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Pakistan Wildlife Foundation (PWF) is a Non-profit Conservation Organization set up under Section 42 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984. The Foundation was incorporated with Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) in October 2010 under the Corporate Universal Identification No. 0073723. PWF is governed by a Board of Directors supported by a Technical Advisory Committee.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There are four directors / promoters of Pakistan Wildlife Foundation, two based at its head office in Islamabad and two at its regional office in Lahore.

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| 1. Dr. Abdul Aleem Chaudhry | Patron in Chief |
| 2. Prof. Zahid Baig Mirza | President |
| 3. Syed Ahmed Shah | Director |
| 4. Mr. Waseem Ahmad Khan | Chairman |

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

The role of the committee is to advise the Board of Directors on conservation issues, recent trends in wildlife conservation and management issues within the organization. The Technical Advisory Committee of Pakistan Wildlife Foundation comprises of 15 members from the Academia representing all provinces of Pakistan, State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJ&K), Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), Federal Capital Territory and Provincial Forests and Wildlife Departments .

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| 1. Dr. A. A. Quraishy | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq | Member |
| 3. Mr. Abdul Aziz Khan | Member |
| 4. Prof. Dr. Salman Akbar Malik | Member |
| 5. Malik Aulia Khan | Member |
| 6. Prof. Muhammad Siddique Awan | Member |
| 7. Mr. Javaid Ayub | Member |
| 8. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhtar | Member |
| 9. Mr. Muhammad Naeem Bhatti | Member |
| 10. Dr. Atif Yaqub | Member |
| 11. Mr. Saeed Akhtar Baloch | Member |
| 12. Dr. Rukhsana Tariq | Member |
| 13. Dr. Abdul Matin | Member |
| 14. Dr. Mohammad Ather Rafi | Member |
| 15. Mr. Ahmer Mujtaba | Secretary |

MISSION

The mission of the organization is “to educate the masses in the country regarding biodiversity, environment and social issues with a view to changing their attitudes towards positive, sensible and responsible actions towards nature”.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Foundation are to help protect, preserve, conserve, manage and sustainably utilize wildlife and their habitats in the country and to provide a platform for the public in general and the professionals in particular to share their wildlife related experiences and ideas and make these accessible to students, researchers, policy makers, administrators and general public.

SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

Besides individual members, Pakistan Wildlife Foundation has the support of many organizations, academia, research institutes and the corporate sector. Following is a list of the partners and supporters of Pakistan Wildlife Foundation;

1. Quaid-e- Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan
2. Pakistan Agriculture Research Council, Islamabad, Pakistan
3. University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan
4. University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan
5. University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan
6. Azad Jammu & Kashmir University, Muzaffarabad, Pakistan
7. AJ & K Fish and Wildlife Department, Muzaffarabad, Pakistan
8. Punjab Wildlife & Parks Department, Punjab, Pakistan
9. Punjab Forest Department, Government of Punjab, Pakistan
10. Sindh Wildlife Department, Government of Sindh, Pakistan
11. WWF- Pakistan
12. Directorate of Environment, Capital Development Authority, Islamabad
13. Balochistan Forests and Wildlife Department, Quetta
14. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Forests and Wildlife Department, Peshawar

ACTIVITIES

A. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Wildlife of Pakistan

(A Bi-monthly and Bi-lingual Magazine)

Pakistan Wildlife Foundation has launched a bi-lingual and bi-monthly magazine; *Wildlife of Pakistan* in order to disseminate wildlife related news, issues, ideas and information for wildlife lovers in the country and abroad and to provide a platform for nature lovers, university students and researchers to share their wildlife related experiences. The magazine also serves as a medium to propagate the achievements and land marks of provincial wildlife departments and help develop interest among youth of the country towards wildlife and nature conservation. The best article of the year published in *Wildlife of Pakistan* is awarded a cash prize and a certificate of appreciation to inculcate an interest in communicating among wildlife lovers and young writers.

Pakistan Journal of Wildlife

(A peer-reviewed research journal)

Pakistan Wildlife Foundation has launched a bi-annual peer-reviewed research journal; *Pakistan Journal of Wildlife*. Publication of a research article in a peer-reviewed research journal costs in thousands which is beyond the capacity of our young scientists. Publishing a research or review article or a short communication in *Pakistan Journal of Wildlife* is free of cost and hence, a support to the young scientists and researchers. This is also an initiative to publicize any wildlife related research that remained unpublished due to shortage of financial resources.

Pakistan Wildlife Colloquium

Pakistan Wildlife Foundation aims to organize annual WILDLIFE COLLOQUIA in collaboration with universities and wildlife departments. The objective of such colloquia is to provide a platform for the wildlife and nature lovers of the country to share their wildlife related experiences with others and an opportunity for the young scientists to learn from experiences of their seniors. The first International PAKISTAN WILDLIFE COLLOQUIUM is planned in November 2011 jointly by Pakistan Wildlife Foundation and University of the Punjab. The Colloquium will be of two days duration where in different sessions popular as well as research articles could be presented. Besides, in a brainstorming session, wildlife lovers could share their wildlife related experiences.

Dr. A. A. Quraishy Wildlife Data Resource Center (WDRC)

To support the researchers, young scientists, university students and wildlife lovers, Pakistan Wildlife Foundation has established a Wildlife Data Resource Center at its head office in Islamabad where around 5000 books, research journals, magazines and a number of research articles, wildlife survey reports and unpublished documents of different wildlife departments and conservation organizations are available. The WDRC has been named after Dr. A. A. Quraishy in recognition of his lifelong (1953 to date) contributions towards wildlife conservation in Pakistan.

B. WILDLIFE TALKS

Pakistan Wildlife Foundation has launched a series of informal meetings and brainstorming sessions for wildlife lovers in Pakistan as an activity to achieve its mission of educating the masses in the country regarding biodiversity. WILDLIFE TALKS is the platform whereby the Young Scientists, wildlife lovers, managers and policy makers of the country meet the senior scientists and wildlife ecologists and get benefited through advisory and suggestions of the seniors and learn about recent trends in wildlife conservation.

WILDLIFE TALKS are being organized regularly in different cities in Pakistan jointly with different universities and wildlife departments. Three such meetings have so far been organized. The first on May 4, 2011 jointly with University of the Punjab at the Department of Zoology; University of the Punjab, Lahore; Second on May 21, 2011 jointly with University of Arid Agriculture, Rawalpindi and the third jointly with AJ&K University, Muzaffarabad. Hundreds of university students, wildlife lovers, managers and policy makers have benefited through the wildlife talks.

C. WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTERS

In order to protect and implement animal rights in Pakistan, Pakistan Wildlife Foundation has taken the initiative to rescue different wildlife species throughout the country through its field biologists, members and veterinarians. Three Wildlife Rescue Centers have so far been established in Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi that work in collaboration with provincial wildlife departments. Twelve volunteers are available for wildlife rescue with Wildlife Rescue Squad of Pakistan Wildlife Foundation.

ACTIVITIES

D. WILDLIFE TRAINING COURSES

Pakistan Wildlife Foundation offers a wide range of short courses related to wildlife and wildlife habitats and their conservation and management through distant learning. Each course is of 3-months duration including a written test, a viva voce and one-day orientation workshop. Study material is sent to the students in three parts/assignments; one part per month along with a questionnaire. The study material is in English language however, a few courses are available in both English and Urdu languages. After receiving all the three assignments, a written test and one-day evaluation workshop is organized and certificates are awarded to the successful students. Following is the list of available courses:

1. Introduction to Eco-systems of Pakistan
2. Principles of Animal Taxonomy
3. Vegetation Survey Techniques
4. Ichthyological Survey Techniques
5. Herpetological Survey Techniques
6. Bird Watching and Ornithological Survey Techniques
7. Small Mammals Survey Techniques
8. Large Mammals Survey Techniques
9. Fundamentals of Herpetology
10. Fundamentals of Ornithology
11. Fundamentals of Mammalogy
12. Natural History Museology and Taxidermy
13. Fundamentals of Ecology / Environmental Biology
14. Fundamentals of Zoogeography
15. Fundamentals of Palaeontology
16. Wildlife Population Assessment Techniques
17. Wildlife Habitat Analysis
18. Wildlife Damage Control
19. Wildlife Photography Techniques
20. Zoo Management
21. Animal Behavior and Adaptations
22. Climate Change and Adaptations
23. Environmental Management
24. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
25. GIS and Remote Sensing
26. Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)

E. YOUNG SCIENTISTS TRAINING

Pakistan Wildlife Foundation offers three types of internships to school, college and university students

1. Degree Base Internship

This 6-8 weeks internship provides a platform and an opportunity to university students who require such internship as a compulsory part of their degree. Pakistan Wildlife Foundation has signed MoUs with different universities and accommodates a number of students each year.

2. PWF Paid Internship

Pakistan Wildlife Foundation offers 6-week to 3-months paid internship to such university students who have completed their degrees or waiting for the results. Internships are according to the requirements of the foundation.

3. Eco-internship

This is a field oriented one-week internship. The internees are taken to different protected areas in the country. A biodiversity specialist, a medical specialist and two security guards accompany each group and the internees are trained for species identification, census methods, tracking, marking, camping and First-Aid. The internees are given certificates after evaluation in the field through MCQs. Eco-internship is of two types:

a) Eco-internship for Earth-watch volunteers

Students of secondary and higher secondary education are accommodated that have interest in Nature and wildlife.

b) Eco-Internship for Young Scientists

Students of bachelors, masters, M. Phil and PhD of relevant fields are accommodated.

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F. WILDLIFE SAFARI

Pakistan hosts a wide range of ecosystems / habitat types and associated biological diversity due to its unique geographical and climatic conditions. There are snow covered peaks, permanent snow fields, lush green as well as barren mountains, forests, irrigated plains, riverine tracts, sand dunes and deserts and coastal areas. Pakistan Wildlife Foundation has provided a platform and an opportunity for the NATURE LOVERS in Pakistan and abroad to explore the nature and natural wealth of the country and observe and enjoy the outstanding scenery, natural landscape, majestic and awe-inspiring places, natural flora and fauna in their natural states through WILDLIFE SAFARI IN PAKISTAN.

Students, nature lovers and family groups from all over Pakistan are welcome to join Wildlife Safari to explore wildlife of Pakistan in different Protected Areas in Pakistan. Wildlife Safari visits are organized in northern colder regions of Pakistan during hot summers and southern plains during winters. Participants have the choice of staying at hotels or enjoy camping in the wild. Food, transport, security and first-aid facilities are provided.

G. AWARDS and APPRECIATION CERTIFICATES

Pakistan Wildlife Foundation in recognition of the contributions of individuals towards nature conservation will confirm their excellence through different awards and appreciation certificates. The objectives behind these awards are to motivate researchers, young scientists and wildlife lovers and admire their efforts for nature conservation. These awards and certificates are awarded during PAKISTAN WILDLIFE COLLOQUIA each year. Awards for the year 2011 will be presented in November/December 2011 during the first International PAKISTAN WILDLIFE COLLOQUIUM. Different awards include:

- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Conservationist of the Year Award 2011
- Young Scientist of the Year Award 2011
- Best Research Article Award 2011
- Best Popular Article Award 2011

H. DNA BASED ANIMAL CLASSIFICATION

Wildlife species of Pakistan have been classified on the basis of their morphological characters resulting into some confusions at species and subspecies level, especially among mammalian and avian species. Using the latest techniques of DNA sequencing, Pakistan Wildlife Foundation has taken the initiative of DNA based classification of wildlife fauna of Pakistan. It will be a major shift in research on wildlife and a thrust to remove the confusions in animal classification made on the basis of morphological characters. As a pilot project / test case, Hog Deer (*Axis porcinus*) and Smooth coated otter (*Lutrogale perspicillata*) are being studied in collaboration with Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad.

I. WILDLIFE VIDEOGRAPHY

Wildlife videos are a good source of understanding animal biology and behavior but unfortunately little attention and least interest is observed in Pakistan towards wildlife videography. Pakistan Wildlife Foundation, under its Media and IT Unit has established a setup for videography equipped with latest equipments and a team of professional videographers. The objectives are to record and document video graphic evidences of different wildlife species, make videos of different protected areas of Pakistan and to utilize these tools and sources for education and raising awareness among the young scientists, researchers and nature lovers.

J. CONSULTANCY SERVICES

To meet the expenses of different conversational activities like capacity building and training workshops, wildlife seminars and conferences, stipends and scholarships for young scientists etc. Pakistan Wildlife Foundation offers consultancy services for:

- Wildlife Surveys and Monitoring
- Ecological Studies
- Socio Economic Surveys
- Wildlife Damage Control
- Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA)
- Sociological Impact Assessments (SIA)
- Initial Environmental Examination (IEE)
- Training of Trainers for Wildlife and Allied Departments

ACTIVITIES

Highly qualified and experienced wildlife managers, ecologists, biologists, sociologists and environmentalists are available with Pakistan Wildlife Foundation. The core of experts includes;

1. Dr. Abdul Aleem Chaudhry (Ecology, Forestry, Mammalogy)
2. Prof. Z. B. Mirza (Ornithology, Ecology, Natural History Museology)
3. Mr. Waseem Ahmad Khan (Mammalogy, Herpetology)
4. Mr. Abdul Aziz Khan (Wildlife Damage Control)
5. Mr. Ahmer Mujtaba (Environmental Science)
6. Prof. Dr. Salman Akbar Malik (Genetics and Molecular Biology)
7. Prof. Dr. Mohammad Sharif Khan (Herpetology)
8. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhtar (Paeleontology)
9. Dr. Rehmatullah Qureshi (Plant Taxonomy)
10. Dr. Asad Ghufuran (Plant Taxonomy)
11. Dr. Abdul Khaliq (Forestry)
12. Dr. Mohammad Ramzan Mirza (Systematics and Fish Taxonomy)
13. Dr. Mohammad Shafique Ahmad (Fish Biology)
14. Dr. Atif Yaqub (Animal Behavior)
15. Mr. Abdul Qadeer Mehal (Captive Breeding)
16. Dr. Iftikhar Hussain (Wildlife Food Habit Analysis)
17. Mr. Ghulam Rasool Mughal (Wildlife Photography)
18. Mr. Muhammad Asif Ghumman (Biometrics)
19. Mr. Mustafa Sarwar Abbasi (GIS and Remote Sensing)
20. Dr. Bashir Ahmed Tahir (Social Science)
21. Dr. Muhammad Siddique Awan (Animal Ecology)
22. Dr. A. A. Quraishy (Zoo Management)
23. Ms. Bushra Nisar Khan (Zoo Management)
24. Dr. Muhammad Moazzam Khan (Marine Biology)
25. Dr. Muhammad Ather Rafi (Insect Biodiversity)
26. Dr. Muhammad Irshad (Biological Control of Insect)
27. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nasim Siddiqi (Parasitology, Fisheries)

K. ENHANCING FOREST COVER

Under Millennium Development Goals, Pakistan is committed to increase its forest cover up to 1 % by 2015. Pakistan Wildlife Foundation shall endeavor to play its part in fulfilling this National Commitment by mobilizing communities in forestry activities. As a test case of private – public partnership in forestry, Pakistan Wildlife Foundation is working with stakeholders in Chiniot District, Punjab Province to plant different trees at 500 acre of forest land which is currently without any forest cover.

L. MEMBERSHIP

Pakistan Wildlife Foundation offers membership to students, teachers, researchers, scientists, managers, policy makers administrators and nature lovers in the following categories;

Life Fellows

Individuals preferably scientists, senior biologists, ecologists, managers, policy makers administrators and environmentalists having some research publications or relevant experience

Fellows

Individuals preferably scientists, researchers, teachers and M. Phil. and Ph. D. scholars having at least one research publication or relevant experience

Young Scientists

Students of B.Sc., B.Sc. (Hons.), M.Sc., M. Phil. and Ph. D.

Earthwatch Volunteers / Eco-Interns

Students of Matric, F.Sc., O and A Levels

Honorary Members

Retired professionals from Wildlife Departments, Forest Departments, Universities and other conservation organizations

General Members

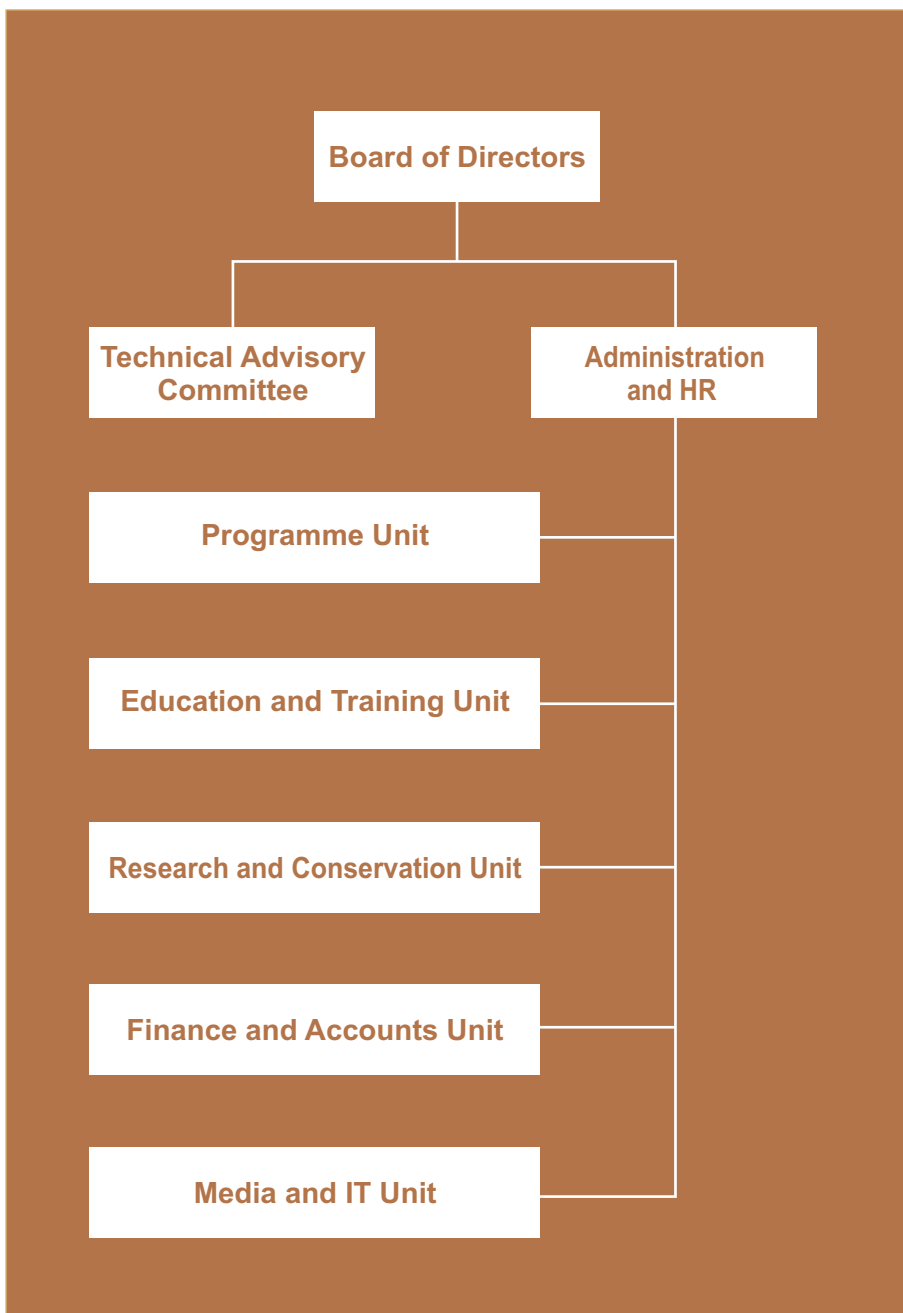
Conservationists and Nature lovers

Corporate Members

Organizations, industries and business entities

Note: Incentives are different for different categories

ORGANIZATION



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