REPORT 
ON 
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THE STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARDS

September 24, 2004 
TAMIL NADU AND PONDICHERY

National Biodiversity Authority 
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Date: September 24, 2004
Time: 10 am to 5 pm
Venue: National Biodiversity Authority
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<td>The Biological Act, 2002 and Biological Diversity Rules, 2004 Dr. K. Venkataraman Member Secretary, NBA</td>
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON BIODIVERSITY ACT

(Supplied with invitation letter)

India is one of the early signatories to the Convention on Biological Diversity (hereafter referred to as CBD) that was tabled during the Earth Summit in the year 1992 and was subsequently ratified in the year 1993. The Ministry of Environment and Forests is the nodal agency for the implementation of the CBD in India.

In its preamble, the CBD while endorsing the intrinsic value of all species, states the following objectives
1. Conservation of species and their habitats
2. Sustainable use of its components and
3. Fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the use of biodiversity components.

The Convention also reaffirms the sovereign rights of the States over their biological resources and calls for national action to protect and conserve the same through various means. To give effect to the Convention, the Government of India enacted in the year 2002 the Biological Diversity Act. This Act is an important step in the attempt to assert the sovereign rights of the people of India over their biodiversity resources, and to claim a share of benefits flowing from commercial utilization of these resources involving the use of any associated knowledge of Indian origin, even if it be in the public domain or held as a part of an oral tradition. The National Biodiversity Authority has been established to implement the Biological Diversity Act.

The Act is operationalised at various levels. The NBA will be the nodal agency to advise the Government of India on matters pertaining to conservation, sustainable use and equitable sharing, grant permissions where applicable and provide technical assistance to bodies established according to the Act etc. This will be complemented by the State Biodiversity Boards (SBB) which have to be established by each state (in
accordance to Chapter VI, Section 22 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002). The SBB, whose structure is stipulated by the Act, will have the following broad functions:

- Advise the state government on matters relating to the three tenets of the CBD
- Regulate granting of approvals or requests for commercial utilization of any biological resource
- Constitute the State Biodiversity Fund for achieving the objectives of the Act and
- Work in coordination with the Biodiversity Management Committees established at the level of Panchayats, Municipalities or Corporations.

The current workshop is being organized to orient representatives of relevant government departments and organizations, private Industries and NGOs to the Biological Diversity Act with specific reference to the State Biodiversity Boards. It is hoped that the workshop will serve as the first step towards the formation of the SBB.

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