

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE (NCCW)

National Council for Conservation of Wildlife (NCCW) is an attached department of Ministry of Environment and performing its technical responsibilities, which are as follows: -

- i) To formulate appropriate wildlife policies for the conservation of nature and natural resources;
- ii) Coordinate and implementation of these policies by the provinces; and
- iii) Maintain international liaison with international and national agencies for the conservation of wildlife.

2. Government of Pakistan through NCCW is state member of international organizations such as IUCN, World Conservation Union and Wetlands International. Pakistan is also signatory to Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention) and Convention on Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).

3. NCCW deals with the National and International issues pertaining to wildlife and nature conservation, for sustainable utilization of natural resources. NCCW also provide necessary material/data to National Assembly, Senate Secretariat and Pakistan Missions abroad on the issues pertaining to conservation of wildlife.

Activities During 2005-2006

1. Pakistan Wetlands Projects

A GEF/UNDP funded Pakistan Wetlands Projects has been launched with total funding of US \$ 11.79 million with the aim to promote the sustainable conservation of freshwater and marine wetlands and associated globally important biodiversity in Pakistan. The project is expected to be completed in seven years time.

2. Control of Bear Baiting in Pakistan

Many citizens of United State of America and European Countries and World Society for Protection of Animals have voiced against the events of bear baiting in Pakistan. The menace is now under control through effective coordination with the Provincial Wildlife Departments. NCCW responded to more than 1000 individuals, societies, and organizations to inform that Pakistan had already controlled this cruel practice through a special directive of the President of Pakistan.

3. NCCW in collaboration with the provinces is trying to achieve the Millennium Development Goals regarding enhancement of land under protected areas system.

4. NCCW in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Provinces is trying to mitigate the reasons causing decline in status of biodiversity of the country. Recently progress has been achieved to ban the use of Diclofenac, a veterinary medicine that is being considered as major cause for massive mortality in Oriental White-backed vultures.
