



NAGALAND STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD



ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



FOREWORD



[Supongnukshi] IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests (EBR)
& Member Secretary

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Annual Report of the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board (NSBB) for the year 2021–2022, highlighting the Board’s initiatives, achievements, and ongoing efforts towards the conservation and sustainable management of Nagaland’s rich biological diversity.

Nagaland is recognized as one of India’s biodiversity-rich states, endowed with diverse ecosystems, unique flora and fauna, and vibrant indigenous communities whose traditional knowledge has contributed significantly to the conservation of natural resources. The Nagaland State Biodiversity Board continues to work in collaboration with government departments, Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs), research institutions, civil society organizations, and local communities to implement the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, and the Biological Diversity Rules.

During the year, the Board focused on strengthening Biodiversity Management Committees, facilitating the preparation of People’s Biodiversity Registers (PBRs), promoting awareness and capacity-building programmes, documenting traditional knowledge, and encouraging sustainable utilization of biological resources. These initiatives have enhanced community participation and reinforced the importance of conserving biodiversity while ensuring equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of biological resources.

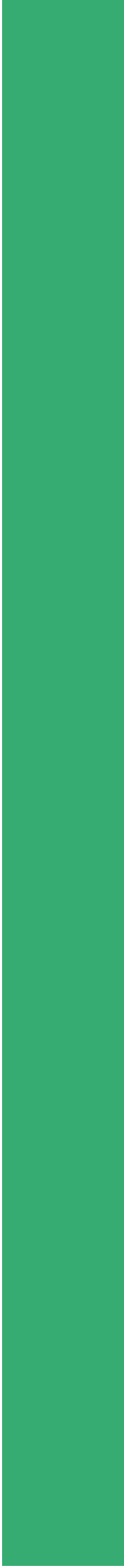
The Board also continued to promote biodiversity education and public awareness through workshops, training programmes, observance of important environmental events, and partnerships with various stakeholders. Such collaborative efforts

are essential for addressing emerging challenges posed by habitat degradation, climate change, invasive species, and unsustainable resource use.

The achievements presented in this report reflect the collective commitment of the Board, government agencies, Biodiversity Management Committees, academic institutions, non-governmental organizations, and the people of Nagaland towards safeguarding the State’s invaluable natural heritage.

I express my sincere appreciation to the Government of Nagaland, the National Biodiversity Authority, partner organizations, technical experts, and all stakeholders for their continued support and cooperation. I also acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the officers and staff of the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board in successfully implementing various programmes and activities during the reporting period.

I am confident that, with sustained cooperation and collective responsibility, we will continue to strengthen biodiversity conservation and promote sustainable development for the benefit of present and future generations.



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ABOUT THE BOARD

****** In exercise of the power conferred under Section 22(1) of the Biodiversity Act 2002 the Governor of Nagaland reconstituted the Nagaland Biodiversity Board vide Notification **NO.FOR/WORKS-11/04(VOL-III)** on 16th July 2019, comprising the following members and experts for the effective implementation of the provisions of the Act.

Chairman:

Name	Designation
Mr. Satya Prakash Tripathi, IFS (Retd.)	Rtd. PCCF and HoFF, GoN

Member Secretary:

Name	Designation
Mr. Supongnukshi, IFS	Chief Conservator of Forest, EF&CC, GoN

Ex-officio Members:

Designation
1. Agriculture Production Commissioner, Nagaland
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Nagaland
3. Secretary, Department of Tourism, Nagaland
4. Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary, Forest Department, Nagaland
5. Chief Wildlife Warden, Nagaland

Non-official Members:

Name	Designation
Mr. Vimhakhhol Mekro	Vice Principal, Kohima Science College, Jotsoma
Dr. Zavie Hiese	Chief Scientific Officer, Department of Science and Technology, Kohima
Mrs. Liangshi Niumai John	Director, C-CERP, Dimapur, Nagaland
Mr. Y. Nuklu Phom	Team Leader Lemsachenlok, Yaongyimchen Village, Longleng, Nagaland
Dr. Seyiekhrietuo John	State Nodal Officer, National Ayush Mission, Nagaland: Kohima

Staffs Of The Board:

Sl. No.	Designation	No. of Staff
1	Technical Executive cum Consultant	1
2	Technical Executive	2
3	Computer Assistant	1
4	Technical Assistant	1
5	Asst. Accountant	1
6	Office Peon	1
7	Office Driver	1
8	Sweeper	1

TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP (TSG):

The technical support group TSG will consist of experts from various disciplines and line of departments, universities, research institutes, colleges and schools and non-governmental organizations.

The main role of the TSG is to authenticate and validate the People's Biodiversity register (PBR) prepared by the NSBB and the Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC).

FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD:

According to the section 23 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, the functions of the State Biodiversity Board are:

1. To advice the State Government, subject to any guidelines issued by the Central Government, on matters relating to the conservation of biodiversity, sustainable use of its components and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of biological resources.
2. To Regulate by granting of approvals or otherwise requests of commercial utilization of bio-survey and bio-utilization of any biological resource by applicant(s).
3. To perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act or as may be prescribed by the State Government.

Special functions of the Board:

The Board shall be specially empowered to carry out its functions in conformity with the Naga customary laws and practices concerning land use, religious, traditional, customary and cultural practices.

1. The Board shall specifically take into account the following:
 - (i) Rights of local people in privately owned forest, including community rights of clan or khel in such privately owned forest;
 - (ii) Rights of individual or community to access biological resources and trees from clan or village forest for construction of houses;
 - (iii) Residual community rights in forest.

2. The Board shall facilitate documentation of traditional laws, customs and practices of Naga tribes and communities especially concerning biodiversity conservation and sustainable use including community traditional knowledge related to biodiversity having potential for commercial utilization.
3. Prepare an inventory of biodiversity rich and sensitive areas in the state and request the Nagaland State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (NSEIAA) and Nagaland State environment Appraisal committee (NSEAC) for carrying out or granting permission for development activities in or in proximity to such areas.
4. Monitor and regulate development activities in the state's biodiversity rich and sensitive areas.

Board Meeting:

The 12th meeting of NSBB was held on 8th October 2021, at the Conference Hall, Forest Office Complex, Kohima at 11:00 AM. The meeting was attended by the following members:

1. Mr. Satya Prakash Tripathi, IFS (Retd.) – Chairman, NSBB
2. Mr. Dharmendra Prakash, IFS – PCCF & HoFF, Nagaland
3. Mr. Ved Pal Singh, IFS – Chief Wildlife Warden, Nagaland
4. Dr. Y. Atsase Thongtsar – OSD, DoEF&CC, Nagaland
5. Mr. Supongnukshi, IFS – Member Secretary, NSBB
6. Mr. Sachin Jaisawal – Jt. Secretary, Agriculture Department, GoN (Representative of APC, Nagaland)
7. Mr. T. Yanpvuthung Kikon – Jt. Secretary, Tourism Department, GoN
8. Mrs. Liangshi Niumai – Director, C-CERP, Nagaland
9. Mr. Y. Nuklu Phom – Team Leader, Lemsachenlok

The meeting covered several key agenda items. First, there was a review of the previous meeting's agenda. The board discussed its activities, highlighting significant developments from October 2020 to September 2021. There was discussion on observation of the International Day for Biological Diversity, 2021. The Board's participation at the Nagaland Regional Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics™ Forum 2021 was noted, followed by a discussion on the ex-post facto approval process. The reconstitution of the Expert Committee on the Identification and Conservation of Biodiversity Heritage Sites and Sacred Grooves was



addressed, along with the formation of a new Expert Committee on Access to Biological Resources and the Access Benefit Sharing (ABS) Mechanism. The board also reviewed the North East Bio-cultural Conservation Initiatives (NEBI) and examined the constraints faced by the Board in carrying out its activities.



Further discussions included collaboration with AYUSH, empowering the Forest Department to regulate provisions of the BD Act, and revising the travel expenses for non-official members. Additionally, the issue of POL reimbursement for the vehicle attached to the Chairman/Member Secretary, NSBB for station duty was discussed. Finally, the meeting concluded with a review of the India Biodiversity Awards 2023.

BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BMC)

Every local body, in accordance with provisions of Section 41 of the Biological Diversity Act 2002 shall constitute a BMC within its area for the purpose of promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity including preservation of habitats, conservation of land races, folk varieties and cultivars, domesticated stocks and breeds of animals and microorganisms and chronicling of knowledge relating to biological diversity.

The BMCs are statutory bodies at local level. The main role of the BMC is to:

- Preparation of the People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)
- Conservation and sustainable utilization of biological resources.
- Management of Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHSs) including heritage trees, animals/ micro organisms, sacred groves and sacred water bodies.
- Regulation of access to the biological resources and /or associated TK for commercial and research purposes.
- Protection of TK recorded in PBR.

Number of BMC constituted till 2021:

Sl. No	District	No. of BMC
1	Dimapur	216
2	Kiphire	102
3	Kohima	96
4	Longleng	45
5	Mokokchung	86
6	Mon	116
7	Peren	90
8	Phek	95
9	Tuensang	122
10	Wokha	135
11	Zunhebhot	171

PEOPLE'S BIODIVERSITY REGISTER (PBR)

Preparation of PBR is mandate under the biological diversity act 2002 and is the responsibility of BMC's. It is a register that contains comprehensive information on availability and knowledge of local biological resource (flora and fauna), their medicinal or any other use and any other TK associated with them.

Number of PBR prepared till 2021:

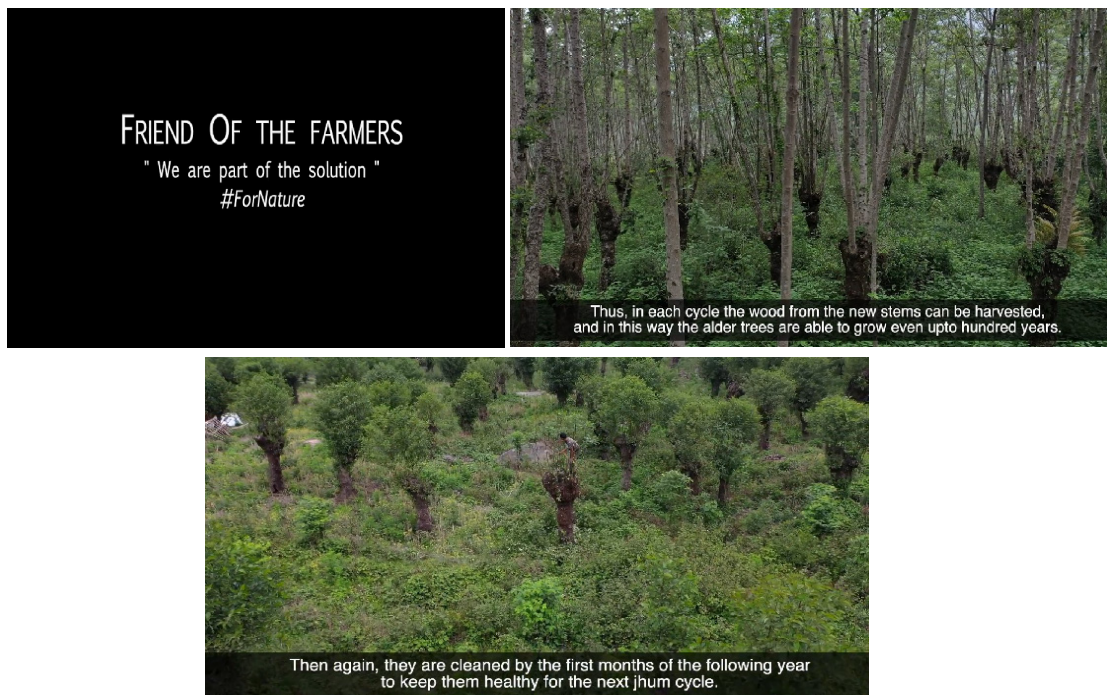
Sl. No	District	No. of base PBR	No. of updated PBR
1	Dimapur	216	8
2	Kiphire	102	14
3	Kohima	96	4
4	Longleng	45	6
5	Mokokchung	86	7
6	Mon	116	13
7	Peren	90	13
8	Phek	95	3
9	Tuensang	122	8
10	Wokha	135	11
11	Zunheboto	171	7

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (IDB) CELEBRATION 2021

Celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity, 2021 with the theme “**We’re Part of the Solution**”.

To commemorate the event, the Khonoma BMC, in collaboration with the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board, produced a short documentary titled “*Friend of the Farmers*”. The film highlights sustainable alder-based cultivation practices that align with the IDB theme “We are a part of the Solution #For Nature.” The documentary aims to showcase the environmentally friendly and sustainable agricultural practices of Khonoma, which promote organic farming, ensure food security, boost the local economy, and conserve rich forest biodiversity—thus contributing to global solutions for nature. The video was successfully premiered on YouTube and shared across various social media platforms, garnering significant attention and viewership.

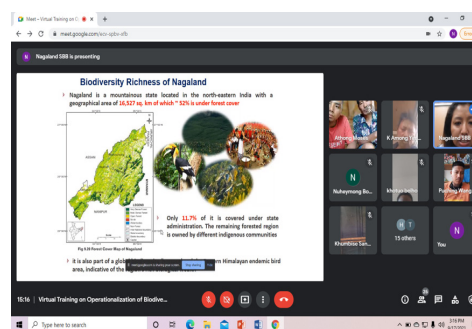
Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_MUiAktCGQ



ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD

1. Virtual Training with BMC:

In response to COVID-19 protocols, a virtual training session was conducted for the Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC). This innovative approach allowed participants to engage in essential training while adhering to safety guidelines and social distancing measures.



The virtual training included the roles and responsibilities of BMC members, strategies for effective biodiversity conservation, and the preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR). Utilizing digital platforms enabled interactive discussions, presentations, and Q&A sessions, ensuring that participants could share insights and ask questions in real time.

1. Virtual training on Operationalization of BMC for Dimapur District on 25th, 31st August, and 3rd Sept. 2021 (34, 11 & 11 nos. of participants).
2. Virtual training on Operationalization of BMC for Mon District on 10th Sept. 2021 (9 nos. of participants).
3. Virtual training on Operationalization of BMC for Kiphire and Mon Districts on 17th Sept. 2021 (31 nos. of participants).
4. Virtual training on Operationalization of BMC for Kiphire and Tuensang Districts on 29th Sept. 2021 (22 nos. of participants).
5. Virtual training on Operationalization of BMC for Tuensang District on 05th Oct. 2021 (11 nos. of participants).
6. Virtual training on Operationalization of BMC for Longleng District on 12th Oct. 2021 (11 nos. of participants).

2. Training on Operationalization of BMC:

The training on the operationalization of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) aimed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of how to effectively establish and implement BMC activities within their communities. During the session, participants explored key topics such as the legal framework surrounding biodiversity management, the specific roles and responsibilities of BMC members, and the importance of community engagement in conservation efforts. Through interactive discussions and case studies, attendees gained insights into best practices for mobilizing local stakeholders and fostering collaboration among community members, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations.

Participants were equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively operationalize their BMCs, ensuring that they can play a crucial role in conserving biodiversity and promoting sustainable practices in their communities. The session fostered a sense of empowerment and responsibility, encouraging attendees to take proactive steps toward enhancing local biodiversity management efforts, encouraging attendees to take proactive steps toward enhancing local biodiversity management efforts.

1. BMC Training programme on **“Operationalisation of Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC)”** under Kohima District in Chiechama, Kashanyu, Phenshungyu, Seiyhema, Teichuma villages was held on 29th October 2021.



2. BMC Training Programme for Elunyu, Englan, Lakhuti and Pangti Villages under Wokha District was held on 11th & 12th Nov. 2021.



3. BMC Training Programme for Leshemi Village under Phek District was held on 20th Nov. 2021.



3. 2 days Training program on “Combating Wildlife Crime and Biodiversity Conservation”:

A two-day training program on “Combating Wildlife Crime and Biodiversity Conservation” was held on March 4 and 5 at the Conference Hall, Forest Colony, Dimapur, with 50 participants from the Forest and Police departments. Organized by the Nagaland Forest Department, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) India, and the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board (NSBB), the program aimed to enhance the skills of frontline personnel in protecting wildlife and promoting sustainable biodiversity conservation.

During the opening session, Mr. YM Yollow Konyak, Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, highlighted the crucial link between humans, forests, and wildlife, addressing human-animal conflict and the need for greater awareness and adequate compensation for losses. He encouraged participants to actively engage and apply their learnings.

Mr. Ved Pal Singh, IFS, Chief Wildlife Warden, emphasized the importance of legal knowledge for frontline staff in combating wildlife crime and cross-border trafficking, advocating for collaboration with police and other agencies. Mr. Satya Prakash Tripathi, retired PCCF & HoFF of Nagaland and Chairman of the State Biodiversity Board, called for increased awareness to protect natural resources.

Mr. Dev Prakash Bankhwal, retired Chief Wildlife Warden of Assam and WCS Team Leader, urged a unified approach among law enforcement to address transnational wildlife trafficking. Dr. Naeem Mustafa, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, discussed the financial implications of wildlife trade and outlined the role of the Wildlife Crime Control Unit, assuring participants of police support.

The training covered essential topics such as wildlife trafficking prevention, the Wildlife (Protection) Act of 1972, community engagement, human-wildlife conflict management, search and seizure protocols, species identification in illegal trade, and filing court cases.

4. Training Program for Field Data Collectors (FDCs) on PBR Improvisation:

A comprehensive training program was conducted for Field Data Collectors (FDCs) focused on enhancing the Process of People’s Biodiversity Registers (PBR). This initiative aims to equip FDCs with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively collect and analyse data related to local biodiversity, ensuring accurate documentation and community involvement.

1. Mon and Zunheboto Districts was held at Conference Hall, NSBB on 26th Oct. 2021.

The Field Data Collectors (FDCs) underwent a comprehensive training program designed to equip them with the essential knowledge and skills for effective documentation of a Peoples' Biodiversity Register (PBR). The training began with an introduction to the concept of the PBR - the PBR includes detailed information about local biological resources, their various uses such as medicinal or other applications and the traditional knowledge associated with them. Developed through a participatory process involving different sections of the community, the PBR serves as an important legal document, providing evidence of prior knowledge, which makes precise and careful documentation essential.

The training also covered the step-by-step process of creating a PBR, focusing on key stages such as community engagement; data collection; validation; and that the document should be periodically updated with additional and new information as and when generated.



Khonoma Village
Photo courtesy: NSBB

AUDIT REPORT

2021-2022

NAGALAND STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD(NSBB)

(ESTABLISHED VIDE NOTIFICATION NO. FOR/WORKS-11/04 DATED THE 12TH MARCH 2005)

2ND FLOOR, FOREST OFFICE COMPLEX, AGRI-FARM COLONY, NEAR MINISTERS' HILL SCHOOL,
KOHIMA- 797001, NAGALAND

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED : 31.03.2022

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
To		By <u>Expenditure Incurred</u>	
" Opening Balance			
<u>Cash at Bank</u>		" <u>Expenses From State Grant-In-Aid</u>	
State Bank of India -		(Refer Schedule B)	6,049,575.00
~Current A/c No 37330068856	-		
~Current A/c No 30012101300	668,991.00	" <u>Expenses From National Bio-Diversity</u>	
State Bank of India -		<u>Authority Grant</u>	
~ Saving A/c No 39085827749	10,952,632.00	(Refer Schedule C)	4,272,377.00
" <u>Cheque in Hand</u>		" <u>Expenses From Kfw Biodiversity</u>	
(Credited during the Year)	575,000.00	<u>Management Project</u>	
		(Refer Schedule D)	50,000,000.00
" <u>Grants Received during the Year</u>		" <u>Bank Charges</u>	737.50
(As per Schedule A)	55,726,500.00		
" <u>Miscellaneous Fees</u>	502.00	" <u>Cash & Cash Equivalent</u>	
		Cash in Hand	-
" <u>Other Income</u>		Cash at Bank	
Interest Received	220,065.00	Current A/c No 30012101300	594,709.00
		Saving A/c No 39085827749	7,226,291.50
		Cheque in Hand	-
	<u>68,143,690.00</u>		<u>68,143,690.00</u>

AS PER BOOKS OF ACCOUNTS PRODUCED BEFORE US.

For & On Behalf of
NAGALAND STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD(NSBB)

(SHRI. SUPONGNUKSHI AO, IFS)

MEMBER SECRETARY

NAGALAND STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

For M/S J B R K & ASSOCIATES

[CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS]

Firm Reg. no. 332329E

C.A. MANISH KHAITAN

PARTNER

M.NO.: 315639

UDIN :25315639BMMHIQ3888

Place : Dimapur
Date : 21/04/2025



NAGALAND STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD(NSBB)
(ESTABLISHED VIDE NOTIFICATION NO. FOR/WORKS-11/04 DATED THE 12TH MARCH 2005)
2ND FLOOR, FOREST OFFICE COMPLEX,AGRI-FARM COLONY, NEAR MINISTERS' HILL SCHOOL,
KOHIMA- 797001, NAGALAND

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2022

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>CAPITAL FUND</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
As per Last Account	12,196,623.00		<u>Cash & Cash Equivalent</u>	
Add : Surplus during the year	<u>(4,375,622.50)</u>	<u>7,821,000.50</u>	<u>Cash at Bank</u>	
			State Bank of India	
			(IFSC SBIN0006485)	
			Current A/c No 30012101300	594,709.00
			State Bank of India	
			(IFSC SBIN0006485)	
			Saving A/c No 39085827749	7,226,291.50
			Cheque In Hand	-
			Cash in Hand	-
		<u><u>7,821,000.50</u></u>		<u><u>7,821,000.50</u></u>

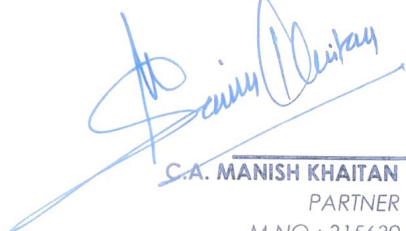
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NAGALAND STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD(NSBB)


(SHRI. SUPONGNUKSHI AO, IFS)
 MEMBER SECRETARY
 NAGALAND STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

Place : Dimapur
 Date : 21/04/2025

For **M/S J B R K & ASSOCIATES**
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NEWS REPORTS

Advisor Yanthan bats for biodiversity conservation in Wokha district

Dimapur, April 10 (EMN): Advisor for Horticulture and Border Affairs and chairman of district planning and development board (DPDB), Wokha, Mithun Yanthan, during the monthly DPDB meeting, shared that the people of the district should be sensitised on preservation of its biodiversity adding that effective implementation of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 would be beneficial for the people of the state.

The DPDB meeting was held on April 9 at deputy commissioner's conference hall, Wokha, an update from DPBO, Wokha on Saturday informed.

"It said that Yanthan also urged that the state biodiversity board to train the people of Wokha district on preservation of its biodiversity. He opined that many unused or unutilised land far from the villages could be converted into community reserves.

He added that "perhaps out of ignorance or for their own priorities villagers are not giving much importance on this issue". Yanthan urged all the departments in the district to go to the villages personally and educate village functionaries to register with the state biodiversity board so that the board can achieve its objectives or target.

Chairman, Nagaland State Biodiversity Board, SP Trepathi, highlighted on the status of implementation of Biological Diversity Act 2002 & Rules 2004 in Nagaland. He said that under Wokha district, the board has registered 133 villages as per the topography and vegetation. It said that the villages had been selected to study on the secondary income they generate and detailed project reports or state report was being prepared according to this.

Trepathi also stated that training had been conducted for Wokha district in 2018. ADC, Planning, Nchumbem Kikon stated that the state government had selected Changpang area as the aspirational block for Wokha district, and deputy commissioner would head the district level committee with district planning officer as member secretary.

Yanthan said that "to achieve the target, socio-economy, topography, natural resources and human resources survey were required for effective action plan and implementation process on the basis of convergence mode, where all the department had to come together in the same line with the four aspirational villages in the district for successful implementation".

He urged all the departments to put their resources through various programmes and schemes that are being implemented in the district. He added that the district should not only depend on the fund set aside by the state government for the project, but has urged the implementing agency to come up with comprehensive planning and put their effort with moral responsibilities.

Participating on the discussion on effective implementation of aspirational block, MLA Dr. Chummen Murry suggested that the chairman of DPDB Wokha or the vice-chairman write to all the department heads of the state, requesting them to give special consideration and allocate some fund to be used for aspirational block. It said that the board also

decided to set up a committee involving all the developmental departments for effective implementations of state government during the targeted period.

The board also discussed upgradation of EAC HQ Chukitong to SDO (C) HQ, upgradation of GMS Liphayan to GMS, upgradation of road from NH-702D Chanki junction to Wokha Ralan junction via Sanis-Lotsu Single Lane to Intermediate Lane (105 KM), presentation and upgradation of inspection of british bungalow at Chukitong, Yikhum, Sanis and Bhandari under Tourism department.

The board also had an interaction with LEAD, SBI, ICICI, Bank of Baroda, and Central bank to ascertain their performance in the district and how the banks are implementing individual schemes provided

through various GOI schemes like PMS, Mudra loan, Start up India, KCC etc.

Orenthung Locha, the vice-chairman further welcomes the new board members. T. Lankon-Singtao ADC (Hq), SDO (C) Seluma S Sangam, Meguohouse, DEO and Mhanchan Yanthan.

DTF meeting on Covid-19 held District task force meeting on Covid-19 was also held on April 9 at DC conference hall, Wokha. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner and chairman DTF Wokha, Orenthung Locha.

It said that the DC asserted that the district needed reinforcement screening and registration of people coming to the district from outside the state and conduct screening and testing for Covid-19 on all shopkeepers and businesses.

During the meeting, chief medical officer, Wokha, Dr. CW Rungne mentioned that Covid-19 testing for students pursuing studies outside the state was going on. He appealed to the district administration and village council leaders to co-ordinate during surveillance of suspected Covid-19 positive cases. The DTF members decided that screening and registration for persons entering the district would be done at Tiyi Hall, Rest House to be converted into institutional quarantine, where inmates of quarantine centres were to arrange their own transportation, and Covid Care Centre at District Hospital to admit positive cases. The DTF members also agreed that the latest SOP had to be strictly be reinforced such as wearing of face mask, social distancing in public places/gathering and hand washing.

NSBB on biodiversity conservation

The survival of human beings and animals, both directly as well as indirectly, depends on biodiversity; as their basic needs in the form of food, water, and shelter are met from biodiversity. In addition to these tangible benefits, biodiversity plays a key role in carbon sequestration, amelioration of environment and climate change.

The Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) was signed by the world leaders in the Earth Summit at the Rio de Janeiro in June 1992 by having realized the importance of biodiversity for survival and development of human beings. Different countries of the world enacted Acts and framed rules for conservation of biodiversity, its sustainable use and equitable distribution of benefits accruing of its use and associated traditional knowledge. In our country, the Biodiversity Act was passed in 2002 and the Biodiversity Rules were framed in 2004 for achieving the aforementioned objectives. The Biodiversity Act had been ratified by the State Legislators and the Nagaland Biodiversity Rules, 2012 had been made for biodiversity conservation.

With the active support of the Forest Department / District Administration / Rural Development Department, Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) have been constituted in the State in 1266 villages out of 1285 villages for achieving the objectives of the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD). The constitution

of BMC in remaining villages of the State is under progress.

The content of the Section 7 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 is as under:

"No person, who is a citizen of India or a body corporate, association or organisation which is registered in India shall obtain any biological resources for commercial utilisation, or bio-survey and bio-utilisation for commercial utilisation except after giving prior intimation to the State Biodiversity Board concerned: Provided that the provision of this section shall not apply to the local people and communities of the area, including growers and cultivators of biodiversity, and vairs and hakims, who have been practicing indigenous medicine. (Prior intimation to State Biodiversity Board for obtaining biological resources for certain purposes)

On behalf of the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board, Supong-nukshi IFS, CCF & Member Secretary, NSBB has appealed to the public, Government officials, Village Councils, army and Para military personnel, students, NGOs and other stakeholders for protection and conservation of biodiversity. Any applicant, seeking extraction of biological resources for research or commercial purpose may apply to the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board.

Nagaland State Biodiversity Board

DPDB meetings held in four districts

Chief veterinary officer Mon, Dr. V. Rana highlighted the shortage of meat and fish in the district as compared to the demand and stressed on the importance of boosting the production for self-sufficiency.

He highlighted the various deaths of pigs in Tobu area and stated that the samples had been sent to Bhopal for detection of the disease. The meeting witnessed presentations by ICS representative Vishal on permaculture, principal, Wangkha College Mon, Wati Imchen on challenges and problems faced by the college on its way to NAAC accreditation, executive engineers of PWD (R&B) Mon and executive engineer of power on their activities.

DIO Mon, Sham- le tip highlighted the updates of vaccination in the district.

The board unanimously passed the following proposals: financial assistance to expand apiculture, creation of medical sub-centre in Longkha village, chairman of Medical College Mon, Chab-yo area Mon village and creation of additional Angawadi centre at Chingko Nyaho village under then circle.

The house agreed to pass the proposal brought out by ADC Aboi, Chumlamu Humtsoe after completion of social welfare departmental procedure.

On creation of Ekly Model Residential School at Angangyong and Tobu, the DC highlighted that upcoming EMRS Longy would be sanctioned by ministry of tribal affairs.

Model Angangyong Women; the proposal was put up by KNSR President Ponglem Konyak who highlighted that the location of the proposed college was identified which would be free of cost.

DIMAPUR: District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meetings were held in four districts of the state on April 10. The meetings were held in Mokokchung, Kohima, Zunheboto and Mon.

Mokokchung: District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Mokokchung district football association to host Dr. T. A. O. inter district football tournament, 2022 at Mokokchung.

Kohima: Exit programme of village adoption committee (VAC) & DPDB meeting was held at DPDB hall, Kohima.

Zunheboto: Exit programme of village adoption committee (VAC) & DPDB meeting was held at DPDB hall, Zunheboto.

Mon: Exit programme of village adoption committee (VAC) & DPDB meeting was held at DPDB hall, Mon.

Chief veterinary officer Mon, Dr. V. Rana highlighted the shortage of meat and fish in the district as compared to the demand and stressed on the importance of boosting the production for self-sufficiency.

He highlighted the various deaths of pigs in Tobu area and stated that the samples had been sent to Bhopal for detection of the disease. The meeting witnessed presentations by ICS representative Vishal on permaculture, principal, Wangkha College Mon, Wati Imchen on challenges and problems faced by the college on its way to NAAC accreditation, executive engineers of PWD (R&B) Mon and executive engineer of power on their activities.

DIO Mon, Sham- le tip highlighted the updates of vaccination in the district.

The board unanimously passed the following proposals: financial assistance to expand apiculture, creation of medical sub-centre in Longkha village, chairman of Medical College Mon, Chab-yo area Mon village and creation of additional Angawadi centre at Chingko Nyaho village under then circle.

The house agreed to pass the proposal brought out by ADC Aboi, Chumlamu Humtsoe after completion of social welfare departmental procedure.

On creation of Ekly Model Residential School at Angangyong and Tobu, the DC highlighted that upcoming EMRS Longy would be sanctioned by ministry of tribal affairs.

Model Angangyong Women; the proposal was put up by KNSR President Ponglem Konyak who highlighted that the location of the proposed college was identified which would be free of cost.

Workshop on wildlife law enforcement, trafficking



Officers and staff of the department and others after the workshop.

DIMAPUR: A workshop on "wildlife law enforcement and counter wildlife trafficking and biodiversity conservation" was jointly organised by Forest Department, Nagaland, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)-India and Nagaland State Biodiversity Board on March 9 at Jubilee Memorial Hall, CBIT Mission Compound, Tuensang.

A press release by the department stated that guest of honour, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Tu-

ensang, Kumar Ramnikant elaborated on the role of police department and forest department in conserving the wildlife.

"We were hunters but that was long ago. Now there was more forest area, there was an ecological balance. Slowly, life expectancy increased and population is also increasing rapidly. In such a situation, the whole balance in the nature is just missing," he said.

The DC also stressed

upon the importance of awareness creation among the local people. He also commended on the efforts of the Forest Department, Tuensang, citing few examples of the animals and birds they rescued.

The resource persons for the training program were chairman, NSBB Satya Prakash Tripathi; WCS-India D.P. Bankhal; WCS-India Rishik Dutta Gupta and WCS-India Shubra Sotie.

Short speeches were also delivered by Satya

Prakash Tripathi and team leader, WCS-India, Dev Prakash Bankhal.

The inaugural programme was chaired by DMU Asabamo while invocation was said by forest guard, Makum, welcome address was delivered by district forest officer, Tuensang division, Samom Khelen Singh and vote of Tuensang, Imtiyaz Walling. A total of 30 trainees from police and forest department attended the workshop.

Forest personnel trained on combating wildlife crime



Forest and police personnel along with officials from the departments after the training programme.

DIMAPUR: Forest department, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)-India and Nagaland State Biodiversity Board (NSBB) jointly organised a two-day training on "Combating Wildlife Crime and Biodiversity Conservation" for forest and police personnel from March 4-5.

A press release from NSBB informed that the training covered topics on wildlife trafficking and its combating, important provisions of wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972,

biodiversity conservation, engagement of communities in management of natural resources, management of human-wild animal conflict, search and seizure in wildlife crimes, identification of wildlife species and their parts in illegal trade, etc.

Chairman for the valedictory programme was NSBB.

Chairman, Satya Prakash Tripathi while ACP, Dimapur, K. Vekato Chishi was the special invitee.

During the training,

continuity of such trainings in future, necessity of awareness on conservation of forest, wildlife and biodiversity at grassroots level and funding to communities for continuity of conservation works were also discussed at length.

Later, vote of thanks was proposed by wildlife warden, Wildlife Division, Dimapur, H. Tokaho Kinimi for the valedictory programme.

Altogether, 50 trainees from Forest and Police departments attended the training.