

MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE GOA STATE BIO-DIVERSITY BOARD, HELD ON 05/06/2006 AT SECRETARIAT, PORVORIM -GOA

The 10th meeting of the Goa State Bio-diversity Board (GSBB) was held in the Conference Hall of the Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa on 5th June'06 at 4.30 pm. Dr. Wilfred de Souza, Hon'ble Dy. C.M./Chairman (GSBB) chaired the meeting.

The following members attended the meeting

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
01.	Dr. Wilfred De'Souza Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister of Goa/Minister for Environment	Chairman
02.	Dr. M. K. Janarthanam, Reader, Goa University	Member
03.	Dr. Irene Furtado, Reader, Goa University	Member
04.	Dr. (Mrs) Kasturi Dessai, Sr. Lecturer, PES College, Ponda- Goa	Member
05.	Dr. Baban Ingole, Sr. Scientist, NIO, Dona Paula	Member
06.	Dr. N. P. S. Varde, Dir/Jt, Sec, STE	Member
07.	Dr. Korikantamath, Director, ICAR, Old Goa Dr. Manjunath, Scientist, ICAR	Member
08.	Chief Conservator of Forest, Govt. of Goa	Member
09.	Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Goa	Member
10.	Dr. S. K. Naik, Sr. Fisheries Scientist, Fisheries Survey of India	Rep. of Fisheries Survey of India
11.	Joseph De'Souza, Scientist (GSCST)	Member Secretary

Director, National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula and Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science, Govt. of Goa could not attend the meeting due to their pre occupation.

Agenda No. 1

Welcome & introduction of the reconstituted members of Goa State Bio-diversity Board(GSBB)

The Chairman, Dr. Wilfred De'Souza extended a warm welcome to the members and shared his views on the functioning of the board. Thereafter, Shri Joseph De'Souza, Member Secretary (GSBB) also welcomed the members and appraised them on the mandate of the GSBB and role of the members. The agenda items were thereafter discussed as under.

Agenda No. 2

Review the progress of the erstwhile Goa State Bio-diversity Board (GSBB)

A presentation on the accomplishments of the erstwhile board was presented by the Member Secretary, Shri Joseph D'souza.

Agenda no. 3

Follow up action of pending matters/issue of the said GSBB.

- a) Project proposals submitted to NBA for seeking grant-in-aid.

The Member Secretary observed that, the matter would be taken up with the National Bio-Diversity Authority during his visit to Chennai.

- b) Goa State Bio-diversity Rules submitted to Government.

Dr. N. P. S. Varde, former Member secretary opined that, the Draft Rules had been submitted to the Law Department, Govt. of Goa.

- c) Peoples Bio-diversity Register (PBR)

The members desired that the PBR be formed preferably for the 20 short listed villages.

Agenda no. 04.

A. In order to facilitate the board to function the following was proposed.

1. Office Space for the board: The existing project room in the DST& E office (1st floor) was proposed to be used as Board /Chairman office.
2. Vehicle: One vehicle attached to the DST& E office with the "driver" was proposed to be transferred to the Board along with the diesel quota.
3. Office equipment & furniture: The existing furniture, fax, phone, was proposed to be utilized for the Board.
4. A computer with the peripherals like, scanner, printer, modem, UPS, computer table etc, was proposed for purchase.
5. Board Staff: It was proposed to utilize the services of the existing staff attached to the GSCST/STE on full time work basis.

In order to attain (A) above, a proposal seeking Financial Assistance in the form of sustainable grant-in-aid was discussed and deliberated.

All the members unanimously approve the same.

Agenda No, 05.

Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

1. Formation of Committees:

The Member Secretary, GSBB desired that, the following committees be constituted

- a) **Bio-diversity Inventory Committee:** for Bio-diversity inventorization, documentation and conservation.
- b) **Wetland & Agriculture Bio-diversity Committee:** for inventorization, documentation & conservation of wetlands, agriculture and aquaculture bio-diversity
- c) **Awareness Committee:** for bio-diversity awareness generation among students and general public in Goa.
- d) **Heritage site and Sacred Grove Committee:** for identification & conservation of Heritage sites and Sacred Groves in Goa.

The members approved the same, and suggested that names of prominent scientists, researchers, officials associated with the related components as above be enlisted for suitable consideration in the above committees.

2. Identity / Visiting cards of each Board members/ Staffs:

The members desired to have identity cards and visiting cards and were requested to furnish names & other details and photographs to facilitate the same.

- 3 Dr. Irene Furtado, desired that detail documentation of the Microbes of Goa should be undertaken and documented.
4. Dr. Janarthanam, expressed his views on compilation of various data on the Flora and fauna of Goa.

5. Dr. N. P. S. Varde, Director/Jt. Secretary. STE & erstwhile Member Secretary of GSBB clarified that, as per the Goa State Bio-diversity Rules, the tenure of the members will have a three years term.

6. . Dr. Baban Ingole, suggested to invite Experts, Scientist and Sr. Professors to delivers lectures/demonstration to share their expertise and knowledge

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

Approved

M. J. Ingole

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