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INAUGURATION OF AMBAULIM BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON 28/06/2016

The Village Panchayat Ambaulim inaugurated its Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) on 28th June 2016, at 11:00 am in the presence of Smt. Fatima Rocha, Sarpanch, Ambaulim Panchayat; Dr. Mahendra Bale, Veterinary Doctor and Staff of Goa State Biodiversity Board.

Smt. Fatima Rocha extended a floral welcome to the dignitaries and addressed the gathering. This was followed by lighting of the traditional lamp by the dignitaries.

Smt. Reshma Kerkar, Scientific Officer Goa State Biodiversity Board explained the importance of the Biodiversity Management Committee as well as the need to protect and preserve the rich biodiversity of the village. She highlighted on the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) and also stressed on urgent need of PBR preparation for documentation of the biodiversity heritage and traditional knowledge of the village. She also informed that all the necessary support will be provided by Goa State Biodiversity Board to BMC for their further activities.

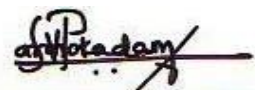
Dr. Mahendra Bale, a veterinary doctor shared his vast knowledge of domestic animals and also about his village. He appealed to the villagers to support BMC for documentation of People's Biodiversity Register (PBR).

Later, BMC certificate and 1st instalment cheque was handed over to the Ambaulim Biodiversity Management Committee members by Smt. Reshma Kerkar and she congratulated the BMC members for forming the BMC under the UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS Project.

The function concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Smt. Fatima Rocha, Chairperson, Ambaulim BMC.

Staff of GSBB/ UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS Project attending the programme:

1. Dr. Vidhya Gaude, State Project Coordinator
2. Mrs. Reshma Kerkar, Scientific Officer, GSBB
3. Ms. Sneha Bhonsle, Scientific/Technical Assistant
4. Dr. Varsha Raikar Hoble, Project Assistant I, GSBB



Shri. Pradip Sarmokadam
Member Secretary (GSBB)

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Lightning of the traditional lamp



Villagers present for inaugural programme



Dr. Mahendra Bale addressing the villagers



Smt. Reshma Kerkar addressing the villagers



Traditional Health care practitioner of Ambaulim village



Smt. Fatima Rocha, Sarpanch, Ambaulim Panchayat addressing the gathering



Certificate being handed over to Ambaulim BMC members



Ambaulim BMC members