

Department of Light House and Light Ships and suggested for sending its recommendation to MoEF for granting forest clearance.

(b) Temporary use of forest land in Tillangchong Island Sanctuary:-

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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.

5.3 Permission for collection of specimen (animal/plants) from Protected Areas for the purpose of scientific study by various institutions like ZSI, BSI, CARL 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.

5.4 Declaration of a New Wildlife Sanctuary at Baratang for protection of Edible nest Swiftlet (in the name of late Dr. Ravi Shankaran, 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.

5.5 Dealing of foreign poachers under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972:-

The proposal for amendment in Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to deal with the foreign poachers raised by the Police Dept. was approved by the Board. The Forest Deptt. was advised to move a proposal to that effect.

5.6 Problem of introduced invasive species:-

The problem caused by introduced alien species such as Spotted Deer, Crow and Mynas was discussed in detail by the Board. The Board was apprised that common crows are listed as vermin under Schedule V of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. In view of this, the Board advised Forest Dept. to take up appropriate action in the matter in consultation with experts. As regards the Mynas are concerned, Chief Wildlife Warden informed that although Mynas are alien to these Islands but are protected under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The Board suggested to commission study to assess the impact of Myna on indigenous birds and eco systems to decide further course of action.