

REPORT ON INAUGURATION OF BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BMC) -BHIRONDA

The Goa State Biodiversity Board 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 " which will help in implementation of the Biological Diversity Act, in the State. Under the project the Board constituted the Biodiversity Management Committee –Bhironda, which was inaugurated on 15/07/2015.

Shri. Makarand Palav, Secretary, Village Panchayat- Bhironda welcomed the gathering. Smt. Suwarnamala Desai, Chairperson, BMC-Bhironda gave the introductory address. The BMC was inaugurated by the Dr. Nitin Sawant, Member Secretary, GSBB in the presence of the Srapanch of Bhironda Village Panchayat/Chairperson, BMC-Bhironda, members of BMC, Members of the Village Panchayat Body and the locals.

Dr. Sawant spoke on the Genesis of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and on conservation of bio- resources. He also conveyed the objectives of the Convention Biological Diversity. He further mentioned about the UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS project that is working on ABS in India. Dr. Sawant further explained about the scope of ABS agreements.

Subsequently the BMC Certificate was handed over to the Chaiperson and members of BMC-Bhironda. Ms. Trupti Jadhav, Scientific Officer, GSBB and SPC UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS project was also present during the inaugural function. Ms. Jadhav briefed the gathering about the functions & role of BMC. She also guided the BMC on utilization of funds and Preparation of PBR.

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

