**Animal Welfare Protocol**

The principal objective of YIMAG is to reduce the impact of Indian mynas on our native birds and animals.

The YIMAG seeks to achieve this objective by:

* Increasing public awareness that Indian mynas are a serious environmental and health threat, not just a public nuisance.
* Implementing a humane reduction program.
* Coordinating the manufacture and supply of traps.

Members of YIMAG who participate in the trapping program are required to adopt the following animal welfare protocol.

**Management of traps**

* Traps used are designed specifically for Indian Mynas and have a release opening to allow any native birds to escape.
* The traps are to contain adequate food. clean water, shelter and shade for any trapped birds.
* The birds are not to be exposed to undue stress while trapped — avoid manhandling or approaching the traps too frequently.
* Traps are to be checked daily.
* Trapped Indian Mynas (or other pest birds) must be destroyed within 24 hours of capture
* The birds are not to be treated cruelly or with harsh conditions: please observe the requirements of the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*).

**Dealing with trapped birds**

* The method used for euthanasing birds is to be **quick, painless, and involve minimal stress.**
* Acceptable euthanising methods include injection of barbiturates by a veterinarian and cervical dislocation.

**Disposal of dead birds**

* Dead birds are to be disposed of in a hygienic and environmentally sound way.

**I commit to the above protocol on animal welfare if trapping.**

Signed: Date:

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