

24. Integrated conservation

Whereas the preservation of all types of flora and fauna and judicious utilisation of all natural resources is imperative not only for the progress and prosperity of man, but also for his very existence,

and *whereas* the pressing needs of a diversified economic development make the human manipulation of natural ecosystems equally inescapable,

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recognises the need for a balanced integration and harmonious blending of the various objectives and national requirements for multiple compatible use of the forest and related lands through a careful study and understanding of ecological relations of flora and fauna because undue attention to or overemphasis of any single aspect is bound to affect adversely the remaining.