

Minutes of 23rd Meeting of Assam State Biodiversity Board held on 18th May, 2018 at Biodiversity Conference hall, 2nd Floor, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari

The 23rd meeting of the Assam State Biodiversity Board was held on 18th May, 2018 in the Conference Hall of the Board, at Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari.

A list of the Members and invitees present in the meeting is at **Annexure-I**.

At the outset, the Board felicitated Smt. T. Y. Das, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam as the new Chairperson of the Board.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone present in the meeting and requested the Member secretary to initiate Agenda-wise discussions.

Agenda Item-2: The Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Board were confirmed.

Agenda Item-3: The Board was informed of the following actions taken on agenda of previous meetings:

- i. The proposal of the Board for notification of seven floral and seven faunal species u/s 38 of the BD Act 2002 as 'Threatened Species' had been forwarded by the State Government to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- ii. All documentaries of the Board had been uploaded on its official website and also on YouTube and Facebook.
- iii. The following proposals of the Board were under consideration of the Government:
 - a. Amendment to the Assam Biodiversity Rules-2010. A revised Cabinet Memorandum submitted to GoA on 03/04/2018.
 - b. Organizational structure and draft Service Regulation of the Board.
 - The presentations on the above matters shall be made in the first week of June before the Additional CS (E&F) as suggested by the Board.
- iv. Formation of Biodiversity Management Committees was completed by formation of following remaining BMCs
 - a. Dima Hasao Autonomous Council - 3
 - b. Bodoland Territorial Council - 5
- v. 2 new Technical Support Group (TSG) notified in Dibrugarh and Majuli District. For remaining the matter is being actively pursued with Deputy Commissioners concerned.
- vi. Regarding establishing the sub-centres of NLC-Assam, many sites including Sankardeb Kalakshetra are being explored.
- vii. The publications of the Board 'Wild Orchids of Assam' and 'Assam Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan' were released on 2nd February, 2018 during the celebrations of World Wetland Day 2018.



