

Rhino horn verification underway



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A panel of experts on Thursday started verifying the genuineness of the rhino horns stored inside the treasuries in four districts.

Led by Mohan Chandra Malakar, the committee started the process in Golaghat at the Circuit House. The forest officials, who had signed and sealed the trunks during the time of deposition were invited to check the seal of the trunk.

According to an official statement, “each of the rhino horns stored in the [state](#) treasury, already have a Government of [India](#) (GOI) serial number and that was tallied today while preparing the inventory. Weights and photographs of the horns were also taken. For scientific evaluation, the original weight and present weight have also been recorded.”

The rhino horns were physically examined by the experts of the committee. Whenever it was necessary, the opinion of the forensic scientists were sought, who had opened a micro lab in the verification room itself.

The rhinos horns were [found](#) in very good condition and there were negligible decay [as](#) each of them were wrapped in plastic bags. Some of the rhino horns were [as](#) big [as](#) 1.615 kg [found](#) in 1992 in Bagori range while the smallest one is 20 gram.



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