

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

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

DATE: 14th JULY 2020; **TIME:** 3.00 PM

VENUE: "OFFICE OF HEAD OF NODAL AGENCY OF GOA STATE WETLAND AUTHORITY, GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD, OPP. SALIGAO SEMINARY, SALIGAO, BARDEZ, GOA

MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY DR. PRADIP SARMOKADAM, MEMBER SECRETARY, GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD AND HEAD OF NODAL AGENCY FOR STATE WETLAND AUTHORITY.

Due to Covid-19, virtual meeting was held on google meet. The link was sent to all the members via email.

The following members joined the virtual meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam (Member Secretary, GSBB)	Convenor
2.	Rtd. Judge Desmond DCosta	Chairperson, Grievance Committee
3.	Adv. Sapana Mordekar	Member, Grievance Committee
4.	Shri. P.B. Badami, Rep of Director, Water Resource Department	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Grievance and Technical Committee
5.	Shri. Paresh Faldessai, Joint Secretary Revenue, rep. of Revenue Department	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Grievance Committee



6.	Dr. Harilal B. Menon, Dean, Rep. of Expert from Goa University	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Technical Committee
7.	Smt. Vinita Kambli, rep. of Director, Department of Settlement and Land Records	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Technical Committee
8.	Smt. Megha Kerkar, Superintendent of Fisheries (Aquaculture) rep. of Director, Directorate of Fisheries,	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Technical Committee
9.	Shri. Gopal Mahajan rep. of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR-CCARI)	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Technical Committee
10.	Shri Keshav Kumar, Rep. of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Department of Forest	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Technical Committee
11.	Shri. Ranjit Borkar, Rep. of Chief Town Planner, Town and Country Planning Department,	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Technical Committee
12.	Shri. Satej Kamat, rep. of Department of Agriculture	<i>Ex-Officio</i> Member, Technical Committee

**Other Members were unable to attend.*

At the onset, Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board extended a warm welcome to the members of the Technical and Grievance Committee.

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

The Member Secretary, GSBB introduced the Members and gave a brief introduction to what is generally perceived as a Wetland as compared to what is defined as Wetland in the Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017. MS, GSBB presented a short power point presentation for the members on this topic. He specified the importance of Wetland in flood mitigation, supporting migratory birds etc. and briefed about the Ramsar Convention to which India is a signatory. He also emphasized on the concept of ecological character and Zone of influence. MS, GSBB also further explained how only the in-land waterbodies which are within the purview of other acts cannot be identified as Wetland and the definition excludes paddy fields and rivers.



The MS, GSBB also briefly expressed the role of the Technical and Grievance Committee. He stated that the role of the technical Committee would entail addressing the fine line as to which water body may be identified as Wetland according to the Wetland Rules 2017. He explained that CSIR-NIO has been appointed to prepare Brief Documents which shall be placed before the Technical Committee for review and in case of any grievance raised the Grievance Committee shall look into it and decide on the issues.

Agenda 2: Case Study of the first draft notified Wetland of Goa (Bondvol Lake)

The Committee Members expressed that it was difficult to address the issue virtually. It was unanimously decided that physical meeting would be appropriate for proper deliberation on this topic.

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

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

The meeting concluded with unanimous decision of the members to convene a physical meeting to deliberate on the same agenda as that of the First meeting. The

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Member Secretary, GSBB.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pradip Sarmokadam".

Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam

Member Secretary, GSBB