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Office Memorandum

Sub: Constitution of Western Ghats Natural Heritage Management Committee – reg.

The Government of India is a State Party to the UNESCO World Heritage Convention. The Ministry has prepared a nomination dossier for inscription of 39 Serial Sites in the Western Ghats on the World Heritage List. As per the decision taken during the 34th Session of the World Heritage Committee held during July-August 2010 in Brasilia, Brazil, a team of UNESCO and IUCN representatives would be evaluating the Western Ghats Serial Sites to be nominated on the World Heritage List. In order to deal with matters relating to the inscription and management of the Western Ghats Serial Sites, it has been decided to constitute a Western Ghats Natural Heritage Management Committee.

The Constitution & Terms of Reference of the Committee is as given below:

1	Addl. Director General of Forests (WL) & CITES Management Authority for India	Chairman
2	Inspector General of Forests (WL)	Member
3	Director, Wildlife Institute of India or his representative	-do-
4	Dr. G.V. Subrahmanyam, Advisor (RE), MoEF & Member-Secretary, Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel	-do-
5	Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Kerala	-do-
6	Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Tamil Nadu	-do-
7	Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Maharashtra	-do-
8	Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Karnataka	-do-
9	Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Gujarat	-do-
10	Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Goa	-do-
11	Representative of Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE), Bangalore	-do-
12	Representative of Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF), Mysore	-do-
13	Deputy Inspector General of Forests (WL)	Member Secretary

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Terms of Reference:

- i. To provide guidance for effective conservation, protection and management of natural heritage of the Western Ghats.
- ii. To oversee the management systems including protection and integrity of the serial sites included in the Western Ghats nomination dossier.
- iii. To ensure successful inscription of the Western Ghats on the World Natural Heritage list
- iv. Any other matter pertaining to natural heritage management of the Western Ghats.

The other conditions with respect to the said Committee would be as under:

1. The non-official members of the Committee would be entitled for travelling and all other allowances as applicable to the non-official members as per Rule SR 190.
2. This issues with the approval of competent authority.


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6. All Members of Western Ghats Natural Heritage Management Committee.
7. NIC Cell- with a request to kindly upload the above order on the official website of the Ministry.