



Jammu & Kashmir Biodiversity Council

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Minutes of the review meeting held on 08-10-2022 at 12:30 PM at JKFRI Complex, Sonwar Srinagar under the Chairmanship of Sh. Asaf Mehmood Sagar, IFS APCCF/ Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council/Director JKFRI.

The meeting was attended by the following officers of the Council:-

1. Divisional Forest Officer, Research Division Srinagar.
2. Divisional Forest Officer, Research Division Jammu (Attended online).
3. Sh. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, ACF (Attended online).
4. Sh. Syed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKFRI.
5. Sh. Shashikant, I/c Biodiversity Cell (Attended online).
6. Sh. Arun Sharma, Website Administrator J&K Forest Deptt. (Attended online).
7. Sh. Imtiyaz Bhat, Silt Analyst JKFRI.
8. Miss. Nowsheen Zaffar, Intern (NBA).
9. JRFs from Kashmir.
10. JRFs from Jammu (Attended online).

The Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council/Director JKFRI in his opening remarks appreciated the officials of the Council for their dedicated efforts to discharge the responsibilities entrusted to them by the Council. He further stated that targets for 2022-23 need to be fixed. He impressed upon the participants to double up the speed of uploading of information on e- Dashboard, operationalization of BMCs and updation of PBRs. The item wise deliberations / discussions of review meeting are given below.

S. No	Agenda Item	Deliberation and Decision taken
1.	Review of updation of PBRs.	The Member Secretary was apprised about the progress achieved. A.C.F J&K Biodiversity Council stated that 2141 PBRs stood updated till September, 2022. CF North, CF South and CF Srinagar circles were contacted by Member

		<p>Secretary for deployment of Rehbars-e-Janglat to assist in updation of PBRs in Kashmir region.</p> <p>Decision: The process of updation shall be carried out in a time bound manner. A total of 1800-2000 PBRs shall be updated during 2022-23 involving JRFs, Rejs. Letter shall be written to CF North, CF South and CF Srinagar circles by the Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council for deployment of Rehbars-e-Janglat.</p>
2.	Involvement of Forest Guards in updation of PBRs.	<p>New batches have just started. Forest Guards will be involved in updation of PBRs in Jammu region at an appropriate time.</p>
3.	Constitution of District level BMCs.	<p>It was apprised that 16 District level BMCs stood constituted. Reasi, Ganderbal, Baramulla and Anantnag BMCs are yet to be constituted.</p> <p>Decision: It was decided that these BMCs shall be got constituted at an earliest by DFO Research Srinagar, Sh. Sanjay Gupta, ACF J&K BC & Dr. Sayed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKPRI.</p>
4.	Operationalization of BMCs.	<p>It was informed that 75 BMCs have been selected for operationalization and funds shall be transferred to these BMCs as decided by the J& K Biodiversity Council in its 3rd meeting after fulfillment of all the codal formalities and opening of bank accounts of all the BMCs. Till now 41 BMCs have opened their accounts.</p> <p>Decision: Funds shall be transferred to bank accounts as per decision of the Council in its 3rd meeting. The DFOs will be approached to get the accounts of pending BMCs opened.</p>
5.	Facilitation of PBR Quality Monitoring Committee.	<p>Decision: It was decided that new Quality Monitoring and Evaluation Committee shall be constituted as the tenure of previous committee has expired.</p> <p>DFO Research Division Srinagar will send 20 randomly selected PBRs from Kashmir division to this council for evaluation including PBRs of two Urban Local Bodies.</p>

6.	Formulation of proposal for allocation of staff and separate budget to J&K Biodiversity Council.	It was decided to send proposal to Govt. for allocation of staff and separate budget to J&K Biodiversity Council. The staff shall be proposed to be drawn from the overall sanctioned strength of Forest Department.
7.	Integrating DFOs of Territorial divisions officially within the framework of Biodiversity Act, 2002.	Proposal shall be submitted to PCCF & HoFF as DFOs are already designated as Nodal Officers. Relevant order of MP Government in this regard to be taken as reference and accordingly a proposal shall be drawn.
8.	Finalization & signing of MoUs.	The MoU are to be finalized in accordance with the recently signed MoU between FRI Dehradun & J&K Forest Department which stood approved by the Govt. of UT of J&K.
9.	Establishment of J&K Biodiversity Fund.	A reminder shall be sent to the Administrative Department giving reference of Audit observations received, since 2020.
10.	Honorarium to Committee Members	A reminder shall be sent to the Administrative Department.
11.	E-Dashboard progress.	Member Secretary was informed that 2749 BMCs related information has been uploaded on e-dashboard upto September, 2022. It was decided that task shall be completed in this financial year.
12.	CAMPA APO 2022-23.	It was informed by Member Secretary that Rs. 5.00 Lakh stood received under Awareness and Rs.4.00 Lakh under Research and Survey. DFOs Research Division Jammu/Srinagar shall come up with the proposals as discussed in the meeting.
13.	UT Level Biodiversity Conservation Strategy & Action Plan.	DFO Research Division, Srinagar submitted the report of UT Level Biodiversity Conservation Strategy & Action Plan meeting held on 13.09.2022 at Sheikhbagh, Srinagar which shall be shared with the Chairman J&K BC for further course of action.

14.	LBSAP latest update.	It was informed that second Stakeholders Consultation meeting may be held in October-November, 2022. Response awaited from Dr. Monalisa Sen, ICLEI for the conduct of Second Stakeholders Consultation meeting cum training.
15.	Identification of Biodiversity Heritage Sites.	Member Secretary, J&K Biodiversity Council issued directions to DFO Research Srinagar, ACF J&KBC & Dr. Sayed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKFR I to work vigorously on Biodiversity Heritage Sites identification as several letters had been written to territorial DFOs and no response received yet.
16.	Proposal for additional funds from NBA.	It was informed that funds from NBA stood received. IDB,2022 UC has to be submitted to NBA Decision: It was decided that DDOs will immediately submit the UC. Dr. Sayed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKFR I was directed to submit the report on Celebration of IDB, 2022 along with photographs immediately.
17.	Documentation of Vaid s / Hakims.	It was decided that. Dr. Syed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKFR I shall collect information about Vaid s/Hakims from J&K Medicinal Plants Board and ACF J&K BC shall keep on record the report of Sh. Ashutosh (Former NBA intern)on Vaid s/Hakims.
18	Report on one week training on e-PBRs.	DFO Research Division Srinagar shall submit the report immediately.
19.	Outcome of Training of Trainers on Biodiversity Conservation and Operationalization of BMCs held at Sheikhbagh, Srinagar on 20th August, 2022.	DFO Research Division Srinagar shall submit report immediately.
20	Website status	Sh. Arun Sharma, Website Administrator J&K Forest Department informed that website stood upated.

Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council reiterated that special efforts be made on updation of PBRs and uploading of desired data of BMCs on e-dashboard.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks.

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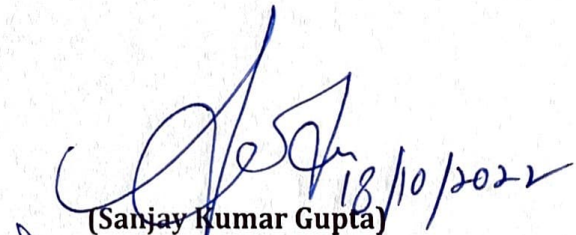
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