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DRAFT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD (GSBB) HELD ON 09TH OCTOBER, 2014 AT 5.00 PM IN THE CHAMBER OF HON. MINISTER FOR FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT AT SECRETARIAT, PORVORIM, BARDEZ-GOIA UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF 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. A.G. Bhagwat (Representative from Department of Water Resources)	Member
4.	Shri. Larry Barreto (Representative from the Directorate of Agriculture)	Member
5.	Dr. Joe D'Souza	Member
6.	Dr. Bhiva Malik	Member
7.	Dr. Nitin Sawant	Member Secretary

Shri. Srinet Kothwale (Department of Science, Technology and Environment) **Shri. Levinson Martins** (Goa State Pollution Control Board), **Shri. Mahesh Kandolkar and Shri. Celso Dias** could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

At the outset, Smt. Alina Saldanha, Hon'ble Minister for Forest and Environment; Chairperson, Goa State Biodiversity Board welcomed the members.

After deliberations on the agenda, the following decisions were taken.

Agenda 1: Appraise the GSBB members regarding National Green Tribunal (NGT) court order of petition against GSBB and others by Colva Panchayat

The Member Secretary appraised the Board members on the order issued by the National Green Tribunal, Western Zone Bench, Pune with respect to Appeal No.13/2014 (WZ) filed by the Village Panchayat of Colva, Sernabatim, Vanelim and Gaundalim Vs The Goa State Biodiversity Board.

He informed that the NGT has directed the Board to undertake specific study through Expert Agency within a reasonable time before taking the final decision on Colva Lake and also to give hearing to Respondent No. 2 Ms Judith Almeida and other interested parties if any before taking any final decision.

The Chairperson opined that before giving hearing to Ms Judith Almeida. The Board should conduct the study. Dr. Joe D'Souza opined to consider the report of the study conducted by Prof. Chachadi, Goa University and also suggested to appoint Prof. Chachadi and Prof. Bernard Rodrigues for conducting the study. After due deliberation

and discussion. The Board unanimously resolved to request Goa University to conduct a rapid EIA study within a period of two months by appointing expert from Botany, Geology Department and any other Department if required and to submit a budget estimate for the same. It was also resolved to request Department of Science, Technology and Environment (DSTE) for funding the study and to submit a proposal for the same after receiving consent from Goa University.

Agenda 2: Decision to be taken on remuneration for legal Counsel (Adv. Nikhil Pai) representing GSBBS at NGT on legal matters.

With respect to fixing remuneration for the Legal Counsel for representing Goa State Biodiversity Board at NGT, (WZ), Pune, it was unanimously resolved to write to Law Department for seeking the amount of fee to be paid to the Legal Counsel.

Agenda 3: Meeting with Director, Directorate of Panchayats and Collectors North and South Goa, regarding Biodiversity Management Committee constitution

With respect to organizing a meeting with Director, Directorate of Panchayat and the North and South Goa Collector, it was resolved to fix a date of the meeting with Hon'ble Chairperson in order to request the Directorate of Panchayat to support /help in facilitating the constitution of BMC's in the State.

Agenda 4: Request for survey/study of a hillock known as 'Dungo' from Village Poinguinim by Poiquinkarancho Ekvott, Galgibag, Canacona.

The Member Secretary appraised the members regarding the request from President, Poinguinkarancho Ekvott for conducting a survey/study of a hillock known as "Dungo" from Poinguinim, Canacona.

Dr. Joe requested to conduct the study of Sinquerim Plateau first as resolved during the 22nd Board meeting. He was informed that the request for Sinquerim Plateau is for declaring it as BHS for which it has to comply to the criteria provided in the guidelines prepared by National Biodiversity Authority and the guidelines are to be notified by the Goa Government.

The Chairperson opined to consider the "Dungo" hillock study on priority. After discussion and due deliberation it was resolved to request Prof. M.K Janarthanam, Department of Botany, Goa University and Dr. Manoj Borkar, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Nuvem-Goa to conduct a survey and pay them consultancy fee. It was resolved to submit a proposal to DST&E for funding the same.

Agenda 5: Request from Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation (GSIDC) for data on Biological environment around sites identified for solid waste management plants at Saligao, Bainguinim and Cacora.

With regards to the request received from Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation (GSIDC) for providing data on terrestrial ecology; Inventory of flora and fauna; faunal diversity, fresh water biodiversity; Ichthyofaunal and waders and inventory of Agro-biodiversity within 5 km. After discussion and due deliberation it was unanimously resolved that since the matter is of high priority as the Government intends to set up the solid waste management plant an expert committee consisting of following members be constituted and study to be conducted within a period of 1 month.

The members of the committee are as follows:

- 1) Prof. M.K. Janarthanam, Botany Department, Goa University
- 2) Dr. Nandakumar Kamat, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Goa University
- 3) Mr. Santosh Gaonkar, Headmaster/teacher, Poira High School.
- 4) A member for ICAR for documentary Agro biodiversity
- 5) Dr. Nitin Sawant, Member Secretary, GSBB
- 6) Ms. Trupti Jadhav, Scientific Officer, GSBB.

It was also resolved to request GSIDC to commission the study.

Agenda 6: TSG Groups (Name to be suggested by the Board)

With respect to selecting members for TSG group. It was resolved to conduct training workshop for Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor of Life Sciences from all the colleges in the State of Goa and involve them in the process of PBR preparation. It was also resolved to invite experts form Kerala State Biodiversity Board or any other SBB to train the teachers along with the experts in fields of Life Sciences from Goa.

Agenda 7: Issues

a) Milestone Properties and Holdings - NOC for constructing a floating jetty at Village Salvador-de-Mundo

With regards to constructing a floating jetty at Village Salvador Do Munda by Milestone properties and holding it was informed by the Member Secretary that the owner has fenced the area. After discussion and due deliberation it was resolved to write to GCZMA informing about the violation and to take necessary action

b) M/s Balaji Concepts Khandi-Bandoi, Cavlossim, Salcete Goa – Destruction of natural water bodies

With regards to the matter of M/s Balaji Concept it was unanimously resolved that since the matter is sub judice a report be prepared based on the comments received from other line department present during the inspection and may produce the same if directed by the High Court/NGT.

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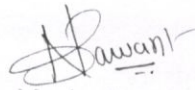
c) Construction of Mini-India Park at Quellossim Salcete Goa

The Chairperson informed the members regarding the cutting of Mangroves at Quellossim. After discussion and due deliberation it was unanimously resolved to write a recommending letter to GCZMA and request them to initiate necessary action.

d) Sub Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation (GSIDC)

With regards to the request received from GSIDC to visit and guide them on the mangroves affected by the Project of constructing Mandovi Cable stay bridge, It was unanimously resolved that since the project is of National Interest the same may be continued, however the Member Secretary was requested to write to GSIDC to take due care and minimize the damage to mangroves during the construction phase.

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Member Secretary
Goa State Bio-diversity Board