

DRAFT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD (GSBB) MEETING HELD ON 21st AUGUST, 2013 AT 4.00 PM IN THE CHAMBER OF HON. MINISTER FOR FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT AT SECRETARIAT, PORVORIM, BARDEZ-GOIA UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SMT. ALINA SALDANHA, HON. MINISTER FOR FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT, CHAIRPERSON GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD.

The following members attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Smt. Alina Saldanha Hon. Minister for Forest and Environment	Chairperson
2.	Shri Richard D'Souza Principal Chief Conservator of Forests	Member
3.	Shri R.R. Yaragatti (Representing in place of Shri Sandeep Nadkarni)	Member
4.	Dr. P. K. Tufani Director, Directorate of Agriculture	Member
5.	Shri Sanjeev Joglekar (Representing in place of Shri Levinson Martins)	Member
6.	Dr. Joe D'Souza	Member
7.	Shri Celso Dias	Member
8.	Dr. Bhiva Malik	Member
9.	Dr. Nitin Sawant	Member Secretary

Shri Levinson Martins, MS, (GSPCB) and Director / ex- Officio Jt. Secretary (STE) and **Shri Mahesh Kandolkar** could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

At the outset, Smt. Alina Saldanha, Hon'ble Minister for Forest and Environment and Chairperson, Goa State Biodiversity Board welcomed the members. She further informed that these special meeting has been called to discuss and sought inputs from members on urgent matters.

1. Discussion and finalization of the Draft of the Goa Biological Diversity Rules (2013)

The Chairperson suggested that every decision should be scrutinized, clarified and discussed before implementing.

Dr. Joe D'Souza emphasized on commercial utilization and listing of floral diversity of Goa. He further added that this would help in keeping the check on the commercial utilization of the plant products in a sustainable way. Dr. Bhiva Malik suggested that the Biodiversity Management Committee (BMCs) and Peoples Biodiversity Register (PBRs) would help in the preparation of the inventory of biological parameters which would also include the details of commercially utilized bio-resource in the state. Dr. Joe informed the Board that Cashew tree has been neglected and no details about its commercial activities are available. The Chairperson suggested that the status and commercially utilized species may be studied and accordingly necessary action may be sort.

2. Discussion on circular for use of biological resources in state of Goa which is to be circulated among Government, Private and Educational Institutes

Member secretary informed that as per Biological diversity Act, 2002 prior intimation is mandatory for all the stakeholders such as industries, educational institutes and researchers to take permission from the board to approve biological researches and commercial utilization. He further informed that many States in the country has already implemented and enforced the Act and circulated the circular for informing all the stake holders those who are utilizing the biological resources on commercial scale. The circular prepared by Member secretary has been given to all the members and has asked for comments, suggestions within 8 days which is to be circulated to the concern stake holders including educational institutes etc.

3. Orientation Program on formation of BMC's and PBR's for Panchayats, Municipalities and Municipal Corporation.

Member Secretary informed that, since last 8 years of the constitution of the Board not a single BMC and PBR are formed in the State of Goa. Therefore Member Secretary proposed to the Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) during the last meeting at Pune on 1st August 2013 and requested him to support him to organize the orientation programme for Panchayats, Municipalities and Municipal Corporation towards the formation of BMC's and PBR's.

Since the States like Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka are considered as role model and carries expertise on the subject. It was suggested that representative from 2 States may be deputed for this orientation programme which was principally agreed by the Chairman and requested to send the budget for the same. The proposal has been sent for approval.

Dr. Joe requested that the Government officials concerned with biodiversity should be invited for the orientation programme, further it was suggested that the Commuidade of Goa should also be invited. Shri Joglekar suggested that the Board, Panchayat, Municipality and Corporation members, Government official members along with NGOs and activists is essential. The Chairperson suggested that sufficient time should be allotted for interaction with the participants. All the above suggestions were well taken and considered to be executed.

4. To appoint consultant for the proposed project on Marina at Sancoale and Floating Pontoons for the inventory of Biological Diversity and impact assessment study

Member Secretary informed that, the correspondence from Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) on the projects of Marina at Sancoale and Floating Pontoons at Chapora, the consent has been asked from the Board for the approval of this project. After inspecting and going through the EIA report prepared by

National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), the Board has deferred the proposal and sort time for further scientific study and comments.

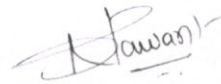
The Board has also sort time for conducting the scientific inventory of Biological Diversity and impact assessment study on the proposed site.

Dr. Joe D'Souza suggested that the university and all the colleges which have a Department of Life Sciences be sent circular to submit their research proposal in Goa for various biodiversity activities within ten days from the date of issue of letter.

A member also suggested that the Carmel College already has a biodiversity cell and their expertise can be taken, in case suitable for the projects they have already carried out.

It was agreed that the proposal with detailed parameters, outcome and tentative budget may be submitted to the respective Departments.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.



Dr. Nitin S. Sawant
Member, Secretary (GSBB)