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To
The Director (Environment)
Member secretary GSWA,
Deendayal Upadhyay Bhawan,
Porvorim –Goa.

Sub: Submission of report on celebration of World Wetlands Day, 2020 by Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA)

Sir,

Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA) observed and celebrated World Wetlands Day 2020, in collaboration with CSIR Nation Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Dona Paula and Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) with support from the Department of Environment, Goa on 1st February 2020 at N. K. Panikkar Hall, CSIR-NIO, Dona Paula. Please find enclosed herewith thereport of the same for your information.

Thanking you.



Yours faithfully

Member Secretary, GSBB
Head of Nodal Agency, GSWA

Copy to:

- 1) OSD to Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Goa State, Chairperson GSWA, Secretariat, Porvorim- Goa.
- 2) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi.
- 3) The secretary (Environment), Member GSWA, Secretariat, Porvorim- Goa.
- 4) The Director (Environment), Member secretary GSWA, Deendayal Upadhyay Bhawan, Porvorim –Goa.

A Report



Government of Goa



Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA)

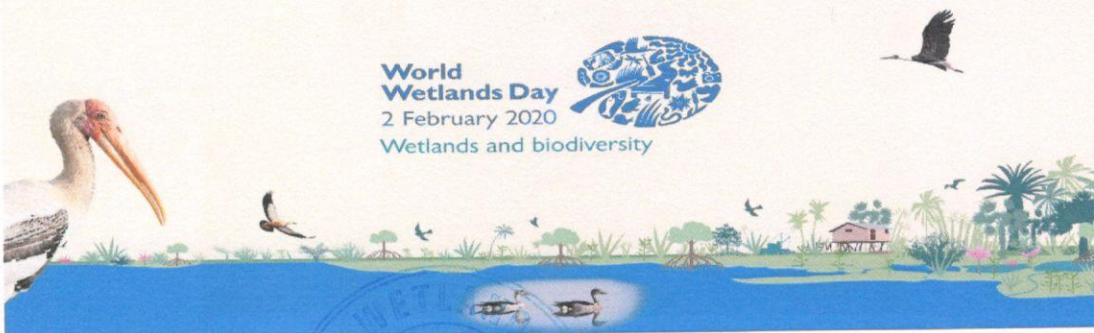
In collaboration with
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Celebrating The World Wetlands Day 2020

On 1st February 2020

Venue
N.K. Panikkar Hall, CSIR-NIO,
Dona Paula

World
Wetlands Day
2 February 2020
Wetlands and biodiversity



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Introduction

To commemorate the signing of the Ramsar Convention on wetlands in Ramsar, Iran in 1971, the World celebrates World Wetlands day (WWD) on 2nd of February every year since 1997. Wetlands and Biodiversity is the theme for WWD 2020 which aims to highlight the importance of wetlands and their Biodiversity.

The general level of awareness on wetlands and its resources, ecosystem services, and their wise sustainable use and management is limited. General awareness of these aspect and services provided by wetlands and its diverse flora and fauna is an absolute necessity for its conservation and management and to protect the ecological character of the wetlands.

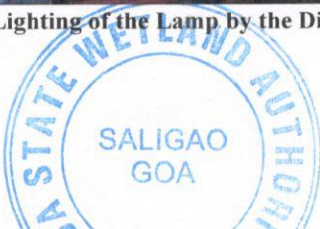
Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA) with the support of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Department of Environment, Goa and Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) celebrated the WWD 2020 on 1st February 2020 from 9.30am to 4.30pm at Hall, Dona Paula.

Inaugural Session

The function was formally inaugurated by lighting of the traditional lamp by Chief Guest Shri. Subhash Chandra, IFS, PCCF, Department of Forest, Goa, Guests of Honor, Shri. Santosh Kumar, APCCF and Chief Wildlife Warden, Department of Forest, Goa, Shri. Johnson Bedy Fernandes, Director (Environment), Member Secretary GSWA, Dr Sanil Kumar, Sr. Scientist, CSIR-NIO, Dr Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary GSBB, Head of Nodal Agency GSWA and Dr Pramod Salaskar.



Lighting of the Lamp by the Dignitaries



The welcome address was delivered by Dr Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, GSBB and Head of Nodal Agency, GSWA. He listed all the activities taken up by GSWA. He also emphasized the involvement and assistance of BMCs to GSWA in wetland identification and the important roles played by them in maintaining their ecological character. After the welcome address the brochure of the WWD2020 was unveiled by the dignitaries on the dais followed by awarding Wetland Mitra cards to the very first three wetland Mitra's for Bondvol Lake.

Dr. Sanil Kumar, Sr. Scientist, CSIR-NIO, in his speech assured the support from CSIR-NIO and his technical team that they will consult the local communities during the preparation of brief document and identification of Wetlands in the State of Goa. Shri. Santosh Kumar, APCCF and Chief Wildlife Warden, Department of Forest, Goa addressed the gathering and informed about the initiatives taken by the forest department in the area under his jurisdiction, protection and conservation of the environment, Jal Shakti Abhiyan and other schemes available with the Department of Forest.

The key note address was delivered by Shri. Subhash Chandra, IFS, PCCF, Department of Forest, Goa. In his speech he emphasized on the importance of wetland with regard to its ecology, society, historic perspective and the spiritual connect imbibed in the moral values of the local people. He also made an appeal to the present media that success stories of wetland conservation should be spread among the general public so that conservation practices become participatory.

The Vote of thanks for the inaugural ceremony was given by Shri Johnson Bedy Fernandes, Director (Environment) and Member Secretary, GSWA. He said that efforts will be made by the government so that the BMCs will receive financial support and assistance for conducting consultative meetings for the pre-existing rights and privileges and also in conducting wetland related activities.





Dignitaries on the dais unveiling the WWD 2020 Brochure



Welcome address by Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam



Dr. Sanil Kumar addressing the audience



Shri. Santosh Kumar addressing the gathering



Key note address by Shri. Subhash Chandra



Vote of thanks by Shri. Johnson Bedy Fernandes

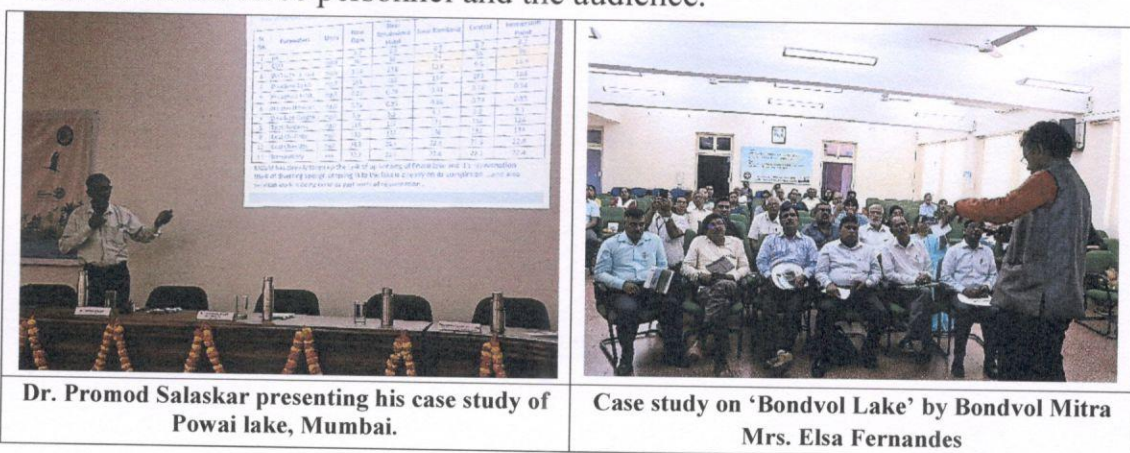


Awarding Wetland Mitra cards to Bondvol Mitra



Morning Session: Plenary lectures on case studies by various Activists

First a plenary lecture was delivered by Dr. Pramod Salaskar (Eminent Limnologist and Environment Activist – Powai, Mumbai) on reclamation of Pawai Lake, Mumbai, followed by presentation of a case study on 'Bondvol Lake' by Bondvol Mitra, Mrs. Elsa Fernandes and BMC Chairperson of Calapor, Mr. Arturo D'Souza. They with the help of a presentation explained in details the importance of the Bondvol Lake to the villagers of Calapor, from its ecological and economic perspective. An interactive session was held between the resource personnel and the audience.



Dr. Pramod Salaskar presenting his case study of Powai lake, Mumbai.

Case study on 'Bondvol Lake' by Bondvol Mitra Mrs. Elsa Fernandes

Afternoon session: Awareness Programme. - Dr Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, GSBB, along with Dr. Shaiesh Morajkar, Scientific Officer, GSWA, Dr. Varsha Raikar Hoble, Project Assistant-I, GSBB and, Ms. Shruti Salgaokar, Project Assistant, GSWA, oversaw a technical session on awareness about the status of Wetlands in Goa and the new rules and guidelines for identification and notification of wetlands by MoEF&CC. Dr. Mandar Nanajkar, Scientist, CSIR-NIO, gave an update on the status of ongoing Wetland identification project. The technical session was followed by a talk by Shri. Mahesh Shilkaron a success story of restoration of a water body from Verem, Vengurla. Mr Subhash Jan was the Compere for the occasion. The celebration concluded with a Vote of Thanks from Dr. Shaiesh Morajkar, SO, GSWA.





Audience participation in the Technical session



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Member Secretary
Goa State Bio-diversity Board