2010

NOTIFICATION

In pursuance to the decision taken in 17th meeting of Translocation Core Committee the “**Logistics Team**” is constituted as following. This is in suppression of all earlier notifications issued by Chief Operation Officer of the Translocation Core Committee.

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| 1. DFO, Assam State Zoo, Mr. Utpal Bora | - Team Leader |
| 2. Dr. Pranab J. Bora, (WWF) | - Deputy Team Leader |

Operation Support :

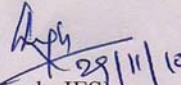
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| 3. Range Officer Pobitora | - Member |
| 4. Range Officer Kohora | - Member |
| 5. Range Officer Bagori | - Member |
| 6. Range Officer Burapahar | - Member |
| 7. Range Officer Agoratori | - Member |
| 8. Range Officer Basbari | - Member |
| 9. Range Officer Bhuyapara | - Member |
| 10. Mr. Ashok Kr. Das (FRO, Amchang WLS) | - Member |

Co-opted Members :

11. Mr. Kaushik Barua (AEF)
12. Dr. Jayanta Das (WADWT)
13. Dr. Rathin Barman (WTI)
14. Mr. Bijayananda (Dudul) Choudhury (HELP)

Terms of references :

1. The team will be planning, executing and arranging all necessary equipments, vehicles, accommodation, and all other needs as will be necessary for the process of tranquilizing, capture, transporting and releasing of rhinos. The team will work in close coordination with all the other teams and support the transport team formed by the TCC.
2. The team will work under the supervision and guidance of the TCC.
3. The team will also take the help of individuals / experts to accomplish different activities as necessary.


(D.M. Singh, IFS)

Chief Operation Officer, TCC and
Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife),
Basistha, Guwahati – 29

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1. All concerned for information and necessary action.
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No.WL/ FG.41 (A)/ TCC/ 2007

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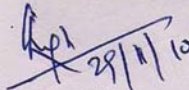
NOTIFICATION

In pursuance to the decision taken in 17th meeting of Translocation Core Committee the “**Transport Team**” is constituted as following. This is in suppression of all earlier notifications issued by Chief Operation Officer of the Translocation Core Committee.

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| 1. Dy. FDTP, Manas TR, Sri C.R.Bhobora | - Team Leader |
| 2. Dr. Anupam Sarmah (WWF) | - Deputy Team Leader |
| Darters/ Veterinarians : | |
| 3. Dr. Kushal K. Sarma , CVSc, Khanapara | - Member |
| 4. Dr. Bijay Dutta, CVSc, Khanapara | - Member |
| 5. Dr. M.L. Smith, Assam State Zoo | - Member |
| 6. Dr. Garga M. Das (WWF) | - Member |
| 7. Dr. Anjan Talukdar (Aaranyak) | - Member |
| Operation Support : | |
| 8. DFO Nagaon WL Division | |
| 9. DFO Northern Assam Wildlife Division | |
| 10. DFO Mangaldoi WL Division | |
| 11. DFO North Kamrup (T) Division | |
| 12. DFO Baksa (T) Division | |

Terms of references :

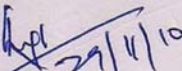
1. The team will be responsible for transporting the rhinos captured from the source PA (Kaziranga NP & Pobitora WLS) to the target PA (Manas NP) The team will work in close coordination with all the other teams formed by the TCC.
2. The team will work under the supervision and guidance of the TCC.
3. The team leader will be responsible for coordinating with the Assam Police Department for arrangement of security for smooth transport of the convoy with the rhinos.
4. The team will also take the help of individuals / experts to accomplish different activities as necessary.


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No.WL/ FG.41 (A)/ TCC/ 2007

Dated Guwahati, the 29th November, 2010

NOTIFICATION

In pursuance to the decision taken in 17th meeting of Translocation Core Committee the “**Communication & Public Relation Team**” is constituted as following. This is in suppression of all earlier notifications issued by Chief Operation Officer of the Translocation Core Committee.

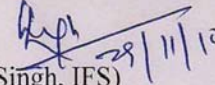
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| 1. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) | - Team Leader |
| 2. DFO Publicity, Rehabari | - Deputy Team Leader |

Operation Support :

3. Field Director, Manas TP
4. Director, Kaziranga NP
5. DFO, Guwahati WL Division
6. DFO, Assam State Zoo
7. Mr. Amit Sharma (WWF)

Terms of references :

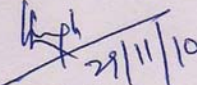
1. The team will work under the guidance of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam and will be responsible for arranging all the press release covering the rhino translocation operation. The team will work in close coordination with all the other teams formed by the TCC.
2. The team will be responsible for taking care of all guests and VIP's.
3. The team will be responsible for supervising the photography operations (still & video) in the field, media release and also maintain an archive of the same.
4. The team will be responsible for communicating with the local people / fringe villagers.
5. The team will also take the help of individuals / experts to accomplish different activities as necessary.


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Dated Guwahati, the 29th November, 2010

NOTIFICATION

In pursuance to the decision taken in 17th meeting of Translocation Core Committee the “**Capture Team - Pobitora**” is constituted as following. This is in suppression of all earlier notifications issued by Chief Operation Officer of the Translocation Core Committee.

1. DFO Guwahati WL Div., Sri S.K. Seal Sarma - Team Leader
2. FRO Pobitora, Sri M. Tamuli - Deputy Team Leader

Darters/ Veterinarians :

3. Dr. Kushal K. Sarma , CVSc, Khanapara - Member
4. Dr. Bijay Dutta, CVSc, Khanapara - Member
5. Dr. M.L. Smith, Assam State Zoo - Member
6. Dr. Garga M. Das (WWF) - Member
7. Dr. Anjan Talukdar (Aaranyak) - Member

Veterinarian / Pathologist :

8. Dr. Apurba Chakravarty, CVSc, Khanapara - Member

Rhino Identifier / Monitor :

9. Mr. Pankaj Sarma, ACF Guwahati WL Div. - Member
10. Mr. Deba Kr. Dutta (WWF) - Member

Radio Collaring:

11. Dr. Bibhab Talukdar (Aaranyak) - Member
12. Mr. Kaushik Barua (AEF) - Member

Terms of references :

1. The team will be responsible for arranging all required for the capture of Rhinos, viz.- identification of rhinos, preparing the capture site, provide support to the logistics team, arrange “Kunkies”, provide wireless, manpower support as necessary, and also garner support from the local community. The team will work in close coordination with all the other teams formed by the TCC.
2. The team will work under the supervision and guidance of the TCC.
3. Dr. Kushal K. Sarma will lead the Veterinary team.
4. The Team leader will select a group of about 30 field persons and gunmen to assist in the operations.
5. The team will also take the help of individuals / experts to accomplish different activities as necessary.

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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance to the decision taken in 17th meeting of Translocation Core Committee the “**Capture Team - Kaziranga**” is constituted as following. This is in suppression of all earlier notifications issued by Chief Operation Officer of the Translocation Core Committee.

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| 1. Director Kaziranga NP, Sri S. Dutta | - Team Leader |
| 2. DFO EAWL Div., Sri D.D. Gogoi | - Deputy Team Leader |
| Darters/ Veterinarians : | |
| 3. Dr. Kushal Sarma, CVSc, Khanapara | - Member |
| 4. Dr. Bijay Dutta, CVSc, Khanapara | - Member |
| 5. Dr. M.L. Smith, Assam State Zoo | - Member |
| 6. Dr. Garga M. Das, (WWF) | - Member |
| 7. Dr. Anjan Talukdar (Aaranyak) | - Member |
| Veterinarian / Pathologist : | |
| 8. Dr. Apurba Chakravarty, CVSc, Khanapara | - Member |
| Rhino Identifiers / Monitor : | |
| 9. Sri Rabindra Sarma (Res. Officer KNP) | - Member |
| 10. FRO of all the ranges in Kaziranga NP | - Member |
| 11. Mr. Pankaj Sarma ACF Guwahati WL Div. | - Member |
| Radio Collaring: | |
| 12. Dr. Bibhab Talukdar (Aaranyak) | - Member |
| 13. Mr. Kaushik Barua (AEF) | - Member |

Terms of references :

1. The team will be responsible for arranging all required for the capture of Rhinos, viz.- identification of rhinos, preparing the capture site, provide support to the logistics team, arrange “Kunkies”, provide wireless, manpower support as necessary, and also garner support from the local community. The team will work in close coordination with all the other teams formed by the TCC.
2. The team will work under the supervision and guidance of the TCC.
3. Dr. Kushal K. Sarma will lead the Veterinary team.
4. The Team leader will select a group of about 30 field persons and gunmen to assist in the operations.
5. The team will also take the help of individuals / experts to accomplish different activities as necessary.

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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance to the decision taken in 17th meeting of Translocation Core Committee the “**Manas – Release Team**” is constituted as following. This is in suppression of all earlier notifications issued by Chief Operation Officer of the Translocation Core Committee.

1. Field Director, Manas TR, Sri A. Swargowari - Team Leader
2. Dy. Field Director, Manas TR, Sri C.R.Bhobora - Deputy Team Leader

Darters/ Veterinarians :

3. Dr Kushal Sarma, CVSc, Khanapara - Member
4. Dr. M.L. Smith, Assam State Zoo - Member
5. Dr. Bijay Dutta, CVSc, Khanapara - Member
6. Dr. Prabhat Basumatary, FVO Manas NP - Member

Rhino Observers :

7. FRO Basbari - Member
8. FRO Bhuyapara - Member
9. Mr. Deba Kr. Dutta (WWF) - Member
10. Dr. Bhaskar Choudhury (WTI) - Member

Terms of references :

1. The team will be responsible for arranging all necessary for the release of Rhinos, viz.- preparing the release site, provide support to the logistics team, arrange “*Kunkies*”, provide wireless and manpower support as necessary, security and also garner support from the local community. The team will work in close coordination with all the other teams formed by the TCC.
2. The team will be responsible for observing the released Rhinos for the initial 24 hours and hand over details to monitoring team for further observation.
3. The team will work under the supervision and guidance of the TCC.
4. The Team leader will select a group of 20 field persons and gunmen to assist in the release operations.
5. The team will also take the help of individuals / experts to accomplish different activities as necessary.

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No.WL/ FG.41 (A)/ TCC/ 2007

Dated Guwahati, the 29th November, 2010

NOTIFICATION

In pursuance to the decision taken in 17th meeting of Translocation Core Committee the “**Manas – Monitoring Team**” is constituted as following. This is in suppression of all earlier notifications issued by Chief Operation Officer of the Translocation Core Committee.

1. Field Director, Manas TR, Sri A. Swargowari - Team Leader
2. Dy. Field Director, Manas TR, Sri C.R.Bhobora - Deputy Team Leader

Field Monitoring & Security :

3. FRO, Basbari, - Member
4. FRO, Bhuyanpara - Member
5. FRO, Panbari - Member

Veterinarian :

6. Dr. Prabhat Basumatary, FVO Manas NP - Member

Monitoring / Research Support :

7. Mr. Deba Kr. Dutta (WWF) - Member

Advisers / Technical Support :

8. Mr. Amit Sharma (WWF)
9. Dr. Kushal Sarma (CVSc, Khanapara)

Terms of references :

1. The team will be responsible for monitoring the released rhinos and shall maintain a day to day record, after taking over from the Release Team.
2. The team will also be responsible for ensuring security in the National Park.
3. The team will provide regular updates and shall work under the supervision and guidance of the TCC.
4. The team shall set-up a dedicated rhino monitoring cell / station and work in close co-ordination with the WWF-India team positioned in the Park.
5. The Team Leader will notify a dedicated rhino monitoring field team in all the ranges comprised of adequate numbers of forest personnel, armed guards and *kunkie - mahaut* for regular and round the clock rhino monitoring. The team will also take the help of individuals to accomplish different activities as necessary.
6. The Team Leader will submit a six monthly Monitoring Report to the TCC.

(D.M. Singh, IFS)

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