

Karnataka Biodiversity Board
Proceedings of the 40th Board Meeting
Venue: Meeting room, Ground floor, Vanavikas Building,
18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003

The 40th Board meeting was conducted in the Board Room, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, Ground floor, Vanavikas Building, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru on 23/01/2019 at 11.30 A.M.

Members Present:

Sl. No	Board Members	Designation
1	Sri. S.P. Sheshadri, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, 18 th 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	Smt. Meenakshi Negi, IFS, Director, Indian System of Medicine & Homeopathy, Dhanvantari Road, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru-560009	Ex-officio Member
4	Dr. Niranjana Murthy, Prof. & Scheme Head, AICRN on Potential Crops, RIOF Bldg., UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru-560065	Non-officio Member
5	Dr. M. Mahadeva Murthy, Prof. Dept. of Forestry and Environmental Science, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bangalore-560065	Non-officio Member
6	Dr. M. Jayakara Bhandary, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Botany, Govt. First Grade College, Car Street, Mangaluru-575001	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	The Drugs Controller, Drugs Controller Department, Palace Road, Near Karnataka Public Service Commission, Bangalore, represented by Sri. Venkatesh.	Special Invitee
9	Smt. Anita, K. Arekal, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003	Special Invitee
10	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. Shanthakumar, IFS, Secretary to Government (Ecology and Environment), Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, MS Buildings, Bengaluru-560001	Ex-officio Member
2	Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, MS Buildings, Bengaluru-560001	Ex-officio Member
3	Sri. P. Sridhar, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Aranya Bhavan, 18 th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003	Ex-officio Member
4	Dr. C.G. Kushalappa, Prof. & Dean, Forestry College, Kunda Road, Ponnampet-571216	Non-officio Member

The Chairman, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, welcomed the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment (DFEE) and all other members present. The Chairman, KBB, called on the members to observe a minute of silence to mourn the demise of Sri Sri Shivakumara Swamiji of Siddaganga Mat, Tumkur. The Member Secretary, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, welcomed the members and the agenda points were taken up for discussion.

40/1 - Reading and recording of the proceedings of the 39th Board Meeting and Special Board Meeting:

The proceedings of the 39th Board Meeting, held on 19/09/2018, and the Special Board Meeting held on 10/10/2018 were communicated to all the members. The proceeding, as reported in Annexure-I of agenda notes, was adopted.

40/2 - Action taken on 39th Board meeting proceedings:

Action taken on the proceedings of 39th 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 reviewed the comparative statement placed in the annexure and noted the action taken by the Board. The Board resolved to fix a meeting under the chairmanship of the ACS (FEE) to discuss the issue with the PCCF (HoFF) and APCCF (Projects), Karnataka Forest Department.

38/4 – Strengthening of Biodiversity Management Committees:

The members noted the action taken and Board resolved to follow up on the progress in the matter so that the Government Order is brought forth to declare the BMCs as Standing Committees of the RDPR.

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

The Board noted the action taken and resolved to follow up on the progress.

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

The Board noted the action taken and the members discussed on the processes and budget required for the sanction of research projects. The Member Secretary, KBB, briefed that the Technical Expert Committee will scrutinise the proposals received and shortlist only those projects that align with the mandate of the Board. The budget as required may be re-apportioned from the balance already available with the Board from the state grant received during the FY 2018-19, by following due procedures.

40/3 - Status of Formation of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) and Preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR):

The members reviewed the information and recommended that a comparative statement of periodic progress, for each quarter of the financial year with regard to the formation of the BMCs, PBRs and the achievements, along with the comparable figures of the previous years, may be presented in all Board meetings for the information of the Board.

It was also resolved that the comparative statement of the budget sanctioned, expenditure incurred in each quarter of the FY 2018-19 may be put up for review in all Board meetings.

40/4: Board achievements from October to December 2018 (Meetings, Workshops and Video Conference)

The Board noted the action taken.

40/5: Expression of Interest (EoI) for preparation of PBRs:

The Board noted the action taken and the draft EoI prepared. The members discussed on the procedures to be followed to identify only technically competent Organisation / Institutions for the preparation of the PBRs. The Board resolved that Technical Expert Panel, constituted to review the BMC and PBR issues, may set the guidelines and parameters regarding the criteria of examination to identify the Organisation/Institutions and also to devise a system to emphasize on quality of the PBRs documented. The committee may also recommend regulating the numbers /quantum of PBRs that can be prepared by each Organisation/Institution, clusters of circle-wise or agro-climatic zone-wise PBRs to be prepared by each Organisation/Institution.

It was resolved to call the meeting of the Technical Expert Panel to set the guidelines and expedite the process.

40/6: Opportunity for complying with the BD Act 2002:

The Board approved the draft policy placed in the annexure and resolved to send it to the Government for further action.

40/7: Filing of cases against entities for non-compliance of the provisions of the BD Act, 2002:

The Board opined that since the activities of the KBB is governed by the mandate as laid down in the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and related Rules, suitable action as per the provisions of the Act has to be pursued against the defaulters.

40/8: Release of the Souvenir book:

The Board noted the matter.

40/9: Disposal of Tata Sumo vehicle and Purchase of New Vehicle for the Board:

The Board noted the matter and resolved to Member Secretary to follow the guidelines of the Finance Department with regard to the fund capping allotted for Boards and Corporations for the purchase of new vehicles.

40/10: Salary enhancement of Chairman, KBB:

The Board resolved to send the proposal of salary enhancement of Chairman to the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment for review.

40/11: 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.

40/12 - Any other subject with the permission of the Chair:

1. The members reviewed the brochure/training materials and the poster drafted for creating awareness among the BMC and for the training programs conducted by the Board. It was decided to circulate the same to the non-officio members of the Board for edits/comments and then for the approval of the Publication Committee of the Board.
2. The members suggested that an experiential exchange visit to a few other State Biodiversity Boards may be undertaken to understand and share experiences in implementing the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and the working of other State Biodiversity Boards.
3. Chairman suggested to start a News Letter of the Board. It was decided to bring out the News Letter at an interval of a trimester with eight pages in Kannada with occasional insertions in English also. The number of copies will be 1000. The estimated cost per issue will be around Rs. 15,000/- to Rs.20,000/- Prof. M. Narayana Swamy, Member, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, will serve as the Editor for the Newsletter with a honorarium of Rs. 5000/- per issue.

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