

# **INDUS TREE CRAFTS FOUNDATION**

HIGH CONSERVATION VALUE POLICY



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## 1. Introduction:

- This policy aims to establish a comprehensive framework for the protection of HCV1, HCV2, HCV3 and HCV4 species. These species are defined as those that possess significant ecological, cultural, or economic value and are at risk of population decline or extinction. This policy outlines the principles, objectives, and key measures to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable management of these species

## 2. Principles:

- Conservation:** The primary goal is the conservation of high conservation value species and their habitats to ensure their long-term survival and ecological functionality.
- Sustainability:** Conservation measures should be integrated with sustainable development practices to balance environmental protection with socioeconomic considerations.
- Collaboration:** Collaboration among government agencies, local communities, conservation organizations, and relevant stakeholders is essential for effective implementation of this policy.
- Science-based Approach:** Decisions regarding conservation measures, monitoring, and management should be based on the best available scientific knowledge and evidence.
- Adaptive Management:** The policy should be reviewed periodically to incorporate new scientific findings and adjust conservation strategies accordingly.

## 3. Objectives:

- Identify and Prioritize High Conservation Value Species:** Develop a transparent and scientifically robust process for identifying and prioritizing species that qualify as high conservation value, taking into account ecological, cultural, and economic factors.
- Habitat Protection:** Establish and enforce protected areas, wildlife reserves, and corridors to safeguard the habitats critical for the survival and reproduction of high conservation value species.
- Threat Mitigation:** Implement measures to mitigate key threats to high conservation value species, such as habitat loss, illegal trade, pollution, climate change, and invasive species.
- Research and Monitoring:** Promote research initiatives to enhance understanding of high conservation value species, including their ecological requirements, population dynamics, and interactions with the environment. Develop comprehensive monitoring programs to assess population trends and habitat conditions.

- e) Stakeholder Engagement and Education: Foster public awareness and engage local communities, Indigenous groups, and other stakeholders in the conservation efforts, encouraging sustainable practices and responsible behaviour towards high conservation value species.
- f) Legislation and Enforcement: Develop and enforce legislation and regulations that provide legal protection for high conservation value species, ensuring appropriate penalties for illegal activities and effective enforcement mechanisms.
- g) International Cooperation: Collaborate with international organizations and other countries to address transboundary conservation challenges and promote the exchange of best practices and information

#### **4. Implementation:**

- a) Institutional Arrangements: Establish dedicated units or agencies responsible for the implementation and coordination of high conservation value species protection efforts. These units should have sufficient resources, expertise, and authority to carry out their mandates effectively.
- b) Capacity Building: Provide training programs and capacity-building initiatives for relevant stakeholders involved in the conservation and management of high conservation value species.
- c) Incentives and Support: Develop mechanisms to provide incentives, financial support, and technical assistance to landowners, local communities, and other stakeholders who actively contribute to the conservation of high conservation value species.
- d) Public Awareness and Education: Implement public awareness campaigns and educational programs to enhance understanding and appreciation for high conservation value species and their conservation needs.
- e) Monitoring and Reporting: Establish a robust monitoring and reporting system to track progress, assess the effectiveness of conservation measures, and inform adaptive management processes.
- f) Review and Evaluation: Conduct periodic evaluations of the policy's implementation, effectiveness, and relevance, considering changing ecological, social, and economic contexts. Revise the policy as needed based on the outcomes of these evaluations.

## 5. Policy Statement:

- This policy provides a framework for the protection and conservation of high conservation value species (HCV1, HCV2, HCV3, and HCV4).
- By adopting a science-based, collaborative, and adaptive approach, we can ensure the long-term survival of these species while promoting sustainable development and maintaining the ecological integrity of our ecosystems.
- Through effective implementation, monitoring, and stakeholder engagement, we can safeguard the invaluable natural heritage for future generations.
- All above mentioned objectives shall be achieved through effective implementations simultaneously with Bamboo plantations.
- All the farmers and employees involved in the bamboo plantation and certification programme shall act in accordance with this policy.

## 6. Authorized Signatory:

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