



GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

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To,

1. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Goa Forest Department, Van Bhavan Panaji Goa.
2. The Director, Department of Environment & Climate Change, 4th Floor, Dempo Tower, Patto Panaji- Goa.
3. The Director, Directorate of Fisheries, Panaji- Goa.
4. The Director, Directorate of Agriculture, Toncar, Panaji- Goa
5. The Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Porvorim Goa
6. Dr. Parveen Kumar, Director, Director, ICAR-CCARI, Old Goa, Tiswadi- Goa.
7. Dr. Baban Ingole, Bambolim- Goa.
8. Shri. Rajendra Kerkar, Keri, Sattari- Goa.
9. Shri. Parag Rangnekar, Vasco, Goa
10. Shri. Nirmal Kulkarni, Mapusa- Goa.

Sub: Minutes of the 42nd Board Meeting (Regular meeting) of Goa State Biodiversity Board, held on 27th September 2023 at Conference hall, Ministerial Block, Secretariat- Porvorim, Goa.

Sir/ Madam

Please find attached vide email the Minutes of the 42nd Board Meeting (Regular meeting) of Goa State Biodiversity Board, held on 27th September 2023 at Conference hall, Ministerial Block, Secretariat- Porvorim, Goa, for your information and record.

Please note that the hard copy of the Minutes shall not be circulated unless specifically requested. Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this communication.

Thanking you,



Yours faithfully,

Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam
Member Secretary, GSBB

Copy to: The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Environment & Climate Change, Chairperson, GSBB, Secretariat, Porvorim Goa.

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Careful Conservation of Biodiversity
Bright Future for Prosperity!

MINUTES OF THE 42nd BOARD MEETING OF GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

TYPE OF MEETING: Regular

DATE: 27th September 2023

TIME: 03.00 PM

VENUE: FIRST FLOOR "CONFERENCE HALL", MINISTERIAL BLOCK, PORVORIM, GOA

MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY SHRI NILESH CABRAL, HON'BLE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE, GOVERNMENT OF GOA, CHAIRPERSON, GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD.

The following members attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1	Shri Nilesh Cabral, Hon'ble Minister for Environment & Climate Change, Chairperson Goa State Biodiversity Board	Chairperson
2	The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Goa Forest Department, Van Bhavan, Panaji Goa rep. by Shri Amar Heblekar, ACF	Ex-officio Member
3	Shri. Deepesh Priolkar, Director, Directorate of Fisheries	Ex-officio Member
4	Director, Directorate of Agriculture, Rep. by Smt. Rena Menezes, Dy. Director of Agriculture	Ex-officio Member
5	Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board	Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board & Convenor
6	The Chief Engineer, Water Resource Department, Rep. by Smt. Vidya Dhavalikar, Asst. Engineer	Ex-officio Member
7	Dr. Parveen Kumar, Director, ICAR-CCARI	Expert Member



8	Dr. Baban Ingole	Expert Member
9	Shri Rajendra Kerker	Expert Member
10	Shri. Nirmal Kulkarni	Expert Member
11	Dr. Nandkumar Kamat	Special Invitee
12	Smt. Sangita Velip, Agriculture officer	Representative of Directorate of Agriculture
13	Dr. Manohara KK, Sr. Scientist	Representative of ICAR-CCARI
14	Shri. Vivek Joshi. J E, WRD	Representative of Water Resource Department

At the onset, Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Chairperson Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB), Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Climate Change, extended a warm welcome to the members of the Board for the 42nd Board Meeting.

There was detailed presentation Dr. Nandkumar Kamat on Microbial Diversity in the State of Goa. Dr. Nandkumar Kamat is a Microbial consultant of GSBB under DHE scheme of Government of Goa. The same was appreciated by the Chairperson and thanked him for his dedicated work during his association with GSBB. Other expert board members expressed that it will be a good idea if we can publish a book on these efforts and outcomes. The same was unanimously approved to request Dr. Nandkumar Kamat for the same.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of 41st Board Meeting of Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) held on 13.01.2023.

The Minutes of the 41st Board meeting were presented to the members of the Board Present.

Proposed by Dr. Baban Ingole

Seconded by Shri Rajendra Kerker

Agenda 2: Action Taken Report of 41st Board Meeting held on 13.01.2023.

MS, GSBB presented ATR 41th Board meeting to the members present. He briefed about the points which are already complied with. Regarding the agenda of proposed BHS at Chicalim meeting to be set up with MPT authority at the Chairpersons level and



proceed with the process of notification. It was also resolved that in line with NBA guidelines, if there is similar difficulty in completing the BHS notification wherein the extent of area and local BMC is in agreement, then it could be draft notified for initiating further process. Regarding the theme park at Mopa, it was informed that Mopa Airport Development Authority proposed to have theme park on sacred groves of Goa and native lifestyle, could be established without considering the guest house in scope of GSBB. Expert board members inputs could be taken and proposal be submitted to Dept. of Civil Aviation. Board members unanimously agreed for the same.

Regarding BHS at Rivona, Board agreed that communication could be made to administrator of Comunidade regarding the same. With respect to Mrugaya retreat, it was decided that it is outside the purview of GSBB.

Regarding Agarwada Chopdem land it was directed by the Board to follow up the matter with office of Chief Minister and restart the efforts for review of the decision. With respect to Green Ray foundation agree to long lease to GSBB, an interpretation centre could be established centering around Biodiversity and children and learning / research facility could be initiated. The funding for the same could be requested from Environment department & CSR. Following up with presentation by Dr. Nandakumar Kamat, it was suggested that a booklet could be published on the comprehensive data submitted by him. The request be made to him or GSBB could bring out a publication under his guidance.

With respect to green fire crackers, GSBB was asked to follow up with the ACF who initially submitted the idea in last Board meeting and initiate the research about suppliers in this regard.

Regarding Mhadei River Diversion, Board agreed to compile and send the resolutions received till date by GSBB along with report.

Regarding revenue sharing model of GoVan it was informed by MS, GSBB that, profits are accrued by the GoVan project and the GoVan project will be merged with the proposed FPO.

With respect to approval of sustainable harvesting guidelines MS, GSBB informed that the said guidelines will be again circulated among the Board members for inputs and will be further processed on file for approval. Further he informed that Dr. S. Elumalai has volunteered to scrutinize the guidelines drafted by Retd. Judge Shri. Desmond D'Costa regarding Management of Biodiversity Heritage Site which will also be circulated among board members for inputs. Engagement of Prof. Elumalai is on voluntary basis and expenditure will be only towards publications after circulation with Board members and approval by Chairperson. The same was approved by the board.



Regarding the Guidelines for the functioning of the BMC, MS GSBB informed that the guidelines will be circulated among the Board members for the inputs but based on the newly amended Biodiversity Act.

Regarding the several requests received by GSBB for intervention in the matters outside the purview of GSBB or beyond the mandate forwarded by BMCs it was decided by Board member that the matter to be forwarded to the appropriate authority and communicate to Forest Department with respect to any cutting of tree that local BMC should be prior informed. This was unanimously agreed by the board members.

Agenda 3: Prominent Activities of GSBB for information (Celebration of IBD-2023, Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards-2023, Release of Mangrove Book, etc.)

MS, GSBB in brief acquainted the Board members with the key activities of GSBB.

Agenda 4: Renovation of GSBB Office space- Status for information.

MS, GSBB informed that the renovation of GSBB office is in final stage and a grand inaugural function could be arranged wherein all BMCs could deposit their flagship features in that area like unique plants, posters, models etc. Chairperson, GSBB who is also Hon'ble PWD minister assured support in this regard.

Agenda 5: Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) rules for Goa State-Status for information.

Agenda already dealt under Action Taken Report.

Agenda 6: Progress of GSBSAP.

MS. GSBB informed that Basic structure of GSBSAP is ready to be placed in public domain for inputs which will be then presented to the core committee and circulated to the board members vide email and then be further processed.

Agenda 7. Status of BHS and approval for action required.

- i. Rivona Plateau - Acquisition.: Sub-Agenda already dealt under Action Taken Report.
- ii. Curtorim Lake – Issues raised by BMC Chairperson.: MS. GSBB informed that there are some issues due to communication by VP Curtorim as there are some new areas to be added and DSLR is involved in doing the revised plans for re-draft notification and after 60 days will be draft notified. Board agreed that once new areas are added GSBB need not again place it to Board approval, and directly process the re-draft notification on file and send it to Govt. for final notification after grievance hearing and clearance on file. Same was unanimously approved by the board members.



iii. Chicalim Bay - MPT did not respond to reminders, hence GSBB Chairperson / Hon. Min. Environment & Climate Change will call the meeting.: Sub-Agenda already dealt under Action Taken Report.

Agenda 8: Acquisition of BHS lands

Agenda already dealt under Action Taken Report with additional point that request be made to Govt. after following NBA guidelines.

Agenda 9: Considering newly amended Rules, Goa Biological Diversity Rules 2017

After brief discussion, Board members agreed that State rules need to be amended on the lines of Central amended act.

Agenda 10: Advertisement for new projects/Publications/Annual cycles.

Board members unanimously agreed that once a year GSBB may advertise call for the research proposals and process accordingly. However certain aspects or urgent issues may be dealt separately on priority basis by Chairperson GSBB.

Agenda 11: Staff of GSBB & extent of work PPT by Member Secretary, GSBB.

i. Regularization of existing staff working since 2013-14 & those who have rendered maximum years of service in GSBB.

MS, GSBB informed the Board regarding some of the existing staff working since 2013-2014 and majority staff has been in service from 2016 till date & deserves to be regularized considering institutional memory & experiences. Chairperson, GSBB suggested that GSBB should create a revenue model and be self-sustainability of the board so the salaries of the staff could be paid from the revenue earned by GSBB. Nirmal Kulkarni, Expert board member suggested that a brain storming session be organized in this regard. Board members agreed to the same.

Board members further suggested that to make GSBB self-sustainable, experts in the field could be invited to come with the ideas where in revenue could be generated by GSBB. Forest Dept. staff suggested that also staff could be taken up on deputation of staff from other departments subject to requirement and availability. Board members agreed to the same.

ii. Applicability of 7th Pay commission to Staff and extension of statutory benefits i.e PF to all the staff of GSBB.

After brief discussion, Board members approved the same and decided that the same could forwarded to the Government for the approval.



Agenda 12: As per the rules creation of Member Secretary and Assistant Member Secretary Post

The Board members after brief discussion agreed that above agenda could be processed on file and by circulation vide email time bound inputs could be taken from the board members.

Agenda 13: Any other point with permission of Chairperson.

It was decided to expedite the Office work of GSBB and development of new campus be initiated. SBSAP also needs to be taken forward.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Chairperson GSBB.



Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam
Member Secretary, GSBB