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DIRECTORATE OF FORESTS
KURSEONG FOREST DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE RANGE OFFICER, BAGDOGRA RANGE.
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No 35 /BD- 26/2024-25

Dated, Bagdogra, the 08/01/2025

From: The Forest Range Officer,
Bagdogra Range,
Kurseong Forest Division

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(v) The Jumbo Troops,
C/o Rikjyoti Singha Roy,
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(vi) The Nature Help Org.
C/o Sandip Sarkar, Siliguri

Sub: Annual count of Water Birds - reg.

Ref: The PCCF, Wildlife and C.W.L.W, West Bengal's memo No. 3623(13)/WL/2W-832/2022 dated 25.11.2024

The D.F.O., Kurseong's Memo no. 5110/28-79 dated 31/12/2024

Telephonic conversation with all organizations and meeting with HNAAF on 07/01/2025.

With reference to the above, yours esteemed organizations are hereby requested for active participation for Annual count of water birds at Fulbari Wetland (Pond area of Mahananda Barrage) on 11/01/2025.

The detailed schedule, teams, guidelines are included in the annexure.

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Copy forwarded to:-

1. The Divisional Forest Officer, Kurseong Forest Division for his kind information.
2. The Asst. Divisional Forest Officer, Bagdogra, Kurseong Division for his kind information.
3. The Range Officer, Ghoshpukur Range for his kind information and action as discussed.

Range Officer,
Bagdogra Range

Annual Count for Water Birds 2025, 11th January 2025

Venue: Fulbari Wetland (Pond area of Mahananda Barrage)

Time: 06:30 AM to 12:30 PM

All teams are to report to the site allotted to them directly by 06:30 AM

All equipment like Binoculars, scopes, Handbook, Electronic recording devices, Identification guidebook etc are to be carried by the participants.

The Wetland has been divided into 04 (four) sites for observation mainly depending upon Ground Count requirement.

The sites are;

1. Western wetland, Fulbari barrage to Barapathuram railway line
2. Paschim Dhantola, Teesta canal region to Mandir ground.
3. NGT Plantation site to Naal River via Watcher's shed.
4. Fulbari Barrage point.

For proper observation and count the following 04 (four) teams are designated for each site.

Team 1: Site 1

Team 2: Site 2

Team 3: Site 3

Team 4: Site 4

All teams will be lead by members of HNAF, Siliguri having members Sri Animesh Bose, Sri Apurbo Chakraborty, Sri Saumik Pal, Smt Antara Pal, Sri Subhrangshu N. Ghosh, Smt. Nina Singha, Sri Chiranjay Chakraborty, Sri Debjyoti Dey, Sri Akash Dutta, Lilabati Roy, Sri Manoj Das

All other participants are to tag along with them.

The other participants are;

Pritam Saha, Upamanyu Chakraborty, Arijit Mahanta, Sandip Guha, Rehan Ali, Abhijit Sarkar, Ritik Biswas, Biplap Kr. Roy, Chanchal Saha, Deb Mallo, Sandip Sarkar, Rikjyoti Singha Roy, Pintu, Riku, Prasanna, Shambhu, Biswajit, Gerald Lepcha.

Division will provide:

Notebook, pen and water bottle along with tiffin for all. Boat will be provided for travelling inside the wetland.

All counts and records will be compiled for final report by HNAF and Kurseong Division which has to be submitted by all participants at Fulbari Barrage at 12:30 pm wherein a small speech and felicitation to the participants will be conducted.