

XXXVIII

Post Graduate Diploma Course in Advanced Wildlife Management

September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017



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Wildlife Institute of India

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The Institute is a nodal national agency for research and training in the field of wildlife conservation. Its mandate includes generating quality knowledge in wildlife science and complement national efforts in wildlife conservation. Over the years it has served the capacity building needs for scientific planning, management and research in the field of wildlife conservation.

Course Background

Conservation of biological diversity through establishment and management of Protected Areas (PAs) is globally recognized. It is also important that such PAs are managed as component of the landscape complex in which they are located. Management of protected area network therefore requires personnel with appropriate knowledge and skills in managing the wilderness areas along with all associated external factors operating on it. With a view to develop a pool of professionals with requisite ability to manage protected area system, a Post-Graduate Diploma Course in Wildlife Management was started in the year 1977. Thirty six such courses have been completed till date and XXXVII course is near completion. The XXXVIII course of 10 month duration is scheduled to commence on 1st September, 2016. The total intake in the program is 20.

Course Objectives

- ⦿ Provide a foundation on modern concepts in wildlife science.
- ⦿ Provide an understanding of the relevant global, regional, national and state level conservation policies and legislation and enforcement.
- ⦿ Provide knowledge and first-hand experience of conservation issues and practices under varied ecological, socio economic, political and administrative situations in the field including the vulnerability of species of wild plants and animals and their protection.
- ⦿ Provide hands-on experience in using modern scientific methods, techniques and tools that are essential contributors to conservation practices in the field.
- ⦿ Develop skills of writing scientific documents and making persuasive presentations.
- ⦿ Develop skills for preparation of an integrated scientific wildlife management plan.
- ⦿ Prepare the participant for addressing various conservation challenges in managing protected area network.

Eligibility

The course is meant for in-service Indian Forest Service and State Forest Service Officers of the rank of Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF)/Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) and equivalent. Candidates should possess a background of Forestry training with a minimum of Bachelor's degree in any of the natural sciences.

It also accommodates officers working in National Parks/Wildlife Sanctuaries and universities of India and foreign nationals including SAARC countries having minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Forestry/Natural Resource Management (NRM) with proficiency in English.

Candidates should be physically fit and not more than 45 years of age as on September 1, 2016. In exceptional cases, Director WII may relax the age limit.

Admission to the Course

Indian Nationals

State Forest Departments may nominate forest officers of the rank of DCF/ACF who meet the eligibility criteria. The curriculum-vitae along with passport details are required to be filled-in the prescribed form attached herewith and sent to Institute with the endorsement of the competent authority in the state government.

Foreign Nationals

The Institute also accepts nominations of foreign nationals who may be self sponsored or sponsored by an organization viz. Global Tiger Forum (GTF) or any other agency such as Research Institute/University.

Course Component

Duration of the course is 10 months commencing from 1st September 2016 to 30th June 2017. The course is divided into 04 sub-components as follows:

No.	Sub-component	Period
1.	Conservation Biology	1 st September to 28 th September
2.	Tools and Techniques for Conserving Wildlife	29 th September to 21 st December
3.	Advanced Wildlife Management Practices	22 nd December to 22 nd April
4.	Integrated Wildlife Management Planning	23 rd April to 30 th June

The broad outline of the course structure includes the following modules:-

1. Conservation Biology – Advanced wildlife ecology and behaviour; 2. Tools and Techniques for Conserving Wildlife - Applied Population Ecology, Wildlife Health Management, Restraint and Immobilization of Wild Animals, Application of Remote Sensing and GIS in Wildlife Management, Ecodevelopment Tools, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment; 3. Advanced Wildlife Management Practices – Policies and Laws in Wildlife Management : Prosecution of Wildlife Offences, Management of Wetlands and Coastal Habitats, Captive Management, Principles & Practices of Wildlife and PA Management, Human Dimensions of Wildlife Management and Conflict Resolution, Ecodevelopment Planning for Biodiversity Conservation, Visitor Use Management and Interpretive Planning; 4. Integrated Wildlife Management Planning

Field Tours

(I) Orientation Tour, (ii) High Altitude Techniques Tour, (iii) Techniques Tour, (iv) Management Tour, (v) Management Term Paper Exercise, and (vi) Management Plan Exercise

In addition, field visits to nearby Protected Areas/Institutions/Organizations/Zoos are also organized from time to time during the period of training.

A study tour to an overseas country will also be organized by WII as a part of the Management Tour. Indian and foreign nationals joining the course must be in possession of their valid passports.

Attendance

Participation in all components of the course, tours, excursions, lectures, practical sessions, examinations, group discussions and symposia etc is compulsory. In addition, trainees are required to successfully complete the term paper and management plan exercises for award of Diploma. In the event of non-participation in any of the above-mentioned activities, award of Diploma to the concerned candidate may be withheld till completion of the assignment in the subsequent Diploma Course.

Award of Diploma

The Diploma will be awarded only to those candidates who secure a minimum of 50% marks in each of the modules. Honours Diploma will be awarded to those who secure an aggregate average of 75% or more marks. Those who fail to qualify for the award of the Diploma will be given a Certificate of Attendance only.

Training Cost

Indian candidates

This is the paid course and cost of the Indian trainees is Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten lacs only) and this cost will be borne by the concerned State Government/sponsoring agency/participant. The expenses will include boarding and lodging for the entire duration of the course as well as to & fro travel fare (while joining and returning from place of posting) as per WII TA Rules, field tours, field equipment, camping gear, resource material etc. For the duration of the training, the medical bill reimbursement will be made by the respective State Governments, as per prevailing State rules. WII will sponsor upto 5 candidates from North-East states based on first come first serve basis.

SAARC Countries candidates - Cost of training will be Rs. 11,19,000/- (Rupees Eleven lacs nineteen thousand only) which includes boarding and lodging during the course as well as to & fro travel fare (while joining and returning from place of posting) as per WII TA Rules, field tours, field equipment, camping gear, resource material etc.

Other foreign nationals

Cost of training for foreign candidate (other than SAARC country) will be US \$ 20,500 (excluding training allowance and to & fro travel expenses). The training and /or out of pocket allowance and to and fro fare to join this course would be borne by the Sponsoring Agency. The Sponsoring Agencies are advised to ensure that the sponsored candidates are insured comprehensively for any medical treatment for the duration of the training. Boarding & lodging for the entire duration of the course is included in the training cost.

Travelling and camping, field gear/equipment, stationery, books/study material and hostel accommodation would be provided to all participants.

A bank draft of the above amount should be sent in the favour of the Director, Wildlife Institute of India payable at Dehra Dun at the time of admission by the sponsored candidates. The course fee can also be remitted by bank transfer.

Boarding/Lodging

Boarding and lodging facilities in the hostel will be provided by the Institute.

Deadline

The nominations of the foreign and Indian candidates duly completed in all respects should be addressed to Sh. Manoj Nair, Course Director (**email: manojnair@wii.gov.in**) with a copy to Dr. G.S. Rawat, Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Sciences (**email: dean@wii.gov.in**) and Dr. Ramesh Chinnasamy, Associate Course Director (**email: rameshc@wii.gov.in**) latest by **1st July, 2016**.

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