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Flooded Pobitora ill equipped to counter poachers



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At a time when flood waters (/taxonomy/term/2337) have submerged the Pobitora Wildlife (/taxonomy/term/123) sanctuary, the forest department is ill equipped to counter the poaching threat. According to a section forest guards (/taxonomy/term/2185) who refused to be named, they have not been in a position to counter the poaching threat in the absence of machine boats. “We don (/taxonomy/term/2305)’t have machine boats either to counter the poachers or to rescue the trapped animals. How can we deal (/taxonomy/term/1922) with the situation,” rued a guard.

Moreover, many anti-poaching camps (/taxonomy/term/2017) have been running without minimum infrastructure. Most of these camps (/taxonomy/term/2017) are unfit. “If you visit the anti poaching camps (/taxonomy/term/2017) at Kuchiyan, Kolabhuyan, Kukkari, Tuplung, and Nekera you would get to know the real picture,” said another forest guard.

He said,”the anti poaching camps (/taxonomy/term/2017) have been ravaged by storms a couple of months back. Despite repeated information these have yet to be repaired. How can we think of countering the poachers with these camps (/taxonomy/term/2017) in deplorable condition.”

A senior forest officer who told to Assam Times on the condition of anonymity that caught (/taxonomy/term/2308) in this pathetic plights nobody can talks of the round the clock vigil inside the flooded sanctuary.

Over 70 per cent of the abode of rhino along with other animals in Morigaon (/taxonomy/term/101) district have come under the surging waters (/taxonomy/term/2337) of the river Brahmaputra (/taxonomy/term/2226) who is flowing abode the danger (/taxonomy/term/1965) level (/taxonomy/term/2232).



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