New Delhi- (12 July, 2018) – Two animal skin smugglers were arrested with 6.7 feet long leopard skin(head to tail) in a joint operation by troopers of 17th Battalion of SSB and Binnaguri Wild Life Squad – III in Alipurduar District of West Bengal. The operation was conducted after receiving information by SSB personnel and developed jointly with Binnaguri Wild Life Squad- III.

The accused were engaged in illegal poaching and skin smuggling activities. The apprehended smugglers:-

Prakash Toppo(age - 22 years) S/O-Kishore Toppo and Sushil Tigga(age - 23 years) S/O-Etowa Tigga are resident of village-Holapara, PS-Tototpara, Distt- Alipurduar (West Bengal).

Leopard skin is in huge demand in China and other countries for showcasing and other usages.

Apprehended persons alongwith seized wildlife items have been handed over to Wildlife Division Binnaguri (WB).

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