

*Constitution of Sakkar Baug Zoo
Management Advisory Society.*

**GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT
FORESTS AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

G.R.No.WLP-102006-S.F.17-G.1

Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar

Dated the 14th February , 2007

Read:

- (1) APCCF, WL's proposal dated 17.7.06 submitted through single file No.VPS-26/7/2006-07 .
- (2) Comments/details given by the PCCF,WL on the said single file on 5.1.07 and 16.1.07.

PREAMBLE

The Sakkarbaug Zoo (SB Zoo), Junagadh is one of the oldest zoos of India and categorized as the Large Zoo by the Central Zoo Authority, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, based on the norms of Area, number of species, number of animals housed and number of visitors visiting the Zoo. The Sakkar Baug Zoo is currently spread over about 200 ha area on the fringe of Junagadh City. It houses about 900 animals and birds of 72 species. During the year 2004-05 7.33 lakh visitors visited the SB Zoo registering the growth of about 15% over the number of visitors to the SB Zoo in the year 2003-04. The annual revenue of the SB Zoo during the year 2004-05 was Rs.66.34 lakh registering about 15% growth over the revenue of the year 2003-04.

Besides being the oldest and large zoo, the SB Zoo is also a specialized zoo on account of:

1. Specialized conservation captive breeding programme of endangered wild animals including the Asiatic Lion.
2. Wildlife Conservation Support activities in Gujarat with special emphasis on the PAs of Saurashtra.
3. Wildlife health and rescue services in Gujarat.

In order to further strengthening of the Sakkar Baug Zoo a proposal for constitution of the Sakkarbag Zoo Management Advisory Society was submitted by the APCCF(WL) on the single file mentioned at (1) and (2) above to the Government.

RESOLUTION

After careful consideration of the proposal mentioned in the preamble, the State Government is pleased to approve the Constitution of an autonomous the "*Sakkar Baug Zoo Management Advisory Society*" to promote, support, assist and mobilize resources for management of the Sakkar Baug Zoo, raise awareness for

wildlife conservation, ex-situ and in-situ conservation specially of Asiatic lions and other endangered wildlife on the following conditions:

- (1) The Society shall be registered under the Indian Societies Registration Act (XXI) of 1860.
- (2) The registered office of the society shall be at Sakkarbaug Zoo, Junagadh.
- (3) The Executive Committee of the society shall be as under:-

1	Conservator of Forests (WL), Junagadh	Chairman
2	Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sasan Gir	Member
3	Deputy Conservator of Forests, Junagadh	Member
4	Honorary Wildlife Warden, Junagadh	Member
5	Dy. Director, Animal Husbandry, Junagadh	Member
6	Nominee of the Principal, Anand Veterinary College, Anand	Member
7	Two nominees from amongst individual and institutional members to be nominated by the State Government.	Member
8	The Deputy Secretary, Forest & Environment Department looking after the wildlife matters	Member
9	The Financial Advisor, F&ED	Member
10	One NGO to be nominated by the State Government	Member
11	Zoo Officer, Sakkarbaug Zoo, Junagadh	Member Secretary

- (4) The Society shall be governed as per the Memorandum and Articles of Association annexed as Appendix I to this G.R.
- (5) The Society shall be autonomous and may enter into MoU/contract in pursuance of its objectives.
- (6) The society shall follow prudent financial management in its working.
- (7) The amount of entry fees received in respect of SB Zoo shall be retained by the Society.
- (8) The State Government will continue to give funds in the form of grants in aid to this Society for capital works approved by the State Government. For maintenance of the Sakkarbaug Zoo other recurring expenditure shall be borne by the Government as at present. The Budgetary allocation Year

to Year would reflect the effect of inflation in maintaining of assets. In view of the nature of the activities present staffing of the Government will continue for whom salary and other allowances will be borne by the Government. Whenever the Society considers it necessary to get support from other qualified individuals the Society shall make Contractual arrangements to obtain the services from those individuals in a manner such that it does not create any Permanent Financial Liability on the State Government.

- (9) The Society would be free to receive Government grants for projects, to raise donations, to invoke new ideas for raising resources and subject to the constitutional arrangement of the society be able to utilize those funds for the objectives mentioned in the Memorandum and Articles of Association
- (10) The Society shall resort to outsourcing by contractual arrangements as much as possible for activities that are generally carried out by Class III & IV employees in the Government.
- (11) A separate bank account in a Nationalized bank shall be opened in the name of Member Secretary of the society and the accounts of Govt. funds and Society own funds shall be maintained separately by the society.
- (12) The Society shall function like a Corporate entity with a Social purpose and optimize Public Benefit for the Expenditure incurred by it.

2. This issues with the approval of Finance Department dated 12.02.07 obtained on this department's file of even number.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,


(Anant Patel)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Gujarat
Forests & Environment Department

Copy to: -

1. The Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
2. The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Forests & Environment, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
3. The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister of States (Forest, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
4. The Chief Secretary, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
5. The Addl. Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
6. The Secretary, Government of India, MoEF, Paryavaran Bhavan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, (WL) Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
9. The Financial Advisor, Forest & Environment Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
10. The Deputy Secretary, (Est.) F&ED Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
11. The Deputy Conservator of Forest, Junagadh.
12. The Principal, Anand Veterinary College, Anand.
13. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Sasan Gir.
14. The Dy. Director Animal Husbandry, Junagadh.

APPENDIX- I

MEMORANDUM

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ARTICLES

OF

ASSOCIATION

(APPROVED VIDE GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION, FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT NO.
WLP-102006/ S. F. -17/ G-1, DATED 14/2/2007)

**SAKKARBAUG ZOO
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY
SOCIETY, JUNAGADH**

(TO BE)
REGISTERED UNDER THE
INDIAN SOCIETIES REGISTRATION ACT (XXI) OF 1860
AND/OR
BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUST ACT – 1950

MEMORANDUM & ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

SAKKARBAUG ZOO MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SOCIETY JUNAGADH

1. The name of the Society shall be "Sakkarbaug Zoo Management Society"
2. The Registered office of the Society shall be at Sakkarbaug Zoo, Junagadh
3. **In this memorandum and articles, unless otherwise requires**
 - (a) "Society" means the general body of the Sakkarbaug Zoo Management Advisory Society.
 - (b) "Committee" means executive committee of the Society.
 - (c) "State Government" means the Government of Gujarat.
 - (d) "Chairperson" means the Chairman of the Society.
4. **Goal**
 - a) Conserve Asiatic Lion and its habitat for its long term survival there by retrieving it from list of endangered species.

- b) Facilitate reclamation of lost territories and thereby promote stable meta populations of Asiatic Lion with minimal man animal conflict.
- c) Address issue of man animal conflict in the regions occupied by Asiatic Lion.
- d) Provide health care and veterinary service to support the cause of conservation of Lion and its associate fauna.
- e) Promote healthy eco-tourism in the region that shall contribute to increased awareness for need and issues of conservation locally as also globally.
- f) Actively pursue eco-development in the region of influence of Asiatic Lion to :
 - i) mitigate hardship of local population;
 - ii) extend and make it aware of benefits of conservation; and
 - iii) facilitate ecologically suited sustainable development of local population.

Objectives

The Zoos or zoological gardens are described as facilities exhibiting wild animals for purposes of education, recreation, conservation and research. The National Zoo Policy states:

“THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE ZOOS SHALL BE TO COMPLEMENT AND STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL EFFORTS IN CONSERVATION AND STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL EFFORTS IN CONSERVATION OF THE RICH BIODIVERSITY OF THE COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY THE FAUNA.”

Thus Society shall in keeping with the above goal have following objectives.

1. The society shall strive to inspire amongst zoo visitors empathy for wild animals, an understanding and awareness about the need for conservation of natural resources and for maintaining the ecological balance.

The essentials inputs of apart from observing live animals

- (a) Scientific information about the species
- (b) Scientific information regarding eco-system in which the species thrives and its role in the eco-system.
- (c) Relevance of the species in specific and the bio-diversity in general in conservation of the eco-system and relevance of the eco-system to the day to day life and of wellbeing of the people.

The society shall direct its efforts/program towards Gir and the landscape habitat of the lion while addressing this objective.

2. The society shall support the conservation of endangered species. Towards this objective the society shall support wildlife conservation in Protected Areas with special emphasis to the Gir protected area. It shall include following.

- a. Facilitate research for health care and breeding of wild animals in captive as also wild in coordination with the institutions of repute. Specific programme in this direction may target Asiatic Lion and its local associates.
 - b. Facilitate breeding programme of wild animals for ex-situ conservation, reintroduction and augmenting prey base in the areas claimed by the Asiatic Lion in the process of reclaiming its lost territory.
3. The society shall also facilitate functioning of the zoo as orphanage and rescue centre for wild animals so rescued from wild.

6. Membership

(1) **Government Nominees**

The Gujarat State Government or The Chief Wildlife Warden, Gujarat State, on behalf of the State Government, may nominate members to the Society.

(2) **Institutional membership**

Any Institution, corporation, company, organization or body, duly constituted under relevant law and interested in promoting objectives of the Society shall also be eligible for membership to the Society.

(3) **Individual membership**

Any Indian citizen interested to pursue objectives of the Society shall be eligible to become member of the Society.

For members of category (2) and (3) above, the Society shall lay down rules and decide admission and continuation of membership procedure. Government or the Society may make appropriate changes in membership rules as and when necessary.

(b) **Membership Fees:**

Individual member

Annual fees: Rs. 250

Life members Rs. 5000

Institutional member

Annual Rs.10,000

Life member Rs. 100,000

The Society may make appropriate change in the membership fees as and necessary.

7. Executive Committee of the Society

The Society shall have an Executive Committee, constitution of which shall be as follow

1. Conservator of Forests, _____ : Chairman
Wildlife Circle, Junagadh.

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| 2. | Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Wildlife Division, Sasan. | : Member |
| 3. | Deputy Conservator of Forests, Junagadh. | : Member |
| 4. | Honorary Wildlife Warden, Junagadh. | : Member |
| 5. | Financial Advisor to Forests & Environment Department | : Member |
| 6. | Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry | : Members |
| 7.& 8. | Two Nominees form amongst Individual and
institutional members to be nominated by the Junagadh | : Member |
| 9. | One NGO to be nominated by the Government | : Member |
| 10. | Zoo Officer, Sakkarbaug Zoo, Junagadh | : Member Secretary |

The State Government shall have the right to nominate any other members in additional to or ins substitution of the above. The Committee may co-opt, invite or appoint in the committee, any other individual / organization in the interest of the cause of the wildlife conservation.

8. Fund Generation and Utilization

The Society shall have following sources for generation of funds:

- (1) By membership fee.
- (2) Funds obtained through donations, endowments, bequests, gifts, contributions, adoptions, etc., from/by national and international sources.
- (3) Grants and/or grant-in-aid, recurring and non-recurring grants from Central Government, State Government, Local Self Government bodies, etc.
- (4) Other sources as may be developed by the Society after due permission from appropriate authorities.

The Society shall be authorized to utilize funds accrued to it from above sources for various activities as per the objectives of the society.

Expenditure for various activities shall be made as per Annual Plan of Operations (APO) duly approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden.

9. Functions of the Society

- (i) The Society shall prepare a detailed Annual Plan of Operations (APO) based on various requirements of zoo to meet the objectives of the Society. This APO shall be prepared in accordance with long term strategy for zoo management with due regard to management plan of the zoo and the funds available or anticipated to be available to the Society. The APO shall be presented to the committee of the

society in its annual meeting for approval and shall be reviewed from time to time. Prior to submission to the committee it shall be submitted to C WLW for approval.

- (ii) The society shall facilitate awaiting of technical assistance of to the management of zoo.
- (iii) The society may commission studies and sponsor research to address its objectives.
- (iv) The society may provide inputs of human resource and finance for addressing issues of:
 - (a) Animal care
 - (b) Breeding programme
 - (c) Infrastructure development
 - (d) Improved facilities for animals
 - (e) Human resource development
 - (f) Education, orientation and facilitation of the visitors.
- (v) In discharge of its functions society shall engage personal and/or consultants on contract for fixed period.
- (vi) The society shall strive to raise funds through various means to address its objectives.
- (vii) The society may enter into MOU/contract in pursuance of its objectives.
- (viii) The society may perform such other function as requested by the state government and/or the Chief Wildlife Warden.

10. Financial Year

Financial year of the Society shall be from first April to the thirty first of March of the following year.

11. Accounts

The annual accounts of the Society shall be audited by the auditors approved and appointed by the Society from year to year. The accounts of the Society to the extent of Govt. funds, if any, shall be open to the audit of the Accountant General, Gujarat also.

12. Meetings of the Society

The society shall meet once a year. Minimum fifteen days notice shall be given for any meeting of the society. Following shall be presented and discussed at the annual meeting of society.

- (a) The proposed budget estimates for the year.

- (b) The APO for the year.
- (c) The audited accounts of the previous year.
- (d) Any of the agenda with permission of chair.

One third of the members of the society shall constitute quorum. however, if the members present do not constitute quorum at any of its meeting, the same shall be adjourned and may be called back immediately at short notice and the members present then would constitute the quorum.

13. Meetings of the Committee

- (a) The committee shall ordinarily meet once in every three months provided that the Chairman shall, on a written requisition of not less than one third committee members call a special meeting. Minimum seven days notice shall be given for any meeting of the committee.
- (b) One-third of the members of the Committee including the Chairman shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Society.
- (c) In case of difference of opinion amongst the members, the opinion of the majority of members shall prevail.
- (d) Each member of the committee including the Chairman shall have one vote and if there shall be an equality of votes on any question to be determined by the Committee, the Chairman shall in addition have and may exercise a casting vote.
- (e) Every meeting of the committee shall be presided over by the Chairman and, in his absence by a member chosen from amongst them by the members present at the meeting.
- (f) Any resolution, except such as may be placed before the meeting of the committee may be adopted by circulation among all its members and any resolution so circulated and adopted by a majority of the members who have signed their approval or disapproval of such resolution shall be as effective and binding as if such resolution had been passed at a meeting of the committee, provided that in every such case at least 51% members of the committee present at the meeting shall have recorded their approval of the resolution.
- (g) The Chairman shall have the power to invite any person or persons, other than members of the committee to attend the meeting of the committee, but such invitees shall not be entitled to vote at the meeting.

14. Duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson

- 1) The chairperson shall ensure that the affairs of the Society are run efficiently

- 2) The Chairperson shall have the powers of general superintendence over the officers and staff of the Society and the Chairperson may issue necessary directions for the conduct and management of affairs of the Society.
- 3) The Chairperson shall convene and preside over all the meetings of the committee and shall ensure that all decisions taken by the committee are implemented in proper manner.
- 4) The Chairperson shall exercise such other power and functions as may be delegated to him from time to time by the committee.

15. **The Member Secretary**

- (i) The Member Secretary of the society shall be responsible for day to day function of the society. He shall be responsible for day to day functioning of the society. He shall be responsible for implementation of the Annual Plan of operation under the guidance of chairperson.
- (ii) The Member Secretary either himself or through an officer authorized for the purpose may sanction and disburse all payments against approved budgets.
- (iii) The Member Secretary shall have powers to give administrative and technical sanctions to the estimates included in the approved APO of the society.
- (iv) The Member Secretary shall be in charge of all correspondence including accounts of the society which shall be so maintained as to be transparent.
- (v) The Member Secretary shall have powers to sign MOU/contract on behalf of the society.

16. **Delegation of powers of the Society**

The Society shall, by resolution in the committee, delegate to the Chairman, Member Secretary and other officers/employees of the Society such of its powers for the conduct of the affairs of the Society as it may consider necessary or desirable.

17. **Powers and functions of the committee**

The committee shall have such powers, duties and responsibilities as may be specifically delegated by the Society for the management of the affairs of the Society. Subject to prior approval of the Society, it shall have powers and responsibilities in respect of all or any of the following matters:

- (a) To collect and/or generate resources and funds on behalf of Society.
- (b) To prepare budget estimates and to sanction expenditure to support in-situ conservation of Lion and its habitat in Gir and adjoining area and to meet other objectives of society within the approved budget grants.

- (c) To make and execute contracts and invest the funds of the Society and sell or alter such investments subject to prior approval, and to supervise the accounts and arrange for the audit and preparation of the annual report of the Society.
- (d) To coordinate & exercise supervision of the activities of the Society.
- (e) To provide for day to day management of the affairs of the Society.
- (f) To institute and defend legal proceedings on behalf of the Society.

18. Traveling and Daily Allowance for attending meetings

The official members of the committee appointed by the Government shall not be entitled to any remuneration from the Society. Non-official members of the committee appointed or invited shall be paid by the Society such traveling and daily allowances as may be provided for in the rules to be made in this behalf in respect of any journey undertaken by them for attending the meeting of the Society, or the committee as the case may be. Traveling and Daily Allowances in respect of official members for the journeys undertaken by them for similar purpose shall be borne by Government.

19. Authority for Legal Action

For the purpose of Section-6 of the Registration of Societies Act, the person in whose name the Society may sue or be sued shall be the Member Secretary of the Society.

We the following members of the society certify that the memorandum of association and rules of the society given above are a correct copy thereof.

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Signature
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