



## GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

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### PRESS RELEASE

#### **Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards 2024**

Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) invites applications for Biodiversity Conservation Awards 2024.

Goa State Biodiversity Conservation Awards are given in the following categories

- 1) **State Biodiversity Conservation Award for Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) – 1No. each for North Goa & South Goa.**
- 2) **State Biodiversity Conservation in Individual Category - 1No. each for North Goa & South Goa.**
- 3) **State Biodiversity Conservation Award in the field of Applied Biodiversity Research Category- 1No. for entire Goa.**
- 4) **State Biodiversity Conservation Award to Biodiversity Enthusiasts in the field of rescue/restoration and related activities - 1No. each for North Goa & South Goa.**
- 5) **State Biodiversity Conservation Award to Green Journalist - 1No. for entire Goa.**

Please complete nomination forms available on official website and submit to the Goa State Biodiversity Board, Ground floor, Goa State Pollution Control Board Building, opp. Saligao Seminary, Saligao Bardez, Goa – 403511 or email: [goanbiodiversity@gmail.com](mailto:goanbiodiversity@gmail.com) or [goagsbb@gov.in](mailto:goagsbb@gov.in)

The decision of Awards Scrutiny Committee shall be final.

**Last date for nomination : 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 before 4.30 pm.**

*For more details visit website: <https://gsbb.goa.gov.in/>*

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Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam  
**Member Secretary, GSBB**

## **Criteria and eligibility**

**(1) State Biodiversity Award in Individual Category:** There will be two awards (One each for North & South district) in this category, for ₹ 25,000/- each. GSBB aims to appreciate enthusiastic individuals/ biodiversity lover for the following:

- a. Has carried out excellent work in biodiversity conservation that has made difference to the society at large.

### **CONSERVATION AREAS**

**Forest:** Activities & efforts towards wildlife conservation, documentation of Traditional Knowledge associated with forest/sustainable harvesting of minor forest produce, work for forest dwellers and communities in educating them, taking up plantation, management of Human Animal Conflicts, co-existence, holistic and exemplary approach in harvesting techniques. etc.

**Agriculture:** conservation of landraces, seeds, unique local varieties through natural selection, conservation of unique species (those which are rare, threatened & endangered), documentation of Traditional Knowledge, traditional farming techniques, holistic and exemplary approach in harvesting techniques.

**Fisheries:** ecologically sustainable technique, identification through traditionally acquired knowledge, holistic and exemplary approach in harvesting techniques and other activities

- b. sustainable use of biological resources (Sustainable harvesting and propagation, knowledge of propagation, non destructive harvesting )
- c. Involvement/participation in all activities related to BD organized by various NGOs/local bodies/GSBB /Government/ organizations from time to time.
- d. Success stories like Management of Human Animal Conflicts, coexistence practice, any other special initiatives etc. Success stories if any should be attached with photographs, video clips, articles in newspaper, journals, certificate copies may be also attached.

### **(2) State Biodiversity Award in the field of Applied Biodiversity Research:**

- a. One Award of ₹ 25,000/-. Number of publications & interventions at society/community/ground level for the State of Goa.
- b. Success stories should be attached with photographs, video clips, articles in newspaper, journals, certificate copies may be also attached.
- c. Conducted awareness programmes for locals/ schools (lectures on biodiversity and related topics) on biodiversity.

**(3) State Biodiversity Conservation Award to Biodiversity Enthusiasts in the field of rescue/restoration and related activities:**

- a. Two awards (*01 No North and 01 No South Goa of ₹ 15,000/- each*)
- b. Responsible rescue under the guidance of Forest Department or traditionally accepted techniques of rescue, management of Human Animal Conflicts, coexistence, street cattle rescue etc.
- c. Success stories should be attached with photographs, video clips, articles in newspaper, journals, certificate copies may be also attached.

**(4) State Biodiversity Conservation Award in Biodiversity Management Committee Category:**

There will be two awards (One each for North & South district ₹ 50,000/- each) in this category which aims to appreciate Biodiversity Management Committees for:

- a. Exemplary work in biodiversity conservation, sustainable use of bioresources in the village and Access Benefit Sharing (ABS) initiatives.
- b. Successfully carried quality documentation of biological resources and associated traditional knowledge (People's Biodiversity Register- PBRs), number of validation stages completed and developing second line of technical experts at BMC level to mobilize locals for participating in conservation activities at BMC level.
- c. Awareness programmes/ capacity building activities conducted by BMC for locals/ schools/ institutions. If activities such as tree plantation with high survival rates, wetland identification, sacred groves, identification of unique varieties for conservation and other activities related to conservation and management of biodiversity and associated traditional knowledge.
- d. Additional initiative towards encouraging youngsters, local institutions, involving various stakeholders and their participation/ involvement in the activities of BMC.
- e. Participation/ involvement of BMC in the activities conducted by GSBB, proactive response, assistance in organizing/ hosting activities at local level and State level .
- f. Creating BMC as an important centre for multiple allied activities with respect to Biodiversity Conservation wherein BMC sets an example to others, especially in times of crisis participation in allied activities for societal benefit.

## 5) State Biodiversity Conservation Award to Green Journalist

- a. One Award of ₹ 25,000/-.
- b. Journalist from Goa who genuinely reports on green (ecological related) issues, creates awareness without creating hype about facts and positively influences decision making process that leads to environment conservation, information dissemination of best practices, biodiversity aspects, etc.

### **Selection Process**

1. In each category the applications will be shortlisted by the Awards Scrutiny Committee on the basis of scores during preliminary screening process. If felt necessary selection panel may visit BMC / concerned areas or individual areas of work and other means to verify the submissions and claims
2. Applicants will be shortlisted on the basis of scores received after field validation (based on decision of Awards Scrutiny Committee)
3. Awards Scrutiny Committee will select the winners in each category.
4. The decision of Awards Scrutiny Committee shall be final and binding.

**NOTE:** *Those who have already received this award cannot apply again. Evidences & testimonials are necessary to prove information furnished which may be demanded by Awards Scrutiny Committee. Irrelevant submissions undesired.*