

**INAUGURATION OF BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – SIRIDAO-PALEM**  
**ON 09/07/2015**

The village panchayat of Siridao-Palem inaugurated its Biodiversity Management Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 10:30 am in the presence of the BMC members and other local villagers.

Mr. Antonio Jose Afonso welcomed the gathering and briefly explained the purpose behind formation of BMC in the village. Miss Valanky Bothello, Scientific/ Technical Assistant, then explained the Biological Diversity Act, 2002; implementation structures under the rule; constitution, composition, roles and responsibilities and tenure of a BMC. The gathering was also briefed about the preparation of People’s Biodiversity Register.

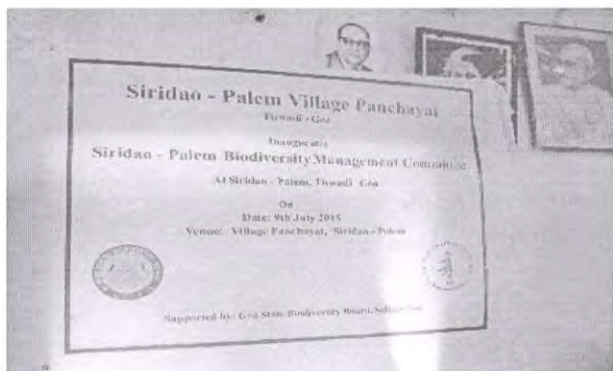
Many villagers showed their interest and support towards the BMC. They also suggested ways to document and preserve the traditional and indigenous practices associated with bio-resources in the village.

Mrs. Caetana Cardoso then extended a vote of thanks to the members present and also thanked the villagers for showing a positive outlook towards the BMC.

Later, the certificate was handed over to the Biodiversity Management Committee – Cotorem members by Miss Valanky Bothello

Staff of GSBB/ UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS Project Present:

1. Miss. Valanky Bothello – Scientific/Technical Assistant
2. Mr. Arvind Naik – Computer Assistant



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Villagers present for the function



Members of BMC