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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
Environment Department  
Prani Sampad Bhawan, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, LB-2, Sector-III,  
Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700106

No. 507-EN/T-II-7/003-ii/2003

Date : 10.03.2023

**NOTIFICATION**

WHEREAS the Amkhoi Wood Fossil Park near Ilambazar, Birbhum, is a site of past pre-eminence of biological components represented by fossil beds and is the first Wood Fossil Park of West Bengal. The site has unique geological and paleo-botanical features with diversified well-preserved angiosperm wood fossils dating back to Jurassic age. Besides, the site harbors a number of age-old trees, which provide habitat for different kinds of fauna, including many Scheduled species as per Indian Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Act, 2022.

AND WHEREAS to strengthen the biodiversity conservation in the Amkhoi Wood Fossil Park, the State Government, upon recommendation of the West Bengal Biodiversity Board has felt it necessary to declare the area as the the Amkhoi Wood Fossil Park Biodiversity Heritage Site.

AND WHEREAS the collection of species of plants, animals and microbes from the Amkhoi Wood Fossil Park requires to be regulated as per the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and West Bengal Biological Diversity Rules, 2005.

AND WHEREAS the office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, West Bengal has proposed to declare the Amkhoi Wood Fossil Park as Biodiversity Heritage Site.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub section (1) of section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and sub-rule (2) of rule 20 of the West Bengal Biological Diversity Rules, 2005, the Governor is hereby pleased to declare the Amkhoi Wood Fossil Park as the Amkhoi Wood Fossil Park Biodiversity Heritage Site.

The details of the area and boundary of the Amkhoi Wood Fossil Park Biodiversity Heritage Site is given below :-

**AMKHOI WOOD FOSSIL PARK BIODIVERSITY HERITAGE SITE**

**The Area covered :**

**Forest Beat :** Illambazar. **Forest Range :** Bolpur, **Forest Division :** Birbhum, **Block :** Illambazar, **District :** Birbhum,  
**Area :** 10 hectares

**GPS co-ordinates of the Amkhoi Wood Fossil Park Biodiversity Heritage Site**

The boundaries of the Biodiversity Heritage Site are subtended by GPS co-ordinates mentioned below :

Waypoint	Latitude (° N)	Longitude (° E)	Waypoint	Latitude (° N)	Longitude (° E)	Waypoint	Latitude (° N)	Longitude (° E)
1	23.622272	87.588211	40	23.621310	87.590494	79	23.623856	87.589368
2	23.622178	87.588197	41	23.621492	87.590518	80	23.623916	87.589259
3	23.621996	87.588183	42	23.621584	87.590520	81	23.623947	87.589195
4	23.621776	87.588149	43	23.621675	87.590536	82	23.623890	87.589086
5	23.621490	87.588087	44	23.621855	87.590560	83	23.623824	87.588974
6	23.621311	87.588070	45	23.622028	87.590600	84	23.623754	87.588893
7	23.620995	87.588001	46	23.622099	87.590606	85	23.623696	87.588844
8	23.620730	87.587969	47	23.622222	87.590626	86	23.623622	87.588784
9	23.620486	87.587925	48	23.622397	87.590644	87	23.623531	87.588709
10	23.620329	87.587890	49	23.622469	87.590654	88	23.623486	87.588674
11	23.620326	87.588032	50	23.622574	87.590663	89	23.623487	87.588615
12	23.620316	87.588154	51	23.622713	87.590683	90	23.623477	87.588582
13	23.620296	87.588263	52	23.622802	87.590687	91	23.623490	87.588598
14	23.620267	87.588385	53	23.622890	87.590699	92	23.623479	87.588589
15	23.620256	87.588525	54	23.622967	87.590712	93	23.623475	87.588567
16	23.620230	87.588630	55	23.623162	87.590737	94	23.623468	87.588546
17	23.620203	87.588732	56	23.623281	87.590757	95	23.623445	87.588521
18	23.620176	87.588842	57	23.623485	87.590797	96	23.623431	87.588503
19	23.620144	87.588936	58	23.623499	87.590678	97	23.623389	87.588464
20	23.620118	87.589061	59	23.623513	87.590510	98	23.623384	87.588410
21	23.620097	87.589162	60	23.623528	87.590389	99	23.623400	87.588384
22	23.620076	87.589262	61	23.623463	87.590332	100	23.623413	87.588341
23	23.620071	87.589329	62	23.623378	87.590275	101	23.623331	87.588334
24	23.620039	87.589463	63	23.623252	87.590166	102	23.623264	87.588312
25	23.620001	87.589581	64	23.623183	87.590092	103	23.623167	87.588299
26	23.619946	87.589735	65	23.623220	87.590031	104	23.623097	87.588259
27	23.619938	87.589848	66	23.623269	87.589932	105	23.623171	87.588138
28	23.619919	87.589966	67	23.623329	87.589810	106	23.623154	87.588121
29	23.619892	87.590079	68	23.623357	87.589787	107	23.623134	87.588116
30	23.619856	87.590255	69	23.623486	87.589764	108	23.623122	87.588106
31	23.619943	87.590262	70	23.623527	87.589731	109	23.623133	87.588048
32	23.620091	87.590273	71	23.623524	87.589673	110	23.623121	87.588033
33	23.620165	87.590286	72	23.623539	87.589650	111	23.623105	87.588016
34	23.620327	87.590317	73	23.623580	87.589582	112	23.623106	87.587943
35	23.620451	87.590342	74	23.623626	87.589555	113	23.623071	87.587920
36	23.620637	87.590380	75	23.623703	87.589579	114	23.623033	87.587899
37	23.620800	87.590398	76	23.623793	87.589600	115	23.622892	87.587825
38	23.620980	87.590422	77	23.623837	87.589550	116	23.622794	87.587784
39	23.621178	87.590465	78	23.623841	87.589479	117	23.622715	87.587750

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118	23.622671	87.587737	127	23.622322	87.587825	136	23.622306	87.588065
119	23.622632	87.587720	128	23.622326	87.587845	137	23.622314	87.588083
120	23.622577	87.587704	129	23.622335	87.587858	138	23.622321	87.588100
121	23.622524	87.587685	130	23.622281	87.587907	139	23.622321	87.588105
122	23.622481	87.587669	131	23.622230	87.587966	140	23.622312	87.588124
123	23.622333	87.587644	132	23.622220	87.587998	141	23.622308	87.588137
124	23.622321	87.587714	133	23.622263	87.588014	142	23.622299	87.588161
125	23.622323	87.587749	134	23.622281	87.588034	143	23.622291	87.588182
126	23.622316	87.587792	135	23.622295	87.588049	144	23.622272	87.588211

Management of the BHS shall be done by the Directorate of Forests, Government of West Bengal in consultation with the West Bengal Biodiversity Board.

This notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in *The Kolkata Gazette*.

By Order of the Governor,

ROSHNI SEN

*Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal*