

KARNATAKA BIODIVERSITY BOARD
19th BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date : 20/01/2012 Time : 12.00 Noon

Venue: Chamber of Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Ecology,
Room No.141, 1st Floor, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore.

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Reading and recording the proceedings of 18th Board Meeting – The proceedings of the 18th Board Meeting held on 14/9/2011 were communicated to all the members. In view of the above the revised proceedings may be adopted.

1. Action taken on 18th Board Meeting proceeding.

Sl. No.	Subject	Action taken
8/11	Providing suitable staff to Karnataka Biodiversity Board	The representative of Director, Ayush Dept had informed the Board that the process of deputing one Deputy Director Cadre officer from their department was under process and shortly an order would be issued to this effect. The decision regarding appointing District Coordinators is deferred since Principal Secretary has to take the decision in the matter.
10/1	Establishment of Dry Zone Biodiversity Conservation Site networks	The representative of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) had informed the Board that the matter had been referred to the concerned field officers and information on raising RET species by Forest department would be furnished to the Board shortly. Action is awaited. (Annexure..1)
12/22	Protection of Mangroves	The representative of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) had informed the Board that the matter had been referred to the concerned officials and shortly information would be furnished to the Board in this regard. (Annexure...2) Reply is awaited.
13/6	Declaring Ambargudda as Heritage Site.	The final notification was issued on 18/11/2011 vide G.O.No.FEE/21/ENV-2010 by Government. The copy of the same has been sent to concerned officials for information and needful. (Annexure...3)

13/11	Bt. Brinjal – Bt. Crop	<p>The matter was discussed with NBA on 28th Oct 2011 in Chennai followed by meeting with legal advisor of National Biodiversity Authority on 18th and 19th of November 2011 in Bangalore. It was decided to file cases against institutions/companies who have violated provisions of Biodiversity Act 2002 and nominate lawyers for the purpose. Written directions of the Authority are awaited. The Board may permit Member Secretary to take action as per the written directions of the Authority.</p> <p>The matter is placed for the Board for consideration.</p>
13/12	Vegetation Mapping by Forest Survey of India	<p>The reply from Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) is placed before the Board for information and necessary action. (Annexure ...4)</p>
14/1	Removal of some species from the purview of Biological Diversity Act 2002 under Section-40.	<p>As decided in the 18th Board meeting the letter has been addressed to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests requesting to send the action taken report on regulation of harvesting of <i>cinnamomum</i> species and method of extraction of <i>curcuma angustifolia</i>. The reply is awaited. (Annexure...5)</p>
14/3	Declaring Heritage Sites (Netrani island)	<p>The subject was deliberated in the Board meeting. Since the matter concerns strategic defence of the Nation, it was resolved to wait for the opinion of Defence Secretary, GOI. In the meantime a PIL is filed in the High Court of Karnataka. The reply is awaited.</p>
14/4	Heritage Site Management Rules	<p>The draft Management Rules for Conservation of Heritage Site has been submitted to National Biodiversity Authority. Approval of rules by National Biodiversity Authority is awaited.</p>
14/5	Declaration of Heritage Trees	<p>The Karnataka Heritage Tree rules, 2010 has been submitted to Government for consideration and further needful action. All the proposals will be considered together in a comprehensive manner and action will be taken after the issue of notification by the Government.</p>

14/8	Protection of Estuaries	Survey report of Kali and Aganashini estuaries was received on 13/9/2011 from Dr. V.N. Naik, Department of Marine Biology, Karnataka University, P.G.Center, Karwar. A letter has been addressed to the concerned scientist on 20/9/2011 requesting him to furnish some information which is very much needed to consider these sites for Biodiversity Heritage site status. ((Annexure...6) Reply is awaited.
14/9	Preparation of documentary film	<p>As decided in the 19th Board meeting the Expression of Interest was called through advertisement from various agencies and individuals for production of documentary film for the second time on 22/8/2011. In response to the advertisement the following 7 firms had submitted the tender documents.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. M/s. Shramajeevi Agri Film, B,lore 2. M/s. Rare Brains Group of Company, B,lore 3. M/s. Kavitha Lankesh, Bangalore 4. M/s. Teri southern Regional centre, B,lore 5. M/s. Sunny Television, B,lore 6. M/s. Crucible Innovations, B,lore 7. M/s Soft line studio Services, New Delhi. <p>A screening committee was constituted on 17/10/2011 to evaluate Technical and Financial bids of documentary film.</p> <p>After the technical evaluation of proposals for production of documentary film by the Screening committee M/s. Shramajivi Agri films, Bangalore, the Energy & Resources Institute, B,lore and Crucible innovations B,lore are qualified for financial bid evaluation.</p> <p>Opening of financial bids was held on 28/11/2011.</p> <p>M/s. Shramajivi Agri films, Bangalore, is the L1 firm. The tender will be awarded to the eligible firm shortly.</p>

14/10	Conference of Biodiversity Management Committees in Bangalore	<p>A letter has been addressed to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests to direct all DCFs (SF) to submit the list of 10 members of different BMCs in their concerned districts.</p> <p>Shortly a meeting of Experts, Members of active Biodiversity Management Committees, NGOs and line departments would be convened.</p>
14/11	Amendment to Karnataka Tree Preservation Act.	<p>The representative of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) had informed the Board that a workshop of Senior Forest Officers was held in Bangalore recently wherein the issue was discussed at length. Hence it was decided to ask PCCF to submit a final view on the matter.</p>
14/13	Preparation of district level Action plan on Biodiversity	<p>It was decided to prepare guidelines for preparation of district level action plan on biodiversity.</p> <p>Experts are being consulted to constitute an expert committee to draft guidelines for preparation of action plan.</p>
14/14	Project proposal of Pilikula Nisarga Dhama Society (R)	<p>The Pilikula Nisarga Dhama Society (R) has submitted the progress report of the project on 14/11/2011. Next installment will be released shortly.</p>
14/16	Project proposal of Baseline profiling of Cultural-Heritage Biodiversity Resources in Select Eco-Zones of Karnataka.	<p>The work is under progress.</p>
15/1	Declaration of Natural Heritage Sites	<p>As per decision of the Board, a reminder has been sent to DCF, Sagar asking for submission of the detailed report and proposal on Hosagunda sacred grove of Sagar taluk. After receiving the report matter will be referred to Expert Committee.</p>
15/2	Declaration of Agro Biodiversity Heritage Site	<p>Assistant Directors of Agriculture of Sorab, Sagar and Sirsi taluks have been asked to collect relevant information to declare Varada river Basin as Agro Biodiversity heritage site. They have been asked to submit the proposals through DCFs (SF). ADA Sirsi has submitted the proposal and the proposals from Sorab and Sagar taluks are awaited.</p>

		The subject will be placed before the Expert committee after receipt of comprehensive proposals.
15/3	Declaration of some river patches as fish sanctuaries.	As decided in the 18 th Board a reminder has been addressed to the Director, Department of Fisheries to furnish the opinion for declaring remaining 9 patches as Fish sanctuaries by Fisheries Department. (Annexure..7) The reply is awaited.
15/10	Integrated Ecological Carrying Capacity study of Uttara Kannada District	The progress report has been submitted by Dr. T.V.Ramachandra, Principal Investigator of the project after addressing a letter to IISc.
15/12	Declaration of Sri. Lakshmikantha Swamy, Medicinal Eco-park, Devaragudda (Sri Giri), Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore, as heritage site.	A letter has been addressed to DCF (SF), Bangalore (Urban) asking to form a BMC in the area covering Sri. Lakshmikantha Swamy, Medicinal Eco-park, Devaragudda (Sri Giri), Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore and to submit the proposal to declare this place as Biological Diversity Heritage Site. (Annexure...8) The reply is awaited.
16/1	Establishment of Dry Zone Biodiversity in-situ Conservation sites network.	Botanical survey work being done by CCNR-IAIM in the 13 in situ conservation sites is under progress.
16/3	Declaration of Mango Farm as Agro Biodiversity Heritage Site.	It was decided to consider the place for heritage site status after getting opinion on the project proposals " <i>Genetic diversity studies of the Mango plantation in Kirugavalu village of Malavalli taluk, Mandya district</i> " from Joint Director of Horticulture, Dept of Horticulture, Bio centre, Hulimavu, Bangalore. Joint director has informed that genetic diversity study of mango plantation in Kirugavalu village would be useful. The matter is placed before the Board for consideration.
16/4	Project on Conservation and Utilization of Deep water Rice Genetic Resources of the Varada River Course in the Western Ghats of Karnataka.	A letter has been addressed to Government on 12/7/2011 for administrative approval of the project. (Annexure..9)

16/7	Biodiversity Awareness programmes in Eco clubs established under NGC programme.	It was decided to provide Rs. 2,500/- per Eco Club per year for conducting awareness programmes on biodiversity. The matter is being pursued with Commissioner, Dept. of Public Instructions. The action will be taken after receipt of list of 100 Eco Clubs established in different Schools and Colleges across the State.
16/8	Providing incentives to owners of the Heritage trees.	It was decided to provide onetime cash reward of Rs.5,000/- . Action will be taken after issue of notification by Government on "Karnataka Heritage tree Rules 2010" and declaration of Heritage trees.
16/9	Providing financial assistance to BMCs for protection of Biodiversity Heritage Sites.	In view of the budget constraints, these works will be undertaken with the grant of Rs.4.50 lakhs sanctioned by National Biodiversity Authority for the same purpose. An amount of Rs. 1.50 lakhs each has been released to BMC, Nallur, Bangalore and BMC Hogrekan, Chikkamagalur district, to maintain the Heritage Site and the concerned BMCs have been asked to submit the action plan.
16/14	Annual plan of operation for balance amount of Rs. 22.393 lakhs.	Under establishment of Kuvempu Bio-park project an action plan for 2011-12 for Rs.22.393 lakhs is submitted to the Secretary (E&E) on 17/10/2011 for obtaining necessary revalidation from Finance Department. The reply is awaited.
17/2	Continuous absence of non-official member in Karnataka Biodiversity Board meetings.	As decided in the last Board meeting a letter has been addressed to Secretary, (E&E) Dept of FEE requesting to issue a Govt. order to nominate Dr. Ramaksrihna, former director and advisor, Zoological Survey of India as a new Non-official member of the Board in place of Prof. R.Sukumar. The Government order is awaited
17/5	Biodiversity Atlas	A MoU has been signed between Member Secretary, KBB and Director, ATREE, Bangalore on 28/11/11. First installment of Rs. 9.23 lakhs has been released to the ATREE organization.

17/6	Training Farmers and Local Communities by ESG, Bangalore.	An advance of Rs. 20,000/- was released to Environment Support Group, Bangalore to conduct second training program on Capacity Building on the National Biodiversity Act and its provisions and implications” to BMC Members, Panchayths, farmers and local communities, local officials, in North Karnataka.
18/3	Proposed seeds bill 2010 and enumeration of reservations on field trials of Bt. Maize.	As decided in the last Board meeting to have wider consultation, a one day workshop on this issue would be conducted shortly, inviting experts in the field, stake holders, concerned department officers and NGOs, at Aranya bhavan.
18/4	Providing financial assistance for Formation of Biodiversity Management Committees and Preparation of People’s Biodiversity Registers.	Action has been initiated as per the decision in the 18 th Board meeting. Different NGOs have been assigned with work of formation of Biodiversity Management Committees and Preparation of People’s Biodiversity Registers and conducting of biodiversity awareness programmes in different districts.
18/6	Financial support to Sahaja Samrudha NGO for Geographical indication (GI) of Rajamudi rice.	As decided in the last Board meeting a letter has been addressed to Dr. Vasanth Kumar, Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Bangalore to coordinate the matter with University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore
18/7	Project proposal on “Genetic diversity studies of the Mango plantation in Kirugavalu village of Malavalli taluk, Mandya district”.	The letter has been addressed to Joint Director of Horticulture, Directorate of Horticulture Biocentre, Hulimavu on 5/11/2011 to furnish the opinion on the project proposal on “Genetic diversity studies of the mango plantation in Kirugavalu village of Mallavalli taluk, Mandya District. He has opined that as there is not much information available on the genetic diversity of Mango in this area, the project would be useful for identification of the characters of the varieties for further multiplication. The matter is placed before the Board for consideration. (Annexure..10)
18/8	Project Proposal on “Integrated research into the Peculiar features and the Complex biodiversity of the Tamarind grove in Nallur – Devanahally taluk”.	As decided in the last Board meeting a letter has been addressed to Secretary (E&E) Dept. of F&E, requesting to write to dept of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, recommending the project proposal for financial assistance.

New Subjects

19/1	Biodiversity Awards	<p>Since last three years Biodiversity Awards are being awarded to eligible individuals/institutions who have displayed remarkable achievements in the field of conservation and sustainable use of bio resources. This award involves an amount of Rs.15,000/- as prize money with memento and certificate.</p> <p>It is been proposed to enhance the prize money to Rs.25,000/- in each category from existing amount of Rs. 15,000/-.</p> <p>The matter is placed before the board for consideration.</p>
19/2	Translation of People's Biodiversity Registers to Kannada language.	<p>A meeting was called to discuss the modalities of preparation of PBRs and Formation of BMCs and conducting Awareness Training program on 3/10/2011.</p> <p>NGOs who participated in the meeting requested to fix an amount of Rs.5,000/- for translation work for each PBR other than Rs.55,000 sanctioned for preparation of each PBR.</p>
19/3	Biodiversity Awards for best documentary films on biodiversity.	<p>Documentary film on biodiversity showcases different aspects of biodiversity in a way that could be easily understood by everyone. These documentary films serve the purpose of creating awareness among people of different sections of society.</p> <p>It is proposed to institute an annual award for best documentary film on biodiversity with prize money Rs 25000 and a citation.</p> <p>The matter is placed for the Board for consideration.</p>
19/4	Regular payment of Salary to Supporting staff of Karnataka Biodiversity Board.	<p>The then Member Secretary had requested Secretary (Ecology & Environment) letter dated 6/9/2008 to appoint the Supporting Staff on contract basis instead of through Man Power Agency in the interest of organization.</p> <p>Man Power Agency collecting commission of 5.5% from KBB but does not provide any services such as ESI, PF etc. There is no grievances redressal mechanism available with the agency in case of complaints. The staff is not motivated to do better work and there is tendency to seek better job elsewhere.</p>

		<p>Supporting staff have submitted a representation on 5/12/2011 requesting for regular payment of salary directly from the Board instead of through Man Power Agency. (Annexure..11)</p> <p>The matter is placed before the Board for kind consideration.</p>
19/5	Purchase of a new vehicle for the Board.	<p>Two vehicles are being used by the Board. One car is being used by Member Secretary and a Tata Sumo is a pool vehicle used by other officers of the Board.</p> <p>The Board has hired a car on rental basis for use of DCF and ACF. The car being used by the Member Secretary is old model Maruthi Esteem. It will be exclusively provided to DCF.</p> <p>Hence it is proposed to purchase a new car Hyundai Verna Diesel (1.5 CRDI VGT) for the Member Secretary.</p> <p>The matter is placed before the Board for consideration.</p>
19/6	Protection of <i>Nothapodyets nimmoniana</i> an anti cancer medicinal plant.	<p>The plant contains a chemical camptothecin which is reported to possess anti cancer and anti HIV properties.</p> <p>A letter has been received from Chief Executive Officer, National Medicinal Plants Board, New Delhi to take steps for the conservation of this plant as the demand of camptothecin is increasing. In his letter the CEO, NMPB, has stated that the plant has been extensively used in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra, Kerala and Karnataka.</p> <p>Section 38 of Biological Diversity Act 2002 provides for issuance of notification by Central Government in consultation with Concerned State Government to regulate collection of species which are threatened or likely to become extinct in the near future.</p> <p>In his letter dated 7/10/2011 Secretary to Government (E&E) has directed to put up the matter in the Board meeting. (Annexure..12)</p> <p>The matter is placed before the Board for information and necessary action.</p>

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

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Establishment of dryzone insitu conservation sites network in 13 dry districts sponsored by Karnataka Biodiversity Board started during the year 2009-10. Since then for soil and moisture conservation works, planting of saplings and for watch and ward amount was released to concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests (Territorial). But most of Deputy Conservator of Forests have not submitted the Utilisation Certificate and Vouchers for the spent amount. A detail of the amount released is shown in the annexure.

For providing infrastructural facilities to selected Biodiversity Management Committees, Deputy Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) of all districts were given Rs. 50,000/- amount (Rs. 10,000/- per BMC) in the month of March 2011. But till date no Utilistation Certificate has been submitted to Board by Deputy Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry).

In this regard a letter has been addressed to PCCF (HOFF) for information and requesting for necessary action. (Annexure-13)

The matter is placed before the Board for information.

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