

Karnataka Biodiversity Board
Proceedings of the 37th Board Meeting
Venue: Meeting room, Ground floor, Vanavikas Building,
18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru

The 37th Board meeting was convened at 11.00 AM on 27/03/2018 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, Principal Secretary to Government (Ecology and Environment), Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, MS Building, Bengaluru-560001	Ex-officio Member
4	Sri. P. Sridhar, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Aranya Bhavan, 18 th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003	Ex-officio Member
5	Prof. M. Narayana Swamy, M.V.Sc., Ph.D. Prof.& Head, Dept. of Veterinary Physiology, Veterinary College, Hebbal, Bengaluru - 560024	Non-officio Member
6	Dr. M. Mahadeva Murthy, Prof. Dept. of Forestry and Environmental Science, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bangalore-560065	Non-officio Member
7	Dr. M. Jayakara Bhandary, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Botany, Govt. First Grade College, Car Street, Mangaluru- 575001	Non-officio Member
8	Smt. Anita, K. Arekal, IFS. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), Aranya Bhavan, 18 th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003	Special Invitee
9	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. Niranjana Murthy, Prof. & Scheme Head, AICRN on Potential Crops, RIOF Bldg., UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru-560065	Non-officio Member
4	Dr. C.G. Kushalappa, Prof. & Dean, Forestry College, Kunda Road, Ponnampet-571216, Kodagu	Non-officio Member
5	Sri. B.T. Khanapure, Drugs Controller, Drugs Controller Department, Palace Road, Near Karnataka Public Service Commission, Bangalore.	Special Invitee

The Member Secretary, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, welcomed the members to the 37th meeting of the Board. The Chairman, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, called on the members to pay condolence for the passing of Shri S. Manikantan, IFS, Conservator of Forests & Director, Tiger Project, Nagarahole.

37/1 - Reading and recording of Proceedings of the 36th Board Meeting:

The proceedings of the 36th Board Meeting, held on 29/12/2017 was communicated to all the members. The proceeding, as reported in Annexure-I of agenda notes, was adopted.

37/2 - Action taken on 36th Board meeting proceedings.

Action taken on the proceedings of 36th Board meeting, as reported in Annexure-II of the agenda, was noted by the Board.

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

The Board noted the action taken.

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

The Board noted the action taken. After detailed discussion, the ACS, FEE, advised that the Chief Conservator of Forests (CCFs), of all the Circles, have to be insisted upon to take up the matter to drive the DCF (SF), of each District, to speed up the processes involved and the CCFs of the Circles may be briefed during the scheduled meetings at Aranya Bhavan. The PCCF (HoFF) also consented to allot time to the Board for the same.

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 matter and the PCCF (HoFF) was requested to look into the matter of sharing of information regarding the auction sales conducted by the VFCs, LAMPS and the successful bidders/traders of the sales with the jurisdictional BMCs and also the Board.

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

The Board noted the action taken.

37/3- Status of Formation of Biodiversity Management Committees and Preparation of People’s Biodiversity Registers.

The Board noted the action taken in the matters placed before the Board.

37/4. Establishment of Bio-parks in the State:

The Board noted the action taken in communicating the matter to the APCCF (Project) for further needful action. The PCCF (HoFF) was requested to adapt the concept of the Biodiversity-parks in the scheme under which Tree Parks are being developed in the Forest Divisions.

37/5/1. Legal action against defaulting entities and filing of complaints:

The Member Secretary briefed the Board that complaints against 5 defaulting companies have already been filed and that more complaints are ready to be filed in the jurisdictional Courts. 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. The Board further resolved that as per the notification in the Gazette of India (dtd 7th January 2009), the jurisdictional RFO on a case-by-case basis shall be authorized to file complaints on behalf of the Board along with the services of the advocate empaneled with the Board, Mr.H.K. Vasanth, to conduct the litigation on behalf of the Board. The RFO so authorized by the Board shall be briefed on the facts of the case/complaints to be filed.

2. New website and online application system for ABS Applications:

The Board noted the matter and applauded the efforts in launching of the website and the online application system. Dr. Narayana Swamy and Dr. Jayakara Bhandary also volunteered to help the Board in reviewing the contents of the Kannada version of the website and suggest appropriate changes where necessary.

37/6: UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS Project on “Strengthening the implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules with focus on its ABS Provisions”

The Board noted the matter.

37/7: International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) 2018:

The Member Secretary briefed the Board that a request of Rs.5.00 Lakhs towards celebration of the ‘International Day for Biological Diversity’ will be sent to the National Biodiversity Authority. The Board noted the matter and approved of the request to bear the shortfall of expenses, if required.

It was also discussed to look into the possibilities of celebrating IDB 2018 in other Institutions with support from KBB in addition to celebrations at Shimoga/Bangalore. The matter was referred to the Chairman’s discretion for further action.

Since the theme of the IDB 2018 is ‘Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity’, the Member Secretary also mentioned that a souvenir highlighting the achievements of the Board since its inception, be released on the same day.

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

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Chairman
Karnataka Biodiversity Board

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Member Secretary
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