



**Rationalization, Re-organization & Re-constitution (3R)
of
JFMC & EDC in Sikkim**

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What is JFMC and EDC in Sikkim

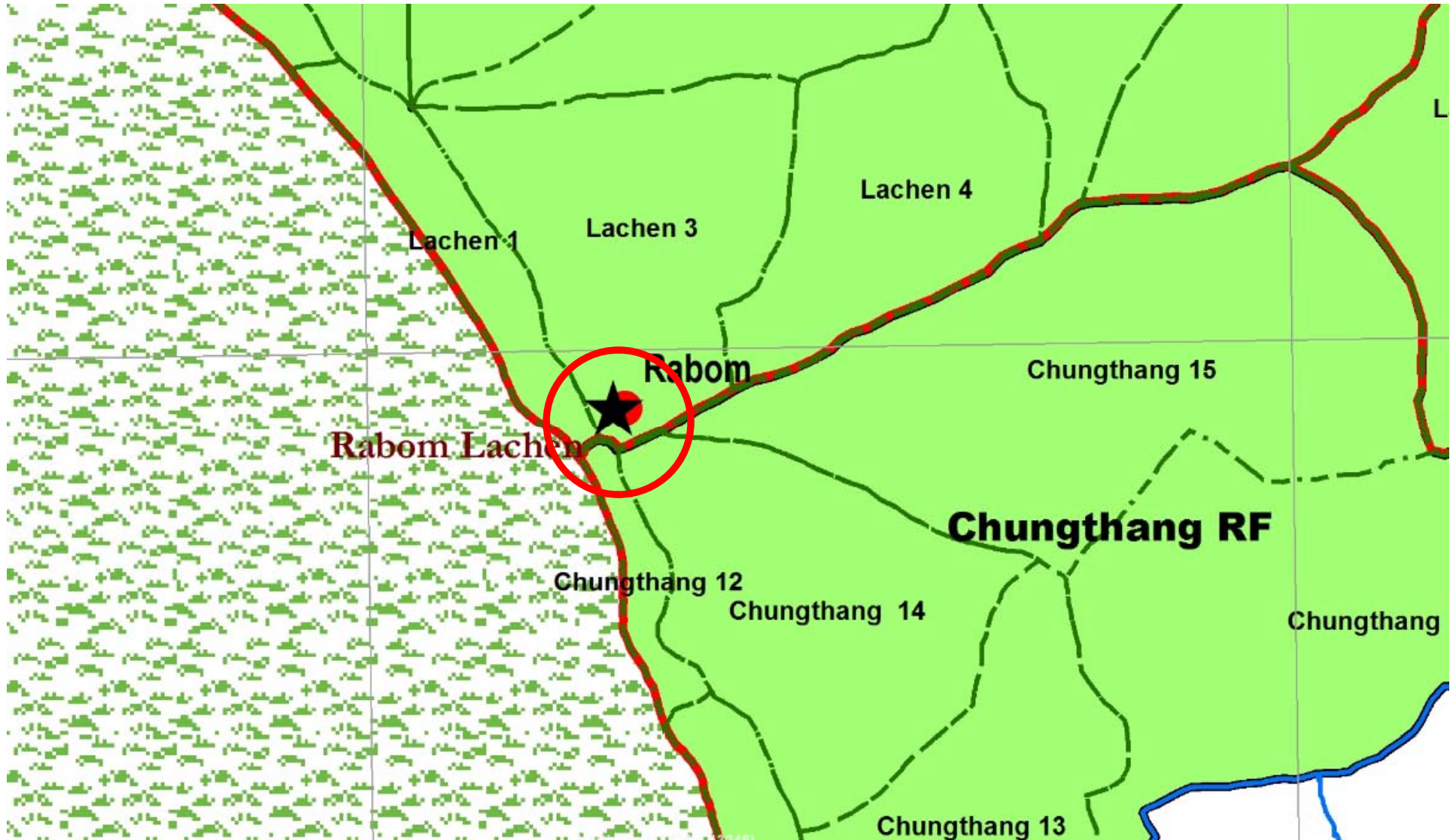
- A **JFMC/EDC** is the implementing agency at the Gram Panchayat Ward (village) level within same **Gram Panchayat Unit (GPU)**
- A JFMC is formed for a **Ward or a cluster of Wards within the same GPU** situated adjacent to **Reserved Forests (RF) &/or Khasmal &/or Gorucharan** and is registered with the concerned Territorial Divisional Forest Office.
- A EDC is formed for a **Ward or a cluster of Wards within the same GPU** situated adjacent to Wildlife Protected Areas (PAs) i.e., National Park or Sanctuaries and is registered with the concerned Wildlife Divisional Forest Office.

Why 3R ?

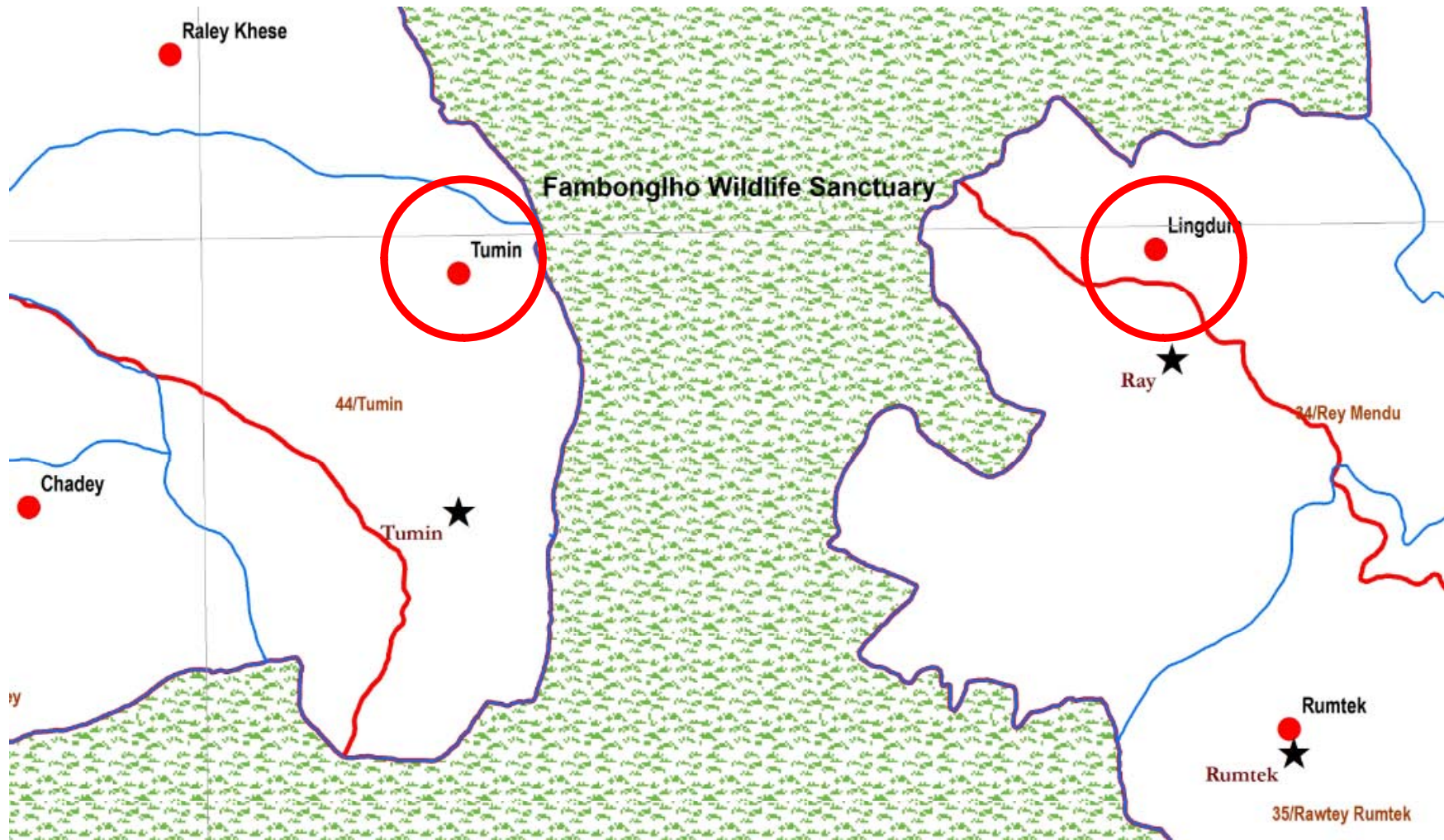
(Rationalization, Re-organization & Re-constitution)

- Overlapping JFMC & EDC in same GPU Ward
- Some JFMC/s near Sanctuary or far away from Reserve Forest (incipient database of Khasmal/Gorucharan location)
- Some EDC/s near Reserve Forest or far away from Wildlife Protected Area
- More than one JFMC and/or EDC in same ward
- One JFMC/EDC covering more than one GPU
- Involvement of key stakeholders at the grass root level not visible
- Need for strengthening documentation

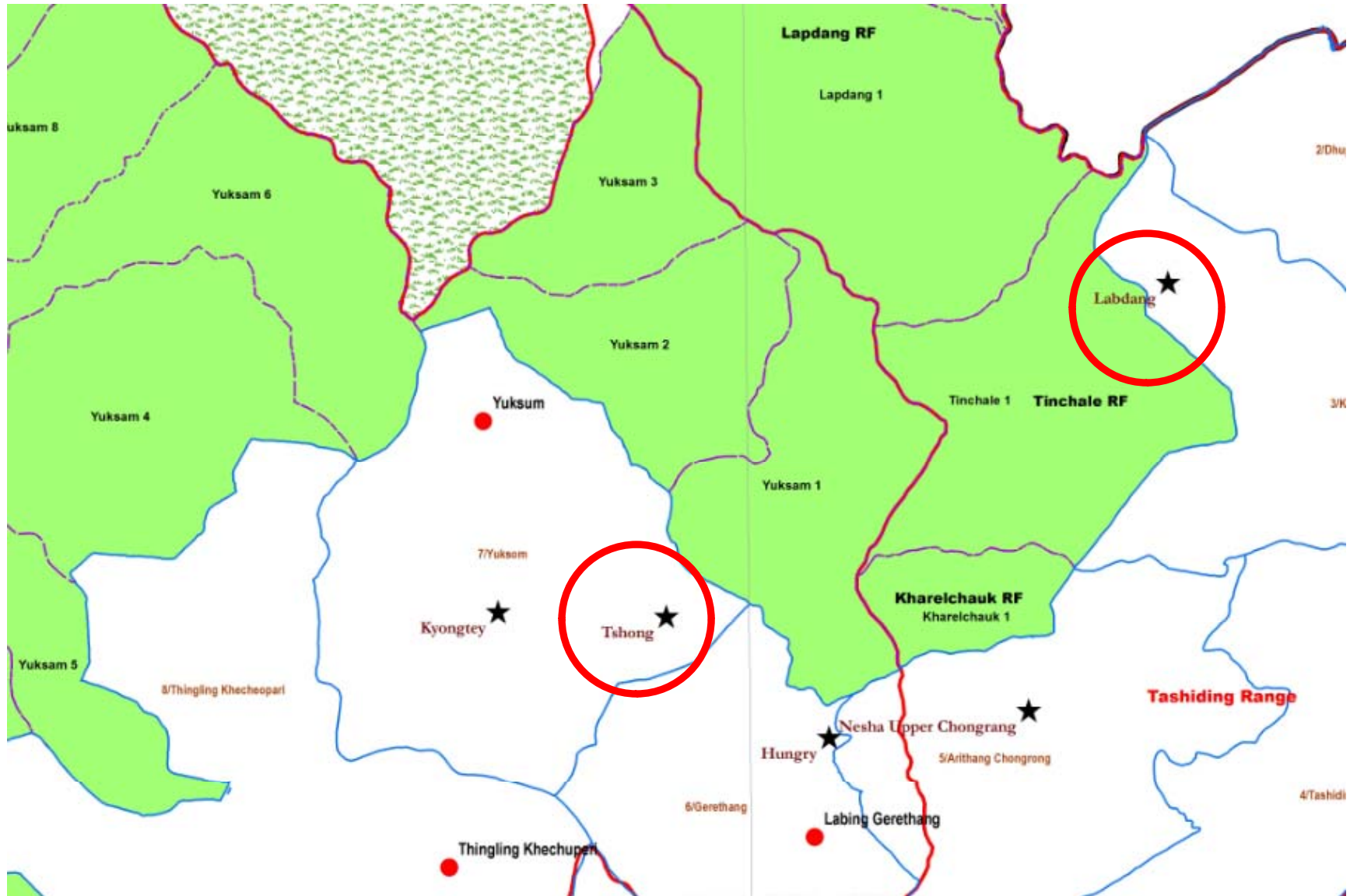
Overlapping JFMC and EDC – Rabom and Rabom Lachen



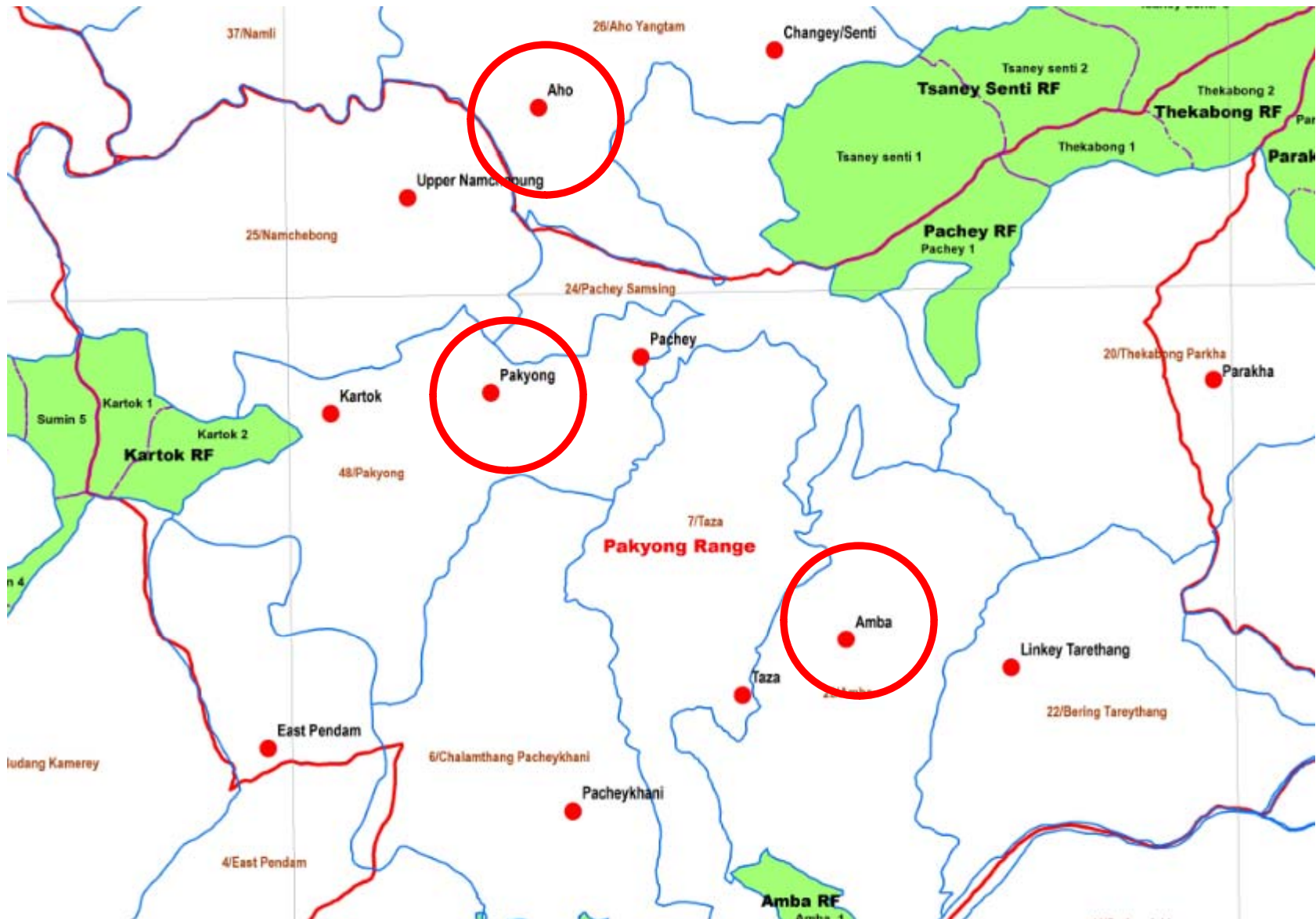
JFMC near Sanctuary – Tumin, Lingdum



EDC near Reserve Forest – Labdang, Tshong



JFMC far from RF – Aho, Amba, Pakyong



More than one JFMC and/or EDC in same ward



Rationalization – Phase I

- Meetings held at HQ up to DFO level for strategizing and planning – **completed**
- Draft maps created by GIS Cell, FEWMD showing present status of JFMCs & EDCs - **completed**
- Draft maps distributed to all concerned CFs and DFOs for field validation – **completed**
- Sensitization of Community Organizers - **completed**
- Field validation of maps and identification of problem areas by concerned DFOs – **In progress**

Rationalization – Phase II

- Consultation by DFOs (**under progress**)
 - with concerned ROs and BOs involving the JFMC/EDC executive members and COs
 - with key stakeholders including Panchayat members of the affected areas
 - within Territorial and Wildlife DFOs of the district
- District level workshop to address any pending issues - **planned**

Re-Organization

- Dissolution of existing JFMCs and EDCs w.e.f. 31/3/2015 - **completed**
- Defining the number of JFMCs and EDCs within the district by concerned Territorial and Wildlife DFOs - **planned**
- Compilation followed by Approval of the revised list of JFMCs and EDCs at the HQ – **planned**
- Reformation of JFMC and EDC General Body within the same GPU – **planned**
- Publicity and sensitization of the JFMCs and EDCs General Body followed by fixing of Gram Sabha Schedule - **planned**

Re-Constitution

- DFOs (T/WL/KNP) in consultation with District Administration (DA) and RMDD to request concerned GPU for holding Gram Sabha - **planned**
- Schedule of Gram Sabha for the district to be compiled and intimated to HQ - **planned**
- HQ to depute Officials to attend the Gram Sabha meetings
- Election of new JFMC/EDC Executive Members - **planned**
- Approval followed by notification of the re-constituted JFMC and EDC Executive Body – **planned**

Issues for consideration during 3R Exercise

- Elected Executive Body members should be bonafide Sikkim Subject or Certificate of Identification (CoI) holders possessing valid Voters Card of the concerned GPU
- Adherence to guidelines of the State and Central Government for formation of Executive Body
- Documentation of all exercises and meetings
- Maximum effort to ensure involvement of all key stakeholders
- Sufficient time to communicate the proceedings planned and executed to HQ

Structure of JFMC/EDC – General Body

- **Chairperson** - President of JFMC/EDC
 - Elected by consensus/majority vote and will hold this position for a period of two years.
 - It should be ensured that a woman member is elected as President at least for alternative terms.
- **Members:**
 - All adult villagers subject to their willingness.
 - Member Secretaries of the Executive Body shall be ex officio member the General Body.

Structure of JFMC/EDC – Executive Body

- **Chairperson** - President of JFMC/EDC
- **Member Secretary** – respective Range Officer/Block Officer
- **Members:**
 - Six members of whom three shall be women, drawn from the General Body to be elected by a majority of at least 2/3rd members of General Body present and voting.
 - Treasurer appointed from among the EC members by the Member Secretary in consultation with the President.
 - At least one member from the forest-based artisan community, and if no such community is residing in the village, then a representative of the socially most marginal community shall be a member.
 - Ex-officio Members: Two members of whom one will be a woman representing the Gram Panchayat of the area in which JFMC falls, to be nominated by the Member Secretary.

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