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- 3) Director, Directorate of Agriculture, Panaji- Goa
- 4) Director, Directorate of Fisheries, Panaji- Goa
- 5) Director, Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Panaji- Goa
- 6) Dr. Antonio Mascarenhas, Dona Paula- Goa
- 7) Shri. Parag Rangnekar, Vasco- Goa
- 8) Shri. Nirmal Kulkarni, Mapusa- Goa
- 9) Dr. Bhiva Malik, Porvorim- Goa

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**Sub: Minutes of the meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting of Goa State Biodiversity Board held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in the Conference Hall, Secretariat, Porvorim- Goa.**

Sir/ Madam,

The draft of proceedings of the 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of Goa State Biodiversity Board were circulated vide email on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The comments received from the Chairperson, GSBB have been incorporated. The final minutes of the meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting of Goa State Biodiversity Board held on 08<sup>th</sup> May 2017 are attached herewith.

This is for your perusal and record.

Thanking you.



Yours faithfully,

[Signature]  
Shri. Pradip Sarmokadam  
Member Secretary, GSBB

Copy to:

- 1) O.S.D. to Chief Minister, State of Goa; Chairperson, Goa State Biodiversity Board.
- 2) Principal Secretary, Environment, Government of Goa
- 3) The Director, Department of Environment, Porvorim -Goa

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**MINUTES OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEETING OF GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD (GSBB).**

**TYPE OF MEETING: SPECIAL MEETING**

**DATE: 08<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2017; TIME: 2:30 PM**

**VENUE: CONFERENCE HALL, SECRETARIAT, PORVORIM- GOA**

**MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY SHRI. MANOHAR PARRIKAR, HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER, GOA STATE, CHAIRPERSON, GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD (GSBB)**

*The following members attended the meeting:*

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	<b>Shri. Manohar Parrikar</b> Hon'ble. Chief Minister, Government of Goa; Chairperson, Goa State Biodiversity Board.	Chairperson
2.	<b>Dr. Ranbir Singh, IAS</b> Principal Secretary (Environment & Forest), Government of Goa.	<b>Special invitee.</b>
3.	<b>Shri. Ajai Saxena, IFS</b> Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.	Ex Officio Member
4.	Chief Engineer, Department of Water Resources. Represented by <b>Shri. P. J. Kamat</b>	Ex Officio Member
5.	<b>Shri. Ulhas Pai Kakode</b> Director, Directorate of Agriculture.	Ex Officio Member
6.	<b>Dr. Shamila Monteiro</b> Director, Directorate of Fisheries.	Ex Officio Member
7.	<b>Dr. Santosh V. Dessai</b> Director, Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services.	Ex Officio Member
8.	<b>Dr. Antonio Mascarenhas</b>	Expert Member
9.	<b>Shri. Parag Rangnekar</b>	Expert Member
10.	<b>Shri. Nirmal Kulkarni</b>	Expert Member
11.	<b>Shri. Pradip Sarmokadam</b>	Member Secretary

*Dr. Bhiva Malik, Expert Member, GSBB was absent for the meeting.*

*At the onset, Shri. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board extended a warm welcome to the members of the Board. All the Board members introduced themselves to the Chairperson, GSBB.*

  


**Agenda 1: Celebration of National Level Event by Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) on International Day for Biological Diversity- 2017 on theme: " Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism".**

*Shri. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, GSBB informed the Board members that the Ministry for Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) has proposed to host the National level event on International Day for Biological Diversity- 2017 with the theme: "Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism" on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 in Goa and the event would be celebrated at "Dinanath Mangeshkar Auditorium", Kala Academy, Goa. Member Secretary also informed the Board members that NBA has assured to sanction an amount of rupees 17 Lakhs. He also informed that as a part of celebration various competitions has been organised.*

*Member Secretary, GSBB informed the Board Members that till date 114 Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) has been constituted and the process of preparation of People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) has been initiated. Chairperson, GSBB desired to know the definition of biodiversity and the mandate of BMC/GSBB/ABS etc. and their relevance and applicability to Goa especially with reference to the development projects in pipeline. Board members made an attempt to explain the queries and concepts related to 'biodiversity' however Chairperson, GSBB advised the Member Secretary to make a complete presentation on the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 tentatively on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 4:45 pm for deeper for his understanding about BD Act 2002, Rules 2004, related provisions with respect to Goan scenario. The Board members may also be invited. He suggested that the discussion on the same could also be followed after the presentation.*

*Further, Member Secretary, GSBB informed that Access Benefit Sharing (ABS) agreements have not been signed by GSBB, due to pending notification of various thematic committees including ABS committee. However steps are taken to initiate the process. Member Secretary, GSBB informed the members that, ABS is the move from 'protection' to 'conservation and sustainable use' and for sharing the benefits accrued from biodiversity in a fair and equitable way with the people who conserved it and hence when the biological resources are accessed for commercial utilisation or the bio-survey and bio-utilisation leading to commercial utilisation, the applicant shall have the option to pay the benefit sharing ranging from 0.1 to 0.5 per cent of the annual gross sale of the product as per ABS guidelines 2014.*

*Pradip Sarmokadam*  


Chairperson, GSBB raised various concerns over the scope of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and expressed fear that, as Biological Diversity Act is rapidly spreading across the State it is essential that the people are well informed and educated in this matter and if biodiversity is not understood properly than it might generate hindrances in the developmental process.

Member Secretary, GSBB informed the Board that each BMC has to prepare a PBR - confidential document. Chairperson, GSBB raised concern over the misuse of PBR, if the confidentiality is breached, and suggested SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) to ensure that confidentiality is maintained.

**Agenda 2: Discussion on the urgent issues pertaining to biodiversity if any:**

- a) **Complaint from Shri. Arturo D'Souza and 05 others regarding Bondvoll Lake at Santa Cruz, Tiswadi Goa**
- b) **Complaint from Shri. Mateus S. Saldanha, regarding St. Estevam Tollem Xet, Tiswadi- Goa**

Member Secretary, GSBB informed the Members that the Board receives many complaints regarding destruction of biodiversity and related issues and thereafter the inspections are carried out and the reports prepared and submitted by the Board are sometimes produced in the Court/ National Green Tribunal (NGT). To this the Chairperson, GSBB suggested that the policy decision needs to be taken and provision has to be made that the report won't be misused to file cases at NGT/ Court matters. Chairperson, GSBB suggested that the matter could be discussed after the presentation on Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017).

**Agenda 3: Renewal of GSBB contractual staff**

Member Secretary, GSBB informed the Board that the renewal of contract staff at GSBB is required for the smooth functioning of GSBB. Chairperson, GSBB suggested that the renewal of GSBB contractual staff could be approved after following proper official procedure.

**Agenda 4: Creating permanent skeletal staff at GSBB:-**

Member Secretary, GSBB informed the Board that the permanent staff needs to be recruited in GSBB. Chairperson, GSBB suggested that the recruitment of GSBB contractual



staff could be decided after the presentation of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017).

**Agenda 5: Any other points with the permission of the Chair.**

**a) BMC Certificate- Signature of Chairperson?**

Member Secretary inquired if the Chairperson's signature is required on the BMC certificate, as it is prevailing system. Chairperson, GSBB stated that the signature of the Member Secretary is adequate for the purpose.

**b) Non- cooperation of Secretaries (some) of Village Panchayat: There are complaints (mostly verbal & some in writing) and also as reported during cluster meetings of BMCs.**

Member Secretary, GSBB informed the Board members that the various verbal complaints has been received from BMCs that the Secretaries of Village Panchayats do not cooperate with the BMC to which Chairperson, GSBB suggested that the matter may be decided on modalities after the meeting/ post presentation on Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017).

**c) All BMC formation to be completed in Goa.**

Member Secretary informed the Board that till date 114 BMCs have been constituted and the remaining needs to be formed soon as the funds are available with the Board to which Chairperson raised a concern as to how the BMCs would sustain over a period of time after the constitution. Member Secretary replied that NBA allocates fund to the Board annually and also ABS mechanism and other provisions of receiving funds could help to a large extent.

The Board meeting ended with the vote of thanks from the Member Secretary, GSBB.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pradip Sarmokadam'.

Shri. Pradip Sarmokadam  
Member Secretary, GSBB