

Serial rhino poaching resented



Comments 0



AT News 13 February 2016 10088 views

[Kaziranga Wildlife](#) Society has expressed deep anguish [over](#) the serial poaching of Rhinos in the [Kaziranga National](#) Park. The Society condemned in strong words the inability of the forest department to check the poaching of Rhinos in their natural adobe [as](#) well [as](#) the government's indifference to any effective [policy](#) making to protect the [state](#)'s wildlife and their habitat.

In a Press Meet held on Saturday at the Guwahati Press Club, the members of KWS held the Chief [Wildlife](#) warden of the [state](#) responsible for the, plight of rare species. Since 2012 more than 150 Rhinos fell prey to the bullet of poachers. Most of the poaching being taken place in [Kaziranga](#) once known [as](#) the most well managed park. At the same time death incidents of elephants, another species protected under the scheduled-I category, has doubled which is another cause of concern.

Compared to the earlier years, incidents of killing of rhinos in [Kaziranga](#) came down after an Intelligence Cell was put into place. [Conservation](#) NGOS have always pointed out intelligent [failure](#) in curbing rhino poaching in Kaziranga [National](#) Park. The Cell, constituted vide Govt of Assam notification No. FRW. [6/2015/2](#) dtd. Dispur the 17th March, 2015, was sent to [Kaziranga](#) and was taken [as](#) a very timely and positive move by the department to thwart the challenges of poaching of the unicornis. This action proved beneficial [as](#) there was a lull in poaching activities once the cell started operating .The people of the [state](#) also heaved a sigh of relief [as](#) no poaching was reported during those months--from May to July. Sadly, the Cell was called back after a few months. The moment the Cell was withdrawn from KNP, the [menace](#) of poaching showed its ugly head once again. It is noteworthy to mention that in the Intelligence Cell's report many things came to the fore--most surprisingly-- involvement of a few forest personnel in poaching activities.

The KWS therefore strongly demand the government to reinstate the Intelligence Cell in [Kaziranga](#) with immediate effect. The KWS secretary Mubina Akhtar maintained that the Chief Minister who is also the Chairman of the [State Wildlife](#) Advisory Board has already ordered to reinstate the Cell but for reasons best known to the department the order is yet to be implemented.

The KWS also appeals to the government to conclude all formalities at once in raising a well equipped rhino protection force. Taking a dig at the selection procedure of forest personnel, especially frontline staff, the Society maintained that the selection procedure should be free from all kind of political influence for the greater sake of conservation of [state's](#) wildlife.

The Society also appeals to the forest department to introduce a toll free number [as](#) 'early warning system' or 'poaching [alert](#)' and carry out massive awareness campaigns in fringe areas of sanctuaries and [National](#) Parks with the help of wildlife [NGO's](#).

The [NGO](#) lashed out at all political parties for playing politics even when there is a [crisis](#) like indiscriminate poaching of rhinos or clearing of forests in the State and demanded each political to give priority to a [green](#) agenda in their manifestos

AT News

Assam Times Staff. editor@assamtimes.org

BY AT NEWS

Israeli Journalist Gideon Levy Receives 2026 PEC Award

Shyntor Festival to return to Shyntorbulia in December

AUWJ urges Assam to match Bengal journalist welfare measures

Hiren Gohain Slams Akhil Gogoi Over "Self-Serving" Politics Amid Congress-Rajjor Dal Rift

UN recognises campaign against child marriage with global day declaration

ON THIS DAY

Hagrama tsunami in BTAD, UPPL, BJP at a loss

Golok Samman 2023 Announced: Four Young Honourees Recognized

Lokdarshan: A Vibrant Folk Dance Extravaganza in Udalguri

Manas National Park Reopens for Visitors, World Tourism Day Celebration Planned

Webinar held: women entrepreneurship and women empowerment

RELATED

Nazira tension persists after youth leader's killing; police probe alleged drug network

BTC venture teachers seek government support before Supreme Court

ABSU burns copies of 'Hamkoshar Parishista' over Bodo script issue

Tension persists in Bihubar after former paramilitary personnel's killing

A heartfelt tribute to poet Anis Uz Zaman
