

Guidelines for setting up of deer parks

- *Area of Park*

Area of the park should be at least five (5) hectares.

- *Distance from human residence to avoid disturbance of animals*

The deer park should be at a reasonable distance from the residential accommodation and roads so that the animals are not provoked unnecessarily.

- *Treatment room for deer*

The zoo/deer park should have a small treatment room.

- *Post-mortem room*

The zoo should have a post-mortem room.

- *Daily check-up by veterinarian*

Arrangements should be made with a veterinarian to check the health of animals daily.

- *24-hour drinking water for animals*

Arrangements for round the clock supply of potable water should be made in the animal enclosures.

- *Limit number of animals*

The number of animals in the deer parks should not be more than one animal for larger ungulates and three animals per acre for smaller ungulates.

- *Periodic exchange of stags to avoid in-breeding*

To safeguard against inbreeding, periodic exchange of animals especially males, should be made with other zoos.

- *Planting of fodder and shade trees in zoo*

Fodder trees and shade trees should be planted in the zoo area.

- *Night shelters and kraals*

Night shelters/kraals should be constructed for the deer.