

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

TYPE OF MEETING: 10th REGULAR MEETING.

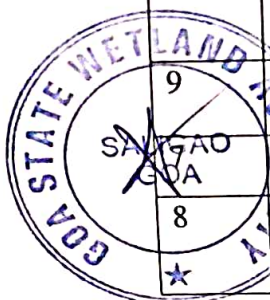
DATE: 18th July 2025; TIME: 3.00 PM ONWARDS

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	Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam (Member Secretary, GSBB), Head of Nodal Agency GSWA	Convenor
3	Mrs. Vidya Dhavalikar, Asst. Engineer, Water Resources Department	Representative of Water Resource Department
4	Mr. Shivdas S. Gaonkar, Dy. Director Agriculture	Representative of Department of Agriculture
5	Mr. Tanay Timblo, Dy. Town & Country Planning	Representative of Town & Country Planning Department
6	Dr. Smita Mazumdar, Dy. Director Fisheries	Representative of Directorate of Fisheries
7	Smt. Pratima Kavlekar, Supervisor Directorate of Settlement and Land Records	Representative of Directorate of Settlement and Land Records
8	Dr. Sujit Desai (Scientist, Indian Council of Agricultural Research)	Representative of ICAR-CCARI
9	Dr. Shaiesh Morajkar, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts & Science, Margao	<i>Special invitee</i>
	Shri. Basavareddy (SRF) ICAR-CCARI	<i>Special invitee</i>
8	Shri Pramod Badami, Chief Engineer, Project Cell, Goa Tourism Development Corporation	<i>Special invitee</i>



9	A Raj Raghavendra Pai, CTCO, GTDC, Project Cell	<i>Special invitee</i>
10	Deepti Tembkar, Asst. Engineer, GTDC Project Cell	<i>Special invitee</i>
11	Sajit Kumar Gulab, PO1, Apices Studio PVT. LTD.	<i>Special invitee</i>

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 Ninth Technical Committee Meeting held on 17/07/2025

The minutes of the Ninth Technical Committee (TC) meeting held on 21st October 2024 were circulated in advance to all committee members for their perusal.

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

Seconded by: Shri Richard D'Souza, IFS, Chairperson, Technical Committee

Resolution: The minutes were confirmed unanimously.

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

The Action Taken Report of the 09th 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 accepted by the committee.

Agenda 3: Final presentation for the project entitled "Monitoring physio – chemical and microbial, water and soil parameters of Nanda lake for sustainable management and planning of Ramsar Site" by Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Borda, Margao.

Dr. Shaiesh Morajkar, Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts & Science, Margao, presented the progress of his ongoing project titled "*Monitoring Physico-chemical and Microbial Water and Soil Parameters of Nanda Lake for Sustainable Management and Planning of the Ramsar Site.*"

Key observations included:

• Seasonal comparative analysis of water and soil data

• High levels of rotifers reported



- Water quality assessed to be of a moderate standard

Final deliverables outlined:

- Nanda Lake Health Card
- Wetland Health Index
- Interrelationship Analysis of Wetland Soil and Water Quality

Dr. Morajkar requested the release of the final instalment of project funding.

Resolution: The committee acknowledged the findings and recommended processing the final instalment once the Pattern of Assistance for GSWA is approved he may be allowed to reimburse the funds.

Agenda 4: Presentation by Dr. Sreekanth G. B. for approval of project entitled “Assessment of ecosystem characteristics and evaluation of the ecosystem services of notified wetlands of Goa in supporting the livelihood of traditional communities”

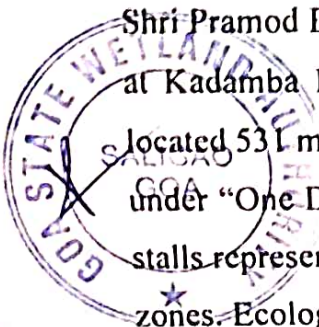
Dr. Sujit Desai presented a detailed proposal titled *“Assessment of Ecosystem Characteristics and Evaluation of Ecosystem Services of Notified Wetlands of Goa in Supporting Livelihoods of Traditional Communities.”* On behalf of Dr. Sreekanth G. B.

Budget Proposed: ₹52 Lakhs

Resolution: The Technical Committee approved the project prima facie subject to approval of the Goa State Wetland Authority.

Agenda 5: Communication received from SPV of Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC) regarding Unity Mall at Chimbel

Shri Pramod Badami briefed the committee regarding the proposed Unity Mall project at Kadamba Plateau. The project site measures approximately 47,000 sq m and is located 531 meters away from the nearest wetland. The Unity Mall, a national initiative under “One District One Product,” aims to showcase local handicrafts and feature 36 stalls representing each State/UT, along with retail shops, food courts, and recreational zones. Ecological assessments, including floral and faunal diversity studies, have been



undertaken for the plateau. A water storage component has also been integrated into the plan to address water scarcity issues in the area.

Resolution: The TC deliberated in detail and recommended that there has to be native green cover with preferred vegetation that will encourage roosting, nesting, foraging and perching of birds in the area. Hence it is necessary green cover is maintained shall not have any exotic flora in accordance with the guidelines of Forest Department and Goa State Biodiversity Board. Further it was felt that there has to be a compensatory water recharge for surface as well as ground water and in no way the construction area shall hamper the water harvesting potential of the concerned site. Hence the necessary plan should be prepared and approved by the competent authority like the Department of Water Resources and the compliance report may be submitted to the GSWA. In this regard the necessary water shed area around the site should also be maintained, protected and enhanced. Efforts shall also be taken to grow the necessary grass, butterfly host plants which will also ensure necessary prey for the birds and maintain dedicated areas. The committee acknowledged the proposal subject to clearance received from other development.

Agenda 6: Communication Received from Water Resources Department (WRD) Regarding Bund Repair at Carambolim Lake

A detailed presentation was given by the Mrs. Vidya Dhavalikar, Asst. Engineer WRD on the revised plan for the repair and beautification of the bund at Carambolim Lake. The scope includes structural improvements, aesthetic enhancement of walls, installation of electric poles, and a pathway for visitors.

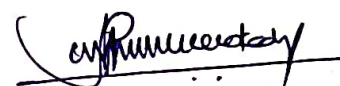
Estimated Project Cost: ₹2 Crores

Resolution: It was noted that previously given inputs by the TC and the GSWA have to be incorporated, and revised plans should be submitted to GSWA before starting the work.

Agenda 7: Any other matter with permission of the chair.



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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

