



NWPC 2023

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Major changes in NWPC 2023

3 documents (Code Manual and Standards)

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Continuous Forest Inventory (3.1.5)/p-21

Detailed procedure for Socio-economic survey (M-3.3)/p-54

Scope of NWPC 2023

- For a territorial forest division (1.2.i)/p-10
- Period of WP is 10 years (1.2.i)/p-10
- Working Schemes for 5 or 10 years (1.2.ii)/p-10
- No need to prepare annual working scheme (1.2.iii)/p-10
- Forest Divisions with less than 1000 ha, working schemes may be prepared (1.2.iv)/p-10
- All WP initiated after 1st July 2023 (p-8)

Organisation at State Level

PCCF

- Planning and ensuring preparation of WP of all forest divisions (3.1.13)
- Seek midterm review to stagger the preparation of WP(3.4.5)
- Chairperson of Standing Consultative Committee (SCC) (3.1.11)

Head of WP Wing (3.1.4)

- Initiating the process of revision 28 months before the expiry of the WP (3.3.2)
- Member Secretary of SCC (3.1.11)
- Convening the meetings of SCC (M-7.1.a1)
- Printing of WP (3.4.8)
- Monitor the quality of data (3.1.6)

Organisation at State Level

WPO

- Not below the rank of DCF (3.1.7)/p-21
- If not DCF, WP is liable for rejection (M-7.2.2)/p-127
- Territorial DCFs/CFs can be WPO (3.2.1)/p-23
- Special allowance of 30% basic pay (3.1.10)/p-22
- Stakeholder Consultation (3.3.5 & M-3.4)/p-24,78

Nodal Officer, FCA

- Submission of draft WP on online portal for approval under Rule 10 of FCA Rules 2022 (3.3.12)/p-24

PWPR

- By the head of territorial forest circle (3.2.1 read with M-5.1)/p-23, 125
- Exemption under certain circumstances (3.2.1)/p-23
- In a prescribed format (3.2.2 and M-5.1)/p-23,97
- SCC shall examine and approve the PWPR (3.3.2 and M-7.1.a)/p-23, 125

Forest Resource Assessment

- Continuous Forest Inventory (3.1.5)/p-21
- Grid based sampling
- Circular sample plots (M-3.1.3)/p-37
 - Tree enumeration plots (8m radius – 4 plots)
 - Shrubs, climber, sapling plots (1.7m radius – 4 plots)
 - Herbs, grass and seedling plots (0.6m radius – 4 plots)
- 5 forms(i,ii,iii,vi and ix) mandatory; Bamboo (v) - wherever applicable
- Collection of data for Carbon estimation is optional (Form vii &viii)
- Assessment of wildlife habitats (M-3.2)/p-54 – AITE data to be used

Socio-economic Survey (M-3.3)/p-54

- For both Urban and Rural households
- Assessment of consumption of fuelwood, fodder and small timber
- Assessment of dependence of fuelwood, fodder and small timber
- Assessment of collection of NTFPs
- Includes assessment of ToF
- No separate ToF study required

Analysis of data and Writing of the plan

- Central data base for inventory data by FSI (3.1.2)/21
- Refer Manual for details (4 and 5.2)/p-79, 100
- No mandatory overlapping WC (M-4.8)/p-95
- Keep the over lapping WC to minimum –p/95
- Management of wetlands within forests (M-4.9)/p-95
- Chapter on Science and Research
 - Permanent Sample Plots (P 119)
 - To study significant changes in vegetation
 - Two PSPs for each forest types (one with and the other without protection)
 - Regular data collection on identified parameters

Approval of WP and midterm review (3.4)

- Draft WP to be approved by SCC (3.3.10)/24
- Criteria for examination of draft WP by SCC (M-7.1.b)/p-125
- Submission by FCA Nodal Officer on PARIVESH
- Examination by IRO (M-7.2)/p-127
- Criteria for examination by IRO (M-7.2.14)/p-140
- Deemed approval (3.4.2)/p-25
- Deemed extension of expired WP (M-7.2.4)/p-127
- Approval is prospective for 10 years (M-7.2.5)/p-128
- Mid term review (3.4.4 and 3.4.5) – extension of 2-5 years

Monitoring and Management Effectiveness Evaluation

- Control forms (4.1) for monitoring
- Deviation defined (4.2)/p-26
- Management Effectiveness Evaluation (4.3) – Indian Forest Management Standard
 - 8 Criteria
 - 69 indicators
 - SFD can adopt according to specific condition (p/131)
 - Opportunity to organize data periodically

Action Points

- Complete the WPs under review under NWPC 2014 without any further delay (M-7.2.8)
- Seeking extension of existing plans under Para 3.4.4 and 3.4.5
- Developing a format for seeking extension
- Finalising sample design in consultation with FSI
- Training of staff on forest resource assessment (circular plots)
- Reconstitution of SCC as per the NWPC 2023 (3.1.11)/p-22
- Developing State Specific MEE framework based on Criteria and Indicators
- Development of a blueprint on lines similar to that of AITE for non-tiger States and training for the personnel (MoEFCC)

Thank You

