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## WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

# Myanmar to set up school for forest rangers

**NAYPYIDAW:** Plans are being drawn to set up an institution to produce rangers capable of looking after the wildlife and forests in Myanmar.

The college, which will focus on conservation efforts, is being developed by the Forest Department in the North Zarmari Wildlife Sanctuary in Bago, according to *The Myanmar Times*.

The World Wide Fund for Nature-Myanmar said the institution may commence operations late next year.

Training will be offered to staff from the department and the Nature and Wildlife Conservation Division under the Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Ministry.

Forest Department deputy director-general General Kyaw Lwin said the institution would groom forest rangers.

He said wildlife conservation and management for protected

areas would be given emphasis in the training.

Kyaw said the curriculum for the school was being developed and that the institution would bring in local and international experts to train rangers.

He said the department is working with WWF-Myanmar, World Conservation Society and South African Wildlife Rangers College in establishing the institution.

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He said more than 1,000 forest rangers would be needed as Myanmar was

known as a hub for illegal wildlife trade involving endangered species, such as tigers and elephants.

The rangers will be trained on how to rebuild habitats of wildlife species that have been destroyed or damaged due to illegal logging.

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**GENERAL KYAW KYAW LWIN**

Forest Department deputy director-general