



## Jammu & Kashmir Biodiversity Council

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**Minutes of the review meeting held on 29-11-2022 at 3:00 PM at JK Forest Research Institute Janipur, Jammu under the Chairmanship of Sh. Asaf Mehmood Sagar, IFS APCCF/ Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council/Director JKFRI.**

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The meeting was attended by the following officers /officials of the Council.

1. Divisional Forest Officer, Research Forest Division Srinagar (Attended online).
2. Divisional Forest Officer, Research Forest Division Jammu.
3. Sh. Subash Chander, Range Officer, JKFRI Central Range, Jammu.
4. Sh. Syed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKFRI (Attended online).
5. Sh. Shashi Kant, I/c Biodiversity Cell.
6. Sh. Arun Sharma, Website Administrator J&K Forest Deptt. (Attended online).
7. Miss. Nowsheen Zaffar, Intern (NBA) (Attended online).
8. JRFs from Jammu.
9. Staff of J&K Biodiversity Council.

The Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council/Director JKFRI in his opening remarks impressed upon the officials of the Council to double up efforts in discharging the responsibilities entrusted to them by the Council. He further stated that targets for 2022-23 stand fixed and need to be pursued vigorously. The item wise deliberations / discussions 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. I/c Biodiversity Cell stated that till November, 2022 2331 PBRs stand updated (1273 PBRs stand updated in Jammu

		<p>&amp; 1058 in Srinagar). CF North, CF South and CF Srinagar circles were contacted by Member Secretary for deployment of Rehbars-e-Janglat (ReJs) to assist in updation of PBRs in Kashmir region.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> The process of updation shall be carried out in a time bound manner. 1800-2000 PBRs shall be updated during 2022-23 involving JRFs, ReJs. DFO Research Srinagar shall contact CF North, CF South and CF Srinagar Circle personally and ensure that target fixed for 2022-23 are achieved. Similarly, Sh. Shashi Kant seth I/c Biodiversity Cell shall monitor the performance of JRFs in Jammu region to get the desired output.</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 have been constituted. Reasi, Ganderbal, Baramulla and Anantnag BMCs are yet to be constituted.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> It was decided that these BMCs shall be got constituted at an earliest by DFO Research, Srinagar, Dr. Syed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKFR I &amp; Sh. Shashi Kant seth I/c Biodiversity Cell.</p>
4.	Operationalization of BMCs.	<p>75 BMCs have been selected for operationalization. Till now 41 BMCs have opened their bank accounts.</p> <p>DFO, Research Division Jammu informed that the funds at the rate of Rs. 1500/- per BMC stand transferred to 30 BMCs and there was some problem with the account No. of 11 BMCs.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> DFO Research, Srinagar, Dr. Syed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKFR I &amp; Sh. Shashi Kant seth I/c Biodiversity Cell were asked to get the bank account of remaining 34 BMCs opened at the earliest besides sorting out the problem with bank accounts of 11 BMCs. The DFOs be approached to get accounts of pending BMCs opened so that the funds can be transferred to these BMCs at an earliest.</p>



5.	Facilitation of PBR Quality Monitoring Committee.	New Quality Monitoring and Evaluation Committee stood constituted vide this office Order No. 04 of 2022 dated 21.10.2022. DFO Research Division Srinagar will send 20 randomly selected PBRs from Kashmir region to the Committee members for evaluation including PBRs of two Urban Local Bodies.
6.	Formulation of proposal for allocation of staff and separate budget to J&K Biodiversity Council.	Matter to be discussed with PCCF and HoFF.
7.	Signing of MoUs.	The MoUs are to be finalized in accordance with the recently signed MoU between FRI Dehradun & J&K Forest Department which stands approved by the Govt. of UT of J&K. (PCCF Office). DFO Research, Srinagar, Dr. Syed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKFRRI & Sh. Shashi Kant seth I/c Biodiversity Cell shall pursue the matter.
8.	Integrating DFOs of Territorial divisions officially within the framework of Biodiversity Act, 2002.	Matter to be discussed with PCCF and HoFF.
9.	Establishment of J&K Biodiversity Fund.	Matter to be pursued with administrative department at the level of Chairman/ Member Secretary JKUTBC.
10.	E-Dashboard progress.	Member Secretary was informed that 3003 BMCs related information has been uploaded on e-dashboard upto November, 2022. It was decided that task shall be completed in this financial year. <b>Decision:</b> A letter to Directors Rural Development department Jammu/ Kashmir shall be written regarding providing necessary information to the Junior Research Fellows to enable them upload the same on e-dashboard.
11.	Honorarium to Committee Members	Matter to be pursued with administrative department at the level of Chairman/ Member

		<b>Secretary JKUTBC.</b>
12.	Identification of Biodiversity Heritage Sites.	Member Secretary, J&K Biodiversity Council issued directions to DFO Research Srinagar, Dr. Syed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKPRI to work vigorously on Biodiversity Heritage Sites identification as several letters have been written to territorial DFOs and no response received yet. Member Secretary issued direction to DFO Research, Jammu to work on Identification of Biodiversity Heritage Sites in Jammu region.
13.	CAMPA APO 2022-23.	Member Secretary directed DFO Research Srinagar, & Dr. Syed Tariq, Project Coordinator to complete the film on pollinators and work on sacred groves and directed DFO Research Jammu to work for creating literature/pamphlets on nursery techniques / Medicinal plants .
14.	Proposal for additional funds from NBA.	It was informed that funds from NBA have been received. IDB, 2022 UC has to be submitted to NBA. <b>Decision:</b> It was decided that DDOs will immediately submit the UC. Dr. Syed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKPRI was directed to submit immediately report on Celebration of IDB, 2022 along with photographs.
15.	Documentation of Vaid / Hakims.	Members Secretary appreciated Sh. Shashi Kant Seth I/c Biodiversity Cell for maintaining information regarding Vaid / Hakims in Jammu region and directed Dr. Syed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKPRI to collect information from Directorate of Ayush, Srinagar.
16.	Outcome of One day stakeholders consultation meeting on UTBSAP held on 13.09.2022 at Sheikh Bagh Srinagar	DFO Research Division Srinagar to submit report immediately.
17.	Utilization of funds from NBA & CAMPA	<b>Decision:</b> The DDOs will immediately submit the UC of the funds spent till date.



18.	Any other agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members Secretary directed DFO Research Srinagar / Jammu to write a letter to the J&amp;K Biodiversity Council Members regarding their visit to BMCs to be identified by them.</li> <li>• DFO Research Division Srinagar to submit the report immediately on e-PBRs.</li> <li>• DFO Research Srinagar was directed to submit report on outcome of training of trainees held at Srinagar to the Members Secretary.</li> </ul>
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Member Secretary J&K Biodiversity Council reiterated that special efforts be made for 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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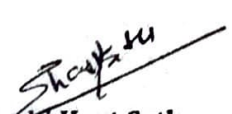
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3. Private Secretary to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) / Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council for information of the Chairman.
4. Sh. Syed Tariq, Project Coordinator, JKFRI
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8. All JRFs.
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