

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

The Special meeting of the Board meeting was convened at 3.00 PM on 10/10/2018 in the Karnataka Biodiversity Board, 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	Sri. Shanthakumar, IFS, Secretary to Government (Ecology and Environment), Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, MS Building, Bengaluru-560001	Ex-officio Member
3	Sri. P. Sridhar, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), AranyaBhavan, 18 th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003	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	Prof. M. Narayana Swamy, M.V.Sc., Ph.D. Prof.& Head, Dept. of Veterinary Physiology, Veterinary College, Hebbal, Bengaluru -560024	Non-officio Member
7	The Drugs Controller, Drugs Controller Department, Palace Road, Near Karnataka Public Service Commission, Bangalore, represented by Sri. K.V. Manohara, Drugs Inspector.	Special Invitee
8	Smt. Anita, K. Arekal, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), AranyaBhavan, 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. Sandeep Dave, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, 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	Dr. C.G. Kushalappa, Prof. & Dean, Forestry College, Kunda Road, Ponnampet-571216	Non-officio Member
4	Dr. M. Mahadeva Murthy, Prof. Dept. of Forestry and Environmental Science, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bangalore-560065	Non-officio Member
5	Dr. M. JayakaraBhandary, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Botany, Govt. First Grade College, Car Street, Mangaluru- 575001	Non-officio Member

The Chairman, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, welcomed the Secretary (Ecology & Environment), FEE and the members present. The Member Secretary, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, welcomed the members and the agenda points were taken up for discussion.

1) Annual Report 2017-18 and Audited Accounts Report for the year 2016-17:

The Member Secretary, KBB, presented the Annual report 2017-18 and the audited report for the year 2016-17. The audit report from the office of the Accountant General(E&RSA) was also presented and each of the audit para was elaborated.

After detailed deliberation, the Board noted the action taken and accepted the Annual report of 2017-18 and the Audit accounts of 2016-17.

2) Expenditure for People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) documentation:

The Board members appreciated KBB in facilitating the preparation of PBRs at the District level BMCs. It was submitted that as per the resolution of the 28th meeting of the Board (held on 27/05/2015), a sum of Rs.64,000/- was fixed for the preparation of PBRs at Taluk level in 2015.

The Board deliberated on the budget requirement of the Board for the same and resolved that since the rate for Taluka level PBRs was fixed in 2015, a 10% increase over and above Rs.64,000/- for each year may be considered and fixed accordingly which will amount to Rs. 80,000/- per PBR. The Member Secretary was also authorized to accept and approve a 25% enhancement over and above the offset price fixed for documenting PBRs at the Taluk Level. For the District level PBRs, the NBA norms may be adopted which prescribes Rs. 2.00 lakhs per PBR.

Further, the Board noted that since there is no funding from the NBA or the Central Government for this and the grant-in-aid sanctioned by the State Government to the Board has to be utilized for the purpose of preparation of PBRs, a judicious decision on the amount to be spent on the same has to be made since the number of Taluk level PBRs to be documented are over 150 numbers.

The Member Secretary was authorized to call Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed Institutions, NGOs, Societies etc, for the task of documenting PBRs in the Taluk and District Levels. The PCCF (HoFF) suggested that the EOI may be called through a 2-bid-e-tender process (Technical and Financial Bid) and to invite tenders cluster-wise. The Board authorized the Member Secretary to look into the modalities for the same and present it in the next meeting of the Board.

3) Publication of Baseline data of flora and fauna of Karnataka:

The Member Secretary submitted that the compilation of data on the flora and fauna of Karnataka was done through a panel of subject experts and consists of comprehensive information on the biodiversity of Karnataka and that procurement of an ISBN number is being pursued.

The Board lauded the efforts taken for this documentation. It was noted that the documentation is mainly useful for Biodiversity Stakeholders inclusive of scientists, research scholars, University professors/lecturers who are dealing with life sciences, officers involved in conservation of biodiversity and policy makers for whom complimentary copies may be given and remaining copies may be sold to individuals / private organizations upon their requests and by notification in Website.

After detailed deliberations, the Board resolved to print 300 copies each with a nominal price tag of Rs.1000/- for Vol-1 (Plant Wealth of Karnataka – A checklist: Algae, Fungi, Lichens, Bryophytes and Pteridophytes) and Rs.2000/- for Vol-2, (Plant Wealth of Karnataka – A checklist: Angiosperms and Gymnosperms). It was also resolved to incorporate the list of Board members in the initial pages of the books and that softcopies of these publications shall also be made available on Board's website.

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

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Chairman
Karnataka Biodiversity Board

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