

14. The Asiatic lion

Whereas the Asiatic Lion (*Panthera leo persica*) is known to be declining in numbers within the Gir Sanctuary and surrounding lands,

and *whereas* the habitat of the prey upon which it depends is disappearing because of agricultural encroachment, particularly along the valley floors extending within the Gir Sanctuary,

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requests the government authorities concerned to prevent any further encroachment into the Sanctuary,

and recommends that measures be taken to redefine the Sanctuary boundary such as to recover the land where cultivations have already intruded.