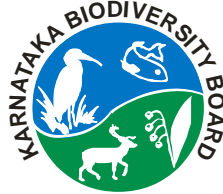


KARNATAKA BIODIVERSITY BOARD

(Forest, Ecology and Environment Dept.)



27th BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date: 03/03/2015 Time: 11.30 A.M

Venue:

**Karnataka Forest Department
Aranya Bhavan, Meeting Hall, 8th Floor,
18th Cross, Malleshwaram,
Bangalore - 560003**

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Agenda notes for the 27th Board Meeting

1. Reading and recording of proceedings of the 26th Board meeting:

The proceedings of the 26th Board Meeting held on 24/12/2014 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 25th Board Meeting Proceedings:

As 26th Board meeting was specially convened to take an agenda on the regulation dated 21/11/2014 issued by NBA-MoEF dated 21/11/2014, the action taken on proceedings of 25th Board meeting was not submitted before the Board. Action taken on proceedings of 25th Board Meeting is placed in Annexure-II

3. Action taken on 26th Board meeting:

Action taken on proceedings of 26th Board Meeting is placed in Annexure-III

4. Access and benefit sharing:

I. In pursuance of resolution of 26th Board meeting, a committee was constituted to discuss and frame broad guidelines on sharing from 3% – 5% on the sale value of different bioresources and sharing the benefit for accessing directly from the producer. This was discussed by the members of the committee on 21/01/2015 and the committee has suggested following rates for the species depending on their threat status:

- 1) Species under endangered list – 5% of the value of the Bioresources.
- 2) Species under vulnerable list – 4% of the value of the Bioresources.
- 3) Species under least concerned and below category – 3% of the value of the Bioresources.

The copy of the proceedings of the meeting is placed in Annexure – IV.

The subject is placed before the Board for deliberation and suitable decision.

II. Phasing out 40 species:

There are certain endangered and critically endangered species which are being used commercially by different companies. The committee felt that the use of such species should be phased out as per the list enclosed in the meeting proceeding at Annexure – IV. The committee also felt that the commercial use of those species, which are notified as critically endangered under Section - 38 of Biodiversity Act by Government of India vide its notification No. 28-12/2008-CS-III, Dated 30/10/2010, should be stopped forthwith.

III. Collection fee by BMC:

Section 41(3) provides for collection of fee by the BMC from any person for accessing or collecting any biological resource for commercial purposes from areas falling within its jurisdiction. As per Karnataka Biodiversity Rule 13(XIV) the Board is to recommend, prescribe, modify, collection fee to the BMC from time to time. This issue was also discussed during meeting of the committee held on 21/01/2015. The proceeding of the meeting is placed in Annexure- IV.

The subject is placed before the Board for deliberation and suitable decision for recommending collection fee to the BMC.

5. Project on medicinal plant - Assessment of population status and removal of bioresources from forest with special emphasis on medicinal plants in Karnataka

As resolved by the Board in its 23rd meeting, a proposal on "Assessment of population status and removal of bioresources from forest with special emphasis on medicinal plants in Karnataka" was submitted to National Medicinal Plant Board through the CEO, KAMPA.

The subject is placed before the Board for kind information (Annexure – V).

6. Audit inspection report:

I. Change of name of account.

Accountant General in its Audit Inspection Report no: PAG (E&RSA)/IAU-I/B/2014-15/104 Dated 10/12/2014 observed about non-creation of State Biodiversity fund and parking of unspent grants in bank. The present account was held in the name of Member Secretary, Karnataka Biodiversity Board. As per the observation by AG, the Board should constitute a State Biodiversity fund under Section 32(1) of the Bio-diversity Act. Accordingly, the name of the account is changed from Member Secretary, Karnataka Biodiversity Board to Karnataka State Biodiversity fund. (Annexure – VI)

The subject is placed for kind information of the Board.

II. Kuvempu bio-park unspent balance:

Government of Karnataka has given a grant of Rs.100 lakhs towards development of Kuvempu Bio-park at Kuppalli in Shivamogga district. A total expenditure of 77.607 was incurred for development of the park. Rs. 22.393 lakhs is unspent. Government of Karnataka vide its letter no: FEE 185 ENV 2009 dated 02/01/15 directed the Member Secretary, Karnataka Biodiversity Board to either utilize for ongoing Pilikula project, Indicus project, Hogarekan,

Ambaragudda BHS or refund the money to the Government. The letter from Government is placed in Annexure – VI.

The subject is placed before the Board for deliberation and suitable decision.

III. Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (KUIDFC) project:

An amount of Rs. 65 lakhs was released by KUIDFC for Asian Development Bank (ADB) assisted project on “Biodiversity information and management system for Coastal districts of Karnataka”. The project was implemented by Karnataka Biodiversity Board through Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) and Environmental Monitoring and Policy Research Institute (EMPRI). A sum of Rs. 22.80 lakh was released to EMPRI by the Board under ADB assisted KUIDFC project on Coastal Bio-diversity Information and Management System. Though the expenditure incurred under the project by EMPRI was Rs. 23.72 lakh, based on the vouchers and accounts submitted by EMPRI, the actual expenditure admitted by KUIDFC was only Rs. 15.49 lakh. Since the Board has already released Rs. 22.80 lakh to EMPRI, the excess grant of Rs. 7.31 lakh needs to be refunded. There is an Audit observation in this case by Accountant General Karnataka, Bangalore, vide Part – II, Section – B, -Para – I for the year 2013-14. A letter was addressed to Director General, EMPRI for refunding Rs. 7.31 lakhs to Karnataka Biodiversity Board as the same is due for refund to KUIDFC. (Annexure – VI)

The matter is placed before the Board for deliberation and suitable decision.

7. Budget reappropriation for the financial year 2014-15:

Government of Karnataka provided a grant of Rs. 364 lakhs which was subdivided into various subheads for taking up different activities of the Board. There are subheads in which money could not be spent and on the other hand additional fund is required under some other subheads. Copy of the original budget for 2014-15 which was approved by the Board in its 21st meeting on 21/02/2014, is placed as Annexure – VII. In order to complete the ongoing activities taken by the Board, certain reappropriation from different subheads is required. The reappropriated budgeting is placed as Annexure – VIII.

The matter is submitted before the Board for deliberation and approval of the reappropriation.

8. Fund position of the Board:

(i) A year-wise statement of funds received from Government and expenditure made is placed as Annexure – IX for kind information of the Board.

(ii) Application fee for Form-I received from various companies from 2007-08 of the Board is placed at (Annexure – X).

9. Budget for 2015-16:

A budget for the year 2015-16 is submitted to the Government for activities of the Board during next financial year. (Annexure – XI)

The matter is placed before the Board for kind information.

10. Any other subject with the permission of the chair.

**Member Secretary
Karnataka Biodiversity Board**