

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 9TH MEETING OF GOA STATE WETLAND
AUTHORITY (GSA)**

TYPE OF MEETING: REGULAR MEETING.

DATE: 16th March 2021;

TIME: 4.00 PM Onwards

**VENUE: "1ST FLOOR, MINISTERIAL BLOCK, SECRETARIAT, PORVORIM,
BARDEZ, GOA**

**MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY SHRI. NILESH CABRAL, HON. MINISTER FOR
ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND CHAIRPERSON OF GOA STATE
WETLAND AUTHORITY.**

The following members attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Hon. Minister of Environment & Climate Change	Chairperson GSWA
2.	Shri. Kunal, IAS, Secretary (Environment & Climate Change)	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member
3.	Secretary (Urban Development) Represented by Smt. Savita M. Angadi, Engg. Asst. Department of Urban Development.	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member
4.	Secretary (Fisheries) Represented by Chandan Shirrodkar Asst. Supt. Of Fisheries, Directorate of fisheries	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member
5.	Secretary (Water Resources) Represented by Niel N. Agxicar, Asst. Engg., ASW, CPO, Water Resource Department.	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member,
6.	Chief Wildlife Warden represented by Paresh Parab, ACF, Department of Forest.	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member,
7.	Dr. G.N. Nayak, Former Professor, Goa University	Expert Member
8.	Dr. Sreekanth G.B. Scientist, ICAR-CCARI.	Expert Member
9.	Arch. Manguesh Prabhugaonker, Landscape Architect	Expert Member



10.	Shri. Devanand Kavlekar, CSIR-NIO.	Expert Member
11.	Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board and Head of Nodal Agency GSWA	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member
12.	Shri. Dashrath Redkar, Director and Joint Secretary, Department of Environment and Climate Change (DoE&CC)	Member Secretary
13.	Asavari Kulkarni, Environment Officer.	Co-opted member of GSWA
14.	Mahesh Patankar, Geologist.	Co-opted member of GSWA
15.	Adv. Atrey Kakodkar, Advocate.	Co-opted member of GSWA
16.	Adv. Sapna Mordekar, Grievance Committee member of GSWA.	Special Invitee
17.	Mr. Ranjit Borkar, Town Planner, Town and Country Palnning	Invitee

At the outset, Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board and Head of Nodal Agency (HNA, GSWA) extended a warm welcome to the Chairperson and the Members of the 9th Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA) Meeting.

The following Agenda was transacted:

Agenda 1: selection of Co-opted members of GSWA

HNA (GSWA) informed that GSWA can co-opt more members to GSWA and as proposed during the reconstitution of GSWA. Chairperson (GSWA) proposed Smt. Asavari Kulkarni, Mahesh Patankar, and Adv. Atrey Kakodkar, as the co-opted members of GSWA. The same was agreed by all the members present at the meeting.

Agenda 2: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 8th Authority Meeting.

The Minutes of the 8th Authority Meeting of GSWA were placed before the Authority members for confirmation. The same was confirmed.

Proposed by Shri. Devanand Kavlekar

Confirmed by Dr. G.N. Nayak



Agenda 3: Action Taken Report of the 8th Authority Meeting.

Action Taken Report of the 8th Authority Meeting of GSWA was presented and discussed before the Members by the HNA (GSWA), Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam for perusal of the actions taken. On Agenda No.9 pertaining to post creation of GSWA, Chairperson GSWA directed to put the requirement of staff to DoE&CC, and the staff will be recruited through the DoE&CC.

Agenda 4: Approval for the guidelines formulated by Technical Committee for regulations within Zone of Influence (ZoI) of Wetland.

The guidelines, formulated and approved by Technical committee of GSWA, for demarcation of ZoI and the activities that are to be permitted, regulated and/or prohibited were circulated to the members of GSWA. After detailed deliberation and discussion the guidelines were approved with minor corrections in words and point 5 regarding wetland categories. Finally, it was decided that the revised guidelines will be applied to all the approved wetlands and put forth to the Authority for approval in the first week of April.

Agenda 5: Final notification of Cottombi Lake (Cotombi, Quepem), Toyyar Lake (Chimbel, Tiswadi), Sarzora Lake (Sarzora, Salcete), Saulem Lake (Pilerne, Bardez) after addressing of grievances by Grievance Committee in the 04th Grievance Committee meeting held on 24/02/2021.

HNA (GSWA) informed the Authority members that all the grievances, objections, complaints, and suggestions received for the draft Notification of Cottombi Lake (Cotombi, Quepem), Toyyar Lake (Chimbel, Tiswadi), Sarzora Lake (Sarzora, Salcete), Saulem Lake (Pilerne, Bardez) as Wetland, under Wetland Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017, were addressed by the Grievance Committee of GSWA on 24.02.2021 and the same are placed to GSWA for approval. In the view of the above The Chairperson (GSWA), directed GSWA to prepare the final Notification by incorporating the final guidelines and place for approval in the 1st week of April.

Agenda 6: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

HNA (GSWA) informed the Members of GSWA regarding a letter received from MoEF&CC, regarding identification and proposal of Wetlands of International importance, with a letter of intent for Identifying Wetlands of international importance under Ramsar Convention 1971.



He also informed that MoEF&CC have proposed Carambolim Lake as a Potential Wetland of International Importance in the State of Goa, based on the Criteria. HNA (GSWA) informed that all expert members were requested to suggest sites or wetlands for Identifying Wetlands of international importance, for which inputs were received. Chairperson inquired with the members present if anyone had recommendations for Wetlands of international importance in the State of Goa. After deliberation on guidelines and potential wetlands the following sites were decided to be explored as Wetland of International Importance in the State of Goa.

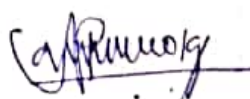
1. **Carambolim**
2. **Dr. Salim Ali bird Sanctuary and the mudflats at Mankule island**
3. **Nanda Lake**

The meeting ended with the following key instructions from the Chairperson.

1. Revised guidelines for demarcation of zone of Influence (ZoI) and the activities that are to be permitted, regulated and/or prohibited in ZoI.
2. Prepare final notification of 8 approved Wetlands namely, Bondvol Lake (Calapur, Tiswadi), Cottombi Lake (Cotombi, Quepem), Toyyar Lake (Chimbel, Tiswadi), Sarzora Lake (Sarzora, Salcete), Saulem Lake (Pilerne, Bardez), Xeldem Lake (Xeldem, Quepem Taluka), Dhashi Lake (Revora, Bardez Taluka), and Nanda Lake (Curchorem, Quepem Taluka), with final demarcation of wetland area, Buffer and ZoI according to the guidelines.
3. Place the above in the 10th GSWA meeting that will be scheduled in the 1st week of April.

The Vote of thanks was proposed by Head of Nodal Agency, GSWA.




Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam
Member Secretary GSBB
Head of Nodal Agency GSWA