

CBSG RSG V, SAZARC VIII, Gir Tour I

ZOO/WILD/Kamla Nehru Zoo-AMC/Forest Dept of Gujarat/GEER Foundation, 29 Jan-6 Feb 2008



Some highlights and achievements of our CBSG/RSG/SAZARC event

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We conducted a CBSG RSG meeting with explanations of both specialist groups and meaningful working groups on increasing prey base in satellite lion areas, Gharial and Leopard conflict.



We had participants, resource persons and policy makers for zoo legislation from seven countries.



We had excellent presentations on zoo legislation from all the countries as well as South Africa and U.K.



We had Dr. Brij Gupta of Central Zoo Authority India, who spent a whole day expertly reviewing the Indian zoo legislation scenario for the South Asian zoo participants. Indian zoo directors delivered presentations on their experience with CZA.



We had Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh representation and all came out with an appropriate action plan for their country.



We had a request from the zoos that SAZARC could be useful to them in finalising the process.



We had a request for SAZARC to adopt official SAZARC Standards based on the WAZA zoo improvement tool.



We had a meeting at the office of Gujarat's dynamic Chief Minister spent one full hour speaking with us.



We had a tour to Gir Forest and saw Gir lions in the wild and in captivity at the Safari Park maintained adjacent to Gir.



We had a wonderful discussion on Gir's management with the Conservator of Forest at the Forest Rest House.



We visited the Ashoka Stone and were inspired by this first official document on animal welfare, where Ashoka declares "abstention from killing animals, abstention from hurting living beings"



We visited the 140 year old Sakkarbaug Zoo founded for displaced Gir Lions, and saw their amazing new enclosures.



We decided to hold next SAZARC in Sri Lanka and elected an Additional Secretary with much zoo exposure and interest as our President for the year.

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