

Stakeholder Consultation on National Action Plan for Human-Wildlife Conflict organized by ICAR-NAARM

ICAR-NAARM organized a National Stakeholder Consultation jointly with GIZ-India, Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), New Delhi in hybrid mode at Bangalore on September 18, 2021 to elicit the views of various stakeholders / experts on the National Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation Strategy and Action Plan (HWC-NAP) and Guidelines for Key Species. The draft documents were developed by GIZ and MoEFCC under the Indo-German Technical Cooperation Project on ‘Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation in India’.

In his opening remarks, Dr. P. Krishnan, Principal Scientist, ICAR- NAARM contextualized the significance of this theme to the agricultural sector and highlighted that the agricultural researchers can contribute in strengthening the NAP on HWC in terms of developing and popularizing crop varieties for different conflict situations and developing methodological framework for assessing the crop/livestock damage due to wildlife. Dr Neeraj Khera, Team Leader, Indo-German Project on HWC Mitigation, GIZ provided an overview of the reports, and indicated the expected outcomes of the consultation.



The meeting was attended by about 75 members comprising subject matter experts, agricultural researchers from different ICAR institutes and agricultural universities, senior officials from the forest department of different states, field officers and members from the NGOs. Shri. Vijayakumar Gogi, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden (CWW), Karnataka Forest Department was the Guest of Honour and Sh. Soumitra Dasgupta, Additional Director General (Wildlife), MoEFCC, GoI chaired the consultation and moderated the deliberations.