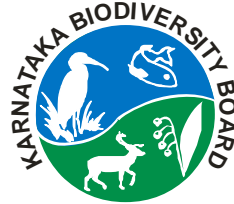


# **KARNATAKA BIODIVERSITY BOARD**

**(Forest, Ecology and Environment Department)**



## **23<sup>rd</sup> BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Date: 24/06/2014 Time: 3.00 PM**

### **Venue:**

**Additional Chief Secretary's Chamber  
Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment  
# 448, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Gate -2  
M.S. Buildings, Bangalore**

## **Agenda Notes for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting**

### **1. Reading and recording of 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting**

The proceedings of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting held on 22/04/2014 were communicated to all the members, and as there were no comments from the members, the proceeding may be adopted. (Annexure-I)

### **2. Action taken on 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting Proceedings.**

Action taken on proceedings of 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting is placed in Annexure-II.

### **3. Issues related to Access and Benefit Sharing:**

#### I. On scope and coverage of Biodiversity Act:

Detailed deliberation on the issue had taken place in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting Dated 22-4-14 vide Sub: 22/3 where in it was resolved that Karnataka Biodiversity Board, to start with, should address only 3 industries namely 1. Ayurvedic pharmaceuticals, 2. Nutraceuticals and 3. Cosmetics, for obtaining Form-I and taking further action as per law including sharing of benefits. The matter has been further examined in consultation with the legal advisor of KBB who is of the opinion that the Board has “no powers to initially pick only some industries as against all covered by Section 7 of the Biological Diversity Act”. A copy of the opinion from the legal advisor is placed as Annexure-III.

#### II. On incomplete reporting in Form-I:

In the agenda note for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting, it was pointed out that industries that are expected to furnish Form-I are submitting the same, incomplete in many respects. After detailed deliberations the Board resolved and authorized Member Secretary, KBB to call the meeting of stakeholders and address them about the provisions of the Act. The Member Secretary, along with Dr. Sanjappa and Dr. M.D. Subash Chandran, Board members, has taken the meeting with the industry representatives on 20-6-2014. The industry representatives were of the final view that they are unable to furnish the information required in the Form-I. A copy of the proceedings of the meeting is placed for deliberation and suitable decisions (Annexure-IV).

### **4. Reconstitution of Expert Committee on Agro Biodiversity:**

As required by section 13(1) of Biodiversity Act 2002, a committee to deal with Agro Biodiversity was constituted by Govt. order No FEE 53 ENV 2009 Dtd 26/05/2010 (Annexure-V). Now it is proposed to reconstitute the committee. Accordingly, a letter has been addressed to Vice Chancellors of Universities of Agricultural sciences, Horticultural sciences and Forestry Colleges for recommending the nomination of one expert each from different fields of Agro Bio-diversity. The matter was also discussed in the meeting of the expert committee on 19-6-2014. After deliberations, members of the committee have recommended the following persons to be included as members of the committee:

1. Director, Department of Agriculture, Seshadri Road, Bangalore

2. Director, Department of Horticulture, Lalbagh, Bangalore
3. Dr. S. Gangaprasad, Associate Professor, Genetics and Plant Breeding, College of Agriculture, Shimoga.
4. Dr. N. Devkumar, Agronomist, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bangalore
5. Dr. S.C. Chandrashekar, Plant Pathologist, (Rtd.) University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bangalore.
6. Dr. R.G. Gollar, Rtd. Joint Director of Agriculture,

The matter is placed before the Board for deliberations and a suitable decision in this regard.

#### **5. Draft guidelines on Access and benefit sharing:**

As per section 2(g) of Biological Diversity Act, 2002, "Fair and equitable benefit sharing" means, sharing of benefits as determined by the NBA under Section - 21. Accordingly, the NBA has taken the exercise which has been going on for several years. Now they have sent the draft guidelines for the comment of the stakeholders. The same is placed as Annexure-VI. The members of the Board may send their comments to Member Secretary within a week so that the same can be compiled and sent to NBA.

#### **6. UNEP-GEF-MoEF ABS project:**

The Ministry of Environment and Forests, in collaboration with UNEP-GEF has taken up an ABS project titled 'strengthening the implementation of the Biological diversity Act and Rules with focus on its Access and Benefit sharing practices. The MoEF has associated five states including Karnataka as partners of the project, which will be implemented in due course of time. It is expected that the project will be completed within one year from its commencement. The details of the project are being worked by the NBA which is awaited. A note on the project is enclosed as Annexure-VII. The matter is placed before the Board for information and approval.

#### **7. Biodiversity award:**

In the 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, it was resolved to institute following biodiversity awards, one in each category.

1. General category
2. Agro Biodiversity
3. Biodiversity award for Women.
4. Best Biodiversity Management Committee.
5. Best documentary film on Biodiversity.
6. Award to Forest Guard for best nursery of RET and Endemic species.

Each award consists of prize money of Rs. 25,000/- a citation and a certificate.

It is proposed to start the process of selecting suitable candidates in the aforementioned categories. Due publicity will be given for receiving nominations. In order to screen the nominations received, it is proposed to constitute a committee with following members:

1. Mrs. Ritu Kakar, IFS, Director General, EMPRI, Bangalore
2. Dr. Ramakrishna, Ex-Director, ZSI. GKVK, Bangalore
3. Dr. M.D Subash Chandran, Member, KBB, Bangalore
4. Dr. Sanjappa, Ex- Director, BSI and Member KBB, Bangalore.
5. Member Secretary, KBB – Member Convenor.

The committee will be required to screen the nominations and select suitable candidates for the award.

#### **8. Concept note from Dr. M. H. Swaminath, Board member.**

In the 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting, Dr. M.H. Swaminath had circulated a paper for perusal of the members wherein he had listed priority action to be taken by the Board. After some discussion on the subject, the ACS (FEE) had requested Dr. M.H. Swaminath to submit the project proposals in pursuance of his papers, duly indicating the financial implications, expertise available for work and timeline for the same. On 21.4.2014, Dr. M.H. Swaminath has given another concept note by mail, which was placed in the Board for discussion. However, the concept note could not be taken up for discussion and was deferred to be discussed in the next Board meeting. The same is placed before the Board for deliberations (Annexure-VIII).

#### **9. Any other subject with the permission of the chair.**