

KARNATAKA BIODIVERSITY BOARD

NINTH BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE : / 17/10 /2008

1. Reading and recording the proceedings of the 8th Board Meeting held on 03/06/2008

Sl.No	Subject Discussed	Action taken
2	Action taken on Meeting proceedings held on 3/6/2008.	Action taken on the Meeting proceeding held on 3/6/2008 are as below.
	1.Reducing quorum for Karnataka Biodiversity Board Meeting	It is informed that Government vide Notification No FEE 160 ENV 2007 dt 16/6/2008 (Annexure-I) had reduced the quorum for Board Meeting from 5 to 3 till the Board is reconstituted.
	2. Position of Pending Projects	<p>It is informed that a proposal for Rs. 1.25 lakhs for conducting State level workshop on Biodiversity related to Traditional Knowledge in Karnataka in Bangalore has been submitted to National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai and the same is pending for approval. NBA has been reminded vide letter No. KBB/MISC-3/NBA/07-08 dt 18/9/2008. (Annexure-II)</p> <p>2. It is state that project titled Herbal Botanical Garden in Cholanyakanahalli, Bangalore has been revised as per observation of Government of India. The list of RET Plants obtained from FRLHT enclosed and revised proposal has been submitted to MOEF, Government of India, New Delhi through Secretary (Ecology and Environment) Karnataka. Decision of Government of India is awaited. (Annexure-III)</p>
	3(1) Action against Sri. Gangadhar V. Maddikery.	Charge sheet has been submitted to Government so no action is to be taken by Board.
	3(2)Repatriation of Dr. Sathyanarayana Bhat, Executive Officer (ISM&H)	Govt. vide its No HFW 137 PTD 2008 dt 5/7/2008 informed that due to the absence of teachers, the students of Tarnath Ayurvedic College, Bellary are suffering. Therefore his services cannot be continued in Karnataka Biodiversity Board and he should be relieved and instructed to report for duty at Tarnath Ayurvedic College, Bellary. Accordingly Dr. Sathynarayana Bhat was relieved from Karnataka Biodiversity Board with effect from 9/7/2008. (Letter No. EST/14/07-08 dt 9/7/2008) (Annexure-IV)

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	4. Biodiversity Heritage Site	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is informed that The Research Project taken up by University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore to determine the age of Tamarind trees in Nallur Biodiversity Heritage Site is under progress by University of Agricultural Science, Bangalore. Rs. 1.50 lakhs out of Rs. 3.00 lakhs has been released to UAS for this. 2. As decided by the Board in its last meeting held on 3/6/2008 a fund of Rs. 4.00 lakhs has been released to Conservator of Forest, Bangalore Circle for fencing the Nallur Heritage site area to protect it against the illicit felling and grazing. The work is under progress.
	5. Developmental works of Kuvempu Bio-park.	<p>The work in Kuvempu Bio-park is in progress, Conservator of Forests, Shimoga and Deputy Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Shimoga have been instructed to expedite the same and complete the work by December 2008.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Survey, Demarcation and boundary consolidation of the Bio Park....work is completed b. Conservation, protection and development of the Kuvempu Memorial Bio Park.Development of Sandeshvana, orchidarium, Lilly Pond, Interpretation Centre are under progress. c. Assessment, inventorisation and documentation of Bio diversity of Kuvempu Memorial Bio parkworks are under progress. d. Awareness training for the stakeholdersTraining are being conducted.
	6. Levy of Cess on Pharmaceutical Products	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is informed that proposal was submitted to Government of India. Levy of Cess on Pharmaceutical Companies based on their outturn the Government has ask for some clarification vide its No. FEE/73/ENV/2008 dt 29/8/2008. The same is being replied. 2. The fact that majority of Bio-resources is removed from the forest therefore as suggested by the Board. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest has been addressed to consider declaring the Territorial Range Forests Officer as Authorized officers under the Biological Diversity Act 2002 for dealing with the cases of violation and illegal harvest of Bio-resources. (Annexure – V)

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	7. Preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs)	It is informed that the documentation of Biodiversity ie preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers are under progress in 165 Grama Panchayaths (Annexure-VI) So far 33 PBRs have been completed and released The details are in the (Annexure-VII) .
	8. Audited Accounts and Annual Report	The Audited accounts and Annual report for 2006-07 as adopted by the Board has been submitted to Legislature on dated 10/9/2008.
	9(1) Declaration of Biodiversity Heritage Site.	<p>a. It is informed that the National Biodiversity Authority has clarified that only those areas should be considered for declaring Biodiversity Heritage Site which are not covered under any Act and Rules. The areas outside Wild Life Sanctuary, National Park, Biosphere Reserve, Reserve forest should only be considered for Declaration of Heritage Site. Accordingly the format has been revised and as per NBA Guidelines (Annexure-VIII) the proposal have to be initiated by Biodiversity Management Committees. The Deputy Conservators of Forests, Zilla Panchayaths and NGOs have been addressed in the matter to contact the Biodiversity Management Committees for proposals. (Annexure-IX).</p> <p>b. Prof. Madhav Gadgil and his team had listed out some spots for special attention from Biodiversity point of view. The list is placed at (Annexure-X). The same will be sent to the concerned head of the Department for needful.</p>
	9 (2) Declaration of Netrani Island as a Biodiversity Heritage Site.	The Deputy Commissioner North Canara has been requested for Land Record of Netrani Island. It is informed by the Tahasildar, Karwar that land record is not available in respect of the Island. (Annexure-XI) .
	10. Documentation of Biodiversity in Forest areas	The suggestion of the Board that other Biodiversity including Herbs, Shrubs, Medicinal Plants and NTFP should also be undertaken in forest areas has been conveyed to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Karnataka.

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	11 (1) Providing suitable staff to Karnataka Biodiversity Board.	<p>1. The Government had asked the Controller of State Accounts Department to post one Account Superintendent in Karnataka Biodiversity Board to take care of account and audit. The Controller had posted one person on promotion but he has got the transfer order changed. This is brought to the notice of the Board. (Annexure–XII).</p> <p>2. It is informed that as per Government letter No:FEE 125 ENV 2003 dt19/7/2008 (Annexure -XIII) action is being taken in Forest Department to post one Assistant Conservator of Forests and One First Division Assistant in Karnataka Biodiversity Board against the post of Administrative Officer and Executive Assistant respectively to streamline the Board functioning.</p>
	11 (2). Engaging the services of Chartered Accountant to finalize and timely submission of account.	<p>As approved by the Board Sri. Umpathy Desai & Company, Bangalore has been engaged for attending the following works.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finalization of Annual Account 2. Receipt and Payment Accounts 3. Income and Expenditure statement 4. Balance Sheet (Including schedules) 5. Filing of returns, Income Tax and TDS. 6. Reply to audit observations. 7. Internal audit from time to time.
	12. Publication of News letter	<p>As advised by the Board letters have been addressed to various Universities, Head of various offices, Scientists and others to contribute articles for Biodiversity News Letter. Further action will be taken after articles are received.</p> <p>It is suggested that Dr. A.K. Chakravarthy, Prof. of Entomology, Dept. of Agricultural Entomology, UAS, GKVK, Bangalore may be appointed as Chief Editor on payment of an honorarium of Rs.2000/- per month.</p>
	13 Outsourcing of Biodiversity Documentation works.	<p>As decided by the Board Expression of interest has been called for through News paper for documentation of Traditional Local Knowledge related to Bio-resources. (Annexure–XIV).</p>
	14. Documentation of Coastal Biodiversity.	<p>As desired by the Board the CMFRI, RRSC (ISRO), EMPRI has been informed to submit the accounts documents as asked by KUIDFC to settle the account.</p> <p>The EMPRI has been asked to remit Rs. 5.09 Lakh. charged extra under Institutional Charges.</p>
	15 Conducting of Workshop in KBB.	<p>The workshop will be conducted based on the availability of the funds.</p>

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	16. Providing vehicle facilities to Executive Officers	Action is being taken to provide vehicle facilities for coming to office and going to home to Executive officers as decided by the Board. Government has sanctioned 3 vehicles. One for the use of Member Secretary and two vehicles for use by the Executive Officers under pool for sharing by 5 Executive Officers. Presently there are two vehicles one for Member Secretary and one for Executive Officers and office use. Action is being taken to get the post filled up. After the posts are filled up one vehicle will be taken on hire basis for use by the Executive Officers in addition to the one vehicle which is available at present.
	17. Website of updating of Karnataka Biodiversity Board.	As decided by the Board NIC has been contacted to manage the Website of Karnataka Biodiversity Board The NIC has agreed to design the Website. Action is being taken in this direction.
	18. Internal Audit and Control Mechanism	It is informed that The Accountant General, Karnataka every year has been insisting to provide for Internal Audit. Accordingly a proposal has been submitted to Government for creating a post of Audit Superintendent in KBB which is pending with the Government (Annexure–XV).
	19. Accounts for the year 2007-08	It is informed that the Accounts for the year 2007-08 was submitted to Accountant General on 6/8/2008. The account has been audited. The draft Audit report has been received and the reply is furnished to Accountant General, Karnataka (Annexure–XVI). This may be approved.
	20. Institution of Biodiversity Award	Action is being taken to invite proposals for giving awards. Further action will be taken after receipt of the proposals. It is suggested to appoint Dr. Nandini, Principal Investigator, Dept. of Environmental Sciences, Bangalore University as one of the member in the selection committee for Biodiversity Award.
	21. Financial Assistant to Nati-Vaidayara Sammelana	It is informed that as per Board decision Rs. 10,000/- has been released for the purpose.
	22. Progress of works	The progress of various works are as below:
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BMC formationTar.- 5553 Ach. -1415 2. PBRs.... under progress ...165 completed – 35 3. Awareness Training.. Target-12 conducted- 5. 4. Formation of ZP level BMCsTarget – 29 Ach – under progress. ZP CEOs, DCFs (ZP) have been addressed in the matter. 5 Heritage Site Proposals from BMCs are awaited. Deputy Conservators of Forests (Social Forestry), NGOs have been addressed in the matter

New Subjects

1. Commissioning a study to collect information on Bio-Industries Utilization of raw materials etc.

National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai vide its letter No.8-2/2003-NBA(S)/08/3040 dt:10/9/2008 has suggested to conduct a study (**Annexure–XVII**), covering the following on Bio industries.

1. Name and address of the Bio-industries.
2. Details of Bio-resources they are using
3. Quantity of Bio-resources that is being used per year.
4. Places from where these bio-resources are being collected / harvested

The National Biodiversity Authority has offered to provide fund for this study.. Accordingly a project proposal has been prepared and submitted to National Biodiversity Authority for approval (**Annexure–XVIII**). The same is brought to the notice of the Board.

2. Research Project on Netrani Island.

Dr. V. N. Nayak, Professor, and the Chairman of Department of Studies in Marine Biology, Karwar has proposed a study of Biodiversity of Netrani Island in Uttara Kannada District through Secretary (Ecology & Environment) the cost of the project is Rs. 19.98 lakhs duration is 2 years.

In this respected it is stated that Biodiversity of Coastal Karnataka including Netrani Island was conducted under KUIDFC sponsored project. The CMFRI, EMPRI, ISRO, Asima Prathistana & INCERT were involved in the project. The study has been completed and final report on Coastal Biodiversity including Netrani Island Biodiversity has been released on 25/4/2008. In view of this one more study at this juncture will be repetition of the same.

3. Posting of Officers in Karnataka Biodiversity Board.

The Government vide its order No. FEE 125 ENV 2003 dt 19/6/2003 (**Annexure–XIX**) has provided for posting of following Executive Officers.

1. Executive Officer (Fisheries) in the cadre of Joint Director of Fisheries Dept.
2. Executive Officer (Horticulture) in the cadre of Joint Director of Horticulture Dept.
3. Executive Officer (ISM&H) in the cadre of Joint Director of Indian system of Medicine and Homeopathy Department.
4. Executive Officer (Botany) - Reader / Associate Professor (Botany)
5. Executive Officer (Zoology) - Reader / Associate Professor (Zoology)

It is informed that the Agriculture sector has significant Biodiversity but there is no representative from Agriculture Sector.

It is also informed that the Posting of very senior officers from Line Departments doesn't serve the purpose. Most of them indulge in comparing themselves with the heads of the Department and want lot of facilities such as independent vehicle, Peon, PA, Clerks etc. They feel that it is the duty of subordinate staffs to initiate everything and their job is to pass the files to higher officers.

Further it is observed that the Joint Directors are mostly disgruntled officers as they feel stagnated in their department and have no motivation for innovative works.

In view of the above it is suggested that Karnataka Biodiversity Board should take the officers in the rank of Deputy Directors who can be expected to show results. The Biodiversity Board should have the officers of the rank of Deputy Directors as below.

Sanctioned post	Suggested post
1. Executive Officer (Fisheries) in the cadre of Joint Director of Fisheries Dept.	Executive Officer (Agriculture) in the cadre of Dy. Director on deputation from Agriculture Department.
2. Executive Officer (Horticulture) in the cadre of Joint Director of Horticulture Department.	Deputy Conservator of Forests from Forest Department.
3. Executive Officer (ISM&H) in the cadre of Joint Director of Indian system of Medicine and Homeopathy Department.	Deputy Director on deputation from Indian system of Medicine and Homeopathy Department.
4. Executive Officer (Botany) - (Reader / Associate Professor (Botany) from University on Deputation.	Reader / Associate Professor (Botany) from University on Deputation.
5. Executive Officer (Zoology) - Reader / Associate Professor (Zoology) from University on Deputation.)	Reader / Associate Professor (Zoology) from University on Deputation.

In case officers are not available on deputation, Karnataka Biodiversity Board may appoint the persons on contract basis on consolidated payment through advertisement in the News paper. As this will give wider choice for selection.

6. Conducting Workshop on Traditional Knowledge:

It is informed that a proposal for Rs. 1.25 lakhs for conducting a workshop in Bangalore on Traditional Knowledge on Biodiversity has been submitted to National Biodiversity Authority, (**Annexure- XX**) The response from National Biodiversity Board is awaited.

7. Conducting of One day Awareness Training Programme:

It is informed that one of the mandates of Karnataka Biodiversity Board as per act is to create Awareness on Biodiversity through Training to various Stakeholders. Previously the Awareness Training Programme on Biodiversity was conducted unsystematically. Last year the training programmes have been conducted in various districts. The district-wise Training Programmes will be continued. In addition it is proposed to institutionalize the Training Programme. The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore has agreed to conduct one day Awareness Training on Biodiversity to various stakeholders such as Officers of various Departments, Zilla Panchayath officials, Advocates, Government Pleaders, Teachers, Members of BMCs, College Students. The financial requirement has been worked out (**Annexure – XXI**). It is requested to kindly approve the same Number of Training Programmes in a year will depend on the availability of the funds. The District level Training programmes will be continue for BMC members and taluka level officers and schools.

8. The Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan- Karnataka:

It is stated that the Centre for Ecological Sciences at the Indian Institute of Science has prepared Strategy and Action Plan Karnataka as a Nodal Agency. The Nodal agency worked under the over all guidance of a Steering Committee chaired by the Chief Secretary of the Government of Karnataka. The Centre for Ecological Sciences has generated perspectives, Ideas and suggestions for practical action in respect of Biodiversity in Karnataka. The same is placed at **(Annexure–XXII)** for information of the Board. The Board may adopt the same for guidance and action on Biodiversity.

9. Approval of Project:

Dr. A.K. Chakravarthy, Professor of Entomology, Dept. of Agricultural Entomology, UAS, GKVK, Bangalore has submitted a project titled Status and conservation of Gaint Indian fruit Bat (*Pteropus giganteus* Brunnich) Roosts in Southern Karnataka for Rs. 1.00 lakh. It is placed before the Board for kind consideration and approval. **(Annexure-XXIII).**

**Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of
Forests and Member Secretary**

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Sub: Formation of Biodiversity Management Committees-reg

To form the Biodiversity Management Committees the NGOs are asking for the travel charges. Therefore it is suggested that Rs. 200/- per BMC may be provided as a Travel Charges for formation of BMCs. The Board may kindly consider and approve the same.

**Additional Principal Chief Conservator
of Forest & Member Secretary**

Additional Agenda

Sub: NGOs proposed for PBR documentation.

Sl. No	Name of the District	Sl. No	Name of the NGOs
1	Bagalkote	1	Sarvodaya Mahila Gramina Abhivruddi Samsthe (R) Madiwalar Building, Maigur Road, Jamkhandi – 597301
		2	Bijapur Integrated Rural Development Society (BIRDS) Hungund, Atmasakshi, Near Nagalinganagar, Hungund – 587118
2	Bijapur	1	Institute for Rural Development (IRD) Shahpet Galli Main Road, Bijapur – 586 101
		2	Bapuji Samagra Grameena Abhivruddi Samsthe, (BIRDS), Renukacharaya Math Compound, Inchagere – 586117
3	Gulbarga	1	Sri Banashankari Women Welfare Society, Sisarmanti Gudam, Jagat, Gulbarga
		2	Kiran Rural Reconstruction Society, Plot No.51, Kahmat Nagar, Gulbarga.
4	Koppal	1	Sri. Swamy Ramananda Thirtha, Grameenabhiruddi Sangha, Gangavathi.
5	Raichur	1	Award, No. 10/1/78, Kumar Oni, Kakhalpet, Raichur-2

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