

**MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE GOA STATE
BIODIVERSITY BOARD (GSBB).**

The 3rd meeting of the Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB), was held on 4th Mar'05, at 3.30 p.m. in the Conference Hall of DSTE, Saligao – Goa, under the Chairmanship of Dr. H.Y. Karapurkar. The names of other Members and Special Invitee who participated in the meeting are listed in the Annexure.

The following GSBB Members sought leave of absence:

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| 1. | Dr. N.P.S. Varde, Director/Jt. Sec. (STE) | Member Convenor |
| 2. | Representative of Fisheries | Member |
| 3. | Representative of Agriculture | Member |
| 4. | Representative of Higher Education | Member |
| 5. | Dr. Nandkumar Kamat | Member |

At the outset, the Chairman, greeted the participants and initiated the deliberations in accordance to the Agenda, which was circulated in advance.

ITEM No.1

Confirmation of the Minutes of last meeting.

Members, Dr. Kasturi Dessai & Dr. Manoj Borkar pointed out that the topic of purchase of "Qualis" vehicle (Serial No.7 under Item No.2 of the minutes) was not discussed during the meeting and sought classifications regarding the same. The Chairman explained that in order to carry out the mandate of the GSBB a suitable vehicle was essential and the same will be acquired by meticulously following the purchase procedure. The members concurred with the Chairman and it was decided to procure a suitable alternate vehicle since the model "Qualis" has now been phased out by the company.

ITEM No.2

Further steps taken since the last meeting.

The Chairman was pleased to present the various steps undertaken since the last meeting, and the same are summarized as under

1. The Member Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) has released an initial grant of Rs. 5.00 lakhs to GSBB and the same has been credited in the GSBB Bank Account at Indian Overseas Bank, Panaji. As such the need for the release of a token grant of Rs. 25,000/- from DSTE does not arise.
2. A proposal is being sent to the Government to release an annual grant-in-aid to the GSBB for carrying out various activities as mandated under the Act.
3. The Chairman, Member Convenor and Special Invitee called upon the two Ex-Chief Ministers during the last month to appraise them about the constitution of the Board and requested to make available a suitable office premises (atleast 150 sq.mt.) in Panaji City. It was proposed to make available the office presently occupied by Kala Academy (Old Excise Department). A meeting in this regard was also held with the Member Secretary Kala Academy who opined that they will abide by the decision of the Government. A request letter from the Chairman has already been put up to the Government and a decision is awaited.
4. Letters requesting quotations from suppliers of furniture required for the office have been prepared but could not be sent due to the non confirmation of office space from the Government. The Members requested the Chairman to issue the said letters and get the quotations for the furniture.
5. The Logo design for the GSBB has been once again requested from the College of Art, after the Chairman and Special Invitee called upon him in this regard. As suggested by him, the offer will be open to students as well as staff of the college. It was proposed that the best design be awarded a cash incentive of Rs.4,000/- and the runner up will be paid a remuneration of Rs 3,000/- (a total of Rs. 7,000/-). This was approved by all the members present.
6. The Chairman submitted a list of 22 panchayats (two panchayats in each taluka) identified by him for carrying out Biodiversity related work in consultation with the NGOs, end users and panchayat members.

ITEM NO. 3

Report on the action taken by the GSBB sub-committee.

Dr. Bernard Rodrigues and Dr. Janarthanam informed the Board that already two meetings have taken place and it was decided that a budgetary allocation of Rs.30,000/- has to be sanctioned for each topic to be covered. They expect five to six important topics to be covered in association with active NGOs at the ground level.

The Chairman informed the members of the sub-committee to give a complete proposal with all details and time frame by 31st March'05 to the Board for consideration. This was accepted by the members.

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ANNEXURE

3rd Meeting of the GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD (GSBB) held on
4th Mar'05 at DSTE, Saligao – Goa.

Sr.No.	Name of the participant	Designation
1.	Dr. Heman Y. Karapurkar	Chairman
2.	Dr. Francis L. Coelho, A.C.F, Department of Forest	Member
3.	Dr. M.K. Janarthanam, Goa University	Member
4.	Dr. (Mrs) Kasturi N. Dessai, PES College	Member
5.	Dr. Bernard F Rodrigues, Goa University	Member
6.	Dr. Manoj Borkar, Carmel College	Member
7.	Mr. Satej Kamat, Agriculture Officer (GSCST/DSTE)	Special Invitee

and the same are summarized as under: