KARNATAKA BIODIVERSITY BOARD ELEVENTH BOARD MEETING AGENDA DATE - 4/5/2009

1. Reading and recording the proceedings of the 10^{th} Board Meeting – The proceeding of the Meeting held on 30/1/2009 was communicated to all the members, since no comments were received from members hence the proceeding may be adopted.

Sl.No	Subject	Action taken
8/2/1	Conducting of Workshop	A Workshop on Traditional Local knowledge related to various components of Biodiversity was conducted on 26 th February 2009 in Bangalore which was financed by National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai. About 105 delegates participated in the Workshop. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. P.L. Gautam, Chairman, NBA, Government of India. The participants included Government officials, NGOs, Natividyas, University Professors, Students, Drug Manufactures. The proceedings of the same is placed at Annexure -1 .
8/2/2	Establishment of RET Garden	On visit to Cholanayakanahalli village it is observed that the land which was available has been utilized for construction work and as it is no land is available now for Establishment of RET Garden. Further, it is stated that the Bangalore University has established one RET Garden with Medicinal Plants of various species. The FRLHT is also having a very good RET garden of Herbal and medicinal plants. Hence it is suggested to drop the proposal.
8/4	Biodiversity Heritage Site (Nallur Tamarind groves)	The fencing work in Nallur Tamarind Grove Heritage Site was given to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bangalore Rural division. About 75% of length has been covered and 25% is remaining, for that Deputy Conservator of Forests has asked for Rs. 1.76 lakhs additional allotment to complete the fencing. The same has been released. The Deputy Conservator of Forests has been asked to fix a Board giving important details of the site at Devanahalli cross and at the site.

2. Action taken on 10th Meeting proceedings held on 30/01/2009.

8/5	Developmental works of	The Conservator of Forests, Shimoga has		
	Kuvempu Bio-park.	informed that all the works have been completed except construction work. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shimoga has been asked to complete the same at the earliest		
8/6/1	Levy of Cess on Pharmaceutical Products.	to complete the same at the earliest. It is informed that the matter is pending with Eingnee Department		
8/6/2	Declaration of Authorized officer.	Finance Department. A proposal has been submitted to Government for declaring Deputy Conservator of Forests and Assistant Conservator of Forests Karnataka Biodiversity Board as authorized officers under Biological Diversity Act 2002, the same is pending with the Government.		
8/7	Preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs)	It is informed that People's Biodiversity Registers for 63 Gram Panchayats have been prepared and released. The revised guideline received from National Biodiversity Authority has been circulated to all the agencies involved in PBR documentation. Presently 104 People's Biodiversity Registers are in various stages of preparation.		
8/11	Providing staff to Karnataka Biodiversity Board.	It is informed that the posting of Deputy Conservator of Forests and Assistant Conservator of Forests has been done and they have reported for duty. For posting of Deputy Director Agriculture, proposal has been submitted to Government. As regards Deputy Director, Indian System of Medicines it is informed that the Department of Indian System of Medicines has expressed its inability to post an Officer due to shortage of officers in the department. A proposal was submitted to government dated 13/8/2008 (Annexure -2) to permit to appoint one officer on contract basis as is being done in the Indian System of Medicines department. The same is pending at the Government level. As regards Executive officer Botany and Zoology it is stated that the Universities were requested to propose the names of suitable and willing professors. Some universities have informed that no one is interested for deputation. Others have expressed their inability to propose due to shortage of professors.		
8/12	Publication of News letter	It is informed that Karnataka Biodiversity Board has published First News Letter. The same is		
		placed at Annexure -3.		

8/13	Outsourcing of Biodiversity Documentation works.	The Expression of interest received from various districts is being processed. As suggested by the Board a Committee consisting of Member Secretary KBB, Secretary (Forest), Secretary (Ecology and Environment), Deputy Conservator of Forests, KBB has been formed for processing the Expression of Interests to shortlist the suitable applications for financial bidding.
8/14	Documentation of Coastal Biodiversity.	As decided by the last Board a meeting was conducted under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Forest Ecology and Environment Department. The representatives of KUIDFC, CMFRI, ISRO, EMPRI attended the same. The accounts problem was discussed in detail and the matter was resolved. The meeting proceeding is placed at Annexure -4 .
8/15	Workshop on Traditional Knowledge	 The workshop has been conducted on 26/2/2009. The proceeding is also published. The workshop on Biodiversity Heritage site will be conducted in due course of time. Action is being taken in this direction. The Chairman, Western ghat Task Force has suggested to conduct this workshop in Karwar i.e., Coastal region. It is suggested to placed the funds at the disposal of Dr. V. N. Nayak, Professor and Chairman of Department of Studies in Marine Biology, Karwar to conduct the workshop in Karwar. The Chairman, Department of Studies in Marine Biology, Karwar has agreed for the same. The Board is requested to approve the same. (Annexure – 4A)
8/18	Internal Audit and Control Mechanism	The Accountant General Karnataka from time to time is pressing to appoint Internal Auditor. A proposal was moved to the Government for creation of post of Audit Superintendent. An Accounts Superintendent has to be posted on deputation to Karnataka Biodiversity Board The matter is pending with the Government.
8/20	Institution of Biodiversity Award	As suggested by the Board a committee has been formed for selecting suitable applicants for the Awards. (Annexure-5). Some proposals have been received the same is being processed and will be placed before the Committee.

8/22/1	Formation of Biodiversity Management Committees	1. It is informed that the BMCs have been formed at Grama Panchayath level as below.			
	Wanagement Committees	Sl. No	District	Total formed	
	F		Bangalore (R)	5	
		2	Bangalore (U)	2	
		3	Belgaum	137	
		4	Bellary	5	
		5	Bidar	5	
		6	Chickmagalore	226	
		7	Chitradurga	11	
		8	D.Kannada	80	
		9	Davanagere	82	
		10	Dharwad	4	
		11	Gadag	15	
		12	Gulbarga	66	
		12	Hassan	254	
		13	Haveri	84	
		15	Kodagu	97	
		16	Kolar	3	
		10	Mandya	199	
		17	Mysore	73	
		10	Ramanagar	19	
		20	Shimoga	20	
		20	Tumkur	66	
		21	Udupi	49	
		22	U. Kannada	188	
		23	Total	1690	
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		In remaining areas the formation of BMCs is going on.			
		2. District Level Biodiversity Management			
		Committees			
		District level Biodiversity Management			
		Committees have been formed in Tumkur,			
		Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, Hassan,			
		Gadag and Davanagere districts.			
		3. It is stated that National Biodiversity			
		Authority has provided Rs. 19.00 lakhs for			
		providing infrastructure facilities to Biodiversity			
		Management Committees @ Rs. 0.50 lakhs per			
		BMC. Action is being taken in this direction for			
		identification of BMCs and their requirements.			
		4. The proposal to nominate the Deputy			
		Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) as			
		Nodal officer to guide the BMCs and act as a			
		link between Board and the Biodiversity			
		Management Committees is pending with the			
		Government.			

8/22/2	Preparation of Biodiversity Registers.	The following additional NGOs have been selected for preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers.		
		1. Shreyashree RuralTechnology &Rural Development Society (R)No. 28, Vinobha Extension,Kallur – 572 220 Gubbi tq.Tumkur		
		2. Concern for Urban & Rural DevelopmentSociety (CURDS) No. 58, 3 rd Main, 3 rd Cross, K.M. Colony,Venkatareddy Nagar, Jayanagar,Bangalore-11		
		3. Karnataka Unani Medical Association,No. 170, 7 th Cross, B.M.Nagar,Tavarekere Park, B.E.T.School Road,Bangalore – 29.	Chickballapur and Mysore	
9/1	Study on Bio-industries Utilizing Bio-resources	 -29. 1. As discussed in the last Board meeting the survey of Pharmaceutical and Cosmetics firms have been entrusted to Karnataka Indian Medicine Manufacture's (Regd) Bangalore. The Department of Horticulture, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries have also been addressed to supply the information on utilization of Bio-resources. 2. The list of Biotechnology Companies has been obtained and they have been addressed to furnish the information on utilization of Bio-resources by them. 3. The Karnataka Unani Medical Association, Bangalore has submitted a proposal and requested to provide Rs.30,000/- to take up survey on collection of information from Unani and Homeopathic medicine manufacturers. (Annexure-6) The same is placed for 		
10/1	Establishment of Dry zone Biodiversity parks Network in Karnataka.			

		be incurred for Centre for sustainable		
		Development, Bangalore.		
		In consultation with the Secretary (Ecology and		
		Environment) and Deputy Conservator of		
		Forests and Conservator of Forests from various		
		districts the proposal has been modified by		
		Karnataka Biodiversity Board and the same is		
		placed it (Annexure-7) for consideration. As		
		per the proposals approximately 100 has core		
		area in the forests will be selected in in each of		
		the 13 dry districts and the same will be		
		demarcated. The activities like fire protection,		
		soil conservation, sowing of seeds will be taken		
		up. The watch and ward will be provided by the		
		Department from the existing pool. An amount		
		of Rs.1.50 lakhs per site is earmarked for 13		
		districts. Village Forest Committees / Village		
		Protection Committees will be formed for each		
		of the 13 sites. The area will be treated as no		
		harvest zone. The Biodiversity of these sites will		
		be monitored regularly. The Centre for		
		Sustainable Development, Bangalore will		
		conduct Capacity building programme for the		
		Forest officers and the villagers / Village Forest		
		Committees. An amount of Rs. 9.56 will be		
		provided to Centre for sustainable Development		
		and Rs.19.5 lakhs will be provided to the		
		Deputy Conservator of Forests in 13 districts @		
		Rs. 1.50 lakhs each district. The Karnataka		
		Biodiversity Board will monitor the		
		implementation of programme. The proposal		
		may be approved.		
10/2	Proposal on Diversity of	The project proposer has been requested to		
	Zooplankton in the Lakes of	furnish the information as desired by the Board.		
	Karnataka	The same is still awaited.		
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11/1	National Level Seminar on	The Academy of Natural Farming, Mysore, has			
	Mango Cultivation under	informed that they are conducting a Seminar in			
	Natural farming	Kollegal taluk, Chamarajnagar district on the			
		above subject to highlight the use of organic			
		farming. They have requested for some monetary			
		support. It is suggested that an amount of Rs.			
		20,000/- may be provided from Karnataka			
		Biodiversity Board.			
		(Annexure-8)			
11/2	Budget for 2009-10	The budget proposal for 2009-10 has been			
	_	submitted to the government. The details are as			
		below.			

		Sl. No	Items	Amount (Lakh Rs)	
		1	Officers Salary	44.00	
		2	Supporting staff salary	12.50	
		3	TA/DA	3.00	
		4	Office Expenditure	9.00	
		5	Training Workshop & Seminar	8.00	
		6	Project Studies and assistance	7.00	
		7	Vehicle Maintenance and fuel charges	4.00	
		8	PBRs documentation	48.00	
			Total	135.50	
	2009-10	 It is proposed to conduct the following workshops. 1. Workshop on Biodiversity of Dry zone. 2. Workshop on Invasive Alien Species 3. Workshop on heritage sites /Trees. 4. Workshop on G.M.crop/G.M.food. 5. Coastal Biodiversity in relation to coastal management zone. 			
11/4	Research projects	Uni subi The	Research report on Nallur Tamarind Groves. University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore has submitted report on research works undertaken. The same is placed at Annexure-10 .		
11/5	Annual Report for 2008-09		Annual report for 2008-09 has been prepared and the same is placed at Annexure-11 .		
11/6	Annual Accounts of 2008- 09	The account for 2008-09 is under preparation the same will be submitted to Accountant General for audit as required under the act.			
11/7	IPR permission.	 audit as required under the act. It is informed that IPR applications are being filed before the National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai. The National Biodiversity Authority is asking for the opinion of the Board. In some cases due to involvement of many BMCs and no clear indication as to from where the Bio-resources will be sourced, the opinion has been given subject to the conditions that: The firm/company will not do any activities which is detrimental or contrary to the objectives of conservation and sustainable utilization of bio-resources. The firm/company will not trade/collect any natural resources which are considered as rare/endangered/threatened by the competent authority. The firm/company will ensure that the harvest of natural resources will not cause genetic erosion or affect the ecosystem 			

		 effect on livelihood/culture/traditional knowledge of the local people. 4. The firm/company will undertake to pay levy/cess as fixed by the competent authority from time to time. 5. The firm/company will report from time to time the quantity of bio-resources harvested from various locations. 6. The firm/company shall be liable to allow the authorities of the Board and Authorized Officers to verify and check the declarations made regarding bio-resources. 7. The Board as per rule 16 of Karnataka Biodiversity Rule 2005 reserves the right to withdraw the permission for access to biological resources in case of any detrimental activity conducted by such firm, in addition to taking legal action. 8. The firm/company shall ensure that the access/utilization of bio-resources shall not result in adverse environmental impact and biodiversity loss. 9. The firm/company shall not use bio-resources/IPR for the purpose contrary to the national interest and other related international agreements entered into by the country. 10. The benefits arising out of these shall be
		equitably shared as decided by the National Biodiversity Authority.11. The procedure prescribed under various Act and Rules pertaining to bio-resources shall
11/8	Audit observation	be strictly adhered to. The Audit Observations (Annexure 12) were received from Accountant General. Certain observations have been dropped and others are continuing the replies have been furnished and decision of Accountant General is awaited. One observation pertains to irregular claim of TA amount by the then Executive Officer Sri.Sathyanarayana Bhat. He has claimed the taxi charges even though other modes of transports were available. Claims are not furnished along with the receipt/vouchers; the kilometers have not been mentioned. The same is under audit observation. The amount needs to be recovered from the concerned officer as per procedure; this is brought to the notice of board.

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11/9	Heritage Sites declaration	(i) It is informed that the proposal to declare Nethrani island is pending with the Deputy Commissioner, Karwar. He has been reminded in the matter.	
		(ii) There was a request from the Chairman, Task	
		Force on Western Ghats, Karwar to declare	
		Ambargudda in Sagar Taluk as Biodiversity	
		Heritage Site. On verification it is found that the	
		Ambargudda is a revenue land and there is some	
		case pending in the court as reported by the	
		Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar. In view of	
		the above no action can be taken to change the	
		legal status of Ambargudda. This is brought to the notice of the Board.	
		(iii) As regards Amanghatta of Hosanagar Taluk	
		it is informed that the area comes under reserve	
		forest as reported by the Deputy Conservator of	
		Forests. Therefore as per the guidelines of	
		National Biodiversity Authority the same cannot	
		be considered for declaration as heritage site.	
		(iv) As regards Hogrekan of Kadur Taluk,	
		Chickmagalore District, the Deputy Conservator	
		of Forests has been asked to get the opinion of	
		Zilla Panchayat, Deputy Commissioner and	
		Biodiversity Management Committee. After	
11/10	Research proposal for	receipt of the same, further action will be taken.Following research proposals have been received	
11/10	consideration	for consideration:	
		1. Documentation and evaluation of indigenous	
		methods of insect pest management using forest	
		flora in Western Ghats – Javaregowda, Associate	
		Professor (Entomology), FC, Sirsi 2. Nallur Tamarind Heritage Site – University of	
		Agriculture Science, Bangalore.	
		3. Documentation of Ancient Traditional, Ayurvedic	
		Practices in Kodagu with reference to Aati soppu –	
		Mangalore University - Madikeri	
		4. Documentation of economic valuation and inventory of traditional knowledge of Biological	
		Diversity of Estuarine Fish and Shellfish of	
		Dakshina Kannada and Udupi District – College of	
		Fisheries, Mangalore.	
		5. Impact of fragmentation on the Biodiversity of	
		Protected Areas; a case study with reference to Bannerghatta National Park – Christ University,	
		Bangalore.	
		6. Assessment of diversity among the species with	
1		recalcitrant seeds to Central Western Ghats of	
		recalcitrant seeds to Central Western Ghats of Uttara Kannada District. – College of Forestry,	

		 7. Protection, Conservation and Cultivation Methods for Wild Banana (Kadu Baale) in Kodagu District. – Mangalore University – Madikeri. Project proposals with note is placed at Annexure-13 	
11/11	Celebration of Biodiversity Day	The Biodiversity Day will be observed on 22 nd May 2009 as suggested by National Biodiversity Authority. Just like previous years this year also the same will be celebrated. On this occasion awareness programme will be conducted in addition to essay writing and painting competitions. Programme will be as below:	
		Name of the districtProgramme:1. DharwadAwareness programme	
		2. Madikeri	Awareness programme
		3. Bellary Essay competition	
		4. Bangalore	a.Awareness programme
			b. Painting Competition
		5. Chickmagalur	Awareness programme
		6. Mysore Awareness programme	
		An amount of Rs.10,000/- will be released to the NGOs to conduct the programme. In Bangalore Rs.30,000/- will be provided to Christ University to conduct the awareness programme. This is for the information of the board.	

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary Karnataka Biodiversity Board, Bangalore.