

ANNEXURE - I The composition and terms of reference of the Tiger Task Force

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NOTIFICATION

In pursuant to the decision taken during the second meeting of the National Board for Wildlife held on 17-3-2005, a Task Force for reviewing the management of Tiger Reserves has been constituted. The Members of the Task Force are as follows:

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| (1) Ms Sunita Narain, Director, Centre for Science and Environment. | - Chairperson |
| (2) Shri H S Panwar, Ex-Head, Project Tiger and Ex-Head, Wild Life Institute of India. | - Member |
| (3) Prof Madhav Gadgil, Environmental Historian and Member, National Board for Wildlife. | - Member |
| (4) Shri Valmik Thapar, Member, National Board for Wildlife. | - Member |
| (5) Shri Samar Singh, Ex-Secretary, Govt. of India and Member, National Board for Wildlife. | - Member |

The terms of reference of the Task Force are as follows:

1. Suggest measures to strengthen tiger conservation in the country.
2. Suggest measures to incentivise the local community in conservation of tigers.
3. Suggest measures to incentivise local forest staff posted in sanctuaries/national parks and ensure an effective HR plan for tiger conservation/wildlife managers.
4. Suggest measures to improve the methodology of tiger counting and forecasting.
5. Suggest methods of transparent professional audit of wildlife parks and placing data on tiger conservation in the public domain.
6. Suggest a new wildlife management paradigm that shares concerns of conservation with the public at large.
2. The Project Tiger Division of the Ministry of Environment & Forests would be facilitating the working of the Task Force and render all necessary help.
3. The Task Force should submit its report within three months from the date of this notification.
4. The sitting fees and travel cost would be reimbursed to the Members of the Task Force as per norms.

(DR. RAJESH GOPAL)
IGF & DIRECTOR, PROJECT TIGER

To

- (1) All Members of the Task Force.
- (2) P.M.O.
- (3) PS to MEF
- (4) PS to MOS (E&F)
- (5) PPS to Secretary (E&F)
- (6) PPS to DGF & SS
- (7) PPS to Addl. DGF (WL)