

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

TYPE OF MEETING: 8th REGULAR MEETING.

DATE: 27TH DECEMBER 2023; TIME: 03.30 PM ONWARDS

VENUE: CONFERENCE HALL, 3rd FLOOR, OFFICE OF GOA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL 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	Shri Vinod Kumar Chandra, Town Planner, representative from Chief Town Planner, Town & Country Planning Department	Member
4	Shri Shiv Prasad, North Goa Collectorate	Representative of Additional Collector II, North Goa Collectorate
5	Shri Amit Gemawat, IFS, ACF (WL & ET), Forest Department	Representative of Forest Department
6	Smt. Preetam Naik, Asst.Suptd.of Fisheries, Directorate of Fisheries	Representative of Directorate of fisheries
7	Smt. Pratima Kavlekar, Supervisor, Directorate of Settlement & Land Records	Member
8	Dr. Sreekanth G.B. (Sr. Scientist, Indian Council of Agricultural Research)	Member
9	Smt. Vidya Dhavlikar, Assistant Engineer, Water Resource Department	Representative of Water Resource Department
10	Smt. Heena Gaude, Programme Director, Economics, Goa Business School	Member
11	Shri. Sahil Chopdekar, representative of South Goa Dy. Collector Revenue, South Goa	Representative of South Goa Collectorate



12	Miss. Bhargavi Kelkar, Representative from Department of Environment & Climate Change	Representative from Department of Environment & Climate Change
13	Shri. G. Prasad Babu, Founder & CEO, Geo Climate Risk Solutions Pvt. Ltd	Invitee
14	Shri Peter Martins, Secretary, Village Panchayat Pilerne Marra	Invitee

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

following agenda was discussed at the meeting.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of Minutes of meeting of the Seventh Technical Committee (TC) held on 12/01/2023.

The minutes of the Seventh TC meeting were circulated before the Committee members for confirmation.

Proposed by Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, HNA(GSWA), (Member Secretary, GSBB)

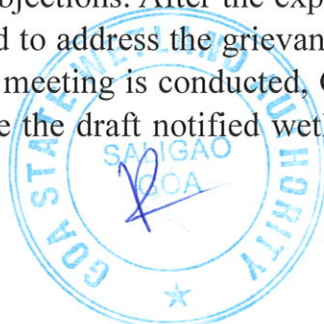
Seconded by Shri. Richard D'Souza, IFS, Ex-PCCF, Chairperson of Technical Committee of GSWA

Agenda 2: Action Taken Report of the Seventh Technical Committee Meeting.

ATR of 7th TC meeting was presented to the members. It was noted that Agenda no.1,2,3,5 were complied and approved. HNA, GSWA informed that Agenda no.4 on ATR will be decided in today's meeting.

Agenda 3: Orientation for reconstituted Technical Committee members.

Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Head of Nodal Agency, GSWA explained in detail the definition of Wetland as provided in the Wetland (Conservation & Management) Rules 2017. He further explained the process of Wetland Identification & Notification where in presently Brief Document(BD) is prepared by CSIR-NIO for each waterbody, followed by the preparation of brief document the same is presented before the Technical Committee(TC) of GSWA, TC peruses the BD and decides whether the waterbody can be identified as Wetland, once identified as Wetland, it is placed before Authority for approval for Draft Notification, once approved for draft notification, draft notification is published in official gazette and open for public for 60 days to submit grievances, suggestions, objections. After the expiry of 60 days Grievance Committee (GC) meeting is conducted to address the grievances received during 60 days of Draft notification. Once the GC meeting is conducted, GC refers the Draft Notified wetland for final notification. Once the draft notified wetland is approved by GSWA for final



notification, final notification is again published in official gazette of Government of Goa. He briefed the committee with the Integrated Management Plan which will be implemented for each finally notified. Copy of Wetland (Conservation & Management) Rules 2017 & guidelines were provided & the same was circulated vide email.

Agenda 4: Decision regarding Suo Moto cognizance of alleged illegal structures around the Pilerne Lake (Notified Wetland)

HNA, GSWA brought to the notice of TC that GSWA was in receipt of anonymous complaint regarding some wells and tea stalls in the buffer zone of the Lake. GSWA conducted site inspections twice on 30.06.2022 and 26.09.2023. At second inspection it was observed that there also exist a Fabrication shop adjoining Tea Stall. Subsequent to the Site inspections GSWA communicated to the local authorities requesting for various permissions availed by the violators. It was brought to the notice of GSWA that Wells in the vicinity had requisite permissions from Water Resource Department and tea stall had Trade & Establishment Licence from Village Panchayat, however for Chandan Fabrications had availed no permissions from any concerned authorities. This was further confirmed by the Secretary of Village Panchayat. Furthermore Show Cause Notice were issued by the GSWA & Dy. Collector to the violators.

TCP representative informed that said survey no. under consideration was not in settlement zone.

1. Mrs. Reshma Hadfadkar, Proprietor of Tea Stall.

It was informed by the Mrs. Reshma Hadfadkar that Tea stall has valid Trade & Establishment License issue by the Panchayat and had been existing before Wetland Notification of Pilerne Lake. The Trade & Establishment license was issued before The wetland notification.

The Technical Committee decided that since it is a temporary structure existing prior to the final notification, the tea stall will qualify as existing privilege of the violator however directed her to ensure that other necessary approval from other competent authorities are availed & the waste from the tea stall shall not discharged in the lake.

The TC further reiterated that the violator needs to avail express permissions from the GSWA for any activity outside the purview of Trade & Establishment Licence granted by VP.

2. Chandan Fabrications

Chandan Fabrication was represented by Mr. Samir Hadfadkar. He accepted himself to the committee that no licences or permissions were availed from any of the concerned authorities.

Technical Committee decided that the Chandan Fabrication activity was in violation of the Wetland (Conservation & Management) Rules 2017.



The Violator assured that he will remove all the structure pertaining to Chandan Fabrications within 7 days time period from the date of Order of GSWA. However TC decided to keep the show cause notice in force and appropriate action will be taken in case of failure of the violator to comply with the assurance provided in the TC meeting.

It was decided by TC that to send intimation to VP scrutinize the part of legalities regarding the settlement zone in addition to the decision of the TC.

Further it was informed by Head of Nodal Agency, GSWA that Construction & Demolition waste was dumped along the roadside next to Pilerne Lake by anonymous person, TC directed to communicate to the Village Panchayat requesting to remove the C& D waste dumped with the assistance of GWMC, as it violates Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules 2017.

Agenda 5: Matters regarding tempering of valve of Bondvol Lake by Unknown Persons.

The Technical Committee deliberated on the matter and recommended that camera can be installed for better monitoring of the Lake.

Agenda 6: Presentation by Geo Climate Risk Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Regarding lake Management System in the Notified Wetlands of Goa.

Geo Climate Risk Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Regarding lake Management System was represented by Shri. G. Prasad Babu, Founder & CEO, Geo Climate Risk Solutions Pvt. Ltd. He explained that objective of Geo Climate risk is Screen, design & restore. They rely heavily on remote sensing data also study physical variables and water quality parameters detected by Remote sensing data. He claimed that change analysis also help in decision making. He further demonstrated the working of the system. He also informed that background data used is satellite imagery and landsat for detecting thermal signatures. In case the lake is covered by clouds then the system uses Radar Data.

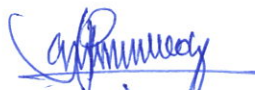
The Technical Committee decided that a small notified wetland can be taken up on trial basis and conduct change analysis with more emphasis on buffer zone of the wetland. The same could be conveyed to GSWA.

Agenda 7: 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