



Karnataka Biodiversity Board
(Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment)
Proceedings of the 41st Board Meeting

The 41st Board meeting was convened at 11.00 AM on 28/05/2019 in the Board Room of Karnataka Biodiversity Board, Vanavikas Building, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.

Members Present:

Sl. No	Board Members	Designation
1	Sri. S.P. Sheshadri, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, 18 th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.	Chairman
2	Sri. Mahendra Jain, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, MS Building, Bengaluru.	Ex-officio Member
3	Sri. Vijay Kumar Gogi, IFS, Principal Secretary to Government (Ecology and Environment), Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, MS Building, Bengaluru.	Ex-officio Member
4	Sri. P. Sridhar, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Aranya Bhavan, 18 th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.	Ex-officio Member
5	Smt. Meenakshi Negi, IFS, Commissioner, Indian System of Medicine & Homeopathy, Dhanvantari Road, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru.	Ex-officio Member
6	Dr. Niranjana Murthy, Prof. & Scheme Head, AICRN on Potential Crops, RIOF Bldg., UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru.	Non-officio Member
7	Dr. M. Mahadeva Murthy, Prof. Dept. of Forestry and Environmental Science, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bangalore.	Non-officio Member
8	The Drugs Controller, Drugs Controller Department, Palace Road, Near Karnataka Public Service Commission, Bangalore, represented by Sri.K.V. Manohar, Drugs Inspector	Special Invitee
9	Dr. Virender Singh, IFS, Member Secretary, K.B.B, Ground Floor, Vanavikas, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.	Member Secretary-Convener

Leave of absence was granted to the following members:

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1	Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, MS Building, Bengaluru.	Ex-officio Member
2	Dr. M. Jayakara Bhandary, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Botany, Govt. First Grade College, Car Street, Mangaluru.	Non-officio Member

3	Prof. M. Narayana Swamy, M.V.Sc., Ph.D. Prof.& Head, Dept. of Veterinary Physiology, Veterinary College, Hebbal, Bengaluru	Non-officio Member
4	Smt. Anita, K. Arekal, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.	Special Invitee
5	Dr. C.G. Kushalappa, Prof. & Dean, Forestry College, Kunda Road, Ponnampet.	Non-officio Member

The Chairman, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, welcomed Shri. Mahendra Jain, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment (Dept. FEE), Shri. Vijay Kumar Gogi, Principal Secretary (Ecology and Environment), Dept. FEE and all other members present in the 41st meeting of the Board. The Member Secretary, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, welcomed the members and the agenda points were taken up for discussion.

41/1-Reading and recording of Proceedings of the 40th and Special Board Meeting:

The proceedings of the 40th Board Meeting, held on 23/01/2019, and the Special Board Meeting held on 29/04/2019 were communicated to all the members. The proceeding, as reported in Annexure-I of agenda notes, was adopted.

41/2- Action taken on 40th Board meeting and Special Board Meeting proceedings

Action taken on proceedings of 40th Board meeting and Special 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 action taken on the establishment of Biodiversity Parks in the State and the identification of the sites. After detailed deliberation, the Board suggested to prepare Concept Note indicating brief information on purpose, location details and programme detail, budgetary requirement of the proposed Biodiversity Parks to be taken up in the four proposed sites before the Detailed Project Report (DPR) is drafted. The Concept Note should contain detailed layout plans for each site depending on what species of flora and fauna are already found in each site and what could be the species that need augmentation or plantation. The members also discussed that the biodiversity Parks may be representative of the eco-zones of the State and possibility of restoring the sites to native vegetation (if the area was converted with non-native species like Eucalyptus etc) may also be explored after a review of the species present in each of the location.

It was also discussed that DPRs of other similar projects taken up by other Departments like the Lake Development Authority for the Madiwala Biodiversity Park, Tree Parks established by the Forest Department, may be referred for the budgetary requirements for DPRs.

It was also decided that the exercise may be carried out with the help of experts like Dr. Sanjappa, Dr. Uma Shankar, Bangalore and the Committee already constituted.

This may be done within a period of one month. Later the Concept Note may be discussed by a small group of 4-5 Board members along with Chairman, KBB, for the preparation of the Detailed Project Report.

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

The Board noted the action taken and the processes for the sanction of research projects. After detailed discussion on the issue, the Board resolved to refer the 3 projects also, which were observed to be of core importance to the Board, for peer review and put up to the Board for approval of the short-listed projects once the peer review is completed.

41/3 - Status of Formation of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) and Preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR):

The members noted the progress in the formation of the BMCs and the PBRs in the State.

41/4 - Board achievements from January to May 2019 (Meetings, Workshops and Video Conference)

The Board noted the matter.

41/5 - Proceedings of the ABS Expert Panel sub-committee meetings and the Special Committee on BD Act, 2002:

The members noted the matter placed before the Board and approved to send legal notices to entities that continue to default on the execution of the ABS agreements and to also send the comments on the Draft (revised) Guidelines on ABS Regulations, 2019, as discussed during the 9th meeting of the sub-committee of ABS Expert Panel on 17th May 2019, to the National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai.

41/5 - A - Special Committee on BD Act, 2002:

The Board approved the suggestions and recommendations made by the committee.

41/6 - Filing of cases against entities for non-compliance of the provisions of the BD Act, 2002:

The Member Secretary, KBB, briefed that the PCCF (HoFF) has issued the necessary directions (dtd 23/05/2019) to all the Chief Conservator of Forests (CCFs) to take note of the Gazette notification and the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, to authorize the jurisdictional Range Forest Officers to file complaints under the Act and to inform the same to the Board. The Board noted the matter.

41/7 - Amendments to the Rule 15 of Karnataka Biological Diversity Rules, 2005:

The Board noted the matter.

41/8 – Renewal of Outsource Contract:

After detailed discussion on the matter, the Board resolved that the Outsource Contract need to be given to the lowest bidder in the tender that was called for by the

Board. The Board also opined that the request by the earlier Manpower agency ie. Aranis, cannot be considered for extension since a fresh tender was notified and the Agency is considered Persona non-grata. The Outsource Contract may be given to the L1 from the Tender bid and that the Aranis Agency may be continued until the new agreement is put in place. It was also directed that the new agreement must be put in place on 1st June and the delay of 2 months may be condoned.

41/9- Special Incentives to Padmashree Awardee Smt. Salumaradha Thimmakka.

The Board approved the same.

41/10 - Any other subject with the permission of the Chair.

The matter of purchasing a new vehicle (Innova Crysta) for the Chairman, KBB, was discussed and the ACS (DFEE) directed that a fresh proposal to the Finance Department may be sent seeking special permission and approval for the purchase of the Innova Crysta.

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