



**FOREST, ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM**

GUIDELINES FOR FILLING UP GARBAGE MONITORING FORM

BACKGROUND

A step towards zero waste trail is a pilot initiative of Khangchendzonga National Park Division of Forest Environment and Wildlife Management, Government of Sikkim, The Mountain Institute - India and Khangchendzonga Conservation Committee. The initiative is of its first kind in the state and is being tried out in Yuksam Dzongri trail.

In order to address the garbage right at the entry, a simple garbage-monitoring form has been prepared with support of all key stakeholders. We hope that this will ensure "no garbage" in the National Park and all efforts shall be made to strictly monitor the garbage **IN** and **OUT**. Therefore, we solicit your cooperation and support in the endeavor to make Yuksam Dzongri a zero waste trail.

WHERE CAN I FIND THE GARBAGE MONITORING FORM

You can get a copy of Garbage monitoring form from the following office

1. Tourism permit office, MG Marg, Gangtok
2. DFO office - KNP Division, Forest Secretariat, Deorali
3. TAAS office, DPH Road, SAATO office, Tibet Road
4. KNP Checkpost, & KCC office, Yuksam, West Sikkim
5. TMI-India Office, Development Area, Gangtok

You can also download the garbage monitoring form and save it in your computer from

the Forest Department website www.sikenvis.nic.in and TMI-India's website www.tmi-india.org

HOW TO FILL UP THE FORM

1. There are two copies, one to be submitted to KNP check-post before the trek and one for your self-reference.
2. Fill in the detail in both the forms, you can cut the form into two and use carbon copy to save time.
3. Fill in your company name, such as **ABC Tours & Trek**.
4. Fill all details in the **IN** Column from Sl.No 1 to 8 while making your shopping arrangement. Probably cook or the shopkeeper could help you with this. Do not fill in the **OUT** Column, leave it blank.
5. While fill the IN column, please ensure that you count them as per the category mention in the **Item** column. Do not limit your self to the item description; the detail in the item description is just an example.

6. The item like Name of Guide, No. of Client, No. of Porters, No. of Pack animals can be filled at Yuksam once your service providers have been finalized.
7. It is mandatory for all group, company, travel operators, researchers to submit the garbage monitoring form at KNP Check-post, Yuksam
8. The form should also be accompanied with a copy of your shopping list for cross verification.
9. We shall avoid checking of items during the entry to reduce unnecessary hassle; however, a checking shall be conducted in case the item mention in the form does not match with the shopping list.
10. Once you have completed the form, give a declaration by signing on behalf of the company.
11. All garbage shall be strictly monitored during your exit as per the format. If any item are found missing, a fine upto Rs. 5000 shall be charged as per the Sikkim Trekking Rules 2005. Obtain a receipt for the fine if paid.
12. We encourage you to bring back any additional garbage found in the trek. The additional garbage shall be counted as bonus point for you and the company / group with the highest credit of bonus point shall be rewarded with a certificate of recognition
13. We encourage you to take back the garbage after it is checked or else put it into separate bins for segregation

This is a voluntary effort supported by TMI-India and KCC jointly with KNP Division for the first 1 year, no fee have been collected or no any grant for specific works have been obtained. Hence, any kind of support (big or small) will be highly appreciated.