

Karnataka Biodiversity Board

Proceedings of the 19th board meeting held on 20/01/2012 – 12.00 Noon

The 19th Board Meeting was held on 20/01/2012 in the chambers of the Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Ecology and Fisheries and Chairperson, Karnataka Biodiversity Board.

The following Members were present:

1. Sri. Krishna Palemar, Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Ecology, Harbor and inland water Transport Fisheries & Science & Technology and Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore.	Chairman
2. Sri. Ananth Hegde Ashisar, Chairman, Western Ghat Task force, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore	Co-Chairman & Member
3. Kaushik Mukherjee, IAS Addl. Chief Secretary to government Forest, Ecology and Environment Dept. M.S. Buildings, Bangalore.	Member
4. Sri. Kanwar Pal, IFS, Secretary to Government (Ecology and Environment) Forest, Ecology and Environment Dept. M.S. Buildings, Bangalore.	Member
5. Sri. Avani Kumar Varma, IFS PCCF Head of Forest Force), Aranya Bhavan, Bangalore	Member
6. Dr. M.D. Subhash Chandra, Environment Specialist, Kumuta, Uttara Kannada District	Member
7. Sri. K.S. Sugara IFS, APCCF & Member Secretary, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, Bangalore	Member Secretary

The following Members were absent:

Dr. Sandeep Dave, IAS, Principal Secretary, Dept of Agriculture, M.S. Buildings, Bangalore	Member
Sri. G.N. Sreekantaiah, IFS Director, Dept. of Indian System of Medicines and Homeopathy, Bangalore	Member

Reading and recording of 18th Board Meeting held on 14.09.2011

Since there were no comments from the members, the proceedings of the 18th Board meeting were adopted.

1. Discussions and Action taken on 18th Board Meeting proceedings (held on 14.09.2011)

8/11 – Providing suitable staff to Karnataka Biodiversity Board

It was decided that efforts may be made, to fill up all the vacancies in the Board. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division who are appointed as Nodal Officers in the respective districts shall be directed to pursue the matter assigned to them by the Board.

10/1 – Establishment of Dry Zone Biodiversity Conservation site networks.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) informed the Board that directions have been issued to the concerned field officers in the matter. Progress report on raising RET species will be brought in the next meeting of the Board.

12/22 – Protection of Mangroves.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) informed the Board that action will be taken to notify Mangrove patches as protected forest. PCCF (HoFF) is requested to pursue the proposals and furnish details in next meeting of the Board.

13/6 – Declaring Ambargudda as Heritage Site

The Board was informed that final notification declaring Ambargudda as Heritage Site has been issued by Government.

13/11 – Bt. Brinjal – Bt. Crop

The subject was deliberated and it was clarified that the subject comes under the purview of National Biodiversity Authority. Therefore it was resolved that it is for the National Biodiversity Authority to take necessary action at their end against institutions/companies regarding alleged violations of provisions under Biodiversity Act 2002.

13/12 – Vegetation Mapping by Forest Survey of India

The Board noted the report of PCCF(HoFF) regarding decrease in forest cover in some districts due to harvesting of mature plantations by MPM Ltd & KFDC Ltd and increase of forest cover in some districts due to afforestation by forest department.

14/1 – Removal of some of the species from the purview of Section 40 of Biological Diversity Act 2002.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) informed the Board that action taken report on regulation of harvesting of *Cinnamomum species* and method of extraction of *Curcuma angustifolia* will be brought in the next meeting of the Board.

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Proceedings of the 18th board meeting held on 14/09/2011 – 11.00 AM

The 18th Board Meeting was held on 14.09.2011 in the chambers of the Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Ecology and Fisheries and Chairperson, Karnataka Biodiversity Board.

The following Members were present:

1. Sri. Krishna Palemar, Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Ecology, Harbor and inland water Transport Fisheries & Science & Technology and Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore.Chairman
2. Sri. Ananth Hegde Ashisar, Chairman, Western Ghat Task force, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore .	Co-chairman & member
3. Sri. Kanwar Pal, IFS, Secretary to government (Ecology and Environment) Forest, Ecology and Environment Dept. M.S.Buildings, Bangalore.Member
4. Dr. G.K. Vasantha Kumar, Additional Secretary, Dept of Agriculture, Bangalore on behalf of Principal Secretary to Government, Dept of Agriculture, Bangalore.	
5. Sri. C.S.Raju, IFS APCCF (Head Quarters & Co ordination), Aranya Bhavan, Bangalore on behalf of PCCF, (Head of Foret Force), Aranya Bhavan, Bangalore	
6. Dr. H.T. Srinivas, Joint Director, Dept. of Indian System of Medicines and Homeopathy, Bangalore on behalf of: Director, Dept. of Indian System of Medicines and Homeopathy, Bangalore	
7. Dr. M.D. Subhash Chandra, Environment Specialist, Kumuta, Uttara Kannada DistrictMember
8. Sri. K.S.Sugara IFS, CCF, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, BangaloreMember Secretary

The following Members were absent:

1. Sri. Kaushik-Mukherjee, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology & Environment Dept., BangaloreMember
2. Sri.D.K.Ved, IFS (Retd) Advisor, FRLHT, Govt. of India. Jarkbarde, Yelahanka Bangalore.Member
3. Prof. R. Sukumar, Chairman, Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc BangaloreMember

1. Reading and recording of 17th Board Meeting held on 05.05.2011

Since there were no comments from the members, the proceedings of the 17th board meeting were adopted

2. Action taken on 17th Board Meeting proceeding held on 05.05.2011:

8/11 – Providing suitable staff to Karnataka Biodiversity Board

The Board noted the action taken on recruitment of Research Associates for Botany & Zoology. The decision regarding appointing District Coordinators is deferred since Principal Secretary has to take the decision in the matter.

10/1 – Establishment of Dry Zone Biodiversity Conservation site networks.

The representative of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) informed the board that the matter has been referred to the concerned field officers and information on raising RET species by Forest department will be furnished to the board shortly.

12/22 – Protection of Mangroves.

The representative of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) informed the board that the matter has been referred to the concerned officers and shortly information will be furnished to the board in this regard.

13/6 – Declaring Ambargudda as Heritage Site

The board was informed that preliminary notification has been issued on 31.01.2011 by government vide G.O.No.FEE/21/ENV-2010 and till now no objections have been received to the notification declaring Ambargudda as Heritage Site. Secretary (E&E) has informed that action will be taken regarding final notification.

13/11 – Bt. Brinjal – Bt. Crop

It was decided to wait for further intimation / guidance from National Biodiversity Authority regarding initiating legal action against violators of provisions of Biological diversity Act 2002.

It was also decided in the meeting that in future for research & development and bio safety trials of any bt.crop to be conducted in Karnataka state, prior permission from the KBB is required and this may be communicated to Central Government.

13/12 – Vegetation Mapping by Forest Survey of India

The representative of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) informed the board that the report will be furnished shortly. On receipt of the report, Member Secretary should send it to French Institute of Pondichery for opinion.

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Proceedings of the 13th board meeting held on 26/02/2010

The 13th Board Meeting was held on 26/02/2010 in the chamber of the Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Ecology, Harbor and Inland water Transport and Chairperson, Karnataka Biodiversity Board.

The following Members are present:

1. Sri. Krishna Palemar, Hon'ble Minister forChairman
Environment and Ecology, Harbor and inland water
Transport, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore
2. Sri. Ananth Hegde Asisar, Chairman, Western GhatCo-Chairman
Task force, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore
3. Smt. Meera Saksena, Principal Secretary toMember
Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment
Dept. M.S.Buildings, Bangalore
4. Sri. Kanwer Pal, Special Secretary to governmentMember
(Ecology and Environment) Forest, Ecology and
Environment Dept. M.S.Buildings, Bangalore
5. Prof. R. Sukumar, Chairman, Centre for EcologicalMember
Sciences, Bangalore-
6. Dr. M.D. Subhash Chandra, Environment Specialist,Member
Bangalore
7. Dr. R.C.Prajapati, Member Secretary, KarnatakaAPCCF &
Biodiversity Board, Bangalore Member Secretary

The following Members were absent:

1. Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Agriculture & Horticulture.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Aranya Bhawan, Bangalore
3. Sri. D.K. Ved, Director, FRLHT, Bangalore.
4. Director, Indian System of Medicine and Homeopathy, Bangalore

The Member Secretary welcomed the Chairperson and all the Board members including newly appointed members and requested the Chairperson to preside over the meeting. The meeting was started and the following subjects were discussed in the meeting.

1. Reading and recording of 12th Board Meeting held on 08-09-2009.

Since there were no comments from the members, the proceeding of the 12th Board Meeting was adopted.

2. Action taken on 12th Board Meeting proceeding held on 08-09-2009

8/4 – Biodiversity Heritage Site – Nallur Tamarind Groves

The Board was informed that the fencing work is completed by the Deputy Conservator Bangalore Rural in Nallur Tamarind Heritage Site. The Board noted the same.

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1. Traveling Allowance:

Bus.....Actual

Train.....Actual or limited to 3 tyre AC which ever is less.

2. Honorarium: Rs. 500/- for those who make Presentation and submit paper

13/6 – Declaring Ambargudda as Heritage Site

The Board after discussion decided to recommend to Government to declare Ambargudda as Heritage Site, in order to prevent the landscape from soil erosion, protect the shola forest and the corridor for wild animals and watershed value of the region.

13/7 – Conducting meeting of Biodiversity Management Committees

The Board approved the proposal to conduct the meeting of Biodiversity Management Committee Chairpersons at Sirsi, Mangalore, Bellary, Shimoga and other places as and when required. The budget of Rs. 60,000/- for each such programme was approved.

13/8 – Vision document of Biodiversity 2020

The action taken to submit the Vision Document 2020 on Biodiversity was noted by the Board.

13/9 – The International year of Biodiversity

The Board was please to note the action taken in preparing the programme for celebration of International year of Biodiversity in each district.

13/10 – Seminar on Environmental Impact on Biodiversity

The Board after discussion decided to provide Rs.30,000/- as contribution to Bangalore University to conduct 1 day Seminar on Environmental Impact on Biodiversity.

13/11 – Bt. Brinjal – Bt. Crop

The issue of Bt. Brinjal and the representation of Environmental Social Justice Group (ESG) was considered by the Board. The Board was of the opinion that in respect of Bt. Brinjal the Board holds the same opinion as that of the Government of Karnataka. Further the Board desires that any Bt. crop which endangers the local and traditional varieties available in Karnataka which have been raised by the farmers and others since centuries and provide livelihood will not be acceptable. In respect of the representation submitted by ESG the Board decided to call for the opinion and action taken by National Biodiversity Authority on the subject and the details should also be called from University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad as to whether the approval of Government of India was taken and whether the collaborative research conforms to the policy guidance of the Government of India and whether permission of National Biodiversity Authority was taken or not as there is an element of commercialization of the research result and involvement of foreign firm.

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