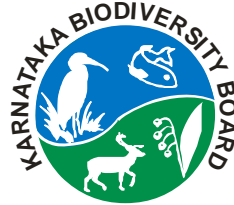


KARNATAKA BIODIVERSITY BOARD

(Forest, Ecology and Environment Department)



25th BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date: 12/11/2014 Time: 12.00 Noon

Venue:

Karnataka Forest Development Corporation

Meeting Hall, II Floor,

Vanavikas, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram,

Bangalore - 560003

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Agenda Notes for the 25th Board Meeting

1. READING AND RECORDING OF 24TH BOARD MEETING.

The proceedings of the 24th Board Meeting held on 04/09/2014 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 24TH BOARD MEETING PROCEEDINGS.

Action taken on proceedings of 24th Board Meeting is placed in (Annexure-II).

3. COMPLIANCE OF THE KARNATAKA BIODIVERSITY RULES 2005 WITH THE BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ACT 2002

National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai has forwarded the review on the compliance of the State Rules with the Biological Diversity Act 2002. The copy of the review report made by National Biodiversity Authority is enclosed in (Annexure – III).

The review of Karnataka Biological Diversity Rules 2005 is forwarded to the Legal Advisor of the Board for his detailed comments on the review report of National Biodiversity Authority is enclosed in (Annexure-IV).

The matter is placed before the Board for deliberation and further direction.

4. India's Fifth National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) 2014

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has prepared 'India's Fifth National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity 2014' (5th NR on CBD). This report is forwarded to all the State Governments and State Biodiversity Boards. National Biodiversity Action Plan which was approved in the 2008, was formulated through a comprehensive Inter ministerial process and was developed prior to Convention on Biological Diversity Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (Nagoya Protocol). The 12 broad actionable points of 'National Biodiversity Action Plan corresponds to 20 Aichi targets which is included in 5 Strategic goals of Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2012. This India's 5th NR to CBD provides for the actions to be taken by different Ministries from Government of India, Departments of State Government, Academic and Premier Institutions of Government of India as well as State Government to take care India's 12 National Biodiversity Targets (INBT) which corresponds to 20 Aichi Biodiversity targets covered under 5 strategic goals. The document provides details about the composite indicator including description of indicator and the responsible agencies for taking up the actions towards achieving INBT. Frequency of monitoring/reporting for each India's National Biodiversity Target is also provided.

The Executive Summary of 5th NR (Annexure -V) provides the details of responsible agencies for taking up the action towards India's National Biodiversity Target. A separate grid is prepared with focus on responsible agencies in Karnataka (Annexure - VI) for taking up the activities towards 12 INBT.

It is noted that some of the Agencies which can be helpful in addressing the issues of India's National Biodiversity Target are left out. They are also included in the list (Names are highlighted).

The Executive Summary and the relevant list prepared for our State is submitted for deliberations and suitable direction.

5. People's Biodiversity Registers Status / Methodology.

The Board has deliberated about the documentation of Bio resources in each Grama panchayath in its 21st meeting vide Agenda No.5. During 2013-14 the preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers was taken up with the help of students from Bio Science Department and their Professors / Lecturers. (Co-ordinators for this programme) 14 such Co-ordinators and Co-co-ordinators have extensively done their field work with students and submitted 66 draft / final PBRs.

The whole state is divided into 10 Agro Climatic Zones. The occurrence of flora and fauna in particular Agro Climatic Zone is almost similar across all the Gramapanchayaths falling in the Agro Climatic Zone. The People's Biodiversity Registers is to be written for each elected bodies. The total number of elected body in Karnataka is about 6000. Therefore, it would be quite time consuming, if we do a detailed field work of assessing the Bio resources of the area of each Grama Panchayath. In order to overcome these problems, cue is taken from the similarity of flora and fauna in each Agro Climatic Zone, and a Master Checklist is prepared for each Agro Climatic Zone.

The detailed field work was done during last year for preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers. There was also some People's Biodiversity Registers prepared in earlier years. Taking into account the information on flora and fauna from these PBRs and from other secondary sources, a Master Checklist in the format prescribed by National Biodiversity Authority and adopted in Karnataka Biodiversity Board is prepared. This Master Checklist was presented in meeting on 23/7/2014 before the experts. (Annexure-VIA) After incorporating their suggestion the master checklist is prepared. This Master Checklist has simplified the procedure for writing of PBRs. The detail filed work in each Gramapanchayath is dispensed with this. A team of 3 students (Bio science background) guided by their professor / Lecturer go to each Gramapanchayath. They meet all stakeholders, members of Biodiversity Management Committee, officials from related departments. A copy of such letter for fixing the schedule is enclosed as (Annexure – VII) for ready reference. The students during the meeting with all concerned people, after giving the brief about the People's Biodiversity Register, start the completion of the format by resorting to addition or

deletion of the flora and fauna in the Master Checklist as the case may be, after gathering information from the stakeholders in the meeting.

During the meeting special emphasis is given to the Traditional Knowledge held by the villagers and to those Bio resources which are in use, commercially or locally. The PBR is compiled after completion of the field work by the students, under the guidance of the teachers.

The finance involved in this writing of such PBRs is enclosed as (Annexure- VIII)

The subject is placed before the Board for deliberation and approval.

6. UNEP-GEF-MoEF ABS project:

The Board in its 23rd meeting held on 24/06/2014 has approved the ABS project sanctioned by MOEF in collaboration with UNEP-GEF. Subsequently the Project Manager, UNEP-GEF, has visited the Board on 18/9/2014 and in the meeting detailed activities of the project was discussed. As per the information given to the Board following 6 components will be taken up during the implementation of the project.

1. Identification of biodiversity with potential for ABS and their valuation in selected eco-systems such as forest, agriculture and wetlands.
2. Development of tools, methodologies, guidelines, frameworks for implementing ABS provisions of the Biological Diversity Act.
3. Piloting agreements on ABS
4. Implementation of policy and regulatory framework(s) relating to ABS provisions at national level and thereby contribute to international ABS policy issues.
5. Capacity Building for strengthening implementation of ABS provisions of the Biological Diversity Act
6. Increasing Public Awareness and Education.

During meeting held on 18/9/2014, the representation from National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai, informed that the unit of implementation of the project differs in different states. In Karnataka, Biodiversity Management Committees are being constituted in all the elected bodies viz Gramapanchayat, Taluk Panchayat, Zilla Panchayat, Municipal Corporation etc. For this project, Taluk Panchayat Biodiversity Management Committees may be considered as unit, as the distribution of any bio resources is often beyond the boundary of the Gram Panchayat.

The matter is placed before the Board for deliberation and necessary action.

7. Any other subject with the permission of the Chair.

**Member Secretary,
Karnataka Biodiversity Board**