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WCCB in News

From Additional Director's Desk

New Delhi: I am delighted that WCCB is releasing its 9th edition of Quarterly e-Newsletter.

I would like to highlight the relentless, dedicated and courageous effort of officials of WCCB in combating wildlife crime including illegal wildlife trade and for supporting commendable wildlife operations during the Quarter (Jan-April, 2023). Their unwavering dedication towards the cause of wildlife is praise-worthy. I also

take this opportunity to thank all the central and state enforcement agencies for their support in conducting wildlife enforcement operations successfully. As India's leading wildlife enforcement agency, WCCB reaffirms its commitment to end illegal wildlife trade.

As Wildlife Crime converges with many other serious crimes, WCCB endeavors to work in collaboration and seek cooperation, of Central & State Law enforcement agencies to combat this convergence of crime. WCCB acknowledge the considerable support from all law enforcement agencies so far, and express sincere gratitude for their continued support towards countering the menace of wildlife trafficking.

As we release 9th edition of WCCB Quarterly e-Newsletter, we look forward to the valuable suggestions to help improve it further. Jai Hind!

— *H.V Girisha, IFS, Additional Director, WCCB*



Picture in Focus



Fishermen Community living at Majali & Devbag villages of Karwar Karnataka, were sensitized about Illegal Wildlife Trade activities by WCCB officials.

Enforcement Operations



Manipur: Joint team of WCCB and Manipur Forest Department seized 02 migratory ducks, one Gadwal and one dead Widgeon and arrested 03 persons at Mayang Imphal area, Manipur, on 10.01.2023.

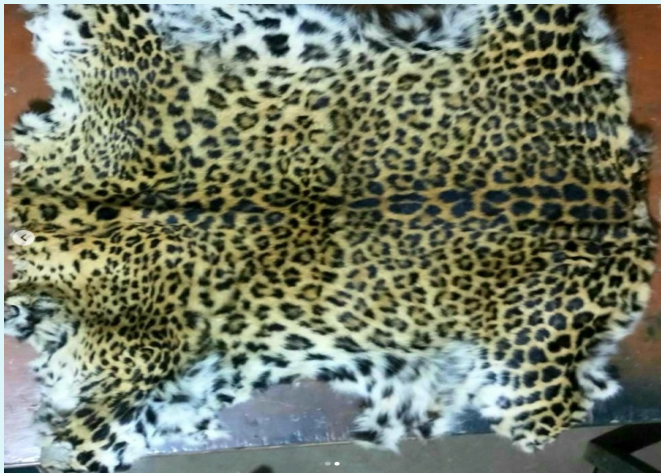
Madhya Pradesh: Joint team of WCCB and MP Police Department seized a Leopard Skin along with the arrest of two persons from Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, on 12-01-2023.

Assam: Joint team of WCCB and West Bengal Forest Department seized a live Pangolin and arrested a person from Shibbari Morh, Assam on 13-01-2023.

West Bengal: Joint team of WCCB and West Bengal Forest Department seized 5 kg dry seahorses and arrested one person at Ghospukur West Bengal, on 24.01.2023.

Rajasthan: Joint team of WCCB and Rajasthan Forest Department seized 12 pcs of Ivory handicraft and arrested one person on 02.02.2023.

West Bengal: Joint team of WCCB and Rajasthan West Bengal Forest Department seized 28 live ISS turtles and arrested two persons on 05.02.2023.



Enforcement Operations



Uttar Pradesh: Joint team of WCCB and UP Police Department seized 44 pieces of ivory articles and arrested one person at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, on 19.02.2023.

Assam: Joint team of WCCB and Assam Forest Department seized One Royal Bengal Tiger skin, 4 pieces of Tiger canine, 1 piece of Skull with teeth, 46 pieces of Bones and arrested one person at Tinsukia, Assam on 24.02.2023.

West Bengal: Joint team of WCCB and West Bengal Forest Directorate seized 01 Hill Myna and 02 Alexandrine Parakeets at Kolkata, West Bengal, on 27.02.2023.

Odisha: Joint team of WCCB and Odisha Forest Department seized four live grey Mongoose at Angul, Odisha on 18.02.2023.

Chhattisgarh: Joint team of WCCB and Chhattisgarh Forest Department seized 10.100 kgs of Pangolin Scales at Ghui, Surajpur Chhattisgarh, on 17.03.2023.



Sensitization/Training Programmes

WCCB officials delivered lecture on “An Overview of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, wildlife crime scenario in India, etc” in an Induction Course for the Newly recruited Preventive Officers & Inspectors of Customs organised by NACIN, Mumbai at New Customs House, Ballard Estate, Mumbai on 09-01-2023. 150 Customs officials attended the lecture.



WCCB conducted a 2-day Capacity Building Program for the trainee Range Forest Officers from Kerala, Jammu & Kashmir and West Bengal and in service Foresters from Maharashtra Forest Department, at Kundal Academy of Development, Administration & Management (Forest), Sangli, Maharashtra on 11 & 12 Jan, 2023, attended by 82 officials.

WCCB officials conducted a half day sensitization program for SSB officials and delivered lecture on Identification of Wildlife articles and hands on session on wildlife articles during a Training Course at ITS, SSB, Kolkata, West Bengal on 16.01.2023. 23 lady officers in the rank of SI and Constables attended the lecture.



95 Officers of Corbett Tiger Reserve, Ramnagar Forest Division and Terai West Forest Division attended a 2-day Capacity Building Program organized by WCCB with Uttarakhand Forest Department and Corbett foundation, on 30th and 31st January, 2023.

WCCB official sensitized officers of Indian Coast Guard at Coast Guard Training Center Kochi, Kerala, attended by 19 officials in the rank of Assistant Commandants of Indian Coast Guard, on 09.02.2023.



WCCB official sensitized officers of Indian Coast Guard at Coast Guard Training Center Mandapam, Tamil Nadu, attended by 50 officials of Indian Coast Guard, on 13.02.2023.

WCCB official sensitized officers of CISF at Madurai International Airport, Tamil Nadu, attended by 50 officials in the rank of Inspector to Constables, on 15.02.2023.



WCCB official sensitized officers of various stakeholder at Convention Centre, Jammu, J&K attended by 93 officials from Police, Customs, Crime Branch, Forest Protection Force, Forest Territorial and Wildlife Protection Department, on 16.02.2023.

Sensitization/Training Programmes

Sr. officials of Enforcement Agencies attended an Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting on "Wildlife Crime Control" organized by WCCB along with the Department of Wildlife Protection, at Jammu, J&K, on 17-02-2023.



Sr. officials of Enforcement Agencies attended an Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting on "Strengthening Wildlife Law Enforcement" organized by WCCB, at the O/o the CCF(Territorial), Thane Circle, Maharashtra, on 28-02-2023.

41 Officers of the Forest and Police Officers of M.P attended a 2-day Capacity Building Program organized by WCCB with the FD, BTR, Forest Department, at Tala, Bandhavgarh TR, Umaria, Madhya Pradesh on 3 and 4 March, 2023.



Sr. officials of Enforcement Agencies attended an Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting on "Strengthening Wildlife Law Enforcement" organized by WCCB, at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, on 15-03-2023.

WCCB official sensitized officers of SSB at ITS, SSB, Kolkata, West Bengal, attended by 35 officials in the rank of SI, ASI, HC, Constable, on 21.03.2023.



WCCB official sensitized officers of RPF at Domohani RPF training centre Jalpaiguri, West Bengal, attended by 36 officials in the rank of CT to INSP, on 22.03.2023.

30 Officers from the rank of Forest Guard to ACF from Forest department of West Bengal attended a 2-day Capacity Building Program organized by WCCB with the Panchet Forest Division, at Bishnupur, West Bengal on 29th and 30th March, 2023.



WCCB official sensitized officers of SSB at sector head quarter SSB Jalpaiguri, West Bengal, attended by 56 officials in the rank of SI, ASI, HC, Constable, on 30.03.2023.

Three day Training workshop for the Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers

WCCB conducted a 3-days refresher training workshop for the officers of Indian Forest Service on "Investigation of Wildlife Crime and Illegal Wildlife Trade" at Van Vigyan Bhawan New Delhi from 06th to 08th February, 2023, attended by 22 IFS officers.



In the first session, National & International Wildlife Crime scenario and its recent crime trends and convergence of crime was discussed by Mr. H V Girisha, IFS, the Additional Director, WCCB. The session was highly interactive and the participants were made aware of the latest scenario in crime.

Field visit to custom port i.e Air Cargo complex, New Delhi was held and sessions on provisions of WPA, CITES, FT(D&R) Act, FTP, CITES at exit points was held by Additional Commissioner of Custom & DD(C&T), WCCB. It was followed by visit to export and imports shed where in nuances were explained by Ms. Nisha Verma, Joint Commissioner, ACC (Export) and Sh. Modassar Shafi, Deputy Commissioner ACC (Import) with respect to clearance of wildlife related consignments.

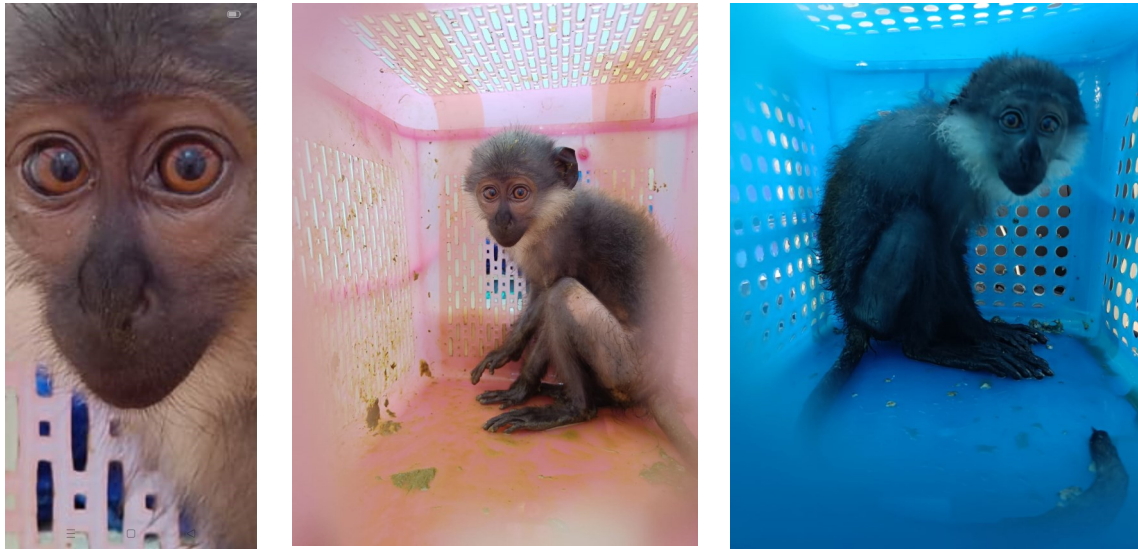


Field visit to CBI office was held where Director, CBI welcomed all and presentations on 'Investigation of crime case studies, investigation abroad, Use of technology in the investigation of wildlife crime' were held. Later a visit to Global operation centre, NCB, INDIA & CCID were held.

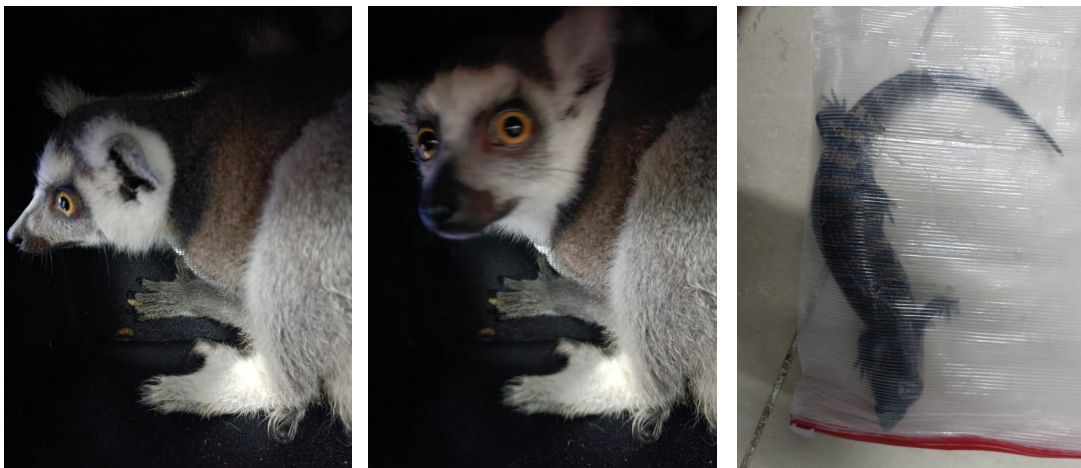
Exit-Point Detections



Based on intelligence, DRI, Bangalore intercepted 3 passengers with 4 Mexican black king snake, 4 albino corn snake, 2 albino pied snake, 4 Pastel pied snake and 4 common marmoset monkey. On further enquiry 48 varieties of animals were seized from Bangalore on 25/01/2023 & 26/01/2023. WCCB official assisted DRI in identification of species.



Air Intelligence Unit of Chennai Customs detected live exotic pets from check in luggage, Baggage was inspected by WCCB and identified the animals as Collared Mangabey (1 No.) and Sooty Mangabey (1no.) on 06-02-2023



Based on customs reference, WCCB official examined the check in luggage of a passenger who arrived in Malaysian Airlines at Chennai Airport and found 1no. of Raccoon and 4 no. Tegu lizard (Salvator species). On receiving AQCS direction, animals were repatriated via same airlines to Malaysia on 26/2/23.

World Wildlife Day 2023 Celebrations

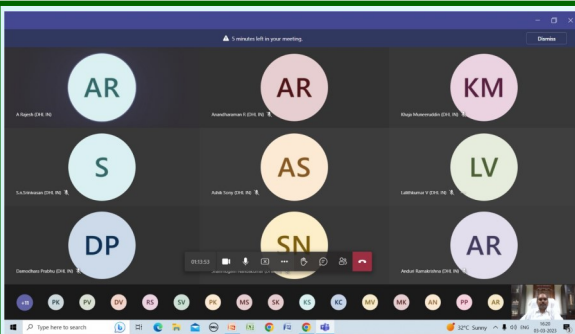
World Wildlife Day 2023 was celebrated by Wildlife Crime Control Bureau with full enthusiasm across its all Regional Offices in the country. The celebration held on 03rd March, 2023, saw an overwhelming response from across the country. People from all walks of life including general public, students, community members and government officials took part in the programs & activities organized by WCCB. Activities viz. quiz competitions, lectures, training programs & awareness drives, etc. were held. A glimpse below :

Central Region: On the occasion of World Wildlife Day, 2023, WCCB official sensitized various stakeholders at Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh, on 03.03.2023.



Eastern Region: On the occasion of World Wildlife Day, 2023, WCCB official conducted a 01 Day Capacity Building workshop on different aspects of Handling of Wildlife Crime at Kharagpur Forest Division, West Bengal, attended by 27 Participants, on 03.03.2023.

Eastern Region: On the occasion of World Wildlife Day, 2023, WCCB official sensitized Professors, Asst. Professors, college lecturers, Forest rangers and college students at Nalbari college, Nalbari District, Assam, on 03.03.2023. Program was attended by 91 participants.



Southern Region: On the occasion of World Wildlife Day, 2023, WCCB SR sensitized officials of DHL Couriers & Cargo Services on "Illegal Wildlife Trade & Its Prevention" through virtual mode, on 03.03.2023. 50 Participants attended the program.

Western Region: On the occasion of World Wildlife Day, 2023, WCCB official sensitized officials of the State Forest & Police Departments along with the other stakeholders at the Conference Hall, O/o the CCF (T), Thane Circle, Thane, Maharashtra, attended by 25 Participants, on 03.03.2023.



PRI/Awareness Programmes



WCCB organized Sensitization-cum-Awareness Programs for PRI members and local Villagers at Khularighat, Udanti Sita Nadi Tiger Reserve at Gariyaband District, Chhattisgarh. WCCB officials discussed Wildlife crime related issues with them on 19-01-2023.



A PRI Sensitization Programme on wildlife crime related issues was conducted by WCCB and Gir West Division, at Itaala Village of Visabadar Range, Gir West on 18-01-2023, attended by 70 people including Local NGO Members, Village Pradhans, and Forest Officials.



WCCB with Corbett Tiger Reserve conducted a PRI sensitization programme for the PRI/EDC members of villagers residing around Corbett Tiger Reserve at Sawal Deh, Uttarakhand on 01-02-2023.



PRI program was conducted by WCCB for the PRI members, Village pradhan and school teachers at ACCC conference hall, Matipung, Diphu, Karbianglong, Assam, on 11-02-2023.

PRI/Awareness Programmes



WCCB official sensitized PRI members and villagers residing around Sarsai Nawar Wetland, on citizens role to combat wildlife crime with special focus on illegal turtle trade at Etawah, Uttar Pradesh, on 27.02.2023.



WCCB official sensitized people residing around PGI Lucknow area and members of the Sapera community, at Lucknow Uttar Pradesh, on 28.02.2023.



WCCB official sensitized people residing along the banks of Ganga at Meja Range, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, attended by 30 members of the local fishermen community, on 01.03.2023.



PRI program was conducted by WCCB for the PRI/ EDC members from costal villagers of Kizakarai and Marine Village Conservation committee (MVCC) members, at Kizakarai, Rameshwaram Tamilnadu on 14-02-2023.

सी हार्स के साथ एक गिरफ्तार



खोरीबाड़ी, 25 जनवरी (नि.प्र.)। वाईल्डलाईफ क्राइम कंट्रोल ब्यूरो, घोषपुरखर वन विभाग तथा टुकुरिया झाड़ वन विभाग की संयुक्त टीम गुप्त सूचना के आधार पर नक्सलबाड़ी में सी हार्स (सूखा) के साथ एक व्यक्ति को गिरफ्तार किया है। गिरफ्तार व्यक्ति फैज़ अहमद (41) इस्लामपुर थाना क्षेत्र उत्तर दिनाजपुर जिले का बताया गया। जानकारी देते हुए कर्सियांग डिवीजन के एडीएफओ भूपेन विश्वकर्मा ने बताया गुप्त सूचना के आधार पर वाईल्डलाईफ क्राइम कंट्रोल ब्यूरो, घोषपुरखर वन विभाग तथा टुकुरिया झाड़ वन विभाग की संयुक्त टीम ने नक्सलबाड़ी में संदिग्ध एक बाईक को रोककर तलाशी लिया। तलाशी के दौरान उक्त व्यक्ति के पास से सी हार्स (सूखा) बरामद किया गया। महेनजर बरामद सी हार्स (सूखा) तथा बाईक को जब्त करते हुए व्यक्ति को गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया। उन्होंने बताया जब्त वस्तु वन्यजीव संरक्षण अधिनियम 1972 की अनुसूची 1 (भाग ई) से संबंधित है। आवश्यक कार्यवाई पश्चात गिरफ्तार व्यक्ति को सिलीगुड़ी अदालत में पेश किया गया। वन विभाग जांच में जुट गई है।

Ivory Smuggling: वन विभाग की चौकी में छिपाए थे हाथी के दो दांत, वांछित चौथा तस्कर भी गिरफ्तार

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पिछले दिनों रामनगर वन प्रभाग की टीम ने तीन हाथी दांत के तस्करों को गिरफ्तार किया था, जिसकी निशानदेही पर टीम ने आज चौथे अभियुक्त को भी गिरफ्तार कर लिया, जहां पूर्व में ही तीन आरोपियों को न्यायिक हिरासत में भेज दिया गया है, वहीं, पुलिस टीम अब चौथे आरोपी को रामनगर में मजिस्ट्रेट कोर्ट के समक्ष पेश कर जेल भेजने की कार्रवाई कर रही है,

रामनगर वन प्रभाग की टीम ने बड़ी कार्रवाई करते हुए 3 दिन पूर्व हाथी दांत के साथ तीन आरोपी तस्कर को पकड़ा था, जिसकी निशानदेही पर टीम ने कालागढ़ टाइगर रिजर्व के मैदान रेंज के अंतर्गत गोजुदा बीट चौकी के अंदर से 2 हाथी के दांत, दांत काटने के लिए इस्तेमाल किए गए औजार के साथ वांछित चौथे अभियुक्त को किया गिरफ्तार किया है,

बता दें कि 3 दिन पूर्व WCCB (वाइल्डलाईफ क्राइम कंट्रोल ब्यूरो) की सूचना पर रामनगर वन प्रभाग ने तीन तस्करों को रानीखेत रोड से घेराबंदी करते हुए 4.320 किलोग्राम और 0.660 किलोग्राम वजन के दो हाथी दांत के टुकड़े के साथ गिरफ्तार किया था, साथ ही आरोपियों द्वारा प्रयोग किए जा रहे वाहन संख्या UK15TA1578 को भी सीज किया गया था,

बनाप्रानी चोबां स्रबबाह्र अन्यातम कबिड'ब हिचापे चिह्नित हैछे धला-शदिया सश्यागी दलं।

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Alexandrine Parakeets

Scientific Name: Psittacula eupatria

Key Facts

The alexandrine Parakeets is a widespread resident in India.

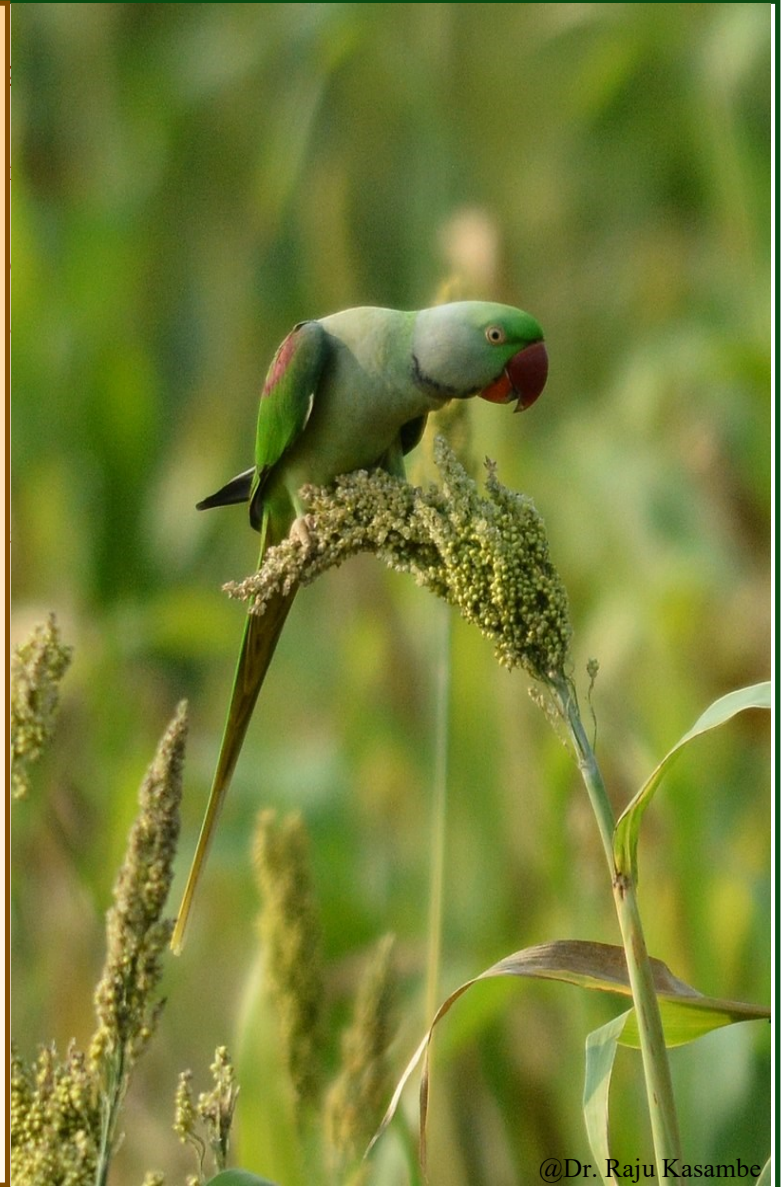
The Alexandrine parakeet (*Psittacula eupatria*), also known as the Alexandrine parrot, is a medium-sized parrot in the genus *Psittacula* of the family *Psittaculidae*.

The Alexandrine parakeet is one of the largest parakeets, measuring 56 to 62 cm (22 to 24 in) from the top of the head to the tip of the tail and weighing 200 to 300 g.

The Alexandrine parakeet lives in forests, woodlands, agricultural lands and mangrove forests at elevations of up to 900 m.

The Alexandrine parakeet has a variety of calls, including a ringing trrriew, loud kree-aar or keeak, deep klak-klak-klak-klak and resonant gr-aak.

Alexandrine parakeets breed from November to April in their native range. They usually nest in tree hollows, but sometimes use tree holes excavated by themselves or cracks in buildings.



@Dr. Raju Kasambe

Threat

The Alexandrine parakeet is listed as near threatened by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) because of its steep population decline in its native range due to habitat loss, persecution and excessive capture to cater to the demands of the illegal wildlife trade.

Conservation Status

Alexandrine Parakeets are listed in Schedule II of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The species is listed in Appendix II in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

It is listed as near threatened on the IUCN Red List.

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