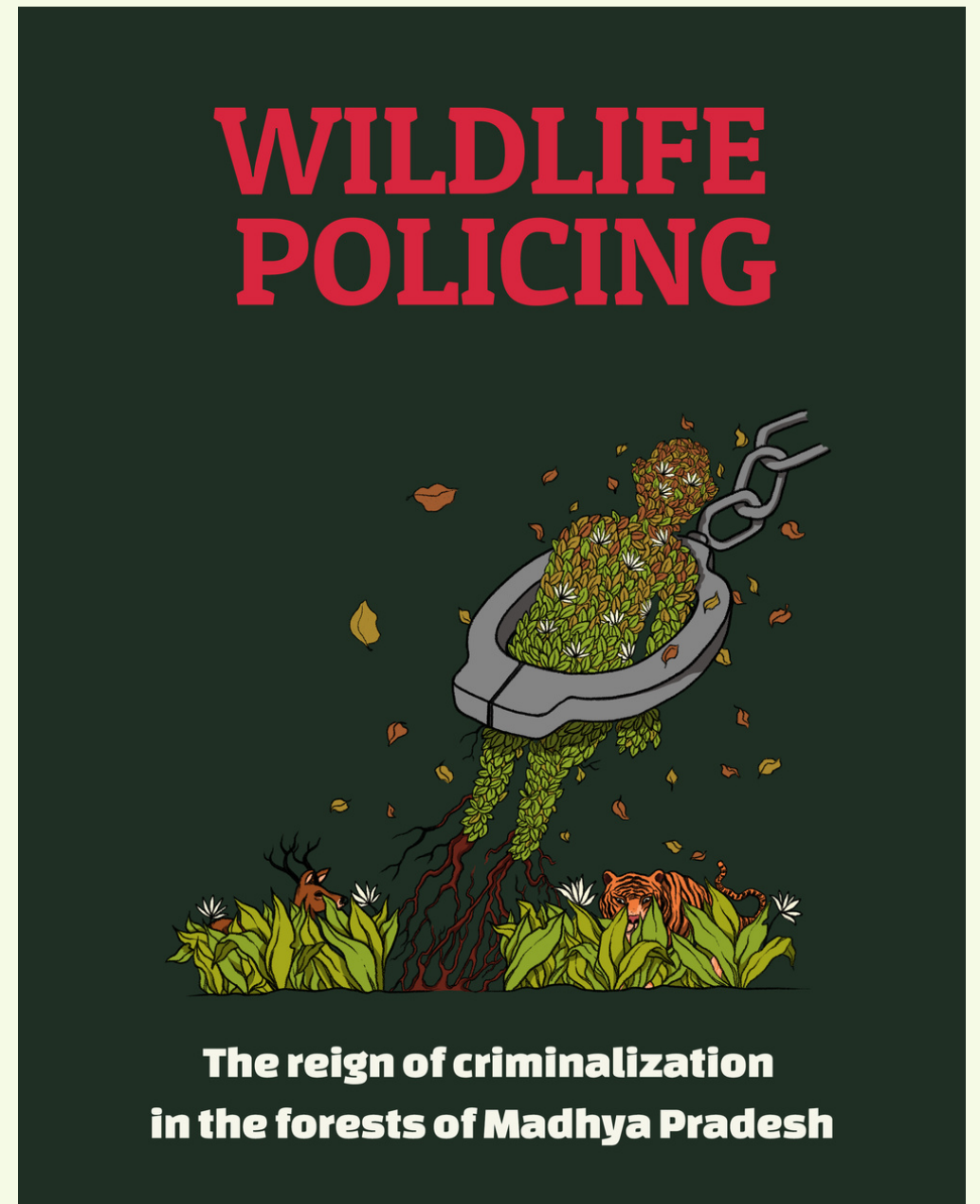


# What do the Wildlife Protection Act FIRs tell us?



**Almost**  
**half**

**of the accused persons named in FIRs for hunting were from oppressed caste groups including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Madhya Pradesh.**

**Every**  
**3 out of 10**  
**accused were from**  
**Scheduled Tribe**  
**communities.**

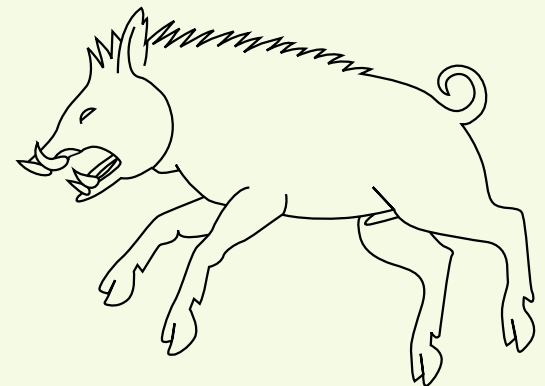
**Almost**  **of arrested people**  
**under WPA between**  
**2011-2020**  
**belonged to oppressed castes.**

**Almost**  
**one-fourth**  
**of the arrest records**  
**under WPA do not provide**  
**caste details or last names**  
**of arrested persons.**

**Every 7 out of 10 people  
accused of hunting/  
poaching from 2016-2020  
belong to oppressed  
caste communities with  
Scheduled Tribes making  
more than half of the  
accused population.**



**Data shows**  
**17.47%**  
**of all the cases**  
**registered under the**  
**WPA are related to**  
**wild boars.**



**Almost 3 out of 4 FIRs  
for hunting have been  
filed by police based on  
'Mukhbir (Informers)  
Soochna'  
during 2016-2020.**





**The process**  
**is also a**  
**Punishment.**

**While the Forest Department  
has registered almost  
5 cases per week  
under the Wildlife Protection  
Act in five years (2016-2020),  
almost 95%  
of those remain undecided  
or pending.**

**While the Forest Department  
has registered almost  
5 cases per week  
under the Wildlife Protection  
Act in five years (2016-2020),  
half of those are **PENDING**  
in courts, while almost the  
other half are under  
departmental proceedings.**

**During a trial, every appearance in court costs **Rs. 500** for lawyer's fees and **Rs. 300** for traveling to the Magistrate court, which comes at the expense of one's livelihood.**



# **Cost of getting accused**

**Any person who breaches any of the conditions of any license or permits granted under the WPA Act, on conviction can be punishable with up to **3 years** in prison and a **25000 rupees fine**.**



**When a crime is committed in a National Park, an accused person of hunting can spend up to**  
**3 - 7 years in prison**  
**along with a fine of 10000 rupees**  
**under Wildlife Protection Act.**

