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OFFICE MEMORANDUM


Sub: Constitution of CITES Cell in the Ministry of Environment and Forests- reg.

In supersession to the Office Memorandum of even no. dated 10th September 2011, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has felt the need for the expansion of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild fauna and Flora (CITES) Cell with a view to addressing the issues related to strengthening of the implementation of the CITES provisions in India by including a few more members from the existing 'Consultative Group on Wildlife Matters for International Negotiations'. The Constitution and Terms of Reference of the expanded CITES Cell are as under:

1	Additional DGF (Wildlife)	Chairman
2	IGF (Wildlife)/IGF (Project Elephant)	Member
3	Member Secretary, NTCA/his representative	Member
4	Additional Director, WCCB/or representative	Member
5	Joint Secretary (UNES), Ministry of External Affairs/or representative	Member
6	Joint Secretary (Fisheries), M/o Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi/or representative	Member
7	Joint Secretary, Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Forests/or representative	Member
8	Joint Secretary, dealing with Treaty and Convention on Biological Diversity/or representative	Member
9	Regional Deputy Director, WCCB (North)	Member
10	Representative from Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industries	Member
11	An Independent expert from CITES related matters (Director, Traffic, WWF)	Member
12	Two NGOs involved in control of illegal trade (Executive Director, Wildlife Trust of India, Noida and Representative from Wildlife Protection Society of India)	Member
13	Legal Consultant, Wildlife Division	Member
14	Deputy Inspector General (WL)	Member-Secretary

Terms of Reference:

- i. To assist in the technical administrative and legal functioning of CITES implementation in India
- ii. To maintain/update and act on various decisions taken by the CITES parties through the CoPs and other meetings or respond to requests from the CITES Secretariat
- iii. To serve as a link to the non-governmental organization working in the field of control of illegal trade in wildlife and its parts and products, vis-à-vis, intended trade in wildlife
- iv. The CITES Cell will meet at its headquarters in New Delhi once in a quarter for suggesting policy interventions and actions/goals to be achieved
- v. All communications regarding the meetings are to be made in the name of 'CITES Cell'
- vi. The expenditure to be incurred on the CITES Cell would be covered under the existing scheme "Strengthening of Wildlife Division and Consultancies for Special Tasks'
- vii. This issues with the approval of competent authority
- viii. This is in supersession to the earlier O.M. of even No. dated 10th September 2011.
- ix. The IFD had already concurred in the above vide their Dy. No. 1274/AS&FA dated 6th August 2010.


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