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Honorary district game wardens and government functionaries pledged on Tuesday to make all possible efforts to protect wildlife and conserve the environment in the province.

This pledge was made at a day-long training workshop on effective wildlife management. The event had been organised for honorary district game wardens of Sindh, by the Indus for All Programme of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Pakistan, in collaboration with the Sindh Wildlife Department.

Participants at the training session were apprised of various prospects and challenges of wildlife conservation in the province, as well as the importance of their role in wildlife conservation.

The organizers engaged subject specialists and experts from the Sindh and NWFP wildlife departments and other renowned conservation organizations such as the Habitat and Species Conservation Project Balochistan and WWF Pakistan.

Under the Sindh Wildlife Protection Ordinance 1972, honorary district game wardens were entrusted with very important roles. In addition to fostering an effective watch-and-ward mechanism, they were expected to promote collaborative efforts among the wildlife department, civil society organizations and the general public.

At present, 17 Honorary District Game Wardens are working in Sindh.

Provincial Wildlife Minister Dr Dayaram Essarani emphasized the need for environmental conservation and said that it was one of the major priorities of the present government.