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Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB)

The 4th meeting of the Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB), was held on 5th April 05, at 3.30 p.m. in the Conference Hall of DSTI, 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:

- 1. Representative of Higher Education Member
- 2. Dr. M.K. Janarthanam 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. The Members unanimously confirmed the Minutes.

ITEM No. 2

Presentation of Logo design prepared by the final year students of Goa College of Art. The Chairman briefed the participants about the efforts put in by the Special Invitee and himself, to expedite the designs by the College.

About 20 'concept' Logos prepared by the College were circulated for the perusal and assessment of Members. The Member Convenor requested the Members to go through each one minutely and select two best alternatives for further fine tuning. After detailed deliberation, two logos were short listed and handed over to the Special Invitee to be passed on to the Principal, College of Art, for further improvement of the design based on the following:

- 1. It should depict hills with gentle slopes having a green canopy cover.
- 2. Sea should be depicted in a marine blue colour.
- 3. It should depict the Board name in Roman and Vernacular alphabets.
- 4. It should depict fish.
- 5. It should be round in shape.

ITEM No. 3

Discussion on sub-committee report

Dr. Bernard Rodrigues, Member, explained the proposed draft of the Action Plan on behalf of the sub-committee entrusted with this task.

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(A) Short term plan (to be achieved by 30th Sept' 05)

1. Press release of advertisement to be issued by the Board (Action: Member Convenor, GSBB).
2. Identify active NGO and important Village Panchayats (Action: Member Convenor, GSBB).
3. Conduct Workshop/Training programs and explore the possibility of inviting reputed Resource Persons from the neighbouring States.
(Action: Dr. Manoj Borkar, Member, Dr. M.K. Janarthanam, Member & Mr. Satej Kamat, Special Invitee).
4. Preparation of People's Biodiversity Register (Action: Member Convenor, GSBB).
5. Identify Institutes/Professionals working on Biodiversity and prepare a database (Action: Member Convenor, GSBB).

(B) Medium Term (to be achieved by 31st Mar' 06)

1. Website of the Board to be launched within a year (Action: Member Convenor, GSBB).
2. Collection of existing information on various aspects of Biodiversity in Goa (floral & faunal) (Action: Member Convenor and Members (GSBB)).
3. Establishment of State Biodiversity Documentation Centre (Action: Member Convenor and Members GSBB).
4. Publication of a Quaterly Bulletin (Action: Members of GSBB).
5. Biodiversity Rules to be framed and translated in Konkani and Marathi languages (Action: Member Convenor, GSBB).
6. Preparation of a status report on conservation of Wildlife of Goa (Action: Representative of the Forest Department).
7. To gather information about individuals possessing unlicensed fire arms and using crude bombs & explosives for hunting of animals especially in the talukas of Sattari, Sanguem, Pernem & Canacona (Action: Member Convenor to request the Police Department for the needful).
8. To identify the sustainable exploitation levels of various types of fishes from the notified fishing zones in Goa and to notify the same. Issue notices/advertisements to give wide publicity to existing ban on fishing through gelatin blasts, and existing regulation on the mesh size of fishing nets (Action: Representation of Fisheries Dept).

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9. Documentation of Agro-biodiversity of Goa by preparing a status report on crops such as tubers, vegetables, fruits, legumes, rice, pulses, ornamentals etc. (Action: Member Convenor to request Dept. of Agricultural and ICAR Complex to do the needful).

10. To appraise the Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries (GCCCI) & Goa Small Industries Association (GSIA) about the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act 2003 vis-à-vis commercial and industrial aspects of pharmaceuticals, packaged foods and R & D Companies (Action: Member Convenor, GSBB).

(C) List of Village Panchayats (identified for Community Biodiversity Management)

1.	Pernem taluka	a) Keri-Terekhol b) Dhargal
2.	Bicholim taluka	a) Mayem b) Maulinguem
3.	Sattari taluka	a) Keri b) Nagargan
4.	Bardez taluka	a) Saligao/Assagaon b) Thivim
5.	Tiswadi taluka	a) Chodan-Madel b) Taleigao/Goa Velha
6.	Ponda taluka	a) Nirankal/Savoi Verem b) Shiroda c) Curti-Khandepar
7.	Sanguem taluka	a) Neturlim b) Rixona
8.	Quepem taluka	a) Bal-Adnem b) Malkarnem
9.	Salcete taluka	a) Cur'orim b) Velim
10.	Mormugao taluka	a) Sancoale b) Cansaulim
11.	Canacona taluka	a) Mashem b) Poinguinim

ITEM Nos. 4, 5, 6 & 7

The Members deliberated on and decided as under:

- (a) Funds to be released for "hot spot" documentation on case by case basis when the sub-committee puts up the proposals to the Board.

(b) Purchase of furniture various equipment and vehicle for the Board were finalized, as under:

1. Office Furniture

1. Executive Chair and Executive Table (one each)
2. Conference Table with 14 Executive Chairs
3. Sofa sets (one double + 2 single)
4. Normal Chairs for visitors (seven)
5. Tables (five)
6. Chairs for staff (eight)
7. Reception Table (one)
8. Signboards
9. Godrej Cupboards (two)
10. Filing Cabinets (two)
11. Book Cases (two)
12. Public address system (one)
13. Digital Camera (one each)
14. OHP & Screen (one)
15. Slide Projector (one)
16. TV & DVD (one)

2. Office Equipment

1. Computer (one)
2. Tele fax machine (one)
3. Telephone (two)
4. Mobile (one)
5. Calculators (two)
6. Fire extinguisher (one)
7. Water Filter (one)
8. Tea Sets (two)
9. Pedestal Fans (two)
10. Minor Items – dust bins, etc.

A mobile phone of a reputed brand for the use of the Chairman was approved.

3. <u>Initial Stock of Stationary</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
1. Rims of A4 paper	25
2. File Covers	50
3. Computer paper (rims)	10
4. Note Pads	50
5. Registers	20
6. CDS	100
7. Miscellaneous	

4. Purchase of Vehicle

In the earlier meeting the Board had agreed that a vehicle is essential for the transportation needs of the Board. In this regard, the Chairman stated that he has obtained the quotation of a medium class i.e. Tata Indigo, vehicle whose cost is approx. 4.75 lakhs. This price is less than that of Toyota 'Qualis' which had a DGS&D rate but its production has been ceased from 01.01.05. The Members agreed to forward the approval for the concurrence of the Government.

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ANNEXURE

4th Meeting of the Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) held on
5th April'05 at DSTE, Saligao – Goa.

Sr.No.	Name of the Participant	Designation
1.	Dr. Heman Y. Karapurkar	Chairman
2.	Dr. N.P.S. Varde, Director/Jt. Secretary (DSTE)	Member Convener
3.	Mr. Cedric S D'Souza, Asst. Conservator of Forests	Member
4.	Mr. P.P. Kumbhare, Dy. Director of Agriculture	Member
5.	Mr. N.V. Verlekar, Dy. Director of Fisheries	Member
6.	Dr. Nandkumar Kamat, Goa University	Member
7.	Dr. (Mrs) Kasturi N. Dessai, PES College	Member
8.	Dr. Bernard F Rodrigues, Goa University	Member
9.	Dr. Manoj Borkar, Carmel College	Member
10.	Mr. Satej Kamat, Agriculture Officer (GSBB - DSTE)	Special Invitee

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