

2.5 DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

Strategic Classification of Sericulture Districts of West Bengal

Classification	Districts by Sericulture Activity	Key Characteristics	Strategic Focus	Planning Implication
Lead Sericulture Districts	Mulberry (05): Malda; Birbhum; Murshidabad; Nadia; Paschim Midnapore Tasar (03): Bankura; Jhargram; Purulia Eri (01): Alipurduar	High production; established infrastructure; strong farmer participation; advanced sericulture practices.	Quality enhancement; value addition; disease management; sustainability.	Consolidate leadership; deepen productivity, quality and value-chain interventions.
Emerging Growth Districts	Mulberry (05): Darjeeling; Kalimpong; Cooch Behar; Jalpaiguri; Uttar Dinajpur Tasar (03): Birbhum; Paschim Midnapore; Paschim Burdwan Muga (04): Kalimpong; Darjeeling; Cooch Behar; Uttar Dinajpur Eri (02): Jalpaiguri; Cooch Behar	Significant potential for expansion; increasing farmer participation; improving production trends.	Technology transfer; capacity building; scheme support; infrastructure strengthening.	Accelerate expansion through technology, skills, schemes and infrastructure.
Vulnerable Districts	Mulberry (07): Bankura; Purulia; 24 Parganas (North + South); Dakshin Dinajpur; Burdwan Muga (02): Jalpaiguri; Alipurduar Eri (03): Dakshin Dinajpur; 24 Parganas (North + South)	Stagnation/decline or serious constraints arising from climate variability, pests/diseases, labour shortages, weak infrastructure, declining farmer interest or migration.	Revival and stabilisation.	Prioritise revival, stabilisation and targeted corrective interventions.