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TAMILNADU BIODIVERSITY BOARD

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Sir,

- Sub:** Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board-Sixth meeting held on 20.11.2017 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Forests-Minutes of the meeting-Expert committees approved-Communicated- reg.
- Ref:** Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forests(FR.5) Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9, Letter No. 14065/FR.5/2017-3, dated.27.12.2017

I wish to inform that in the sixth meeting of the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board, *the board* approved the Board has the constitution of a Expert sub-committee on "Agro-Biodiversity" with the following members:

Sl.No.	Name of the Member	
1	Ms.Jayashree Vencatesan, Care Earth, Chennai	Chairperson
2	Dr.R.Rangalakshmi , Director ,MS Swaminathan Research	Member
3	Dr.Arivudainambi- Independent Expert -Chennai	Member
4	District Forest Officer -Chennai Forest Division	Member
5	Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board	Focal point

I enclosed herewith copy of the Terms of Reference of "Agro-Biodiversity" for information.
A meeting of the Expert Sub-Committee will be convened shortly.

Encl: As above

d/c

Yours faithfully

[Signature]
Secretary
Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board

To,
Agro-Biodiversity committee Members, Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board.

Expert Committee on Agro-biodiversity

- I. The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Committee shall be as under:
 - a. To advise the TNBB on matters relating to agro-diversity (agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry fisheries etc.)
 - b. To advise and provide recommendations for mainstreaming the conservation concerns in relation to agro-biodiversity including animal breed / cultivar/landraces/folk variety/strain of microbes in collaboration with relevant line department in the state
 - c. To propose measures for creating awareness on the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 among line departments in the state
 - d. To propose measures for preservation and documentation of traditional practices associated with agro-biodiversity
 - e. To propose important areas in agro-biodiversity to be designated under Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 as "Biodiversity Heritage Site"
 - f. Any other functions as assigned by the Board
 - g. The TNBB may amend the ToRs, if required.

- II. Guidelines for Expert Committee on Agro-biodiversity is provided below:
 - a. The expert committee is being constituted mainly to advise TNBB on technical, techno-legal, scientific and statutory matters.
 - b. The Member Secretary, TNBB will be the focal point and will participate and provide his/her opinion in the Expert Committee.
 - c. The focal point shall convene meetings in consultation with the Chairperson of the Board and members are requested to make it convenient to attend the meetings.
 - d. The Committee is expected to submit the proceedings/minutes to TNBB duly authenticated by all members soon after the meeting.
 - e. The focal point is authorized to invite any expert for the meeting if and when the service/opinion of such expert is required.
 - f. The tenure, honorarium for each sitting, travel and other allowance for meetings will be as decided by the TNBB in due course.