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TELANGANA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

UNEP – GEF – MoEF&CC-ABS Project

"Strengthening the Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules with focus on its Access and Benefit Sharing Provisions"

BACKGROUND

The Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board, Hyderabad is implementing the UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS project title " *Strengthening the Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules with focus on its Access and Benefit Sharing Provisions*". The project deals with assessing and quantifying the economic value of biological resources spread over the local, state and national level using appropriate methodologies.

The process also counts on identifying the benefits available and its access in a sustainable way. Having equitable benefit sharing option, it further helps in implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules in true sense. The present project ensure benefit sharing mechanism which further help in strengthening the ABS agreement.

This project is a compendium of bringing various stakeholders in one platform towards the implementation of BD Act and entrust the local bodies in active participations in conservation, and regulating the biological resources for research and commercial utilization.

Report on State Level Media Awareness Workshop on Access and Benefit Sharing provisions” held at Hotel Golkonda, Masab Tank, Hyderabad on 16th June, 2015

A state level Media awareness workshop on "Strengthening the Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules with focus on its Access and Benefit Sharing Provisions" was held on 16-06-2015 at Hotel Golkonda, Mayfair hall, First floor, Masab Tank, Hyderabad, Telangana, involving participants from Print, Electronic and Online media, Experts from Research Institutes and BMC members.

OBJECTIVE OF THE WORKSHOP

The Objective of the workshop is to increase the systemic capacities of stakeholders to effectively implement the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and the Rules 2009 in order to achieve biodiversity conservation through implementing Access and Benefit Sharing Agreements. Promoting the use of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, and by strengthening the opportunities for fair and equitable sharing of benefits from their use, to create incentives to conserve biological diversity, sustainable use its components, and further enhance the contribution of biological diversity to sustainable development and human well-being.

As part of the programme, the Exhibition stalls were setup on Biodiversity, Access and benefit sharing mechanism, ABS agreements entered between Board and Industries for access to biological resources for commercial purpose, various posters on traditional seeds and Farmers variety "Machala Kandulu (Pigeon pea) registered under Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority, India (PPVFRA). Dr. C. Suvarna, IFS, Member Secretary, TSBDB, explained regarding the Access and Benefit Sharing, Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Telangana State Biological Diversity Rules 2015. These stalls attracted the attention of the participants and dignitaries.

The programme was inaugurated by Sri. Rajeshwar Tiwari, IAS, Principal Secretary, EFS&T, Telangana State Government. The welcome and introductory address was given by Dr. C. Suvarna, IFS, Member Secretary, Telangana State Biodiversity Board. The other delegates on dais namely Dr. Ishwar C Poojar, Project Manager, UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS project, PMU, NBA, Chennai, Dr. K.S.Varaprasad, Director, Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (IIOR), Dr. R. Kalpana Sastry, Joint Director, NAARM, Hyderabad and Smt Gayathri Ramachandran, Chairman.

Initially Dr. C. Suvarna, IFS, Member Secretary, Telangana State Biodiversity Board has briefed about the provisions of the Access and Benefit Sharing, Rules for access to biological resources and/ or associated knowledge for research or bio-survey and bio-utilization for research, and highlighted the need for conservation of biological resources from the exploitation.

Dr. Ishwar C Poojar, Project Manager, UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS project, PMU, NBA, Chennai has made a presentation on provisions of the Act and shared various experiences from national perspective. He gave relevant examples from the country in general and Telangana in specific like instant curd making by using plant latex a traditional knowledge of local shepherds of Yerragollapahad BMC, Warangal and stressed on sustainable use of bioresources.

Dr. K.S.Varaprasad, Director, Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (IIOR), Hyderabad defined biodiversity in a simple fashion as the genetic resources clubbed with Ecosystem. He also applied to the NBA regarding the Documentation of the microbial biodiversity which is an important step for the scientific management of the biodiversity. He cited examples of *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* isolated from Kothakota Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC), Mahaboobnagar location which is used active ingredient in Bio-Pesticide. Similarly *Trichoderma viride* is isolated from Kothagudem

Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC), Nalgonda District has Bio-Fungicide.

Dr. R. Kalpana Sastry, Joint Director, NAARM, Hyderabad has stated that Biotechnology has to reach the farmers at field level and benefits gained by the companies has to be shared with local communities those who are conserving the biodiversity.

Smt Gayathri Ramachandran, Chairman, shared her views on the subject and clarified certain issues raised by the participants.

The interaction session was very interesting with the active participation of the media representatives. One of the Media personnel gave a suggestion regarding conducting the awareness programs in Village, Mandal, and District level, for which Member Secretary Dr. C. Suvarna, TSBDB assured that the Awareness programme is in initial stage and in coming days the awareness programme will be in swift mode.

Mr. Premaiah, Chairman, Kothakota BMC, Mahaboobnagar shared his experience on Agreements signed between the BMC and companies of Bio-pesticide manufacturing using *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* isolated from their soil.

Mr. G. Narayana Reddy, Secretary, Aalair BMC, Warangal shared his experiences in constituting the BMC and his Traditional Knowledge (TK) on using the medicinal plants for healing various human health problems and snake bite..

Dr. C. Suvarna facilitated the delegates with mementoes.

The workshop was concluded by vote of thanks by Sri Lingarao, Regional biodiversity coordinator, Telangana State Biodiversity Board to all the participants.

Photo Gallery



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**List of members attended the Media Awareness programme at Golkonda
Hotel on 16.06.2015**

S.no	Name	Institution	Address
1	Dr. C. Suvarna	TSBDB	Hyderabad
2	Dr. Ishwar Poojar	NBA	Chennai
3	Dr. Varaprasad	IIOR	Hyderabad
4	Dr. Kalpana Sastry	NAARM	Hyderabad
5	J. Rajashekhar	Reporter	Hyderabad
6	Vasanth	Eenadu	Hyderabad
7	B. Harisatyanarayana	Eenadu	Hyderabad
8	MD. Ali Mohiuddin Khan	Deccan TV	Hyderabad
9	B. John Ross	Prajashakthi	Hyderabad
10	Suharika KR	The Hans India	Hyderabad
11	P. Solomon Raju	Andhrajothi	Hyderabad
12	Anjum	Ruby Channel	Hyderabad
13	Azad Chihsthi		Hyderabad
14	Aravind		Hyderabad
15	E. Venkanna		Hyderabad
16	B. Madhava Reddy		Hyderabad
17	B. Ramanath	Andhra Prabha	Hyderabad
18	A. Nagaraju		Hyderabad
19	E. Satyanarayana	ETV	Hyderabad
20	V. Swathi	The Hindu	Hyderabad
21	D. Mahesh	The NEWS	Hyderabad
22	Saidulu	Express TV	Hyderabad
23	G. Bhaskar	Namaste Telangana	Hyderabad
24	K.M. Reddy	Sakshi	Hyderabad
25	V. Nilesh	Deccan Chronicle	Hyderabad
26	Ramana Chari	Surya	Hyderabad
27	V. Veeranjanyulu	Andhra Prabha	Hyderabad
28	K. Ravinder Reddy	Times	Hyderabad
29	Santhosh	Express TV	Hyderabad
30	Muralidharan		Hyderabad
31	Indrasen	TV5	Hyderabad
32	J. Shankar	TV5	Hyderabad
33	G. Amar	Sakshi	Hyderabad
34	C.R. Gayathri	NBA	Hyderabad
35	M. A. Arif	Munsif TV	Hyderabad
36	Sayed Abrar	Munsif TV	Hyderabad

37	Samuel Paul	Gemini TV	Hyderabad
38	Anwar	India Today	Hyderabad
39	Rajesh	99TV	Hyderabad
40	P. Chanda	99TV	Hyderabad
41	T. Ethirajulu	PVR Skills	Hyderabad
42	MD Abid	Press Awaz	Hyderabad
43	M.V. Nagavender Rao	Viksha Mothra	Hyderabad
44	K. Manish	CVR News	Hyderabad
45	B. Mallikarjuna	Andhra Jyothi	Hyderabad
46	G.V. Ramana Reddy	Sakshi TV	Hyderabad
47	Imtiyaz Ahmed	ETCmaad	Hyderabad
48	KS Prasad Reddy	Gemini TV	Hyderabad
49	Noel	News 9	Hyderabad
50	Rehman	Intern Reporter	Hyderabad
51	B.C.S. Ramayya	Serial Editor	Hyderabad
52	Sreekanth Reddy	CVR News	Hyderabad
53	P Nouja Begum	ISPR	Hyderabad
54	T. Nagaraju	Nava Telangana	Hyderabad
55	KV Ramana		Hyderabad
56	Veerendhar	Intern Reporter	Hyderabad
57	Naveen	India Today	Hyderabad
58	P. Rambabu	Dy News	Hyderabad
59	Bhupal Valmikan	Vaibhav Samachar	Hyderabad
60	T.K. Singh	TN1/ IBM News	Hyderabad
61	Sai	C-News	Hyderabad
62	J. Pavan	Deccan TV	Hyderabad
63	Srikanth	Metro TV	Hyderabad
64	Sakshi	V6 News	Hyderabad
65	E. Pradeep Rao	Sakshi TV	Hyderabad
66	SK Khaisar	CNI	Hyderabad
67	K. Yadav	DNS	Hyderabad
68	Chari	Rhushi TM	Hyderabad
69	V. Linga Rao	TSBDB	Hyderabad
70	G. Satheesh	TSBDB	Hyderabad
71	K. Lavanya	TSBDB	Hyderabad
72	N. Thirumalesh	TSBDB	Hyderabad
73	R. Archana	TSBDB	Hyderabad
74	R. Prasad babu	TSBDB	Hyderabad
75	M. Venkanna	TSBDB	Hyderabad
76	Yogesh	TSBDB	Hyderabad

77	Sudhakar	TSBDB	Hyderabad
78	Sabeth	TSBDB	Hyderabad
79	Pendore Jalpath Rao	Jheri BMC	Adilabad
80	S.K. Dasta Geer	Jheri BMC	Adilabad
81	S.K. Yousuf	Jheri BMC	Adilabad
82	G. Narayana Reddy	Alair BMC	Warangal
83	P. Madhu	Alair BMC	Warangal
84	J. Amja	Seetha Nagaram BMC	Warangal
85	M. Venkanna	Seetha Nagaram BMC	Warangal
86	S.R. Premaiah	Kothakota BMC	Mahaboob nagar
87	S. Srinu	Kothakota BMC	Mahaboob nagar
88	Jalaja Reddy	Kothakota BMC	Mahaboob nagar
89	D. Srinivas Reddy	APSBDB	Hyderabad
90	Dr. Sihilpi	TSBDB	Hyderabad
91	Kaladhar		Hyddrabad