

**Karnataka Biodiversity Board**  
**Proceedings of the 39<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting**  
**Venue: Meeting room, Ground floor, Vanavikas Building,**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003**

The 39<sup>th</sup> Board meeting was convened at 4.00 PM on 19/09/2018 in the Karnataka Biodiversity Board, Ground floor, Vanavikas Building, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru– 560 003.

**Members Present:**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1	Sri. S.P. Sheshadri, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, 18 <sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003	Chairman
2	Sri. Sandeep Dave, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, MS Building, Bengaluru-560001	Ex-officio Member
3	Sri. Shanthakumar, IFS, Secretary to Government (Ecology and Environment), Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, MS Building, Bengaluru-560001	Ex-officio Member
4	Smt. Meenakshi Negi, IFS, Director, Indian System of Medicine & Homeopathy, Dhanvantari Road, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru-560009	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. 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	Prof. M. Narayana Swamy, M.V.Sc., Ph.D. Prof.& Head, Dept. of Veterinary Physiology, Veterinary College, Hebbal, Bengaluru - 560024	Non-officio Member
9	The Drugs Controller, Drugs Controller Department, Palace Road, Near Karnataka Public Service Commission, Bangalore, represented by Ms. Naazia, Assistant Drugs Controller.	Special Invitee
10	Dr. Virender Singh, IFS, Member Secretary, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, Ground Floor, Vanavikas, 18 <sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.	Member Secretary-Convener

**Leave of absence was granted to the following members:**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1	Sri. P. Sridhar, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Aranya Bhavan, 18 <sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003	Ex-officio Member

2	Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, MS Building, Bengaluru-560001	Ex-officio Member
3	Dr. C.G. Kushalappa, Prof. & Dean, Forestry College, Kunda Road, Ponnampet-571216	Non-officio Member
4	Smt. Anita, K. Arekal, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003	Special Invitee

The Chairman, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, welcomed the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment (DFEE), the Secretary (Ecology & Environment), DFEE and the members present. The Member Secretary, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, welcomed the members and the agenda points were taken up for discussion.

### **39/1 - Reading and recording of the proceedings of the 38<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting:**

The proceedings of the 38<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, held on 26/07/2018, were communicated to all the members. The proceeding, as reported in Annexure-I of agenda notes, was adopted.

### **39/2 - Action taken on 38<sup>th</sup> Board meeting proceedings.**

Action taken on the proceedings of 38<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, as reported in Annexure-II of the agenda, was noted by the Board.

### **Action points discussed:**

#### **37/4: Establishment of Biodiversity parks in the State:**

The members discussed the concept of Biodiversity Parks and Tree Parks and the reply received from the office of the APCCF (Projects) regarding the criteria being different for declaration of a Tree Park and for the Biodiversity Parks. The Board suggested that careful evaluation on the criteria required for Biodiversity Parks and the specific differences between Tree Parks and Biodiversity Parks may be worked out and that specific proposals may be drafted for integration of the missing criteria or components, required for Biodiversity Parks, into the existing Tree Parks.

It was resolved by the Board that, the guidelines for both the declaration of Tree Parks and the Biodiversity Parks be examined and evaluated for the integration of the components required to re-name Tree Parks as Biodiversity Parks in the State.

The members also suggested that, Biodiversity Parks may serve as a conservation centre for RET plant species, a pilot project may be drafted with an estimated budget for Biodiversity Parks in the dry zone and wet zones of the State and be submitted to the Government.

### **38/3 - Status of Formation of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) and Preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR):**

The members reviewed the information and recommended that:

1. The list of BMCs constituted, re-constituted and to be re-constituted was noted by the Board.
2. The action taken with regard to the scheduling of trainings for the BMCs with the ANSSIRD was noted by the Board. The Member Secretary submitted that the trainings through the SATCOM will be carried out in the four revenue divisions of the State. The members also examined the brochures drafted for the trainings and suggested that,
  - a) The written text requires further reduction, simplification and be made pictorial.
  - b) The text and information in the brochure requires further editing and Dr. Jayakara Bhandary, volunteered to provide editorial support and recommendations in this regard.

The Board also suggested that awareness programs may be done through Akashvani and Krishi Darshan programs on the radio and Doordarshan respectively.

3. The Member Secretary submitted that review of the drafted PBRs is carried out at the level of Technical Expert Committee in the respective Districts. Dr. Mahadeva Murthy further suggested that a committee may be formed for the review of the PBRs through drawing of random samples for examination.
4. The communication sent to the Secretary (E&E) to release funds through the office of PCCF (HoFF) for the preparation of PBRs was noted by the Board.

### **38/4 – Strengthening of Biodiversity Management Committees:**

The members noted the action taken under Sl.no. 1 & 2 of agenda no. 38/4.

The Board resolved to request ACS (FEE) to write to the Principal Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department (RDPR), to make the Biodiversity Management Committees as sub-committee of the RDPR under section 61(A) of the Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act, 1993.

### **38/5 - Karnataka Identification, Notification, Management and Conservation of Biodiversity Heritage Sites Rules, 2018 (Draft)**

The Board noted the action taken.

### **38/6 - Areas of interest on calling for research proposals:**

The Board noted the action taken.

### **38/7- Legal action against defaulting entities and filing of complaints:**

The Board noted the action taken.

The Member Secretary also informed the Board that a meeting with the Heads of the Licensing Departments of the State will be held in the month of October 2018, to discuss the modalities of integrating the provisions of the BD Act, 2002, into the licensing procedures of the respective Departments.

### **39/3 - Status of Formation of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) and Preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR):**

The Board reviewed the status of formation of the BMCs and the PBRs.

The Member Secretary briefed the Board of the direction of the Principal Bench of the National Green Tribunal regarding completion of the constitution of BMCs in the State within a period of 6 months. The Board directed the Member Secretary to correspond with the Principal Secretary, RDPR, to impress upon them the necessity of formation of BMCs in the Gram, Taluk and Zilla Panchayat levels within 6 months as per the directions of the H'ble National Green Tribunal.

The Board also resolved to set aside sufficient budget for the purpose of training, facilitating constitution of BMCs and release of the start-up funds to the BMCs.

The Board approved the proposal of the Member Secretary, KBB, to call for the 'Expression of Interest' (EoI) for the PBR preparation at the Taluk and Zilla Panchayat levels.

### **39/4 - Salary Enhancement of Supporting Staff:**

The Board examined the matter and enquired of the financial implication to the Board with the proposed percentage of increase in the salary. The Board also directed to ensure that the staff is paid the full amount of their respective salaries.

The Board approved the enhancement in the salaries of the supporting staff by 10% with effect from 01/07/2018.

### **39/5 - Salary Enhancement of Research Associate (Zoology):**

The Board examined the matter and resolved to revise the emoluments to Rs.45,000/- per month for the post of Research Associates in the Board.

### **39/6 - Amendment to the Rule 15 of the Karnataka Biological Diversity Rules, 2005:**

The Board noted the matter and resolved to appeal to the Government to review the amendments to the Rule 15 and to also appeal for the re-instatement of the Form-I application fee of rupees one thousand (Rs.1000) for access to biological resources for commercial utilization.

**39/7 - Disposal of complaint filed against M/s. Pradhan Herbal Company:**

The Board noted the matter.

**39/8- 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.

**39/9 - Souvenir and Annual Report 2017-18 and Audited Accounts Report for the year 2016-17**

The Board noted the matter regarding the compilation of the Souvenir.

The Board directed the Member Secretary to hold a special meeting of the Board to examine the audited accounts report of the year 2016-17 for the approval of the Board and for submission to the Government.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the Member Secretary to the Chair and all the members present.