

MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF GOA STATE WETLAND AUTHORITY (GSWA)

TYPE OF MEETING: 12th REGULAR MEETING.

DATE: 12th January 2026; TIME: 04:00 PM ONWARDS

VENUE: 1st FLOOR, OFFICE OF GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD, OPP. SALIGAO SEMINARY, SALIGAO, BARDEZ, GOA

MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY SHRI. RICHARD D'SOUZA, IFS, CHAIRPERSON, TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF GOA STATE WETLAND AUTHORITY.

The following members attended the meeting:

Sr. No	Name	Designation
1	Shri. Richard D'Souza, IFS, Ex-PCCF.	Chairperson
2	Shri. Pretesh Shetye, BDO II (Bardez), representing Directorate of Panchayat	Member
3	Ms. Nadia Shekoli, Deputy Director Urban Development, representing Directorate of Urban Development	Member
4	Shri. T. B. Kharbe, Range Forest Officer Campal, representing Forest Department	Member
5	Siddhesh S. N. Tuenkar, Head Surveyor, representing Directorate of Settlement and Land Records	Member
6	Dr. Sreekanth G.B. Sr. Scientist, ICAR – CCARI, Representing ICAR – CCARI	Member
7	Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam (Member Secretary, GSBB), Head of Nodal Agency GSWA	Convenor
8	Mr. Ashok D'Costa, Turbosketch CAD operations	Special invitee

At the onset, Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Head of Nodal Agency (HNA), Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA), extended a warm welcome to the Technical Committee of GSWA.

The following agenda was discussed at the meeting.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Eleventh Technical Committee Meeting held on 27/11/2025

The minutes of the Eleventh Technical Committee (TC) meeting held on 27th November 2025 were circulated in advance to all committee members for their perusal.

Proposed by: Dr. Sreekanth G. B., Scientist, ICAR – CCARI.

Seconded by: Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Head of the Nodal Agency, GSWA

Resolution: The minutes were confirmed unanimously.

Agenda 2: Action Taken Report (ATR) of the Eleventh Technical Committee Meeting

The Action Taken Report of the 11th TC meeting was presented before the committee. It was noted that action points under Agenda had been duly compiled and approved.

Resolution: ATR was acknowledged and confirmed unanimously by the committee.

Agenda 3: Presentation by Turbosketch CAD operations regarding work progress in compliance to Hon'ble Supreme Court Matter W.P. (C) No. 304/2018 Anand Arya vs Union of India along with W.P. (C) Vanashakti Public Trust & Anr.

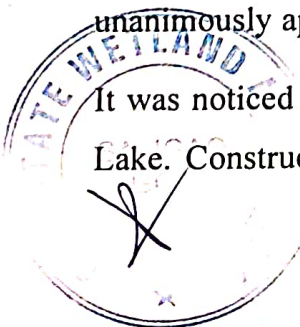
Mr. Ashok D'Costa of Turbosketch CAD operations, presented the progress of his ongoing work of Digital validation, ground truthing, physical delineation, and installation of concrete poles with GIS tags in areas of notified wetlands with priority of wetlands above 2.5ha and later wetlands below 2.5ha

Key observations included:

- KML files of wetland boundary, 50m buffer and Zone of Influence shown for 25 notified wetlands.

The committee discussed each wetland boundary in detail and suggested as follows: Map of Toyyar Lake, Nanda Lake and Bondvol Lake needs to be revised as per the existing waterline as seen in the image presented. Water line presented in case of Macasana Lake, Dashi Lake, Cottombi Lake, Xeldem Lake, Sarzora Lake, Pilerne Lake, Carambolim Lake, Batim Lake, Coneix Lake, Pali Lake, Sulabhat Lake, Durga Lake, Panchami Lake, Bandolem Lake, Kodal Lake, Arla Keri Lake, Talaulim Lake, Kolamwada Lake, Betal Lake, Sapu Lake, Tarvale Lake and Parra Lake was unanimously approved.

It was noticed that there was a probable violation in the buffer area of notified Parra Lake. Construction of a permanent nature was seen near the water line and it was



noticed that the construction was done after the notification. It was suggested by Chairperson TC that the case may be put up to the Authority for further directions.

Resolution: The committee acknowledged the work and recommended that the KML/KMZ files may be uploaded as and when they are complete on the Save Wetland Campaign portal of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Agenda 4: Any other matter with permission of the chair

NIL.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Chairperson, of Technical Committee of GSWA.



Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam
Head of Nodal Agency,
Goa State Wetland Authority