



GOA STATE WETLAND AUTHORITY

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To,

- 1) Mr. Richard D'Souza, Ex- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
- 2) Director of Environment (Member Secretary, Goa State Wetland Authority),
- 3) Head of Department, School of Earth, Ocean, Atmospheric Sciences, Goa University,
- 4) Chief Engineer, Water Resource Department (WRD)-
- 5) Director, Department of Settlement and Land Records (DSLRL)-
- 6) Director, Directorate of Fisheries,
- 7) Director, Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR),
- 8) Principal Chief Conservator of forests, Goa Forest Department – Conservator of Forests (Conservation) (CF),
- 9) Head of Department, Department of Economics, Goa University,
- 10) Director, Department of Agriculture- ,
- 11) Chief Town Planner, Town and Country Planning Department (TCP)
- 12) Retd. Judge Desmond D'Costa Chairperson, Goa Human Rights Commission, 1st Floor, Old Directorate of Education Building, 18th June Road, Panaji, Tiswadi, Goa.
- 13) Director, Revenue Department, Secretariat, Porvorim, Goa
- 14) Adv. Sapana Mordekar, S-4, Second Floor, Osia Mall, Fatorda, Salcete, Goa

Sub: Minutes of Meeting of the Second Joint Committee Meetings of Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA) held on 22/07/2020.

Sir,

Kindly find attached Minutes of **Minutes of Meeting of the Second Joint Committee Meetings held on 22/07/2020** for your information and record.

No hard copy of the minutes shall be circulated to save paper and conserve forest.

Thanking you.



Yours faithfully,

Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam

**Head of the Nodal Agency
Goa State Wetland Authority**

Enclosed: Copy of Minutes of Meeting of the Second Joint Committee Meetings held on 22/07/2020.

Copy to:

Chairperson of GSWA, Hon. Minister for Power and Environment,

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND TECHNICAL AND GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF GOA STATE WETLAND AUTHORITY (GSWA)**

TYPE OF MEETING: SECOND JOINT MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL AND GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.

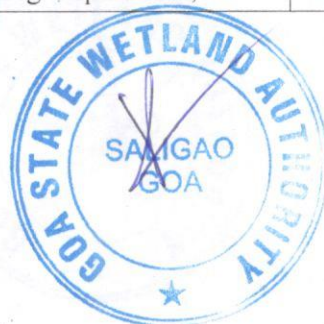
DATE: 22nd JULY 2020; **TIME:** 3.30 PM

VENUE: CONFERENCE HALL, 3RD FLOOR, PT. DEENDAYAL UPADHAYAY,
PUNDALIK NAGAR, ALTO-PORVORIM, BARDEZ, GOA.

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.

The following members attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Rtd. Judge Desmond D'Costa	Chairperson, Grievance Committee
2.	Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam (Member Secretary, GSBB)	Convenor
3.	Adv. Sapana Mordekar	Member, Grievance Committee
4.	Shri. Paresh Faldessai, Joint Secretary Revenue, rep. of Revenue Department	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Grievance Committee
5.	Dr. Sarath Chandran, Rep. of Expert from Goa University	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Technical Committee
6.	Smt. Vinita Kambli, rep. of Director, Department of Settlement and Land Records	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Technical Committee
7.	Smt. Megha Kerkar, Superintendent of Fisheries (Aquaculture) rep. of Director, Directorate of Fisheries	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Technical Committee
8.	Shri. Gopal Mahajan, Scientist, Rep. of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR-CCARI)	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Technical Committee
9.	Shri. Keshav Kumar, Rep. of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Department of Forest	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Technical Committee
10.	Shri. Ranjit Borkar, Rep. Chief Town Planner, Town and Country Planning Department,	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Technical Committee



11.	Shri. Satej Kamat, rep. Department of Agriculture	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Technical Committee
12.	Dr. Mandar Nanajkar, Sr. Scientist, CSIR-NIO (Coordinator of Project "Identification of Wetlands in the state of Goa")	<i>Invitee</i>

**Adv. Sapana Mordekar, Dr. Gopal Mahajan and Shri Keshav Kumar joined the meeting virtually via Google meet while other Members were unable to attend.*

At the onset, Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) and Head of Nodal Agency for Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA) extended a warm welcome to the members of the Technical and Grievance Committee.

Since the chairperson of the Technical Committee, Dr. Richard D'Souza was unable to attend the joint meeting, Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam (Convenor), MS (GSBB), Head of Nodal Agency (GSWA) requested, the chairperson of the Grievance Committee to chair the meeting to the approval of the members. Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam also introduced the invitee Dr. Mandar Nanajkar and his team (Dr. Akhil V.P. and Shri. Gurudas Tirokar) from CSIR- National Institute of Oceanography. Each member introduced themselves to the committees.

The minutes (MOM) of the First meeting of the technical and Grievance committee were placed before the committee members for confirmation. The MOM of the First meeting of the technical and Grievance committee were proposed by Shri. Desmond D'Costa and seconded by Shri. Ranjith Borkar.

Agenda 1: Familiarization with Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 and Guidelines.

Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, MS (GSBB), presented a PowerPoint presentation and elaborately explained about the Rules and Guidelines along with the role of both the committees to the members and also explained in brief about the activities and progress of GSWA in regard to Identification and Notification of Wetlands in the State of Goa.



Agenda 2: Case Study of the First draft notified wetland in the State of Goa, The “Bondvol Lake”.

It was pointed out that the revised data submitted by DSLR include survey numbers that had been inadvertently left out which has resulted in change in total area under consideration for draft notification. Both the committee members decided that the same may be placed before the public by the way of corrigendum to the draft notification of Bondvol Lake. Time period of 10 days may be given for the public to raise their grievances with respect to the amended survey numbers.

Agenda 3: Presentation of Brief Documents of 10 water bodies proposed to be identified as Wetlands in the State of Goa under Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017.

The brief documents of 10 waterbodies to be identified as Wetlands in the State of Goa under Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 were placed before the committee members. These 10 water bodies are Saulem Lake, Pilerne; Tollear Lake, Chimbel; Sarzora Lake, Sarzora; Durga Lake, Chinchinim; Nanda Lake, Quepem; Xeldem Lake, Quepem; Batim Lake, Batim; Karmali Tollem, Carambolim; Cottambi Lake, Cottambi; and Dhashi Lake, Revora.

MS (GSBB), Concisely submitted to the members present and those joint virtually that Space Application Centre ISRO, while preparing National Wetland Inventory and Assessment (NWIA) Atlas has identified 550 Wetlands throughout Goa, which are based on satellite Remote sensing data and covers vast area across the state, which includes all the areas which merely appear blue irrespective of the nature of the water bodies. Hence, requires ground truthing. MS (GSBB), also pointed out that based on intensive ground level surveys, CSIR-NIO, has primarily identified 35 water bodies as potential Wetlands from which 10 water bodies are herein presented along with their respective brief documents. The Brief documents were submitted to each member for observation and perusal. Each of the brief document was discussed in details and was in principle approved for publishing as a Draft notification after the maps being validated by TCP and DSLR within seven working days.



It was proposed by Shri. Ranjith Borkar (TCP representative), that henceforth the Technical Committee members may also conduct field and site visits in certain cases, in order to gain better perspective of the water bodies that are placed before the committee members, as we should also consider the demographics of the surrounding area, i.e zone of Buffer. The technical committee members agreed that they shall cross check the information available with their respective Departments and communicate their inputs and recommendation, if any w.r.t. 10 water bodies presented within 7 working days. After which the 10 water bodies i.e. Saulem Lake, Pilerne; Tollear Lake, Chimbhel; Sarzora Lake, Sarzora; Durga Lake, Chinchinim; Nanda Lake, Quepem; Xeldem Lake, Quepem; Batim Lake, Batim; Karmali Tollem, Carambolim; Cottambi Lake, Cottambi; and Dhashi Lake, Revora, will be recommended to the State Gov. for Notification as Wetlands in accordance with Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017.

Shri. Ranjith Borkar (TCP representative), further pointed out that the maps of water bodies has to be superimposed on the land-use and Land Cover (LULC) maps of TCP to gain better perspective of demarcation of zone of buffer. The same was requested by DSLR to verify the Survey numbers under consideration for notification. It was agreed that the data/maps will be provided to GSWA within 7 working days.

Adv. Sapna Mordekar suggested and the members agreed that once a water body is under consideration by GSWA for notification as Wetland, GSWA should issue advisory to all concerned Govt. Departments to prohibit giving clearances and permission for an construction or such activity around the water body without notifying GSWA. This process would ensure the preservation and safe guarding until the notification is issued declaring the said water body as a wetland.

Agenda 3: Grievances received by GSWA based on draft notification of Bondvol Lake.

Discussion was held on the grievances received by GSWA on draft notification of Bondvol Lake. MS GSBB proposed to club all the similar received grievances together and then be addressed. To this the member's deliberated and further decided that personal meeting with each of the objector/ Complainant should be called for before addressing the objection and grievances. The same was agreed by Chairperson of Grievance Committee.



Agenda 4: Any other matter with the permission of the chairperson.

Nil.

The meeting concluded with a vote of Thanks by MS (GSBB), Head of Nodal Agency GSWA.



Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam

Member Secretary, GSBB