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**Preamble:**


The State Government receives proposals for carrying out research / study in and around Protected Areas related to wildlife. At present the researchers submit their proposals to the Chief Wildlife Warden or field officers as per their convenience. Such proposals are processed by the concerned office and decision to grant / deny permission is taken on ad-hoc basis. The researchers after completion do not submit the details / findings of their research / study to the State Government. Therefore, the useful findings are not available to the Protected Area Managers for improvement in management of wildlife. Many times, permission is obtained by the researcher in routine and they do not carry out the research / study in the stipulated time frame. Sometimes the theme of research / study is not very relevant to the managerial requirements of the Protected Area and such researches / studies therefore serve very little purpose. At present, there is no mechanism put in place for properly evaluating the proposed study / research proposals before granting the permission by the authorities.

Therefore, there is a need to put in place proper guideline for grant of permission for Scientific Research / Study in and around Protected Areas related to Wildlife in the State. The guidelines for grant of permission for Scientific Research / Study for Wildlife in and around Protected Areas of Gujarat State

(Page 1-12) is attached herewith. All pending as well as new proposals should be scrutinized / processed as per the provisions of the guidelines attached herewith.

The proposed structure related to caution deposit and fees shall be applicable upon receipt of approval from the State Government. During the intervening period, the researchers may be required to submit Bank Guarantee of the required amount for the period of research / study.

**Encl:** Guidelines

  
**(G. K. Sinha)**  
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**To,**

- The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All
- The Chief Conservator of Forests, All
- The Conservator of Forests, All
- The Deputy Conservator of Forests, All

**Copy forwarded with compliments to:**

- The Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
- The Additional Director General of Forests (WL), MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi.
- The Chairman, Gujarat Biodiversity Board.
- The Member Secretary, Gujarat Biodiversity Board.
- The Director, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar.
- The Chairman, Gujarat Forest Research Foundation, Gandhinagar.
- The Member Secretary, Gujarat Ecology Commission, Gandhinagar.
- The Mission Director, Gujarat State Bio-Technology Mission, Gandhinagar.
- The Member Secretary, Gujarat Environment Management Institute (GEMI), Gandhinagar.

**Copy submitted to:** The Additional Chief Secretary, Forests and Environment Department, Government of Gujarat, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar for information.