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Joint Secretary  
Government of India  
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying  
Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying  
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001  
Dated 21st December, 2021

Dear Colleague,

This has a reference to a study report "The Hidden Hide - Illegal donkey hide trade brings donkey on verge of extinction" submitted by The Brooke India to the Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Govt. of India. The study has been conducted in the light of decline in population of donkeys in the country.

2. The study has brought to the light illegal slaughter of donkeys for meat & donkey hide and smuggling of donkey/ donkey hide to Nepal via porous borders of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The donkey hides in limited numbers are reportedly taken to Nepal on two-wheelers and some smugglers bring and keep mules and donkeys at Rupaidiha border at some open grounds for some time before they sneak into Nepal whenever they get a chance.
3. It has further been stated that the migration of animals including equids is a well-known phenomenon happening between India and Nepal since time immemorial. Besides animals, there are other animal products such as skin and hides of animals that are also being transported.
4. The statistics from 2019 Livestock Census conducted by this Department revealed a decline of 61.23 % in donkey population between 2012 and 2019. It is speculated by the author that the population of donkeys will go down further and the species will come on verge of extinction if the illegal slaughtering/ migration continues,
5. This can be avoided by preventing illegal transportation of animal and animal products to save animals from extinction and protect the country from various zoonotic diseases.
6. You are kindly requested to look into the matter and take suitable measures to ensure the stoppage of illegal slaughter/ movement of animals and animal products, if any, which will not save the population of donkeys only, but save the country from ingress of various animal/ zoonotic diseases.

With Warm Regards,

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely,

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