

REPORT OF INAUGURATION OF BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BMC) - ANJUNA-CAISUA BMC.

Goa State Biodiversity Board is implementing the UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS Project on **“Strengthening the implementation of Biological Diversity Act 2002 and Rules with focus on its Access and Benefit Sharing Provision (ABS)”** under this project Anjuna-Caisua Biodiversity Management Committee was constituted and was inaugurated on 07th September 2015 at Village Panchayat hall.

As per the section 41 of the BD Act 2002 this BMC will help in promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of the biological diversity including preservation of habitats, conservation of land races, folk varieties and cultivars, domesticated stocks and breeds of the animals and micro-organisms and chronicling of knowledge relating to biological diversity.

Shri. Michael D’Souza Chairman, Anjuna- Caisua Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) welcomed the gathering. Floral bouquets were presented to all the dignitaries present and members of the Biodiversity Management Committee were introduced. The BMC was inaugurated at the hands of Dr. Nitin Sawant Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) in the presence of Shri. Savio Almeida Sarpanch, Anjuna- Caisua village panchayat, BMC members and the locals.

Dr. Nitin Sawant spoke on the genesis of Biological Diversity Act 2002 and conservation, sustainable use of Bio-resources. He also conveyed the objectives of documentation of Biological Diversity in the Peoples Biodiversity Register (PBR) and urged the villagers, school teachers & students to support/help the BMC to document the same. He also explained about the Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) under section 37 of the BD Act 2002 and preserving of habitats, conservation of domesticated stock and breeds of the animals. He also guided the BMC about utilization of funds. Further he highlighted on UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS Project, ABS agreements and issues.

Subsequently the BMC Certificate and 1st instalment cheque was handed over to the Chairman and BMC members by Dr. Nitin Sawant. Shri. Arvind Naik Computer Assistant, UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS Project was also present during the inaugural function.

The function concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by chairman of the BMC.

