

Karnataka Biodiversity Board
Agenda notes for 41st Board Meeting

41/1-Reading and recording of Proceedings of the 40th and Special Board Meeting.

The proceedings of the **40th Board meeting** held on 23/01/2019 were communicated to all the members on 31/01/2019

Corrections on the proceedings received from Dr. Niranjana Murthy, Prof & Scheme Head, AICRN on Potential Crops, GKVK, Bangalore were incorporated and the comments on **Agenda No.40/12 (3)** were received from Prof. M. Narayana Swamy, Professor and Head, Verterinay College, Hebbal Bangalore were incorporated and the final proceedings were sent to all the members on **22/02/2019**.

The proceedings of the Special Board Meeting held on 29/04/2019 were communicated to all the members on 30/04/2019 for comments.

Corrections on the proceedings on **Special Board Meeting** received from Dr. Niranjana Murthy, Prof & Scheme Head, AICRN on Potential Crops, GKVK, Bangalore were incorporated and the final proceedings were sent to all the members on **14/05/2019**.

As there were no comments from the members, the proceedings may be adopted. **(Annexure-I- Page No -7-13)**

41/2- Action taken on 40th Board meeting and Special Board Meeting proceedings.

Action taken on proceedings of 40th Board meeting and Special Board Meeting are placed in **(Annexure-II - Page No- 14-22)**

41/3 - Status of Formation of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) and Preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR):

In continuation of 40th Board Meeting Agenda No-40/3 comparative statement of periodic progress, for each quarter of the financial year with regard to the formation of the BMCs, PBRs, the achievements, along with the comparable figures of the previous years and the comparative statement of the budget sanctioned, expenditure incurred in each quarter of the FY 2018-19 **(Annexure-III - Page No-55-56)** as below:

BMC quarterly progress for the year 2018-19 and From April -May 2019					
SI No	Month	GP level	TP level	ZP level	MP level *
1	April-June 2018	15	1	-	-
2	July-Sep 2018	3	1	2	1
3	Oct.-Dec 2018	11	-	-	-
4	Jan-March 2019	412	8	1	-
5	April 2019 to till date	-	-	-	-
	Total	441	10	3	1
Note: * Municipality level BMC constituted at Mudabidre taluk in Dakshina Kannada District.					

PBR quarterly progress for the year 2018-19 and From April -May 2019				
SI No	Month	GP level	TP level	ZP level
1	April-June 2018	66	1	-
2	July-Sep 2018	45	0	-
3	Oct.-Dec 2018	66	0	-
4	Jan-March 2018	14	0	5 in progress
5	April 2019 to till date	10	-	-
Total		201	1	-

Quarterly Expenditure for the year 2018-19		
Quarter	Months	Total
1st	Apr-Jun	6,897,172.00
2nd	July-Sep	7,795,816.00
3rd	Oct-Dec	4,726,143.00
4th	Jan-Mar	8,237,738.00
Total		27,656,869.00
Quarterly Expenditure for the year 2019-20		
Quarter	Months	Total
1st	Apr to till date	3,885,510.00
Total		3,885,510.00

1. Till date Gramapanchayath level **5395** and Taluka level **148** and ZP level **16** Biodiversity Management Committees have constituted.
2. Till date Gramapanchayath level **1955** and **24** at taluka level and **5** at Zill panchayath level PBRs have been prepared.

The subject is placed before the Board for information.

41/4: Board achievements from January to March 2019 (Meetings, Workshops and Video Conference)

1	08/01/2019	Review of KBB activities by Hon'ble Forest Minister at Aranya Bhavan.
2	17/01/2019	Hon'ble Forest Minister Review Meeting at KFDC, Bangalore
3	24/01/2019	7 th Meeting of the Expert panel on Access and Benefit Sharing.
4	29/01/2019	Meeting with BMCs to discuss ABS dispersal at Periyapattana, Mysore district.
5	05/02/2019	Staff Meeting with Chairman, KBB to review the activities of the Board.

6	13/02/2019	Meeting on implementation of Biological Diversity Act 2002 at National Law School of India University at Bangalore.
7	13/02/2019 &14/02/2019	Documentary film shooting related to constitution of Biodiversity Management Committee at Magadi.
8	27/02/2019	Staff meeting with Member-Secretary related to setup of Library.
9	28/02/2019	Video Conference at Aranya Bhavan to review the PBR and BMCs with all District DCFs.
10	05/03/2019	Expert Committee meeting on Baseline data on flora and fauna to review the draft report.
11	05/03/2019	Newsletter Editorial Committee Meeting to discuss the publication of KBB Newsletter.
12	06/03/2019	Bio-park Meeting at MS. Buildings with Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Forest, Ecology and Environment.
13	06/03/2019	Technical Expert Committee meeting to finalise the Expression of Interest for preparation of PBRs at Taluka panchayath and Zilla panchayath level.
14	13/03/2019	BMC / VFC Meeting at MS Buildings. Chaired by ACS, Dept. of FEE.
15	19/03/2019	Meeting of the Expert panel on ABS.
16	21/03/2019	Newsletter editorial committee meeting
17	27/03/2019	Publication committee meeting on Baseline Data of Flora and Fauna.
18	02/04/2019	Meeting with Sri. Anil Kumar Jain, Chairman I/c National Biodiversity Board Sri Ishwar Poojar and Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board are visited KBB to discuss about all activities of PBR and ABS.
19	11/04/2019	Licencing Departments Meeting at Vikasa Soudha Room No.123. Chaired by Principal Secretary, Dept. Forest, Ecology and Environment.
20	15/04/2019	Implementation of Bio-park Meeting at KBB.
21	29/04/2019	Video Conference at Aranya Bhawan to review the progress of BMCs and PBRs with Deputy Conservator of Forests of all the District and at 3.30 PM conducted Special Board Meeting to finalise the appointment of Advocate for filing cases.
22	06/05/2019	Special Committee on ABS Expert Committee Meeting to review the special issues on ABS.

23	17/05/2019	ABS Expert Committee Meeting to review the ABS applications.
24	22/05/2019	Celebrated International Biodiversity Day 2019 at Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bangalore

41/5 - Proceedings of the ABS Expert Panel sub-committee meetings and the Special Committee on BD Act, 2002.

The sub-committee of the ABS Expert Panel met on 14/08/2018, 28/09/2018, 19/11/2018, 24/01/2019 and 19/03/2019 and 17/05/2019 for scrutiny and approval of Form-I submissions of commercial entities and execution of ABS Agreements. A total of 120 number of submissions were examined and based on the recommendation of the committee 88 applications were approved for execution of ABS Approval-Agreements **(Annexure – IV - Page No- 57-107)**

A total of 17 agreements have been signed till date with the companies as per the ABS Approval- Agreement document and the decision to execute ABS Agreements approved by the Board during the 38th Board meeting held on 26/07/2018.

Further, the matter of objections submitted by the companies against execution of the ABS Approval-Agreement document was also discussed during the meeting held on 17/05/2019. The sub-committee of the ABS Expert Panel noted that these companies are also parties to the WP filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka (No.6111-54/2019) and recommended that legal notices may be sent to such entities.

Furthermore, during the 9th meeting of the sub-committee of ABS Expert Panel held on 17th May 2019, the Draft (revised) Guidelines on ABS Regulations, 2019, notified by the National Biodiversity Authority for seeking public comments, was discussed and the comments of the committee were collated. The same is placed before the Board for consideration and approval to be forwarded to the NBA.

The above matters are put up to the Board for kind perusal and approval.

41/5 - A - Special Committee on BD Act, 2002:

The Special Committee on BD Act, 2002, was constituted as per the approval of the Chairman, KBB, based on the recommendation of the sub-committee of the ABS Expert Panel, to resolve complexity on certain definitions and provisions of the BD Act, 2002 on 13/03/2019. The Special Committee on BD Act, 2002, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Balakrishna Pisupati, met on 6th May 2019, to discuss definitional and interpretational issues on the BD Act, 2002. The proceedings and the recommendations of the committee are placed before the Board for kind perusal and approval **(Annexure - V Page No 108-116)**

41/6 - Filing of cases against entities for non-compliance of the provisions of the BD Act, 2002:

During the 37th meeting of the Board, held on 27/03/2018, it was resolved to file cases against such entities that do not comply with the provisions of the BD Act, 2002. The resolution no. 37/5/1 stated that “The Board was of the unanimous opinion that the legal action against defaulting companies/entities has to be initiated and that the expenses will need to be borne by the Board”.

Therefore, after the resolution (No. 40/7) of the 40th Board meeting held on 23/01/2019, case files of 14 commercial entities was handed over to the Advocate empanelled with the Board, Mr. Vasanth, for filing cases of non-compliance of the BD Act, 2002. Cases at jurisdictional Courts against 12 entities have been filed in the month of April 2019. Further, it was also resolved in the 38th Board Meeting (held on 26/07/2018) that for cases in locations/ jurisdictions away from Bangalore, the PCCF (HoFF) may authorise the jurisdictional officers above the rank of RFO as per the Gazette of India notification dtd 12th January 2009 and that for cases in and around Bangalore, the authorised officer of the Board shall be the Litigation Conducting Officer. The matter was also referred to the Dept. of FEE and the PCCF (HoFF) for further directions. **(Annexure – VI - Page No-117-122)**

Out of the 14 case files that were handed over to the Advocate, 2 cases are against companies that are located in Honnavar and Hubli Taluks.

The matter is put for deliberation and approval of the Board to urge the State Govt. to issue suitable directions to the Forest Dept. urgently, to authorise jurisdictional officers to file cases on behalf of the Board with respect to cases pertaining to jurisdictions away from Bangalore.

41/7 - Amendments to the Rule 15 of Karnataka Biological Diversity Rules, 2005:

The State Govt had notified the amendments to the Rule 15 of the Karnataka Biological Diversity Rules, 2005, in 10/08/2018. After the Board’s appeal following the 39th Board meeting held on 19th Sept 2018, the Form-I fee of Rs.1000 for commercial utilization of bio-resources was re-instated in the notification no.FEE 24 ENV 2018 dtd 28/03/2019. The notification of 10/08/2018 was published in the Official Gazette on 25/10/2018, the publication of notification dtd 28/03/2019 is awaited. **(Annexure- VII - Page No- 123-132)**

The same is placed before the Board for information.

41/8 – Renewal of Outsource Contract

The contract of Arains for providing Manpower Services to Board ended on 31/03/2019. The fresh tender called for the 2019-20. The three bidders L1, L2 and L3 were quoted the service charges 0.79, 2.00 and 2.7% respectively. Meanwhile the Arains has requested the Board for renewal of contract for one more year from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020 at service charge of 0.01% as per agreement dated 24/04/2018. **(Annexure – VIII - Page No- 133-140)**

Hence the renewal of agreement from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020 is placed before the Board for information.

41/9 – Special Incentives to Padmashree Awardee Smt. Salumaradha Thimmakka.

Padmashree Awardee Smt. Salumaradha Thimmakka was invited to inaugurate the workshop on International Biodiversity Day 2019 celebration on 22/05/2019. She accepted the invitation and inaugurated the programme successfully. Further, a special incentive of Rs. 25,000/- has been recommended to Smt. Salumaradha Thimmakka by the Expert Committee (to select awardees) and also as suggested by the Chairman of Karnataka Biodiversity Board.

The same is placed before the Board for approval.

41/10 - Any other subject with the permission of the Chair.

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