

(b)	Temporary use of forest land in Tillangchong island Sanctuary	The proposal for use of forest land in Tillangchong Island Sanctuary by Indian Navy for missile testing was discussed and approved by the Board and advised CWLW to send Board's recommendation to Ministry.	The proposal was sent to the MoEF for granting forest clearance. The matter was taken up for discussion in the 25 <sup>th</sup> meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife on 13.06.2012. It was decided in the meeting that one pilot testing would be permitted to understand the impact of testing on the area.
5.3	Permission for collection of specimen (animal/plants) from Protected Areas for the purpose of scientific study by various institutions like ZSI, BSI, CARI etc.(section 29 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972).	The Board approved the proposal to authorize Chief Wildlife Warden with the approval of State Government to issue permission to collect specimen/samples from the Sanctuary area for the research/academic institutions to facilitate wildlife related research/studies	This is been accorded to by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
5.4	Declaration of a New Wildlife Sanctuary at Baratang for protection of Edible nest Swiftlet (in the name of late Dr. Ravi Sankaran, Ex. Director, SACON).	The Board approved the proposal to establish a new Wildlife Sanctuary within the Reserve forest at Baratang Forest Division for protection of large number of caves of Edible-nest Swiftlet and name the Sanctuary in memory of late Dr. Ravi Shankaran, Ex-Director, SACON to acknowledge commendable work done by him for conservation of Swiftlet in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Chairman desired that the department should place a board at the Sanctuary describing about Dr. Ravi Shankaran and the work done by him. The Board also desired that the department should involve the local community for management of the sanctuary by constituting Joint Management Committee/Eco Development Committee.	The Divisional Forest Officer, Baratang Division has submitted a proposal for constituting the area in and around Limestone Caves as Sanctuary for protection of Edible nest Swiftlet. The proposal requires certain information pertaining to prominent natural features, coordinates showing latitude and longitude and detailed survey of the boundary of the area which the Divisional Forest Officer, Baratang has been asked to do so.