Whereas hunting, illegal felling of trees and trade of plants, timber and wildlife is a growing transnational criminal activity that imperils the continued viability of thousands of plant and animal species worldwide, threatens global security, and harms legitimate businesses, destabilizing communities that depend on wildlife for biodiversity and ecotourism revenues and has adverse economic impacts and also undermines conservation efforts and continues to push some endangered species to the brink of extinction.

And whereas paying financial rewards to person who provide information that leads to arrests, criminal convictions, civil penalties, or property forfeitures for violations of the forest and wildlife laws is an important tool for detection and apprehension of the offenders and could also serve as a deterrent to forest and wildlife crimes.

And whereas it is also felt necessary to pay financial rewards to person who, by spending own resources renders service or assistance in the detection of offence, seizure of wildlife article and illegally collected forest produce as well as arms, weapons, tools, equipment, vehicles, etc used in commission of offences and/or in the apprehension of offenders.

Now, therefore, in view of the above and in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 64 read with section 60A & 60B of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and section 42 of the Mizoram (Forest) Act, 1955, the Governor of Mizoram is pleased to make the following scheme for payment of financial rewards to a person who provides information that leads to seizures, arrests, convictions, or other legal actions.

Dated Aizawl, the ___th April, 2019

Ramsha pel, Danina a phal loh anga thing kih le, leia thil to chi reng reng, thingzai leh ramsha hmangla khawvel ram hrang hrangte zinga Dan bawchhche chunga sumdawna hi a punlun a, a than chhoh mek lai hian khawvel hmun hrang hrangte hlobet leh ramsha chi hrang sang tam takte nunna tiderthawng a dinhmun klauwawma din tirin, khawvel pum huapa an dinhmun himna te, Danin a phal anga sumdawna te khawi buai, ramsha leh nungcha, thing leh maute Khuadu duan anga aumtir tum chunga khualzin mite hipkhawm tumtute pawisa lam leh chhungkaw thila khaawak rel dan khawih buai bakah chung ang thil humhalhna hnaathawh tibua, ramsha/thlai chi mang mai klauwawma awm tawhte phei chu an chi a chimih mai klauwawmah a siam a ni.

Leh, rawmngaw leh nungcha humhalhna Dan hnuai thil sual titute man chhua, Dan bawchhchetu hrema, lei chawina emaw, bungraw chan theihnna kawnga thil/thu pawimawh hriattir theiu hnaa pawisa fai lawmm man pek hi hmanraw pawimawh tak a ni.

Mahni sum hnar hmangin emaw, mahni thawm ve kawngin emawa thil sual titute manchhuah, ramsha taka buhrang man chhua leh dan phal lohva ramngaw hausaka thitlakranna kawng bakah ralthuam, hriamhrei, hmanrua, thuamhnaw, lirthei etc. man chhua kawnga thu/thil pawimawh hriattir theiu hnaa lawmm pawisa fai pek hi tul tihn a awm bawk a.

Tichuan a chunga thil tarlante atanga thil lang chiang tak leh Section 64 bakah section 60A & 60B of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 awmze thilir chungin leh, section 42 of the Mizoram (Forest) Act, 1955 in thuneiha a pek angin Governor of Mizoram chuan ramngaw leh nungcha humhalhna Dan hrang hrangte hnuai thil sual titu man chhua, laksak, Dan bawchhchetu
confiscations for violations of forest and wildlife laws as well as to a person who renders service or assistance in detection, arrest and seizure for committing forest and wildlife crimes.

1. Short title, extent and commencement:
1) This scheme may be called the Mizoram Rewards for Detection of Forest and Wildlife Offence Scheme, 2019. 
2) It shall extent to the whole of Mizoram. 
3) It shall come into force with effect from the date of their publication in the Mizoram Gazette. 

2. Definitions:
In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires.
a) “CF” means the Conservator of Forests, Government of Mizoram;
b) “CWLW” means the Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Mizoram;
c) “DFO” means Divisional Forest Officer/Deputy Conservator of Forests of territorial/wildlife division and includes Field Director of Dampa Tiger Reserve under the Government of Mizoram;
d) “Forest produce” means a forest produce as defined in the Mizoram (Forest) Act, 1955;
e) “Offence” means an offense of crime punishable under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the Mizoram (Forest) Act, 1955 and the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;
f) “Offender” means a person who committed an offense punishable under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the Mizoram (Forest) Act, 1955 and the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;
g) “PCCF” means the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Mizoram;
h) “Person” includes an individual, group of individuals, a body, a non-government organization (NGO) or a society;
i) “RFO” means Range Forest Officer or Range Officer of the Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department, Government of Mizoram;
j) “Wild animal” means all such species of wild animals other than vermin listed in Schedule IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972;
k) “Wild Animal” means all such species of wild animals other than vermin listed in Schedule IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972;
3. Person eligible for reward:
1) Any person who provides actionable first-hand information that leads to an arrest, criminal conviction, penalty, seizure and/or confiscation of forest produce, wildlife article and/or property, tools, weapons used for commission of the offense (hereinafter referred to as informant or informer) shall be eligible to get rewards under this scheme.

2) Any person renders service or assistance in detection of an offense, in apprehension of offender or in the seizure of forest produce or wildlife article as well as arms, weapons, tools, equipment, vehicle etc. used in committing the offense shall also be eligible to get rewards under this scheme provided that the offender or seized articles are brought to book.

4. Persons not eligible for rewards:
1) Any person who furnishes information or renders service or assistance in the detection of offence or seizure or arrest but is involved in the commission of the offense in ineligible for such rewards under this scheme.

2) Any officer or employee of the Government of Mizoram who furnishes information or renders service or assistance in the performance of his official duties is ineligible for payment of reward under this scheme.

5. Furnishing of information about occurrence of forest and wildlife crime/offence:
1) Any person who detects or comes across an offence being committed or already committed may, in the interest of forest and wildlife conservation, report or furnish information with supporting evidence and photographs, if any, about the occurrence of an offence in writing or through WhatsApp message or email to the officials of the Forest Department under whose jurisdiction the offense was committed.

2) To facilitate reporting of such offence cases, the Forest Department will furnish the name, contact number and email id of the concerned officials in the official website and to the President of the concerned Village Council.

3. Danin a pawm theih china lawmman pek theihte:
1) Mi tupawh. Dan bawhchhetu man chhuahnaa thiam loh chanti, lei chawina, man leh/emaw ramngaw rah chhuah, ramsa taks bung hrang leh/emaw bungrua, hotute thuneihma hmanga chhuhsak, hmanrua, hriamhrei thih sual tih nana an hman man/hriatchhuah chungchanga thil pawimawh hriattir theitute (hemi hnuah chuan thil hriltu tiin sawi zel a ni tawh ang) chu he ruahmanna hnaia lawmman pek theihe ni.

2) Mi tupawh, thil sual titu man chhuahna kawnga th thawhtu emaw, tanpuitu emaw, ramngaw rah chhuah emaw, ramsa taks bung hrang bahak hriamhrei, ralthuam, hmanrua, thuamhnaw, lirthei etc. man chhuahna thil pawimawh hriattir theitute hnenah lawmman hi pek theihe ni a ni; amaherawchhu, thil sual titu emaw bungraw mante cha-chhuah emaw thuneitu hmaa thiamthu sawi tura koh a ni chauhvin.

4. Lawmman pek tlak lohte:
1) Mi tupawh, thil tisualtu man chhuah kawnga th thawh ve emaw, tanpui ve emaw pawh ni se, chu thil sual tiinaa inhunammawh a, tel ve site chu he ruahmanaaah hian lawmman pek theih a ni lo.

2) Mizoram sawkar hnaia hawk, thil sual titute man chhuah kawnga thil pawimawh hriattitru leh, mahni tha thawhtu pawh nise, a eizawmna hna a thawhna anih avangin he ruahmanaaah hian lawmman pek theih a ni lo.

5. Ramngaw leh nungcha humhalhna Dan bawhchhetu awm hrihhrirat chungchang:
1) Ramngaw leh nungcha humhalh turin mi tupawhin Dan bawhchhia an awm thu a hria emaw anih chuan thil sual tiinaa hmun bialtu Forest Department-a thawkute hnenah ziakin emaw, whastapp message-in emaw, emial id-in emaw, a thu hriat tichang /nemghet thei tur thil leh thhalak a thawn thin tur a ni.

2) Dan bawhchhetu an awm tih hrihhrirat zung zung an nih theih nan Forest Department-in Mizoram hmun hrang hrang bialtute hming, biak pawh theihna telephone number leh an e-mail id te Department official website ah te, khaw hrang hrang Village Council President leh (Dan Khwel a) bawhchh a, thil sual titu emaw pawh ni se.
6. Follow-up action on the report of occurrence of the offence:

1) The DFO/Range Forest Officer, on receipt of the lead/report/information about occurrence of the offence, will immediately take follow-up action and it will be the duty of the DFO to ensure that the offence case, if found genuine, is taken up and brought to book as per relevant laws in force within the shortest possible time.

2) In case the occurrence of the offence was already reported by any other person earlier and the required follow-up action already initiated, the DFO/RFO will inform the same to the informant.

3) The DFO/RFO shall keep record about the particulars of the informant and details about the offence/offenders/ seizures to facilitate follow-up action and verification when the claim for reward is received at a later date.

7. Application for claim of reward:

1) An eligible person who, in the interest of forest and wildlife conservation, furnished actionable first-hand information about occurrence of the offense may submit application in plain paper for claim of reward to the DFO/RFO concerned giving the following details within 30 (thirty) days of furnishing the information to the DFO/RFO –
   (i) Nature/type and details of offence detected;
   (ii) Time of detection of the offence;
   (iii) Location or place of occurrence/detection of the offence;
   (iv) Name of offender(s), if known;
   (v) Time and mode of furnishing information to forest official and name and designation of forest official to whom information was furnished;
   (vi) Name, contact number and address of witness, if any;
   (vii) Supporting documents/evidence/photographs;
   (viii) Name, address, contact number and bank account number of the claimant.

2) An eligible person who, in the interest of forest and wildlife conservation, renders service in apprehending the offenders, seizure of forest produce/wildlife article and any property used in the commission of such offence may submit application for reward.

6. Dan bawhchhetu an awm thu hrilhrhriet hnuah bawhzhui chungchhang:

1) DFO/Range Forest Officer-ten Dan bawhchhia an awm thu hrilhrhriet an nih veleih an bawhzhui nghal tur a ni a, an thu dawn chu a rintlak anih chuan Dan hrang hrang tawlwhchhanin thil sulaititu chu a hma thei ang berin an man chhuak tur a ni.

2) An thu dawn chu a hmain midang hnen atanga an lo hriot tawh a, hma an lo lak mekna thil a nih chuan DFO/RFO te chuan thu hrilhru an hrilh veleih mai tur a ni.

3) Lawmmman hmu tura dilna hi tlay khawhnmu deuha dawn anih pahl pawha bawhzhui anih theih nan DFO/RFO te chuan an thu dawn hrilhru chanchin te, eng thil sual nge/thil sualtitu/thil laksak te kimchang takin an chhinchhiah fel thlap tur a ni.

7. Lawmmman la thei tura dilna chungchhang:

1) Ramngaw leh nungcha humhalh duh vanga thil bawhzhui tlak DFO/RFO te hnen hrilhr hretu chuan thuneitu hnen a thil hriot a hrilh atanga ni 30 (samthum) chhunbing lehkhau pangngai hmanga ziaikin a hnuahia thil pawimawhte a tarlan hnuah lawmmman per tura dilna DFO/RFO te hnenah a thehlu thei ang –
   (i) Dan bawhchhiaatna kimchang;
   (ii) Dan bawhchhiaatna an man chhuah hun;
   (iii) Thil sual tiha hmun;
   (iv) Thil sualtitu hming, hriot theih anih cuan;
   (v) Forest Department thuneitute hnenah hrilhrhriet hun leh hriahhriat dan hmang leh an thu lo dawngsawngtu hming leh hnanathaw hmung;
   (vi) Thuhretu hming, biak pawh theihna telephone number leh address, a awm anih cuan;
   (vii) An thu hriahhriat thichangtu lehkhau/fiahna thubaia thuhretu thusawi/thlalak;
   (viii) Lawmmman diltu hming, address, biakpawh theihna number leh Bank Account number;

2) Danin a phal anga ramngaw leh nungcha humhalhnaa thil sual titu man chhuah kawng mahni tha thawh, ramngaw rahchhuah/nungcha taksa bung hrang leh hmanraw hman man chhuahnaa DFO/RFO te
to the DFO/RFO concerned giving the following details within 30 (thirty) days of such seizure or apprehension of the offender –

(i) Nature/type and details of offence detected;
(ii) Time of detection of the offence;
(iii) Location or place of occurrence/detection of the offence;
(iv) Name, father’s name and address of offenders apprehended, if any;
(v) List and details of articles/properties seized, if any;
(vi) Date and place of handing over the offenders and seized articles to forest official, and name and designation of forest official to whom the offenders/seized articles were handed over;
(vii) Name & address of persons/officials who made the seizure/arrest;
(viii) Expenditure incurred for detection/seizure/arrest with supporting vouchers/documents;
(ix) Supporting documents/evidence/photographs;
(x) Name, address, contact number and bank account number of the claimant.

8. Procedure for processing the claim for reward:

1) On receipt of claim for the reward, the RFO shall examine and verify about the genuineness of the claim with his record, if the claim is found genuine, he will forward the application/claim with his report indicating the action taken by him in column 3 of Annexure to the DFO within 10 days of receipt of the claim.

2) The DFO will then examine the matter and forward the claim with his comments/remarks including the action taken by him on the offence case in column 4 of Annexure to the CF concerned for his decision in case of forest official.

3) The CF will then examine the claim and forward it to the DFO/RFO concerned giving the following details within 30 (thirty) days of such seizure or apprehension of the offender –

(i) Dan bawhchhiatna kimchhang;
(ii) Dan bawhchhiatna an man chhuah hun;
(iii) Thil sual tihna hmun;
(iv) Thil sualtitu hmimg, pa hmimg leh address, a awm thei ani hluan;
(v) Thil man chhuah kimchhang, a awm ani hluan;
(vi) Thil sual titu man chhuah leh thil man chhuah Forest Department htena hlanchhawn ni leh a hmun leh a la dawngsawngtu hmimg leh hnhathaw hmimg;
(vii) Mimal/Department-a thawk thil sual titute manchhuaktu hmimg leh address;
(viii) Thil sualtitu man chhuahnaa pawisa senso zat, vouchers leh documents thil telin;
(ix) An thu hrilhhriat tichiangtu lehkha/fiahna thubuaia thuhrretu thusawi/thlalak;
(x) Lawmmman diltu hmimg, address, baiakpaw theihna number leh Bank Account number;

8. Lawmmman hmu tura dilna bawhzui chungchang:

1) Lawmmman hmu tura dilna RFO in a dawn atanga ni 10 (sawmthum) chhungin chu dilna rintlakza leh amahin a bawhzui & fihnaha hrang hrang nen Annexure column 3 anga thil pawimawh a tarlan hnuah bialtu DFO hnenah a thawn chhawng thin tur a ni;

2) RFO hnen atanga thil awmdan hrilhhriatna DFO-in a dawn chu lo endikin, chu dilna chungchanga a ngaihdan leh amahin a bawhzui dan Annexure column 4 hminga tarlangin bialtu CF hnenah ramngaw humhalh chungchanga ngaihdan a lo siam theih nan leh/emaw ramsa humhalhnaa Dan bawhchhiatna chungchang chu CWLW in ngaihdan a lo siam theih nan chu dilna chu report a dawn atanga ni 10 (sawmthum) chhungin a thawn chhawng leh ang.
decision in case of wildlife offence case within 10 days of receipt of the report.

3) The CWLW or the CF, as the case maybe, on receipt of the claim for the reward with the report/comments from the RFO/DFO, shall examine the case and convey his decision/sanction to the DFO concerned and the decision shall be final.

4) On receipt of sanction for the reward from the CWLW or CF concerned, the concerned DFO will make payment of the sanctioned amount to the successful claimant through account payee cheque/electronic transfer.

5) Name of the informant shall be kept confidential.

9. Fund provision:

1) A budgetary provision up to Rs. 10.00 lakh per annum may be allocated for the scheme in the regular budget at the beginning of financial year.

10. Admissible rate of reward:

1) Reward to the eligible person/claimant shall be sanctioned at the rates given below subject to availability of funds @Rs.1000/- to Rs 10,000/- for minor cases and Rs 10,000/- to Rs 20,000/- at major cases.

Principal Secretary to the Government of Mizoram
Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department
### Verification Report on Claim of Reward by Forest & Wildlife Whistleblowers

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**Signature of RFO**
Name: 
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**Signature of DFO**
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Note: DFO May indicate amount of fine, compounding fee, sale proceed, etc on the seized properties/articles.