

**AGENDA FOR 2ND TAMIL NADU STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD MEETING
ON 01.03.2013 AT TIRUNEVELI**

Agenda-1: Review on action taken on the minutes of the 1st Board meeting of TNBB held on 29.10.2012

S. No.	Agenda	Action Taken
1.	Follow up action to address the NBA to send the fund of Rs.32.25 lakhs to Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) in Ramnad District	<p>To prepare Management plan with People Biodiversity Registers for the 4 Biodiversity Management Committee in Ramnad District, Biodiversity Action Research Foundation, Chennai (BARF), an NGO who is the coordinator, has been addressed in No. TNBB 30/12 dated 28.12.2012. National Biodiversity Authority has requested to guide Biodiversity Management Committees and authenticate the plan vide their letter dated 31.01.2013 (Enclosed). Management plan from BARF is awaited. On receipt, it will be authenticated and transmitted to NBA for release of funds.</p> <p>Rs.32.25 lakhs is in possession with NBA and it was proposed to provide 2500 solar lantern at a cost of Rs.15.45 lakhs, to construct 14 cement platforms to dry harvested sea weeds at a cost of Rs.6.30 lakhs and to construct 14 store and rest room for the 14 villages of Ramnad district.</p>

		National Biodiversity Authority has been informed that after sanction of management plan and People Biodiversity Registers (PBR) by Tamil Nadu State Biodiversity Board, funds will be released to the Biodiversity Management Committees in Ramnad.
2.	Allotment of land for construction of TNBB office at Chemmenchery village, Sholinganallur Taluk, Chennai	<p>National Biodiversity Authority has requested for allotment of 1.62 Ha. of land in S.No.574/10 in Chemmenchery village, Sholinganallur Taluk for construction of office for both National Biodiversity Authority and Tamil Nadu State Biodiversity Board. NBA has to pay approximately Rs.45.04 Crores towards the cost of land to Government of Tamil Nadu. The NBA is processing the paper for making payment. Amount is yet to be paid.</p> <p>NBA is not in favour of housing Tamil Nadu State Biodiversity Board office in their building as per NBA Letter no. NBA/3/3/04/Genl./4392 dated 20-02-2013 (Letter enclosed).</p> <p>No further action is required on this subject.</p>
3.	Employing all Staff in the office of TNBB	As per G.O.No.44, E&F (FR-5) department, dated 14.5.2009, the following office staff have been sanctioned for TNSBB.

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4.	Creation of State Biodiversity Fund	This item refers to release of funds for formation of new BMCs. Member-Secretary, TNSBB has already approached NBA for getting funds for formation of 10 BMCs. NBA has promised to provide required fund for formation of BMCs as per their guidelines.																					
5.	Constitution of Biodiversity Management Committees	<p><i>As per Section 41 of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 every local body shall constitute a Biodiversity Management Committee within its area for the purpose of promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity.</i></p> <p>As per the instructions of the Board, all the Expert members have been requested to furnish the list of coordinators who will prepare BMC for potential Biodiversity areas in each District. Now proposals have been</p>																					

		<p>received from expert member Dr. Juliet Vanitha Rani for formation of 30 BMCs in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Kanniyakumari Districts vide Annexure-I.</p> <p>Dr. Nambi and Dr. Viswanathan are yet to suggest the area for formation of BMCs.</p>
6.	Establishment of People's Biodiversity Register	<p><i>As per Section 22(6) of Biological Diversity Rules, 2004, documentation of local biodiversity and associated traditional knowledge at grass root level are to be documented.</i></p> <p>PBR shall contain scientific validation of traditional knowledge and intellectual property right issues. PBR shall be prepared with the help of local communities in collaboration with NBA and State Biodiversity Board. The format for developing PBR has already been designed by NBA in National Consultation Workshop held at Bangalore during Dec. 2011 and the same format is to be followed throughout the country.</p> <p>The Sub-committee consisting of Dr. D. Narasimhan and Dr. V. Arivudai Nambi have been addressed in No. TNBB/109/2012 dated 11.12.2012 to furnish the list of academicians / NGOs involved in providing technical</p>

		support and mobilizing communities for the preparation of People's Biodiversity Register. The Sub-committee is yet to finalize the list.
7.	Framing Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Rules	The Draft Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Rules were prepared and sent to the Government for approval on 31.12.2008 in File No. WL4/8702/2004. The Law Department have raised certain queries which will be replied shortly.
8.	Granting of permission for access to Bio-resources under Section 3 of Biological Diversity Act, 2002	<p><i>As per Section 3 of Biological Diversity Act, 2002, NBA accords permission for commercial utilization or for bio-survey and bio-utilization.</i></p> <p>All the 25 applications received from NBA (2 applications with same name) have been examined by Sub-Committee consisting of Thiru. R.K.Uphadyay IFS, Dr. D.Narasimhan and Dr.V.Arivudai Nambi and same is placed for consideration of the TNBB. (Annexure-II) The Sub-committee has recommended 22 applications and 3 applications were not recommended since they were incomplete. It has been brought as New Agenda-6 in the Board meeting.</p>
9.	Draft guidelines for BMC prepared by BMC Task Force	The Board directed that BMC guidelines developed by the NBA is to be adopted. NBA is yet to approve the draft guidelines for BMC prepared by BMC Task Force.

10.	General – Launching of Website for Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board	The Hon'ble Minister for Forests has directed to launch the website of TNBB at the earliest. Details are being worked out and M/s. ELCOT will be approached for designing and developing the website.
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Agenda-2: Formation of one Heritage site

As per Section 37 of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 State Government from time to time in consultation with local body, notify, area of biodiversity importance as biological heritage site.

Heritage sites has to be notified in order to promote conservation of biodiversity outside the forests i.e. private property, common lands, water bodies and urban areas and to compensate or rehabilitate economically affected people. One Heritage site has been identified viz. Sendirakkillai Sacred Grove (Cuddalore District) outside Reserved Forests and Protected Forests. The area is approximately 5.3 hectares which is under the control of Panchayat. A detailed study has been made by Prof. Narasimhan, Madras Christian College has reported around 183 species of flora and is rich in butterflies, reptiles, birds and Indian Palm Squirrel.

Member Secretary, TNBB has inspected the area. The Member-Secretary, TNBB will approach panchayat for passing resolution in this regard and place the matter for consideration before Board in the next meeting.

Agenda-3. Formation of 10 BMCs and preparation of PBRs with technical help from scientific institutions

As per Section 41 of Biological Diversity Act, 2002, every local body shall constitute a BMC within its area for the purpose of promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity.

It is proposed that 10 BMCs will be formed from the list of 30 local bodies suggested by Expert Member Dr. Juliet Vanitha Rani in the Districts of Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Kanniyakumari. The Member Secretary, TNBB will approach NBA for obtaining required funds for formation of these BMCs. (Enclosed)

Board may kindly approve this proposal.

Agenda-4. Providing infrastructure facilities to TNBB

It is suggested that TNBB may be provided with following items:

1. Computers with Printer Accessories - 5 Nos.
2. Scanner - 1 No.

✓ An approximate cost of Rs. 3.25 Lakhs will be required for procurement. Necessary fund provided by NBA is already available with TNBB. Procurement of Computers and Scanner will be done through M/s. ELCOT.

Board may kindly approve this proposal.

Agenda-5. Payment of TA and Honorarium to the Experts

✓ Agreed
At present there is no rule / guideline for payment of Honorarium and TA to Non-official Members of the Board. Hence it is proposed that

1. Rs. 1000/- per day honorarium for the board members for attending all board meetings.
2. Conveyance by AC-2 Tier Train fare from their residence to place of meeting.
3. Conveyance by local Taxi.
4. Hotel accommodation upto Rs. 3000/- per day including boarding and lodging.

Board may kindly approve this proposal.

Agenda-6. Granting of permission for access to Bio-resources under Section 3 of Biological Diversity Act, 2002

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(22) approved
As per the directions of the Board, Sub-Committee consisting of Thiru.R.K.Upadhyay, IFS., Dr. D. Narasimhan and Dr.V. Arivudai Nambi have scrutinized the 25 applications. The Sub-Committee has recommended 22 applications and 3 applications were not recommended due to their incomplete shape. Annexure is enclosed herewith for the consideration of the Board. Recommendation on the above 22 applications may be sent to NBA for further action. (Annexure II)

Board may kindly approve these 22 applications.

Agenda-7. Any other item with permission of Chair