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Ministry of Environment & Forests
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Office Memorandum

Sub: Constitution of National Tri - State - Chambal Sanctuary Management and Coordination Committee (NTRIS - CASMACC).

Competent Authority in the Government has decided to create a **three tier decentralized coordination mechanism to give a fillip to protection, conservation and recovery** of critically endangered gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*) in its natural habitat in Chambal and Girwa rivers in three States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh **namely**, National Tri - State - Chambal Sanctuary Management and Coordination Committee (NTRIS - CASMACC), with the following constitution:

1st Tier: National Steering Committee	
Addl. Director General of Forests (WL) & Director, Wildlife Preservation, Government of India	Chairman
CWLWs of three States (Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh)	Members
Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Member
Representative of WWF India, New Delhi	Member
Representative of Gharial Conservation Alliance (Madras Crocodile Bank Trust)	Member
Representative of Development Alternatives	Member
Representative of Ministry of Water resources	Member
Representative of Ministry of Rural Development	Member
2nd Tier NTRIS - CASMACC	
Director, WWF India, New Delhi	Convenor
Mr. B.C. Choudhury, Scientist, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.	Co-convenor
Shri Bivas Pandav, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Member
Shri Tarun Nair, Gharial Conservation Alliance/Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Chennai	Member
Shri Samir Whitaker, Gharial Conservation Alliance/Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Chennai	Member
Shri Jagdish Krishnaswamy, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, Bangalore	Member
Representative (Social Scientist) of Development Alternatives, New Delhi	Member
Parikshit Gautam, WWF India, New Delhi	Member
Concerned Divisional Forest Officers from three States (Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh)	Members
Representatives of Ministry of Water Resources, and State Irrigation & Power Departments	Members
3rd Tier	
Divisional Forest Officer	Convenor

	Representative of Panchayat, Joint Forest Management Committee, State Departments of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Education, Fisheries, Health, Industry, Irrigation, Revenue, Rural Development, and local NGO(s)	Members
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The Committee shall have the following Terms of Reference:

- (i) To look into the entire gamut of issues related to conservation of Gharial in National Chambal Gharial Sanctuary and make recommendations to bring about a more effective conservation and management regime for the species in India with due focus on participation of local communities.
 - (ii) To devise an institutional framework covering the action at the Centre and State level with the objective of ensuring proper coordination among all stakeholders in implementing the conservation programmes and actions for Gharial.
 - (iii) To develop a 'Conservation Strategy and Action Plan for Gharials and their habitats in India'.
 - (iv) To examine socio-economic issues relating to community-Gharial interface and recommend appropriate short-term and long-term measures aimed at enhancement of livelihood support of the local communities and to enthuse in them the sense of ownership of efforts for gharial conservation.
 - (v) To recommend appropriate methodology and institutional framework for monitoring the status of Gharial and their habitats.
 - (vi) To achieve better coordination amongst the three States and the Centre for more concerted conservation initiatives, including for census of important species like Gharials, Dolphins etc in the entire stretch of the River and/or in case of identification of causes for any mortality of the animals and ameliorative steps to be taken.
2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.


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