



WORKING PLAN CIRCLE

Working Plan Circle office is stationed at Head Office, Gangtok which controls and looks after the overall activities for the preparation of working plans/working schemes/management plans and Survey and Demarcation. Presently the Working Plan circle is having following officers and staff to carry out the working plan circle's activities.

STAFF POSITION:

WORKING PLAN DIVISION AND SURVEY & DEMARCATION DIVISION STAFF POSITION

	WORKING PLAN DIVISION		SURVEY & DEMARCATION DIVISION	
Officers	CF (W.P)	1	DFO	1
	D.F.O. (W.P)	1		
	A.C.F. (W.P)	1	ACF	1
Field Staff	R.O.	1		
	B.O.	2	BO	2
	B.O. Adhoc	2		
	H.F.G.	2		
	F.G.	1		
Technical Staff	Plg. Asstt.	1	Surveyor	2
	Sr. Technical Asstt.	2	Asstt. Surveyor	1
	Cartographer	1		
	IT Asstt.	1	Draughtman	1
Office Staff	Sr. Acctt.	1		
	HA	1		
	Jr. Acctt.	1	Jr.Acctt.	1
	UDC	1		
	LDC	3	LDC	1
	Computer Operator	1	Typist	1
	Peon	2	Peon	1
	Chowkidar	1		

FUNCTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENT OF WORKING PLAN CIRCLE



Working Plan Circle has, for the first time, been able to prepare scientific, democratic and technical working plans for the East and West Sikkim. These working plans have been sent to Government of India for approval. The preparation of working plans for North Sikkim is in process. The objective of the whole exercise is to prepare the working plans for all the four districts of Sikkim incorporating all the aspects of the scientific management of natural as well as plantation forest of the State.

For preparing working plans and forest inventory preparation, sample plots were laid throughout the forests in East, West, South and North Sikkim. Activities like training of ACFs and Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) was done to incorporate the views of the public in Working Plans. For making Working Plan exercise democratic, the ACFs conducted PRA in different



panchayats. Similarly meetings were held in different district headquarters to incorporate views of Land Revenues and other line departments.

The Remote Sensing and GIS lab in the Circle is fully equipped with modern and latest scientific machineries and instruments for generating very useful outputs for management of forest. The Software used in Lab are ArcGIS master lab kit, Arcview 9.1, ERDAS Imagine (8.4 & 9.3 version) and hardware like A0 Plotter and A0 Scanner. Digitization of the entire area under forest administration using GIS technology has been completed. The Reserve forests were divided into compartments for the first time for easy and scientific management of forests. GIS based Maps have been prepared for Division, Range and Block levels.



The Working Plan Circle is also engaged in National Vegetation Carbon Pool assessment. Its aim is assess the total amount of carbon in Sikkim Forests. The sample plots are being laid in East, West and South Sikkim. The samples of trees, herbs and shrubs are also being brought to laboratory for making dry weight assessment.

Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Cell opened in the Working Plan Circle is aiming to develop practical methods, guidelines and strategies to apply ecosystem approach in the management of natural forest areas. It will also facilitate common understanding of terms and definitions related to Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management.

Two week refresher course was also conducted for forest frontline staff.

Survey of Reserve Forest Boundaries and compartment Boundaries and Demarcation with Boundary Pillars was done in all the districts using cadastral maps and GPS. About 60 km of survey has been done in Reserve forests in low altitude and 600 boundary pillars were erected there 5 km of survey was done in Reserve forests in high altitude and 50 boundary pillars were erected there. 60 km of forest compartment boundary survey in low altitude and that 10 km in high altitude was done. 300 compartment boundary pillars in low altitude and 50 compartment boundary pillars in high altitude were erected.

Collaborative workshop on “Institutionalization of Criteria & Indicators framework for Sustainable Management of Natural Forests in India’ was held on September 27-28, 2010.

