

# 45 rd post graduate diploma course in Advanced Wildlife Management

1st September 2022 to 30th June 2023



# About us

The Wildlife Institute of India 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 urgent capacity building needs for scientific planning, management and research in the field of wildlife conservation both in country and the region.

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# What we offer

The conservation of biological diversity through the 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 it is 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 Advanced Wildlife Management was started in the year 1977. 42 such courses have been completed so far. The XXXXIII course is of 10 months duration commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022. The total intake in the program is 20.



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# **Course objectives**

- Provide a foundation of modern concepts in wildlife science and practice.
- 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), Veterinary Officers 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 Bachelors Degree in Forestry/Natural Resource Management (NRM) with proficiency in English.

Candidate should not be more than 45 years of age as on September 1, 2022. In exceptional cases, Director, WII may relax the age limit subject to physical fitness.

# Course component

Classroom Sessions: 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) Wetland Tour (vi) Management Tour (v) Management Term Paper Exercise (vi) Management Plan Exercise

A study tour to an overseas country will be organized by WII as part of the Management Tour. Indian and foreign nationals joining the course must be in possession of their passports valid till June 2023.

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

# **Training cost**

### Indian candidates

This is paid course and cost of the Indian trainees is Rs. 12.10 lakhs (Rupees twelve lakh ten thousand only) and this cost will be borne by the concerned State Government/ sponsoring agency/participants. 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.

Traveling and camping, field gear/equipment, stationery, books/study material and boardin/lodging will be provided to all participants.

A bank draft of the training 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 candidate. The course fee can also be remitted by bank transfer.

## **SAARC Countries Candidates**

Cost of training will be Rs 13,53,990/- (Rupees thirteen lakh fifty three thousand nine hundred ninety only) which includes tuition fee, boarding and lodging during the course as well as field tours, field equipment, camping gears, resource materials etc.

## Foreign candidates

Cost of training for foreign candidate will be **US \$**24,805/- excluding training allowance and to & fro travel expenses. The training and/or out of pocket allowance and to & fro fare to join this course would be borne by the Sponsoring Agency. The Sponsoring Agencies are advised to ensure 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.

#### **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.

#### **Deadline**

The nominations of the foreign and Indian candidates duly completed in all respects should be addressed to Dr. Bitapi C Sinha, Course Director (bcs@wii.gov.in) with a copy to Dr. Y.V., Jhala, Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Science (dean@wii.gov.in), and Dr. S.K. Gupta, Associate Course Director (skg@wii.gov.in) latest by 31st July, 2022.