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OVERVIEW OF THE BOARD

Introduction:

Biological diversity is the variability among living organisms from all sources including terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this include diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems. In short, Biodiversity is the vast array of all the plants, animals, insects and micro-organisms inhabiting the earth either in the aquatic or terrestrial habitats. The human civilization depends directly or indirectly upon this biodiversity for their very basic needs of survival-food, fodder, fuel, fibre, fertilizer, timber, liquor, rubber, leather, medicines and several raw materials. This diversity is the condition for the long-term sustainability of the environment, continuity of life on earth and the maintenance of its integrity.

North-eastern India in general and Assam in particular is a constituent unit of the Himalayan Biodiversity Hotspots region & Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspots region; two among the four biodiversity "Hotspots" in the country. The State also falls in the transitional zone between the Indian, Indo- Malayan and Indo-Chinese Biogeographical regions. The climatic condition and wide variety of physical features witnessed in Assam have resulted in a diversity of ecological habitats such as forests, grasslands, wetlands, which harbour and sustain wide ranging flora and fauna.

About 37.27% of State's geographical area is under green cover (as per India State of Forest Report 2015). The Protected Area Network of the State comprises of 5 National Parks and 20 Wildlife Sanctuaries. Besides, Assam has the distinction of having 2 UNESCO World Heritage sites (Manas And Kaziranga), 2 Biosphere Reserves (Dibru- Saikhowa and Manas), 4 Tiger Reserves (KNP, Manas, Nameri and Orang) and 5 Elephant Reserves.

Habitat degradation, loss of wild stock in association with loss of local traditional knowledge has caused rapid degradation of biological resources all over the globe. Growing concerns for depletion of biological diversity world-wide led to signing of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in 1992. This Convention recognizes the sovereign rights of the states and local people over their biological resources. With this objective the Government of India enacted the Biological Diversity Act, in 2002. This Act provides for conservation of biological diversity, sustainable use of its components and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of commercial use of these resources and associated traditional knowledge. At the country level, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) oversees implementation of the Act. The State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs) have been formed at State level and Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) are constituted by the local bodies for decentralizing the implementation of the Act.

Assam State Biodiversity Board:

In exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (I) of Section 22 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Act 18 of 2003), the Government of Assam constituted the "Assam Biodiversity Board" on 29th September 2010 to promote biodiversity conservation in the State of Assam, sustainable use of its components and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of biological resources of the state and traditional knowledge associated with these resources and matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.

Composition of the Board:

Chairperson:

The Chairperson of the Board is appointed by Government of Assam either on deputation from other services or from outside services. In case of deputation, the person shall be not below the rank of Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam. During the year 2018-19, Smt. T.Y. Das, IAS, Chief Secretary to Govt. of Assam and Sri Alok Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary to Govt. of Assam held the Chairmanship of the Board.

Member Secretary:

This position is held by a Forest Officer in charge of Biodiversity not below the rank of Chief Conservator of Forest. During the year 2018-19, Sri A. K. Johari, Special PCCF (Biodiversity & CC) held the position of the Member Secretary of the Board.

Ex-Officio Members:

1. Addl. Chief Secretary (as per office notification No. FRW.57/2005/Vol-I/28 dated 28/6/2018) (Annexure-I)
2. Principal Secretary/Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Assam, Environment and Forest Department.

3. Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam, Agriculture Department.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Biodiversity & Climate Change, O/o PCCF & HoFF, Assam
5. The Director, Agriculture Department, Government of Assam.
6. The Director, Fisheries Department, Government of Assam.
7. Senior most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam or his representative, Panchayat & Rural Development Department (vide office order No. FRW.57/2005/Vol-I/154 dated 30/07/2018) (Annexure-II)

Expert Members

(as per office notification No. FRW.57/2005/Vol-I/28 dated 28/06/2018):

1. Dr. P. C. Bhattacharjee, (Retd) Professor, Department of Zoology, Gauhati University.
2. Dr. Ajit Kumar Das, Associate Professor, Department of Ecology and Environmental Science, Assam University, Silchar.
3. Mrs. Nirmali Medhi, Associate Professor & HoD, Department of Zoology, Handique Girls College, Guwahati

4. Dr. Bijoy Neog, Professor & HoD, Department of Life Sciences, Dibrugarh University
5. Shri Bibhab Kumar Talukdar, CEO, Aaranyak, Guwahati.

Special Invitees:

1. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, Finance Department.
2. The Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Assam, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department.

Permanent Invitees:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forests Force-Assam;
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Assam;
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wetlands) and
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Research Education & Working Plans), Assam.

Functions of the Assam State Biodiversity Board:

The Board have mainly the following three functions:

1. **Regulatory:** Regulate access to biological resources for research and commercial purposes.
2. **Facilitory:** Facilitate conservation and sustainable uses of biological resources.
3. **Advisory:** Advise the government in formulating policies concerning conservation of biological diversity, wise-use and benefit sharing options arising out of commercial utilization and provide support through interventions whenever required.

Mandate of the Board:

1. Generate Awareness among local people about the Biological Diversity Act-2002 and Assam Biodiversity Rules-2010.
2. Establish Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) at District level, Block level, Village level and also in the Autonomous Councils of the State.
3. Assist the BMCs in preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR) through documentation of local biological resources and associated traditional knowledge.
4. Regulate access to biological resources for research and commercial purposes to facilitate 'Access and Benefit Sharing' mechanisms.
5. Declaration of biodiversity rich areas of the state as 'Biodiversity Heritage Sites' and to frame rules for management and monitoring of such sites for conservation.
6. Notification of 'Threatened species' of the state.
7. Create Biodiversity fund for the Board and for the BMCs.
8. Other such actions required for implementation of the BD Act-2002 in the state.

Board Office:

The office of the Assam State Biodiversity Board is located at Aranya Bhawan, 2nd Floor, Panjabari, Guwahati-781037.

Staff of the Board:

I. Regular staff:

- i. Scientific Officer - 1
- ii. Scientific Assistant - 1
- iii. Junior Accountant - 1

II. Contractual staff:

- i. Technical Associate - 1
- ii. Technical Assistant - 3
- iii. Accounts Assistant - 1
- iv. Office Attendant - 1

III. Part-time office bearers from the O/o PCCF Assam:

- i. Range Officer (HQ) - 1
- ii. Accounts Officer - 1
- iii. Junior Assistant - 1

BOARD MEETINGS:

The Board meets quarterly to take its mandate forward. Following meetings of the Board took place during 2018-19:

23rd Board meeting:

The 23rd Meeting of the Assam State Biodiversity Board was held on 18th May 2018 at the conference hall of ASBB, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari and was presided over by Smt. T. Y. Das, IAS, Chief Secretary, Assam and Chairperson of the Assam State Biodiversity Board. The Member Secretary presented the last quarter progress of the Board before the Members present.

The following are the main issues discussed during the meeting:

- i. Status on the constitution of BMCs at Anchalik Panchayat & Forest Range.
- ii. Completion of 2nd batch of Internship programme.
- iii. Progress on the preparation of Peoples' Biodiversity Registers
- iv. Status on formation of Technical Support Group (TSG)
- v. Status of the research projects/studies undertaken by Board.
- vi. Progress of Nature Learning Centre (NLC), Assam
- vii. Progress of 'Documentation of Tradable Bio-resources and Associated traditional knowledge of Assam project sanctioned by NBA'.
- viii. Joining of one contractual staff for Technical section
- xi. Funds received by Board
- x. Annual report, publications and publicity materials developed by the Board.
- xi. Ratification of Expenditure Statement of the Board



Chairperson and Members discussing the key issues of the meeting

- xii. Research Proposals approved by the Board.
- xiii. Research proposals received for funding.
- xiv. Formation of Research Advisory Committee (RAC).
- xv. Ratification of 'Fish Diversity Documentation of Brahmaputra River' project by Dolphin Foundation.
- xvi. Creation of Local Biodiversity Fund.
- xvii. Celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May, 2018 at Recreation Park cum Medicinal Garden, Diphu, Karbi Anglong.
- xviii. Awareness program for Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

24th Board meeting:

The 24th Meeting of the Assam State Biodiversity Board was held on 27th November, 2018 at the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur. At the outset, the Board felicitated its new Chairperson Shri Alok Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam. The Chairperson welcomed everyone present in the Meeting and requested the Member Secretary of the Board to initiate Agenda-wise discussions.

The following are the main issues discussed during the meeting:

- i. Notification of Threatened Species of the State by MoEF&CC, GoI.
- ii. Progress of 8th batch of 'Biodiversity Research Associate Program (BRAP)'.
iii. Reconstitution of BMCs and constitution of 5 new BMC at West Karbi Anglong.
- iv. Status on People's Biodiversity Registers preparation.

Member Secretary presenting the key issues of the meeting

- v. Progress on the status of constitution of Technical Support Group at remaining districts of the State.
- vi. Constitution of Research Advisory Committee (RAC).
- vii. Progress on the ongoing research project works of the Board.
- viii. Short Documentary on Hollongapar Gibbon WLS.
- ix. Funds received by Board
- x. Celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May, 2018 at Recreation Park cum Medicinal Garden, Diphu, Karbi Anglong.
- xi. Capacity Building Workshops at BMC level.
- xii. Participation in national level workshops
- xiii. Regarding operation of funds
- xiv. Publications of the Board.
- xv. Ratification of Expenditure Statement of the Board & NLC
- xvi. Research Proposals approved by the Board.
- xvii. Local Biodiversity Fund for strengthening of BMCs
- xviii. Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) mechanism.
- xix. Draft Service Regulation.
- xx. Hon'ble NGT order dated 8/8/2018.



MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD DURING THE YEAR 2018-19

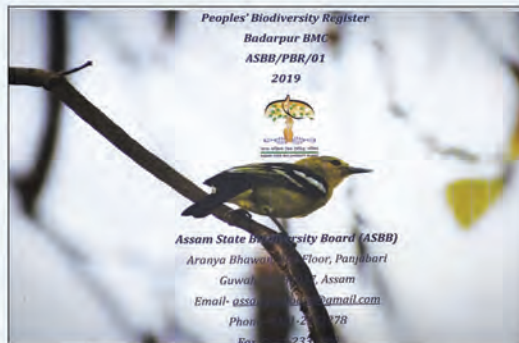
1. Biodiversity Management Committee :

The constitution of 185 BMCs at 185 Anachalik Panchayat and 40 BMCs at 40 Forest Range Jurisdiction in the 3 Autonomous Councils of Assam has been completed.

2. People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR):

The work for preparation of PBR have been completed at 142 Anchalik & Forest Range BMCs of the State. The following are the present status:

- a. TSG vetted complete PBR : **33**
- b. Final Draft PBR ready for TSG vetting : **109**



Some PBRs prepared during FY-2018-19



3. Technical Support Group (TSG) : Meeting for approval of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs):

The following TSG meetings were held for vetting of draft PBRs prepared by BMCs with assistance from BRAP & Intern Fellows:

- i. **Dibrugarh District:** The meeting of the TSG of Dibrugarh District was held at the conference hall of Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh on 21/02/2018 where five draft PBRs of Jeypore, Barbaruah, Khowang, Panitola and Tengakhat Anchalik BMCs were approved.



TSG meeting at DC office conference hall, Dibrugarh

- ii. **Sivsagar District:** The TSG members of Sivsagar District meet on 22/02/2018 in presence of stakeholders & BMC members where three draft PBRs of Amguri, Gaurisagar and Sivsagar A.P. BMCs were approved.



TSG meeting at DC conference Hall, Sivasagar

4. Status of Research Projects :

The following research projects were completed/undertaken by the Board in 2018-19:

i. Completed Research Projects :

- Study on the Fish Diversity in Brahmaputra River inside Assam to identify the threatened species, evaluate and determine their present conservation status and needs.
- Preparation of Assam Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan by Wildlife Institute of India.

ii. On-going Research Projects:

- Plant diversity assessment study at Dima Hasao District of Assam (A two-year project undertaken by NBRI, Lucknow, 1st Progress Report received).
- Enhancing Conservation Efforts in Hoollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary, Assam through Documentation and Publicity (A one-year Project undertaken by Aaranyak, 1st Progress Report received).
- Documentation of tradable bio-resources and associated traditional knowledge from the local communities of Assam for establishing Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) Provisions. (A one-year Project undertaken by the Board funded by NBA in January 2018; Two Project Assistants engaged and work started from February 2018).

5. INTERACT Bio-Workshop on LBSAP & NBS AP

A workshop on National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan and Local Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan development guidelines was

organised under the INTERACT-Bio Project at Kochi on 3rd April, 2018 with support from the Kochi Municipal Corporation and the Centre for Heritage, Environment and Development.

The workshop aimed to introduce the concepts of national, state and local biodiversity strategy action plans to the participants and highlight the need for the same.

It was attended by ASBB along with participants from 18 Indian cities, 3 state government departments, 3 state biodiversity boards, and National Biodiversity Authority.

6. Vibrant North East, 2018

The Board along with NBA and other NE SBBS participated in the Vibrant North East, 2018 which was held at Khanapara from 3rd-5th May, 2018. The 'Vibrant North East 2018', an event in which people would be made aware of central government's schemes and programmes. The main purpose of the event is to disseminate information about the schemes, grants and projects of the Central government to ensure that they are implemented as envisaged officially.



ASBB technical staff interacting with visitors

7. Training Program on preparation of Peoples' Biodiversity Register (PBR) for the Interns of Nagaland State Biodiversity Board

Nagaland biodiversity Board invited two resource persons from ASBB to deliver a talk in the Training Program on preparation of PBR to inculcate scientific temper amongst young talent in the state of Nagaland, promote them to work for conservation of biodiversity and preparation of PBR by assisting BMCs. The one day 'Training Program on preparation of PBR' for the Interns of Nagaland SBB was held on 9th October 2018 at Kohima.



Resource person from ASBB interacting with the interns of NSBB.

8. Development and Implementation of ABS Legal framework

Regional Training Workshop on Development and Implementation of ABS Legal framework to implement Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) & Traditional Knowledge Digital Library was held at National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai, India from 22nd-25th October, 2018. Considering India's decade long experience in implementing the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Biological Diversity Rules, 2004 and that the ASEAN Member States (AMS) are preparing to accede to and ratify the Nagoya Protocol, this regional training workshop aimed at supporting the AMS in developing National ABS legal frameworks and to complement priorities and expertise. Given the

excellent and in-depth experience of India in developing the 'Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL), the workshop also explored possibilities of setting-up national TKDL in the AMS to preserve, document and protect traditional knowledge and prevent misappropriation of biodiversity and the associated TK.

The Regional Training Workshop had participation of ASBB along with delegates from 9 ASEAN Member States viz, Cambodia (2), Lao PDR (1), Malaysia (2), Myanmar (2), Philippines (1), Singapore (2), Thailand (2), Vietnam (2), Experts from ACB-Manila (5) and ASEAN Secretariat, Indonesia (2). The delegates were presented with detailed and in-depth information on a range of topics as detailed in the program of activities given below, including presentations from MOEFCC, NBA, PPVFRA,

NBPGR, NBAIR, Patent Office, CSIR, CLRI, NIF, TKDL, ENVIS, FRLHT, State Biodiversity Boards and Industry representations from Reliance, L'oreal and Valagro Ltd etc.

9. BMC level capacity building training workshops

For strengthening of the BMCs, the training and capacity building workshops were organized in different phases. During the FY 2018-2019, 18 BMC level workshops were organised for 24 BMCs at seven districts of Assam. The training programs were facilitated by the Resource Persons from the Assam State Biodiversity Board. The workshops were held in the following BMCs listed below:

Sl. No.	Name of the BMCs	Forest Division	District	Date of Workshop
1	Lakhipur Anchalik BMC	Goalpara	Goalpara	18-07-2018
2	Kharmuja Anchalik BMC	Goalpara	Goalpara	19-07-2018
3	Joleswar Anchalik BMC	Goalpara	Goalpara	20-07-2018
4	Agomoni Anchalik BMC	Dhubri	Dhubri	25-07-2018
5	Golokganj Anchalik BMC	Dhubri	Dhubri	26-07-2018
6	Rupshi Anchalik BMC	Dhubri	Dhubri	27-07-2018
7	Chandrapur Anchalik BMC	Kamrup East	Kamrup (M)	18-08-2018
8	Rani Anchalik BMC	Kamrup East	Kamrup (M)	21-08-2018
9	Borkhola BMC	Cachar	Cachar	27-08-2018
	Udharbond BMC			
	Banskandi BMC			
10	Hailakandi BMC	Hailakandi	Hailakandi	28-08-2018
	Katlicherra BMC			
11	Badarpur BMC	Karimganj	Karimganj	29-08-2018
	South Karimganj BMC			
	Patherkandi BMC			
12	Langpher BMC	West Division	Karbi Anglong	06-09-2018
13	Manja BMC	East Division	Karbi Anglong	07-09-2018
14	Silonijan BMC	East Division	Karbi Anglong	08-09-2018
	Bokajan BMC			
15	Dokmoka BMC	East Division	Karbi Anglong	09-09-2018
16	Borlangpher BMC	West Division	Karbi Anglong	12-09-2018
17	Dalamara BMC	East Division	Karbi Anglong	14-09-2018
18	Parkup Pahar BMC	East Division	Karbi Anglong	15-09-2018



Photos of BMC workshops in Dhubri and Goalpara district, Assam



Photos of BMC workshops in Cachar and Hailakandi district, Assam



Photos of BMC workshops in Karbi Anglong district, Assam

10. Biodiversity Governance workshop

On 19th December 2018, Assam State Biodiversity Board conducted a day long Field Exposure at Sualkuchi and Hajo BMC on account of Training of Trainers Programme on "Biodiversity Governance" organised by National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR-NERC) in collaboration with National Biodiversity Authority (NBA).



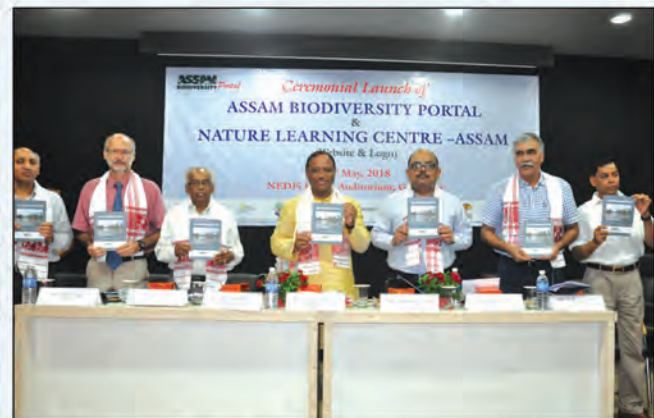
Exposure visit of participants to Dodora village under Sualkuchi BMC of Kamrup District

11. 'Legal Orientation Workshop' for conservation organisation at Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC)

Resource person from ASBB delivered a lecture on Sensitizing of the stakeholders about the Biological Diversity Act. Legal orientation program for members of United Forest Conservation Network and conservation NGOs of BTAD on 27th October 2018 at IIBM, Khanapara organized by WWF.

12. Launch of Assam Biodiversity Portal

Ceremonial launch of 'Assam Biodiversity Portal', 'Website & Logo of Assam Nature Learning Centre' by Shri Parimal Suklabaidya, Hon'ble Minister, Environment & Forest Department, Assam on 28th May NEDFi house Auditorium, Guwahati.



Launching of Assam Biodiversity Portal

13. Peer to Peer visit by Andhra Pradesh Biodiversity Board

A 14 members team from Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board (APSBB) visited Assam State Biodiversity Board (ASBB) for learning best practices implemented in Assam from 4th to 7th December, 2018.



Interaction between the members of ASBB and APSBB

14. Peer to Peer visit by Assam State Biodiversity Board:

i. Gujrat:

From 25th December, 2018 to 1st January, 2019 a four member team of ASBB was on a Peer to Peer exchange visit in Gujarat to learn and experience the best practices implemented by the Gujarat Biodiversity Board.

The members of ASBB had a good and fruitful interaction with Member Secretary-GBB and other staff members, NGO workers working with GBB. The team also got the opportunity of an exposure visit to Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary, Jamnagar; Marine National Park, Jamnagar; Porbandar Bird Sanctuary; Madhavpur Turtle Conservation Area; Gir National Park; Wild Ass Sanctuary etc.



Interaction between ASBB and GBD Members

ii. West Bengal:

The Assam State Biodiversity Board (ASBB) also visited West Bengal Biodiversity Board (WBBB) as a part of “Peer to Peer Learning” from 27th February to 3rd March 2019. The four member ASBB team was led by Scientific Officer, Dr. Oinam Sunanda Devi during visit.

The ASBB team visited the office of the West Bengal Biodiversity Board and interacted with the Member Secretary, Senior Research Officer and other staffs of WBBB. The team also visited Arambagh Block BMC, Hooghly District; Mayapur Dighir Par Sacred Grove under Arambagh Block BMC to study the PBR preparation process and conservation strategies of bioresources and Sundarban National Park for site seeing.

The visits were sponsored by National Biodiversity Authority as means of capacity building of SBBs for better performance.

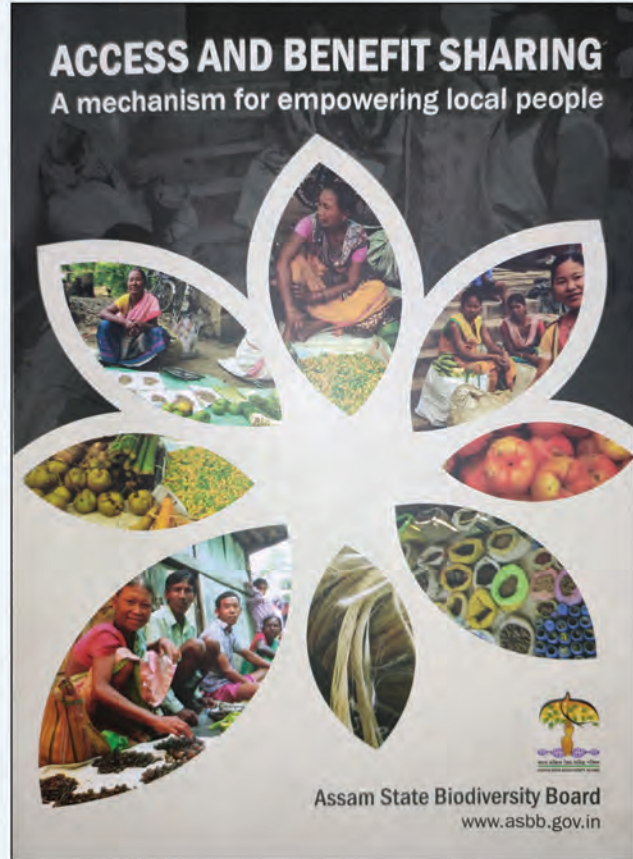
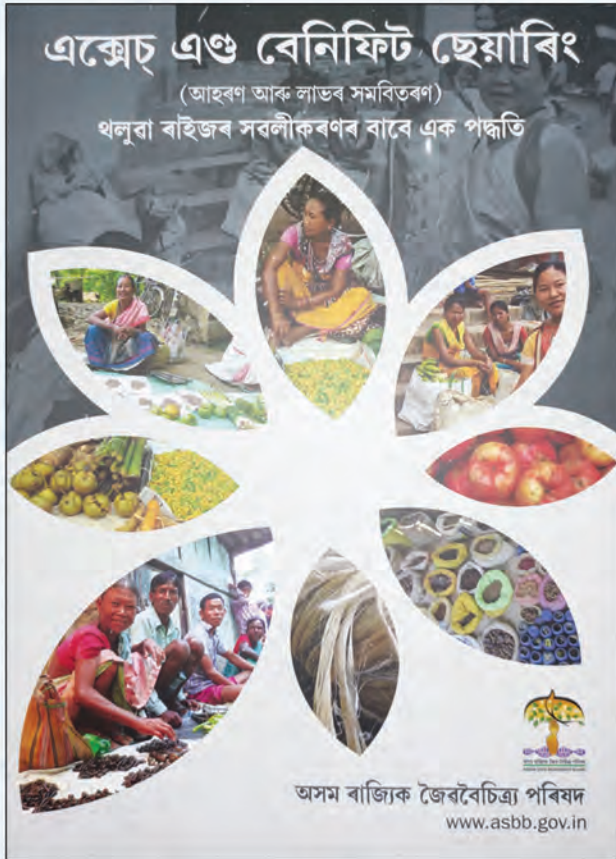


Interaction between ASBB and WBBB members

15. Status of Publications & Publicity works:

i. Booklet on 'Access and Benefit Sharing- A mechanism for empowering local people'.

A booklet about the Access and Benefit Sharing is being developed in English for generating awareness among the BMC members and other stakeholders.



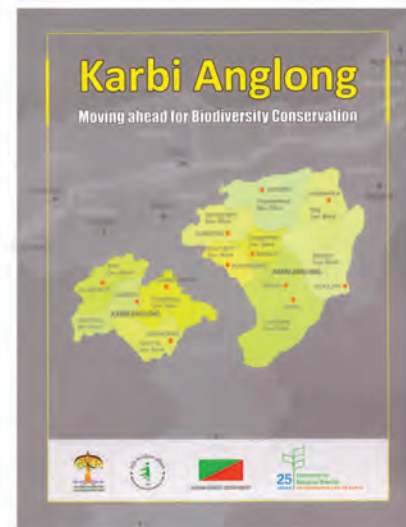
ABS booklet published in English and Assamese language

ii. Brochure "Karbi Anglong-Moving ahead for Biodiversity Conservation"

Brochure on Karbi Anglong titled 'Karbi Anglong- Moving ahead for Biodiversity Conservation' is all about history of Karbi Anglong and its biodiversity & traditional knowledges was released during the Celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May, 2018 at Recreation Park cum Medicinal Garden, Diphu, Karbi Anglong.

iii. Standee

A standee on the achievement of ASBB till March, 2018 was prepared to exhibit in the Vibrant North East event which was held on May, 2018.



16. Student oriented initiatives by the Board:

Biodiversity Research Associate Program (BRAP)

The Assam State Biodiversity Board provides fellowships under the BRAP to Post-Graduates and young professionals to assist the BMCs in preparation of their People's Biodiversity Registers. This fellowship has been continuing from 2014 onwards and so far, 77 Fellows have been completed their assignment under the program till March 2019.

i. 7th batch (11-12-17 to 10-03-2018):

The following BRAP Fellows were engaged in various district.

1. Sanswring Basumatary	Nayekgaon BMC, Kokrajhar
2. Bhupamani Choudhury	Batabari BMC, Baksa
3. Sanchayita Sengupta	Margherita BMC, Tinsukia
4. Parthana Gogoi	Morangi BMC, Golaghat

ii. 8th batch (01-09-18 to 30-11-2018):

The following BRAP Fellows were engaged in various district.

1. Anubhav Bhuyan	Badarpur BMC, Karimganj
2. Dils Joree	Dullavcherra BMC, Karimganj
3. Hiyashree Sarma	Patherkandi BMC, Karimganj
4. Kakoli Das	South Karimganj BMC, Karimganj
5. Sumit Nath	Lorairpowa BMC, Karimganj
6. Neeraj Bora	Katlicherra BMC, Hailakandi
7. Muna Tamang	Narshingpur BMC, Cachar
8. Chandamita Das	Palongghat BMC, Cachar
9. Samir Das	Binnakandi BMC, Cachar
10. W. Reshmi Singha	Udharbond BMC, Cachar
11. Prema Khan	Banskandi BMC, Cachar
12. Kirty Prosad Nath	Kalain BMC, Cachar
13. Bhanupriya Boro	Katigora BMC, Cachar
14. Shyamalima Paul	Sonai BMC, Cachar
15. Bishal Nath	Joypur Rajabazar, Cachar
16. H. M. Hany	Tapang BMC, Cachar

17. Celebration of International Biological Diversity Day, 2018:

The Assam State Biodiversity Board celebrated the 'International day for Biological Diversity' on 22nd May, 2018 on the theme 'Celebrating 25 years of action for Biodiversity' at Recreation Park cum Medicinal Garden, Diphu, Karbi Anglong. This function is jointly organized by Assam State Biodiversity Board (ASBB) and the Assam forest Department. The event was sponsored by National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), Chennai.



The Chief Guests of the function were Shri Parimal Suklabaidya, Hon'ble Minister, Environment & Forests, Government of Assam, and Shri Tuliram Ronghang, Hon'ble Chief Executive Member (CEM), Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC).



Dignitaries and other participants present in the function

The other dignitaries on the dais included Shri Mridul Kumar Mahanta, Deputy Commissioner of Karbi Anglong; Shri N. K. Vasu, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forests Force, Assam; Shri Abhijit Rabha, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Karbi Anglong; Shri A. K. Johari, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity and Climate Change) and Member Secretary of Assam State Biodiversity Board and other Elected Members of Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council.

The function was also attended by Dr. Ranjana Gupta, IFS, Special Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wetlands); Mr. A. M. Singh, IFS, Special Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMPA); Shri S. K. Srivastava, IFS, Principal Chief

Conservator of Forests (Territorial, Upper Assam Zone), Conservator of Forests, all local Divisional forests Officers, Assistant Conservator of Forests and Range Officers of the Forest Department. In addition, Representatives of Educational Institutions, Members of Biodiversity Management Committees, school children and local people also attended the function.

As a part of celebration, drawing, painting and slogan competition were organized among school children for generating awareness amongst the school children on 14th May, 2018. Around 2647 school children from 60 different schools participated in the competitions.

MAIN EVENTS OF THE FUNCTION:

i. Inaugural of exhibition:

The function marked its beginning by inaugural of the exhibition by Hon'ble Chief Guests. The exhibition displayed painting, drawing and slogan of the school children who participated in the competition prior to 22nd May, 2018 and medicinal plants found in Karbi Anglong.



Inaugural of exhibition

ii. Plantation:

The inaugural of exhibition was followed by plantation of saplings by the Chief Guests, Forests Officials and other Dignitaries.



Plantation by Hon'ble Minister (E & F), Assam



Plantation by PCCF & HoFF, Assam

iii. Address by Dignitaries:

Shri Abhijit Rabha, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Karbi Anglong, welcomed the Dignitaries and the gathering to the function. Shri A. K. Johari, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity and Climate Change) and Member Secretary of Assam State Biodiversity Board gave an introductory presentation on biodiversity, its significance and conservation. Shri N. K. Vasu, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forests Force, Assam, Chief Guests of the function- Shri Parimal Suklabaidya, Hon'ble Minister, Environment & Forests, Government of Assam, and Shri Tuliram Ronghang, Hon'ble Chief Executive Member (CEM), Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) also addressed everyone present in the function and delivered their speech on conservation significance of biodiversity.



Address by Chief Guest
Shri Parimal Suklabaidya, Hon'ble Minister
(E & F), Assam



Address by Shri N. K. Vasu, PCCF
& HoFF, Assam

iv. Distribution of Certificates and release of start-up grant to Biodiversity Management Committees of Karbi Anglong District:

Certificates and start-up grant was given to the 10 (ten) Biodiversity Management Committees of Karbi Anglong district by the Dignitaries present on the dais.



Presentation of Certificate and grant to Members of BMC of Karbi Anglong District

v. Felicitation of Retired Forest Officer, Shri Ranjan Baruah:

Retired Forest Officer, Shri Ranjan Baruah was the man behind creation of the Recreation Park cum Medicinal Garden of Diphu, Karbi Anglong. He preserved 563 species of medicinal plants in the garden. He was felicitated and awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution towards conservation in the event.

vi. Release of Brochure on Karbi Anglong:

Brochure on Karbi Anglong titled 'Karbi Anglong- Moving ahead for Biodiversity Conservation' was released by Hon'ble Minister, Environment & Forests, Government of Assam.



Release of the brochure Karbi Anglong- 'Moving ahead for Biodiversity Conservation'

vii. Presentation of Prizes to winners:

Drawing, painting and slogan competition was held for school children on 14th May, 2018 under three different categories viz., Group A (Class I – V), Group B (Class VI- VIII) and Group C (Class IX- XII). 2647 school children from 60 schools in Karbi Anglong district participated in the competition. Total participants in Group A were 1185, Group B was 1028 and in Group C were 434.



Students receiving certificates and prizes from dignitaries

viii. Cultural Programme:

Song and dance was performed by school children as a part of the function.



Karbi Song and dance performed by school children

ix. Exhibition by Self-Help group:

Various Exhibitions were also held by various local self-help group on Karbi Traditional Vegetables and Karbi Traditional Dresses.



Dignitaries at the Traditional Karbi Vegetable Exhibition

x. Seedling distribution:

The program ended with free distribution of saplings to the local people and students.



Students participating in different competitions

18. Expert Groups/Committees constituted for various technical works of the Board:

A Research Advisory Committee (RAC) comprising of the following is constituted to examine the research project proposal received by Board for funding and make recommendation thereon.

i. Dr. P.C. Bhattacharjee, Expert Member-ASBB & NBA	Chairman
ii. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Assam	Member
iii. Dr. Bibhab Kr. Talukdar, Expert Member- ASBB & CEO-Aaranyak	Member
iv. Chief Conservator of Forests (Research & Education), Assam	Member
v. An Expert: Subject matter specialist	Member
vi. Member Secretary-ASBB	Member
vii. Dr. O.S. Devi, Scientific Officer-ASBB	Member

19. Permissions sought/granted:

The Biological Diversity Act 2002 and the Assam Biodiversity Rules 2010 regulate access to biological resources and prescribe manner in which the access could be allowed. The Board received several applications seeking access to biological resources for various purposes.

i. Research applications approved by the Board during 2018-19:

Sl. No.	Name of the Applicant	Designation & Address	Duration	Title of Research/ bio-resources to be accessed
1.	Dr. H. Lalthanzara	Asst. Professor, Dept. of Zoology, Pachhunga University College, Aizawl-796001, Mizoram	18 months	Access to bioresources- sampling of earthworm species in Assam including KNP (Diversity analysis and DNA barcoding of earthworms of NE India)
2.	Ms Surabhi Ranavat	Ph. D Research Scholar, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Bhopal, MP- 462066	40 days	Pollination ecology and phylogenetic analysis of the genus <i>Alpinia</i> (Zingiberaceae) in select areas of Assam
3.	Ms Debolina Dey	Ph. D Research Scholar, Dept of Botany, GU	36 months	Taxonomic study of the genus <i>Syzygium</i> (Myrtaceae) in Assam

Sl. No.	Name of the Applicant	Designation & Address	Duration	Title of Research/ bio-resources to be accessed
4.	Dr. S.D. Biju	Professor, Dept. of Environmental Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi-110007	36 months	Diversity and distribution of freshwater fishes in Assam
5.	Dr. S.D. Biju	Professor, Dept. of Environmental Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi-110007	36 months	Molecular phylogeny, call evolution and systematics of Indian Frogs
6.	Dr. K. Sankar	Director, SACON, Anaikatty, Coimbatore- 641108	36 months	Access to bioresources- Avian fauna for establishing a National Avian Forensic Laboratory at SACON for National Certification for Illegal Trafficking of birds
7.	Ms Ananta Rai	Phd Research Scholar, Dept. of Zoology, Sikkim University, East Sikkim- 737102	36 months	Ecology, distribution and phylogeny of <i>Tachydromus sikkimensis</i> in NE India including Darjeeling hills
8.	Dr. T. S. Rana	Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-NBRI Lucknow-226001	36 months	Access to bioresources (<i>Uraria</i> species) for a Research Project- Taxonomic revision and phylogeny of the genus- <i>Uraria Leguminosae</i>) in India
9.	Dr. K. N. Nair	Senior Principal Scientist & professor, CSIR-NBRI Lucknow-226001	36 months	Integrative Taxonomic analysis for assessment of diversity and phylogenetic relationships among <i>Citrus</i> and <i>Quercus</i> from NE region
10.	Dr. K. N. Nair	Senior Principal Scientist & professor, CSIR-NBRI Lucknow-226002	36 months	Phylogeny and population genetic structure of Indian wild bananas (<i>Ensete superbum</i> and <i>E. glaucum</i>)
11.	Ms. Reshmi Bhattacharjee	PhD Research Scholar, Dept of Zoology, Gauhati University	36 months	Access to bio-resources (Butterfly) in Manas National Park
12.	Dr. Gitamani Dutta	Programme Officer, Balipara Foundation	36 months	Quantitative assessment and mapping of plant diversity and biological resources in upper and lower Assam

Sl. No.	Name of the Applicant	Designation & Address	Duration	Title of Research/ bio-resources to be accessed
13	Dr. Munmun Sarma	Professor, Dept. of Veterinary Anatomy & Histology, Assam Agriculture University, Ghy-781022	36 months	Species identification of wild herbivores based on molecular, microscopic and ultrastructural characterization of hair samples
14	Dr. P.K. Saikia	Professor & HoD, Zoology, Gauhati University	36 months	Studies on the Biodiversity of foothills of Eastern Himalaya and North Bank landscape of river Brahmaputra, Assam
15	Dr. Mousumi Ghose	NiC Postdoctoral Fellow, NCBS, Bangalore-560065	36 months	Understanding the diet, population dynamics and genetic structures of critically Endangered Gyps vultures using molecular tools
16	Ms. Roto Yalyo	PhD Research Scholar, Dept. of Environmental Sciences, Tezpur University	36 months	Study on connectivity between fluvial seed dispersal and riparian vegetation along Brahmaputra
17	Dr. Priyadarsanan Dharma Rajan	Senior Fellow (Professor), ATREE, Bangalore-560064	36 months	Monitoring Ants (Formicidae) and Dung Beetles (Scarabaeinae) of NE States of India
18	Dr. R. Ganeshan	Fellow (Associate Professor), ATREE, Bangalore-560064	36 months	Integrative Taxonomic analysis for assessment of diversity and phylogenetic relationships among Lauraceae family of NE region
19	Dr. R. Ganeshan	Fellow (Associate Professor), ATREE, Bangalore-560064	36 months	Quantitative assessment and mapping of plant diversity and biological resources in Western Assam
20	Dr. Aravind N. A	Fellow (Associate Professor), ATREE, Bangalore-560064	36 months	Quantitative assessment of and mapping of the diversity of non-marine molluscs (land snails and freshwater molluscs)
21	Dr. Hiren Gogoi	Assistant Professor, department of Zoology, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh	36 months	Quantitative assessment and mapping of the diversity of wild bees and honey bees of NE India

Sl. No.	Name of the Applicant	Designation & Address	Duration	Title of Research/ bio-resources to be accessed
22	Ms. Moromita Roy	PhD Research Scholar, Dept of Zoology, Gauhati University	24 months	Study on diversity and pollination biology of potential insects of Manas National Park, Assam

ii. IPR applications from Assam approved by the NBA during 2018-19:

Sl. No.	Name of the Applicant	Designation & Address	Name of the process	Biological Resources Access
1	Dr. Vijay Chintaman Sonawate	Scientist, CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology, Sector-39A, Chandigarh-160036	Invention-Method for obtaining enzymes for paper pulp bleaching	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> & <i>Bacillus altitudinis</i>
2	Dr. V. Sivaprasad	Director, CSRTI, Central Sericultural Research & Training Institute, Srirampura, Mysore-570008, Karnataka Foundation, Gujarat	Invention-Artificial diet for young instar muga rearing	Some plant (leaf powder), Soalu plant (leaf powder), Soya powder, Groundnut cake, Medium ingredients- starch, cellulose, sucrose, citric acid etc, Minor ingredients like ascorbic, sorbic, vitamin mixture, salt mixture & preservatives, Agar agar or china grass & Water
3	Dr. R.K. Ravi Kumar	Senior Innovation Officer/scientist D, Value Addition Research and Development Department, National Innovation Foundation-India Grambharti, Amrapur, Gandhinagar, Gujarat -382650	Invention- Herbal composition and medicament thereof for treating epilepsy	Common leucas (Leaf), Gheekumari (Stem) and Creeping Oxalis (whole plant)

Sl. No.	Name of the Applicant	Designation & Address	Name of the process	Biological Resources Access
4	Dr. R.K. Ravi Kumar	Senior Innovation Officer/scientist D, Value Addition Research and Development Department, National Innovation Foundation-India Grambharti, Amrapur, Gandhinagar Gujarat -382650	Invention- Herbal compositions for treatment or prevention of liver disorders	<i>Houttuynia cordata</i> , <i>Chelidonium majus</i> , <i>Trichosanthes anguina</i> , <i>Oxalis corniculata</i> , <i>Aloe barbadensis</i> , <i>Hygrophila Spinosa</i> , <i>Berberis vulgaris</i> , <i>Lannea coromadelica</i> , <i>Grewia hirusa</i> , <i>Erythrina stricta</i> , <i>Cissampelos pareria</i> , <i>Clerodendrum infortunatum</i> , <i>Dillenia indica</i> , <i>Ajuga bracteosa</i>
5	Dr. R.K. Ravi Kumar	Senior Innovation Officer/scientist D, Value Addition Research and Development Department, National Innovation Foundation-India Grambharti, Amrapur, Gandhinagar Gujarat -382650	Invention-An oral herbal extract composition for using in treating Cerebral Malaria	Dhopat tita (leaf), Bor Manimuni (leaf), Tengesi tenga (leaf) & Chatian (Leaf)
6	Dr. R. K. Ravi Kumar	Senior Innovation Officer/scientist D, Value Addition Research and Development Department, National Innovation Foundation-India Grambharti, Amrapur, Gandhinagar Gujarat -382651	Invention-A novel synergistic herbal composition for use in treating pneumonia	<i>Zanthoxylum hamiltonianum</i> (root), <i>Terminalia bellirica</i> (leaf), <i>Zingiber officinale</i> (aerial part)
7	Dr. R.K. Ravi Kumar Sarma	Senior Innovation Officer/scientist D, Value Addition Research and Development Department, National Innovation Foundation-India Grambharti, Amrapur, Gandhinagar Gujarat -382652	Invention- Herbal composition for Repelling Insects	<i>Vitex negundo</i> (leaf), <i>Psoralea corylifolia</i> (seed), <i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> (bark)



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To,
ASSAM STATE BIO DIVERSITY BOARD
ASSAM

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **ASSAM STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD, Aranya Bhawan, 2nd Floor, Panjabari, Guwahati - 781037** which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2019 and the Income and Expenditure Account and Receipts and payments for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principal in India and other applicable standards. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Board's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Opinion

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the financial statements of **ASSAM STATE BIO DIVERSITY BOARD** for the year ended March 31, 2018 give a true and fair view:-

- i) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Board as at 31st March, 2019;
- ii) In the case of the Income and Expenditure Account, of the surplus for the year ended on that date.

Place: Guwahati
Date: 30/09/2019



For SALIL AGARWAL & CO.
Chartered Accountants
(Firm Reg. No. 326763E)

S. Agarwal
SALIL AGARWAL
Proprietor
M.No.067263

ASSAM STATE BIO DIVERSITY BOARD
ASSAM

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES & NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

1 Significant Accounting Policies

a) General

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention. These statements have been prepared in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles and the applicable mandatory accounting standards. The preparation required adoption of estimates and assumptions that can affect the reported amounts of revenue and expenditure and the assets and liabilities as well as the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Differences between the actual results and estimates are recognized in the year in which they become known or materialize.

b) Fixed Assets

The Fixed Assets are stated at their original cost of acquisition including taxes, duties, freight and other incidental expenses relating to the acquisition and installation of the concerned assets. The sponsorship /grant received against specific assets have been adjusted against the cost incurred for generating the respective asset. No depreciation has been charged on assets as it is a nonprofit earning organization.

c) Revenue Recognition

The Board recognizes income and expenses on accrual basis. Donations & Grants are recognized on receipt basis.

d) The balance with the banks in saving accounts and fixed deposits were confirmed by the respective banks.

e) Previous year figures have been regrouped /reclassified wherever necessary to suit the current year's layout.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- A) The board receives grant from various sources which it passes to BMCs of the Assam region. In some of the cases the board has not received progress report or expenditure statement (Utilization Certificate) from the BMC's against the funds released to each BMC. These BMCs whose funds are not fully utilized are considered as current assets and will be booked as an expense in the year of receipt of utilization certificates for the remaining amount.
- B) The Board celebrates Bio Day on 22nd May every year by holding a programme at a particular biological site of Assam Region. The Board incurs all the expenses and is liable to deduct GST and TDS for the expenses incurred. In this year's Bio day programme which was held in Recreation Park, Diphu under Karbi Anglong West Division, Diphu and most of the expenses related to Bio day were paid through Divisional Forest Office, Karbi Anglong West Division, Diphu (another government department) due to absence of Board's own branch in that region. Thus, as per the Board, liability to deduct tax (Both GST and TDS) falls on Divisional Forest Office, Karbi Anglong West Division.



C) During finalization of accounts of Assam State Biodiversity Board for the year 2018-19, the existing opening capital balance is segregated in two parts viz as follows :-

i) NBA fund (Opening Balance)	Rs. 65,76,173.00
ii) Excess of income over expenditure over the years (Opening Balance)	Rs. 128,98,934.74
Total	Rs. 1,94,75,107.74

This methodology is applied for providing a clear picture about the fund balances available at the end of the year. A schedule relating to the fund balance is prepared in the regard (Schedule -V).

- D) Some amounts were wrongly credited in the bank account of the board; such amounts are refunded back as and when claimed by the payer. The balance amount payable is shown in the balance sheet as liability.

For SALIL AGARWAL & CO.
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Place: Guwahati
Date: 30/09/2019

ASSAM STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD
ARANYA BHAWAN, 2ND FLOOR,
PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-37

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH 2019

Liabilities	Amount (Rs.)	Assets	Amount (Rs.)
Capital Account		Fixed Assets	
Opening Balance	1,28,98,934.74	Opening Balance	26,19,574.73
Opening Balance (NBA Fund)	65,76,173.00	Addition during the year	13,500.00
	1,94,75,107.74		
Add: Receive during the year (NBA Fund)	25,44,586.00		
Less: Utilized during the year [As per Sch I]	46,91,854.00		
Add: Excess of Income over exp.	37,86,467.50		
	2,11,14,307.24		
APFBC Fund [As per Sch V]		Current Assets	
Opening Balance		PF Contribution receivable from NLC	40,985.00
Add: Receive during the year	15,00,000.00	Advances to BMCs [As per Sch VI]	18,18,532.00
	15,00,000.00	State Bank of India [A/C NO. - 32007181470]	16,09,200.64
Less: Utilized during the year	5,53,711.00	State Bank of India [A/C NO. - 35923730246]	2,870.50
		Yes Bank [A/c No. 0065946000000720]	4,64,70,396.71
Current Liabilities		Cash in hand	181.00
Professional Tax payable	2,120.00		
Fund from Climate Change cell, Assam	70,83,580.00		
Contribution payable to EPF Organisation	1,04,135.00		



BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH 2019

Liabilities	Amount (Rs.)	Assets	Amount (Rs.)
Salary & Remuneration Payable			
-NBA staff	77,352.00		
-APFBC staff	38,171.00		
-State Govt staff	1,17,357.00		
-Project Assistant (Tradable Project)	35,640.00		2,68,520.00
Application Fees received for Forest Deptt. recruitment	2,24,08,633.34		
Payable for Hollongpar Gibbon wildlife Sanctuary project	1,50,000.00		
Payable for Plant Diversity Study at Dima Hasao	2,97,000.00		
Wrongly Deposited in Saving Account	69,656.00		
Golaghat South Anchalik BMC	15,000.00		
Audit Fees payable for FY: 2017-18 & 2018-19	1,16,000.00		
Total	5,25,75,240.58	Total	5,25,75,240.58

For ASSAM STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

For SALIL AGARWAL & CO.
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MEMBER SECRETARY
ASSAM STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD
DATED: 30-09-2019
PLACE: GUWAHATI

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CHAIRMAN
ASSAM STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

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ASSAM STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD
ARANYA BHAWAN, 2ND FLOOR,
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2019

EXPENDITURE	Amount (Rs.)	INCOME	Amount (Rs.)
Expenditure out of Assam Govt. grant (sch II):		Fund/Grant from Assam Government	
Board Function Expenditure:		-Salary Grant	16,00,000.00
Salary & Allowances to Chairman, Officers & Staff of Board		-Non salary Grant	48,00,000.00
Assam Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan preparation expenses		Other Income:	
Plant Diversity study of Dima Hasao Autonomous Council		Sale of Publications	1,15,685.00
Project on Hollongpar Gibbon Wildlife Sactuary		Excess amount reimbursed by Tripura Biodiversity Board	4.00
Fish Diversity Project study on Brahmaputra River		Bank Interest Income:	
Preparation of People's Biodiversity Register(PBR)		Savings Bank Interest	26,58,220.00
Printing of Annual report 2016-17			
Expenditure on Advertisement/Publicity relates to Board			
Office Vehicle repairing expenditure			
Office expenditure			
Consultancy/field studies expenditure			
Audit Fees for the FY: 2018-19			
Expenditure out of Bank interest (sch IV):			
Office Material expenses	27,512.00		
Excess salary expenditure trfd from State fund	3,46,232.00		
Excess expenditure of Bioday 2018	1,022.00		
Bank charges	3,299.50		
Excess of Income over Expenditure			
TOTAL	91,73,909.00	TOTAL	91,73,909.00

For ASSAM STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

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CHAIRMAN

ASSAM STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

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MEMBER SECRETARY

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DATED: 30-09-2019

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2019

Receipts	Amounts (Rs.)	Payments	Amounts (Rs.)
<u>Opening Balance</u>		<u>Expenditure out of NBA Fund</u>	
Bank Accounts	4,96,69,948.35	International Day for Biological Diversity 2018	4,99,935.00
Cash-in-hand	-	Engagement of Contractual Staff	10,39,025.00
		Preparation of Peoples Biodiversity Register (PBR)	5,17,897.00
		Translation, Printing of Materials & Dissemination	2,45,028.00
		Training and capacity building workshop at BMC	3,17,296.00
		Expenditure under Peer to Peer learning scheme	3,35,000.00
		Tradable Bio resource Project	8,27,527.00
			37,81,708.00
<u>Fund/Grant received from :</u>		<u>Expenditure out of State Grant</u>	
National Biodiversity Authority		<u>Board Function expenses</u>	
Engagement of contractual staff	10,42,851.00	Chairman Salary	2,09,186.00
Peer to Peer learning	3,35,000.00	Salary to Officers & Staff of Board	15,82,331.00
International Day for Biological Diversity 2018	4,99,935.00	Chairman TA/DA/Medical etc.	6,515.00
NBA tradable Bio resource Project	6,66,800.00		
	25,44,586.00		17,98,032.00



RECEIPT PAYMENT A/C

Receipts	Amounts (Rs.)	Payments	Amounts (Rs.)
Fund/Grant From APFBC Society		Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan Plant Diversity study of Dima Hasao Autonomous Council Fish Diversity Project study on Brahmaputra River Printing of Annual report 2016-17 Expenditure on Advertisement/Publicity relates to Board State Fund-Office Vehicle repairing expenditure State Fund-Office expenditure State Fund-Consultancy/field studies expenditure	11,25,112.00 8,91,000.00 1,02,815.00 89,145.00 35,000.00 14,475.00 4,48,344.00 9,985.00
Fund/Grant From Assam Govt.			
-Salary Grant	16,00,000.00	Expenditure out of APFBC Grant Remuneration to Staff	5,04,267.00
-Non salary Grant	48,00,000.00	Purchase of Fixed Assets Printer HP Deskjet (State Fund)	13,500.00
Receipt from APSBB for tour visit to ASBB NBA Chairperson visit to NBA Received for Climate change project		Expenditure out of Bank Interest Office Material expenses Bank Charges Bioday excess expenditure	27,512.00 3,299.50 1,022.00
Other Receipts		Other Expenses Previous Year Prof. Tax Paid Previous Year TDS Paid Previous Year EPF Paid Previous Year Salary paid	2,272.00 13,960.00 60,339.00 2,69,361.00
Wrongly Deposited in Saving A/c Savings Bank Interest Sale of Publications	27,174.00 26,58,220.00 1,15,685.00		3,45,932.00
EPF Contribution received form Nature Learning Centre (NLC)		Advances to BMC's BTC DHAC KAAC	11,55,000.00 4,95,000.00 5,20,000.00
Reimbursement of Travelling expenditure by Tripura State Biodiversity Board			21,70,000.00
	15,00,000.00		
	64,00,000.00		
	1,45,353.00		
	6,972.00		
	70,83,580.00		
	28,01,079.00		
	4,38,079.00		
	18,504.00		



RECEIPT PAYMENT A/C

Receipts	Amounts (Rs.)	Payments	Amounts (Rs.)
		Payment from Application fees received for Forest Department Recruitment	33,000.00
		EPF payment made on behalf of Nature Learning Centre (NLC)	4,38,079.00
		Wrongly deposited amount refunded	21,000.00
		Expenditure on NBA Chairperson visit to NBA	6,972.00
		Payment from NTPC Fund	1,05,01,400.00
		Expenditure on APSBB tour visit to ASBB	1,45,353.00
		Travelling expenditure for visit to Tripura State Biodiversity Board	18,500.00
		Closing Balance	
		Cash at Bank	4,80,82,467.85
		Cash in Hand	181.00
Total	7,06,08,101.35	Total	7,06,08,101.35

For ASSAM STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD


MEMBER SECRETARY
 ASSAM STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD
 DATED: 30-09-2019
 PLACE: GUWAHATI

For SALIL AGARWAL & CO.
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CHAIRMAN
 ASSAM STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

(CA SALIL AGARWAL)
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RECEIPT PAYMENT A/C

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6**

**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION**

Dated Dispur, the 28th June,2017

NO. FRW.57/2005/Vol-I/28 : In exercise of powers conferred under sub section (1) of Section-22 of the Bio-logical diversity Act,2002 (Act 18 of 2003), the Governor of Assam is pleased to constitute the “ Assam Biodiversity Board” to promote biodiversity conservation in the State of Assam, sustainable use of its components and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of use of biological resources of the State and traditional knowledge associated with these resources and matters incidental there to or connected therewith:

The Assam Biodiversity Board shall consist of the following members:

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|---|----------------------|
| 1. Shri D. Mathur, IFS, | - Chairperson. |
| 2. Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/
Commissioner & Secretary, Environment and Forest Department, | - Ex-officio Member. |
| 3. Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Agriculture Department. | - Ex-officio Member |
| 4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity).
O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam. | - Ex-officio Member |
| 5. The Director, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam | - Ex-officio Member |
| 6. The Director, Fisheries Department, Govt. of Assam | - Ex-officio Member |
| 7. Dr. Ajit Kumar Das, M.Phil, PhD,
Associate Professor, Dept. of Eco. & Env't. Sc.
Assam University. | - Expert Member |
| 8. Prof. P.C. Bhattacharjee, MSc, PhD
Prof (Retd.), Dept. of Zoology,
Gauhati University, | - Expert Member |
| 9. Mrs. Nirmali Medhi
Associate Professor & HoD, Dept. of Zoology,
Handique Girls' College | - Expert Member |
| 10. Dr. Bijoy Neog, M.Phil, PhD,
Professor & HoD, Dept. of Life Sciences,
Dibrugarh University | - Expert Member |
| 11. Shri Bibhak Kumar Talukdar,
Aranyak, Guwahati. | - Expert Member |

The Governor of Assam is pleased to nominate the following officials as special invitees to the meeting in the Assam Bio-diversity Board.

1. The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Finance Department.
2. The Commissioner and Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department.

The Governor of Assam is also pleased to nominate PCCF (Biodiversity) to act as the Secretary to the Assam Biodiversity Board.



Term of Office :

The Term of office of the Chairperson and members (other than ex-officio members) shall be 3 (three) years.

Power, function and responsibilities :

Without prejudice to the provision of the Biological diversity Act,2002 (Act 18 of 2003) the Assam Biodiversity Board shall exercise powers, perform function and discharge responsibilities as laid down and mandated under the “ Assam Biodiversity Rules, 2010”.

Powers and responsibilities of the Chairperson :

The Chairperson shall exercise such powers and discharge such responsibilities as laid down and mandatory under section-15 of the “Assam Biodiversity Rules,2010” .

Function of the Secretary :

The Secretary of the Assam Biodiversity Board shall perform such function as laid down and mandatory under section-11 of the “Assam Biodiversity Rules,2010”.

Terms of Reference of the Assam Bio-diversity Board :

1. The Activities of the Assam Biodiversity Board shall be essential and strictly governed by the provisions of the Assam Biodiversity Rules, 2010.
2. The Assam Biodiversity Board shall consult the National Bio-diversity Authority (NBA) and the Biodiversity Management Committees , as and when required, while taking decision relating to use of biological resources of the state and traditional knowledge associated with such resources.
3. The Assam Biodiversity Board shall, in the discharge of its functions and responsibilities under the Assam Bio-diversity Rules, 2010 be bound by such direction on question of policy as the state Government may give of it writing from time to time under sub-sections (1) of section -49 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2010. Provided that the Assam Biodiversity shall as far as practicable be given an opportunity to express its views before any direction is given under the said provision.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity) will function as the Secretary of the Assam Biodiversity Board.
5. The Assam Biodiversity Board would from time to time as required.
6. TA/DA of non-official members would be born out of funds provided by the State Government for the purpose/State Biodiversity Fund. TA/DA of officials members would be borne by their respective parent Departments.

Sd/- Dr. K.K.Dwivedi,IAS

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
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
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Dated Dispur, the 28th June,2017


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5. The Director Agriculture Department, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22.
6. The Director, Fisheries Department, Assam, Ulubari, Guwahati-7.
7. Dr. Ajit Kumar Das, M.Phil, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept. of Eco. & Env't. Sc. Assam University.
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By order etc.,


 Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
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Annexure-II


 GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
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ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION

Dated Dispur the 30th July, 2018

No. FRW.57/2005/Vol-I/154 : In continuation of this department's Notification No. FRW.57/2005/Vol-I/28, dated 28-06-2017 the Governor of Assam is please to include the Senior most Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development or his representative as Ex-Officio Member in the Assam State Bio-Diversity Board with immediate effect.

Sd/- A. Barua, IAS

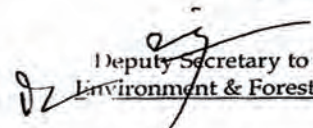
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By order etc.


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Environment & Forest Department, Dispur

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