



**HOME DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM**

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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, Sikkim has more than 227 wetlands spread mostly in the higher altitude;

And whereas, these wetlands have important biodiversity values apart *from* direct consumptive use value for human including tourism and have important regulatory role in soil and water conservation;

And whereas, conservation of these lakes assumed importance under National Wetland Conservation Programme;

Now therefore, in order to steer and guide the programmes on the Conservation of Wetlands in Sikkim, the State Government hereby constitutes a State Level Steering Committee with immediate effect

The Committee shall consist of the following members, namely:

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| 1. Chief Secretary | - | Chairman |
| 2. PCCF-cum-Secretary, Forest, Environment and WL Management Department | - | Member |
| 3. Principal Secretary, Cultural Affairs and Heritage Department | - | Member |
| 4. Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Tourism Department | - | Member |
| 5. Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Rural Management Development Department | - | Member |
| 6. Secretary, Home Department | - | Member |
| 7. PCE-cum-Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department | - | Member |
| 8. Chief Wildlife Warden | - | Member |
| 9. Additional PCCF (LU & E), Forest, Env. & WL Management Department | - | Member |
| 10. CCF (LU & E), Forest, Env. & WL Management Department | - | Member |
| 11. Director, Wetlands Division, Ministry of Environment & Forest or a representative <i>from</i> Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India. | - | Member |
| 12. Joint Director or the In-Charge of the BSI, Sikkim Unit | - | Member |
| 13. The Scientist-In-Charge, GB Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development | - | Member |

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| 14. The Programme Coordinator, WWF, Sikkim | - | Member |
| 15. One local NGO to be nominated by the State Government every year | - | Member |
| 16. Four Representatives of Pokhri Sanrakshan Samitis | - | Member |
| 17. Conservator of Forest, Land Use & Environment Circle, Forest, Environment & Wildlife Management Department | - | Member Secretary |

The Committee shall meet at least once in a year to review the activities undertaken for wetland conservation programme and suggest appropriate measures for conservation of wetlands in the State of Sikkim

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR.

**Sd/
(N.D.CHINGAPA)IAS
CHEF SECRETARY
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