

**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB  
FOR ESTRY, WILDLIFE & FISHERIES  
DEPARTMENT**

Lahore, the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2011

**NOTIFICATION**

No.**SOP (WL)12-2/2007-II**. In exercise of the powers conferred under section 46 of the Punjab Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Act, 1974 (II of 1974), the Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following rules:

**1. Short title and commencement:** - (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Urial Conservation, Protection and Trophy Hunting (Committees) Rules 2010.

(2) These shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions:** - (1) In these rules: -

- (a) "Act" means the Punjab Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Act 1974 (II of 1974);
- (b) "Committee" means an association of landowners of a particular area constituted under rules;
- (c) "Committee Conservation Fund" means fund created by the members of the Committee for carrying out any welfare project in the area falling in the demarcated Urial Protection Zone;
- (d) "Director General" means the Director General Wildlife and Parks; and
- (e) "Government" means the Government of the Punjab.

(2) A word or term used in these rules but not defined shall mean the same as in the Act.

**3. Registration of the Committee:** - (1) The land owners of a conservation and trophy hunting zone and fulfilling the eligibility criteria for the members and office bearers may make an application to the Director General for the registration of the Committee and declaration of their area as Urial Conservation and Trophy Hunting Area.

(2) The applicant land owners shall have the ownership of one fourth area of the proposed area of the Urial Conservation and Trophy Hunting Area.

(3) The application for registration of the Committee shall include: -

- (a) composition of the Committee;
- (b) ownership documents of land;
- (c) computerized National Identity Cards of the applicants;
- (d) certificates of educational qualifications of the applicants;
- (e) proof of wildlife conservation and wildlife activities management by the applicants; and

- (f) demand draft amounting to one hundred thousand rupees drawn in the name of the Director General.

(4) The Director General may, on the fulfillment of prescribed conditions, register the Committee for conservation and trophy hunting of Urial in a particular area for an initial period of five years.

(5) The renewal of the registration of the Committee shall be subject to payment of ten thousand rupees to be deposited in the name of the Director General.

(6) The first renewal of the registration of the Committee shall be after a period of two years from the date of registration of the Committee. For next three years, there shall be annual renewal of registration of the Committee.

(7) The validity of registration shall be subject to good performance, submission of annual audit reports and effective conservation efforts of the Committee.

**4. Constitution of the Committee:** - (1) The Committee shall consist of the following: -

- (a) President;
- (b) General Secretary;
- (c) Finance Secretary; and
- (d) Ten to fifteen others members.

(2) The meeting of Committee shall be headed by the President and minimum three fifth of the members shall comprise the quorum for a meeting of the Committee.

(3) There shall be a quarterly meeting of a Committee in which all the issues including the substantial interest of the members and Committee shall be discussed and resolved.

**5. Eligibility criteria of the office bearers:** - (1) The President, General Secretary and the Finance Secretary of the Committee shall be: -

- (a) matriculate;
- (b) experienced in wildlife protection, conservation or proper trophy hunting;
- (c) above twenty five years of age; and
- (d) a non-convict.
- (e) resident of the area
- (f) land owner in the area and land holding must be more than five years old
- (g) The land will not include share of Shamlat only.

(2) The office bearers of the Committee shall be elected every year by the members of the Committee in presence of a representative of the Director General.

(3) The Director General may notify the result of an election of the office bearers of a Committee.

**6. Eligibility criteria of the members:** - The members of the Committee shall be: -

- (a) literate;
- (b) experience in wildlife protection, conservation or proper trophy hunting;
- (c) above twenty one years of age; and
- (d) a non-convict.
- (e) resident of the area
- (f) land owner in the area and land holding must be more than five years old
- (g) The land will not include share of Shamlat only

**7. Functions of the President:** - The President of the Committee shall be the administrative head of the Committee and all official correspondence shall be made in the name of the President.

**8. Declaration of boundaries:** - The Government may, by a notification in the official Gazette, declare the territorial boundaries of an Urial Conservation and Trophy Hunting Area.

**9. Prohibition:** - A Committee which is not registered under these rules, shall not operate in any area especially Urial Conservation and Trophy Hunting Area.

**10. Funds sharing:** - The funds accruing as a result of trophy hunting shall be shared between the Committee and the Government in the ratio of 80:20 respectively.

**11. Utilization of funds:** - For the transparent and effective working of a Committee, expenditures from 80% funds received by the Committee from trophy hunting shall be incurred by the Committee in the following manner: -

- (a) 60% budget of the Committee may be incurred on the development activities which includes:
  - (i) forest plantation;
  - (ii) pasture maintenance;
  - (iii) water ponds;
  - (iv) disease control;
  - (v) animal counting;
  - (vi) predator control;
  - (vii) signage;
  - (viii) mapping;
  - (ix) development of campsites and check posts;
  - (x) re-introduction of endemic wildlife species in habitat;and

- (xi) works for general benefit for the community like water supply, sewerage, roads electrification, telephone, etc.
- (b) 40% budget may be incurred on non-development activities which includes;
  - (i) salaries of wildlife watchers;
  - (ii) weapons and ammunition;
  - (iii) stationery for office works;
  - (iv) utility bills;
  - (v) communication system; and
  - (vi) cost of local jeep for patrolling.

**12. Establishment of camp sites or check posts:** - (1) For proper watch and ward, a Committee shall develop minimum of two to three camp sites or check posts in the Urial Conservation and Trophy Hunting Area.

(2) The camp sites or check posts shall be located in such a manner that the visitors experience a relatively undisturbed natural environment, while avoiding locations deep in the valley where wildlife may come under stress.

(3) If a camp site or check post is constructed on the state or forest land of the Government, it shall remain the property of the Government.

**13. Functions of the Committee:** - The Committee shall have the following functions: -

- (a) to dedicate three persons, one warden and two wildlife watchers to enumerate the animal and birds in the Urial Conservation and Trophy Hunting Area;
- (b) to record of species, sex, age, etc. of the animals and birds in the Urial Conservation and Trophy Hunting Area;
- (c) to describe the feeding area and quality of feed, water ponds and further report whether or not there is sufficient food and water in the habitat and need for further development;
- (d) to identify habitual poachers and deliver warnings;
- (e) to keep strict watch and ward; and
- (f) to conduct hunts authorized by the Government.

**14. Cancellation of registration and dissolution of a Committee:** - (1) In case of any violations of the Act or the rules, the Director General may issue a thirty days prior notice to the Committee for the rectification of the violation.

(2) The Director General may cancel the registration and dissolve the Committee after providing an opportunity of hearing to its President.

(3) In case of dissolution of a Committee, the Director General or his nominee shall take over the assets of the Committee and exercise all powers of the Committee as laid down in these rules till registration of a new Committee in the Urial Conservation and Trophy Hunting Area.

**15. Maintenance of record:** - A Committee shall ensure that the following materials shall be prepared by the experts and shall be professionally designed to maintain a consistent standard of quality;

- (a) trail and campsite maps;
- (b) rules and regulations for visitors of campsites;
- (c) information booklets for visitors regarding;
  - (i) birds;
  - (ii) mammals;
  - (iii) reptiles;
  - (iv) snakes;
  - (v) trees and bushes;
  - (vi) plants and wildflowers;
  - (vii) fact sheets and workbooks; and
  - (viii) professional surveys.

**16. Exclusion of area:** - An area of a private game reserve registered with the Government if falling in the area of Committee shall be excluded from the Urial Conservation and Trophy Hunting Area of the Committee.

**17. Appointment of Wildlife Watchers:** - (1) The Committee shall recommend the name of the wildlife watchers to the Director General who may, by a notification, appoint the wildlife watchers in the Urial Conservation and Trophy Hunting Area of the Committee subject to the condition the Committee shall, in the name of the Director General, deposited one year salaries of the wildlife watchers.

(2) The salaries of the wildlife watchers shall not be less than the salaries of the wildlife watchers of the Government and they shall also be entitled to 15% allowance over and above their salaries which shall also be paid by the Committee.

(3) The Director General or an officer authorized by him may remove a wildlife watcher on written complaint by the Committee and such removal shall be notified by the Director General.

**18. Development plan:** - The Committee shall, within six months of its registration, submit a five year development plan with year wise break-up to the Director General.

**19. Schedule:** - (1) The Director General may issue guidelines or instructions to a Committee in consonance to these rules.

(2) The general guideline and instructions to the Committee, specified in the appended Schedule, shall be read as integral part of these rules.

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**SCHEDULE**  
(See rule 20)  
**GUIDELINES / INSTRUCTIONS**

1. The funds accruing to the Committee shall be deposited in the Committee account opened in a scheduled bank by the President and Finance Secretary of the Committee, but funds shall only be spent on objects approved by the Committee.
2. The bank account of Committee shall be jointly operated by the President and the Finance Secretary of the Committee. The account shall be maintained by the Finance Secretary of the Committee.
3. The General Secretary of the Committee shall keep the record of the Committee, which shall be made available to the Director General or any other officer authorized by him for review and onward submission of progress report to the Government.
4. The Director General shall, after satisfaction reimburse 80% of the funds accruing from the trophy hunting to the Committee. These funds shall be used in accordance with these rules.
5. The Committee shall coordinate and implement the conservation plans jointly prepared by the Committee and the Government.
6. The Committee shall submit the financial report on annual basis from the date of registration and, an audit & account report on annual basis to the Government duly verified by the Director General or any other officer authorized by him.
7. The Committee shall assist the survey of total population of Urial trophies in its area by the Government. The allotment of trophy quota shall be based on these surveys to be conducted by the Government on the recommendation of the Committee.
8. The Committee may, if aggrieved of the decision of the Director General, file an appeal before the Government.
9. The annual renewal of the Committee shall be subject to fulfillment of the conditions laid down in the rules.
10. The Committee shall be competent to plan, execute and incur expenditures relating to its resources.
11. The Government may sell the trophies as per prescribed procedures.