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MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD FOR WILDLIFE, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS HELD ON 28TH MARCH, 2011 AT 11.00 HRS UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE LT. GOVERNOR, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION

The 5th meeting of the State Board for Wildlife for Andaman and Nicobar Islands was held under Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The list of officers/officials who attended the meeting is placed at Annexure- 'A'.

At the outset, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor welcomed the participants of the meeting. The Chief Wildlife Warden who is the Member Secretary of the Board thereafter, made presentation on each item of the Agenda:

Action Taken Report on the decision taken in the 4th meeting of the Wildlife Advisory Board

The action taken report on various decisions taken in the 4th meeting of the Wildlife Advisory Board was taken up for discussion. The decisions taken thereof is as under:

1. Innocent Passage to the fishermen in the Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park (MGMNP), Wandoor and alternate berthing site:-

The Chief Wildlife Warden informed the Board that the innocent passage right to the fishermen in the MGMNP is provided in the Management Plan and accordingly, the passage through the National Park has been allowed.

Regarding alternate berthing site, the matter is pending with MoEF for Environmental clearance. The Chairman desired that it should be followed up for early action.

(Action - Fisheries Dept.)

2. Installation of surveillance RADARs:-

The Chief Wildlife Warden informed the Board that the proposals for installation of surveillance RADARs are awaited from ANC. The Chairman enquired the reason for delay in the proposal. The Board was informed by the ANC that 4 sites at Diglipur, Little Andaman, Mayabunder and Car Nicobar had been inspected and finalized in the month of February, 2011. The Board desired that ANC should come up with the proposal in prescribed format for obtaining forests clearance on priority.

(Action- ANC)

3. Change in Status of Edible-nest Swiftlet from Schedule - I:-

The Chief Wildlife Warden apprised the Board on actions taken by the department for ex-situ and in-situ conservation of Edible Nest Swiftlets. The Board desired that proposal should be sent to MoEF for extension of delisting period well before the expiry of current