

**Karnataka Biodiversity Board**  
**Proceedings of the 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting**  
**Venue: Committee room, Aranya Bhavan, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross,**  
**Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.**

The 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting of Karnataka Biodiversity Board was held on 03/03/2015 in the committee room of Aranya Bhavan, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross Malleshwaram, Bengaluru– 560003.

1	Sri. R.M.N. Sahai, I.F.S (Retd.), Karnataka Biodiversity Board, 4th floor, Vanavikas, 18 <sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003	Chairman
2	Sri. M. Madan Gopal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government. Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, M.S Buildings, Bengaluru	Ex-officio Member
3	Sri. Ramachandra, IFS Secretary to Government. Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, M.S Buildings, Bengaluru	Ex-officio Member
4	Sri Prabhash .C. Ray, IFS, Special Commissioner, RDPR, M.S Buildings, Bengaluru (Representing ACS, RDPR, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru)	Ex-officio Member
	Sri. K. Krishnappa, Director RDPR, M.S Buildings, Bengaluru (Representing ACS, RDPR, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru)	
5	Sri. S. Rudrappa, Secretary-II. Agriculture Department, MS Building, Bengaluru. (Representing PS, Dept. of Agri, GoK., Bengaluru)	Ex-officio Member
6	Dr. M. H. Swaminath, IFS (Retd.) No: 19A, 1 <sup>st</sup> 'B' Main, 6 <sup>th</sup> Sector, H.S.R. Layout, MCHS Colony, Bengaluru – 560 034	Non-officio Member
7	Dr. M.D. Subash Chandran Environment Specialist. C- 789 Viveknagar, Kumta – 581343, Uttara Kannada District.	Non-officio Member
8	Sri R. K. Singh, IFS, Member Secretary. Karnataka Biodiversity Board, Ground floor, Vanavikas, 18 <sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003	Member Secretary

Leave of absence was granted to the following members/special invitee:

1	Sri. G.V. Sugur, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Aranya Bhavan, 18 <sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru – 560 003	Ex-officio Member
2	Dr. H. Shivananda Murthy Professor & Head, Department of Aquaculture. College of Fisheries, Kankanady, Mangalore – 575 002	Non-officio Member
3	Dr. M. Sanjappa CSIR Emeritus Scientist. No:504, Block C-7, Kendriya Vihara, Yelahanka, Bengaluru -560 034	Non-officio Member
4	Dr. K.N. Ganeshiah Professor & Head, Department of Forest & Environmental Sciences, GKVK, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru – 560 065	Non-officio Member
5	Sri. Vijay Kumar Gogi, Director, Department of Ayush, Bangalore	Special Invitee.

The meeting commenced with a formal welcome of the members by the Chairman and the agenda for meeting was taken up for discussion.

**1. Reading and recording of proceedings of 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting:**

The proceedings of the 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were communicated to all the members. As there were no comments from the Members, the proceedings are hereby adopted.

**2. Action taken on 25th Board Meeting Proceedings:**

Action taken on proceedings of 25th Board meeting was noted by the Board.

**3. Action taken on 26th Board meeting:**

Action taken on proceedings of 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting was noted by the Board.

**4. Access and benefit sharing:**

I. In pursuance of resolution of 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting a committee on Access and Benefit Sharing was constituted which met on 21/01/2015. The Member Secretary brought to the notice of proceedings of the meeting to the notice of the Board and informed that the committee has discussed fixing of ABS percentage based on the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF-CC) on ABS and phasing out of 40 species which are under different threat status and are commercially utilized. The committee on ABS also discussed the fee to be levied by BMC as per Section – 41(3).

The Additional Chief Secretary, Forest Ecology and Environment suggested that the committee should give recommendation in matrix form which will be based on volume of trade, availability of resources and threat status of species using all the different combinations of these criterion. After this exercise the information should be put in public domain and suggestions/objections called. After receiving objections and suggestions the report of the committee should be revised and submitted to Government for issuing an order. The Chairman informed that the committee should not be restricted to giving

recommendation to medicinal plants only. Other species including commercially used fauna should also be considered. Member Secretary explained that the proceedings of the meeting is submitted along with 593 commercially utilized species which are naturally occurring in the State. The list of top 100 species as per the volume of use is also submitted for information. After detailed deliberation the Board resolved to get the final recommendation of the Committee in the next Board meeting.

#### II. Phasing out 40 species:

The Board also noted of the views of the committee towards phasing out different species. Secretary, Ecology and Environment informed that as per Section-38 of Biodiversity Act, 2002 species is to be notified by Central Government, in consultation with concerned State Government. Member Secretary brought to the notice of the Board that the Board can regulate the commercial utilization of Bioresources [Section-23(b), Karnataka rule 17]. After detailed deliberation it was resolved that the threat status of the species should be notified by Government of India on recommendation of the Board. But regulating the species including granting approval or otherwise for commercial utilization is the function of the Board.

#### III. Collection of fee by the BMC:

The matter about finalizing the fee as per Karnataka Biological Diversity Rules 2005, Section-15(13) was discussed and it is resolved that the committee should once again consider the fee to be levied by the BMC along with other subjects.

#### **5. Project on medicinal plant – “Assessment of population status and removal of bioresources from forest with special emphasis on medicinal plants in Karnataka”:**

The Board noted the action taken.

#### **6. Audit inspection report:**

##### I. Change of name of account.

The Board took note of the action taken by the Member Secretary.

## II. Kuvempu bio-park unspent balance:

The Board noted the unspent balance of Rs. 22.393 lakhs for the Kuvempu bio-park project and resolved to remit the unspent amount including interest to the Government.

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

Rs. 23.72 lakh is the total amount given to EMPRI under the KUIDFC project and the actual expenditure admitted by the KUIDFC was Rs. 15.49 lakh. The matter was discussed at length and the members were of the opinion to get the details of the actual money spent by EMPRI under this project from the Director General, EMPRI. The Board resolved that after reconciling these figures with EMPRI, the detailed report may be submitted to the Government referring to the observation by Accountant General, Bengaluru vide Part-II, Section –B, Para-I for the year 2013-14.

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

The members discussed the money spent under various sub-heads during 2014-15. The Additional Chief Secretary, Forest Ecology and Environment observed that the Government gives a lump sum grant and so long as the expenditure is not beyond the grant, there is no need to seek reappropriation. However, chairman is authorized to reappropriate within overall grant to the Board keeping in view the principles of financial propriety.

## **8. Fund position of the Board:**

- I. Board noted the year wise statement of funds received from Government and expenditure made.
- II. Application fee for Form-I received from various companies from 2007-08 is noted by the Board

## **9. Budget for 2015-16:**

The Member Secretary submitted the budget proposal of the Karnataka Biodiversity Board sent to Government for the year 2015-16. The Board noted the action taken.

**10. Any other subject with the permission of the chair.****I. Karnataka Bio-fuel Board and ABS:**

Additional Chief Secretary, Forest Ecology and Environment informed that Karnataka Bio-fuel Board is venturing into large scale commercial plantation for the purpose of bio-fuel extraction. He advised the Member Secretary to give information regarding ABS to the Karnataka Bio-fuel Board and he may contact the Managing Director, Karnataka Bio-fuel Board and clarify various provisions of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 with regard to Access and Benefit Sharing.

**II. Constitution of BMCs for the remaining Grama Panchayats:**

Member Secretary brought to the notice of the Board about the statutory provision of forming the BMC in all the elected bodies of the State. He submitted that there are few Grama Panchayats and Taluk Panchayats in which BMCs are not yet constituted. Further there some BMCs which are constituted but are in dormant stage. After detailed deliberation, the Board resolved to write a letter to the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) for issuing instructions to all the CEOs to get the BMCs constituted/reconstituted as the same may be, in the Grama Sabha meetings in the first quarter of 2015-16 when it meets to approve their programme of works for the year.

III. It was decided that the next Board meeting will be held on 07/04/2015.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

**Member Secretary**  
**Karnataka Biodiversity Board.**

**Chairman**  
**Karnataka Biodiversity Board.**