

Karnataka Biodiversity Board
Proceedings of the 36th Board Meeting
Venue: Meeting room, Ground floor, Vanavikas Building,
18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru

The 36th Board meeting was convened at 11.00 AM on 29/12/2017 in the Karnataka Biodiversity Board meeting room, Ground floor, Vanavikas Building, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru- 560 003.

Members Present:

Sl. No	Board Members	Designation
1	Sri. S.P. Sheshadri, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, 18 th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003	Chairman
2	Smt.Vandita Sharma, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, MS Building, Bengaluru-560001	Ex-officio Member
3	Sri. Ramachandra, IFS, Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, MS Building, Bengaluru-560001	Ex-officio Member
4	Sri. K.S. Sugara, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Aranya Bhavan, 18 th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003	Ex-officio Member
5	Dr. Niranjana Murthy, Prof. & Scheme Head, AICRN on Potential Crops, RIOF Bldg., UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru-560065	Non-officio Member
6	Dr. C.G. Kushalappa, Prof. & Dean, Forestry College, Kunda Road, Ponnampet-571216, Kodagu	Non-officio Member
7	Prof. M. Narayana Swamy, M.V.Sc., Ph.D. Prof.& Head, Dept. of Veterinary Physiology, Veterinary College, Hebbal, Bengaluru - 560024	Non-officio Member
8	Dr. M. Mahadeva Murthy, Prof. Dept. of Forestry and Environmental Science, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bangalore-560065	Non-officio Member
9	Sri. Ajai Misra, IFS., Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Development), Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003	Special Invitee
10	Smt. Anita, K. Arekal, IFS. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003	Special Invitee
11	Sri. B.T. Khanapure, Drugs Controller, Drugs Control Department, Palace Road, Near Karnataka Public Service Commission, Bangalore, representing Sri. Amaresh Thumbagi, Deputy Drugs Controller, Drugs Controller Dept. Palace Road, Bengaluru	Special Invitee
12	Dr. Virender Singh, IFS, Member Secretary, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, Ground Floor, Vanavikas, 18 th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.	Member Secretary-Convener

Leave of absence was granted to the following members:

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1	Sri. M. Maheshwar Rao, IAS, Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, MS Building, Bengaluru-560001	Ex-officio Member
2	Sr. Rathan Kelkar, IAS, Director, Indian System of Medicine & Homeopathy, Dhanvantari Road, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru	Ex-officio Member
3	Dr. M. Jayakara Bhandary, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Botany, Govt. First Grade College, Car Street, Mangaluru- 575001	Non-officio Member

The Member Secretary, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, welcomed the members to the 36th Board meeting and introduced Shri. S.P. Sheshadri, Chairman, Karnataka Biodiversity Board and Smt. Vandita Sharma, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Govt. of Karnataka, to the members present.

36/1: Appointment of Chairman to the Karnataka Biodiversity Board:

Sri. S.P. Sheshadri, Chairman, Karnataka Biodiversity Board welcomed the members to the 36th meeting of the Board with introductory remarks.

As this was the first Board meeting for the Chairman as well as the Additional Chief Secretary, FEE, the members present were introduced. This was followed by a brief presentation on the activities and functions of the Board

36/2: Reading and recording of proceedings of the 35th Board meeting:

The proceedings of the 35th Board Meeting, held on 22/08/2017 was communicated to all the members. The comments of the PCCF (HoFF) were incorporated. The proceeding, as reported in Annexure-I of agenda notes, was adopted.

36/3 - Action taken on 35th Board Meeting Proceedings:

Action taken on the proceedings of 35th Board meeting, as reported in Annexure-II of the agenda, was noted by the Board.

35/2/A/1: Proceedings of the meeting of the Expert Panel on ABS:

The Board noted the action taken in hiring of the advocate empanelled with SEIAA for the filing of complaints on behalf of the Board and also the letter with advice to State Government to direct the concerned Licensing Departments to incorporate the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, in the licensing procedures. The Board deliberated the matter in detail and the ACS, FEE Dept., suggested that the specific requirements and the policy that is requested may be drafted and presented in the next Board meeting for further action.

35/9: Selection of Field botanists for Medicinal Plant survey:

The members discussed the challenges faced by the Board in the implementation of the project. The Board noted that the extension of the project till March 2020 and it was suggested that a communication to the National Medicinal Plants Board, Government of India, may be sent through the office of the ACS, FEE, for the revision and re-allocation of the budget sanctioned under the project without increase in the sanctioned financial budget.

Continued subjects from 35th Board meeting:

35/2/A/2: ABS money dispersal:

The Board discussed the matter of dispersal of the ABS amount and the field visit undertaken to the Bantwal Taluk Panchayat Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) and opined that the modalities for dispersal should be worked out after the completion of field visit to the other 3 Taluk Panchayat BMCs (ie. Sagara, Periyapatna and Chincholi) and may be presented to the next Board meeting. Dr. Niranjana Murthy suggested that the 4 BMCs may be given a pro forma for the submission of their proposals.

35/2/A/5: Report of the Expert Committee on Decentralization of ABS Implementation:

The Board noted the issues and challenges faced by the Board with implementation of the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, at the local levels, particularly in respect of compliance by the various stakeholders and industrial sectors under the ambit of the Act. The Board reviewed the matter and the ACS suggested that a separate meeting is necessary to deliberate on the proposal put forth by the Expert Committee on Decentralisation of ABS Implementation.

35/2/A/7: Amendments to the Karnataka Biological Diversity Rules, 2005:

The report of the Expert Panel on ABS and specific recommendations of the committee for the amendments to the KBD Rules, 2005, were presented by the Consultant-ABS and the Board resolved that the same may be sent to the State Government for detailed legal review.

35/8. Biological Diversity Heritage Site Management Rules:

The Board discussed the matter in detail and resolved that the recommendations by the National Biodiversity Authority for changes in the draft Rules may be incorporated and also since drafting of Rules entails policy and legal issues, a sub-committee with Secretary (E&E) as member may be constituted to look into it and put up in the next Board meeting.

36/4. Draft operational guidelines to the State Biodiversity Boards for processing of applications for access to biological resources received under Section 7 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 - comments of KBB on the draft guidelines forwarded by the National Biodiversity Authority:

The Board noted that the comments on the same have been sent to the National Biodiversity Authority through a process of consultation with legal experts of the National Law School of India University.

36/5: Outcome of the 12th Annual meet of the State Biodiversity Boards held on 7-8 November 2017 at Chennai:

The Board authorised the Member Secretary, KBB to take further action in the matter.

36/6 - Personal Assistant and Driver for Chairman:

As suggested by Chairman, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, second driver has been appointed from 12/09/2017 against one vacant post on outsource basis as adopted by other Boards/Corporations. The Secretary, Ecology and Environment, informed the Board that the matter of the service and conditions of the Chairman is pending with the Finance Department and will be informed to the Board.

36/7 - Separate Audit report on the accounts of Karnataka Biodiversity Board for the year 2016-17

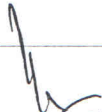
The Board reviewed the report of accounts and noted that observation of the AG on the absence of the investment policy on the grants received by the Board. The Board directed the Member Secretary to follow the Finance Department Circular on investments.

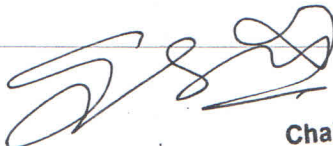
36/8 - Update to the list of Normally Traded as Commodities (NTAC) under Section 40 of the BD Act, 2002:

The Board noted the update to the list of NTAC.

36/9 - Status of UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS Project on 'Strengthening the implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules with focus on its Access and Benefit Sharing Provisions':

The Board noted the activities undertaken under the UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS Project.


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BANGALORE


Chairman
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Bengaluru

36/10 - Status of Formation of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) and People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR):

The Board noted the status of the BMCs, documentation of the PBRs in the State and noted that the work of BMC formation and PBR preparation need to be speeded up.

36/11 - Letter to PCCF (HoFF) Aranya, Bhawan, requesting support on the matter of trade of Forest Produce through Village Forest Committee, LAMPS or Tender cum-auction sale:

The Board noted the action taken.

36/12 - Project titled "Establishment of Herbarium and Botanical Museum of the plants of Western Ghats and Survey, identification and preparation of report on sacred groves in Coastal and Western Ghats region.":

Dr. Kushalappa informed the Board that a field visit was undertaken to Pilikula Nisarga Dhama, Mangalore, to review the progress of the sanctioned project and remarked that the work completed so far is very good and recommended that the extension may be sanctioned. The Board authorized the Member Secretary, KBB to correspond with the Chief Wildlife Warden to resolve the issue with specimen collections in Protected Areas (PA).

The Board approved the extension of the project period till December 2018 with no added financial implications.

36/13 - Condemnation of Karnataka Biodiversity Board Vehicle bearing No. KA-04-MB-6160:

The Board noted the information communicated by the Government in the matter.

36/14 - Additional Agenda:

1. Declaration of Tataguni estate as Biodiversity Heritage Site:

The Board noted the matter.

2. Preparation of Management plan of Hogarekan Biodiversity Heritage Site:

The Board noted the action taken in the matter and suggested that the management plans for all the declared Biodiversity Heritage Sites should be prepared and may be presented in the next Board meeting.

The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.