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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Constitution of a Working Group for Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs)- reg.

With reference to NBA's e-mail dated 28.9.2020 on the above mentioned subject, the competent authority has finalized following officials and terms of references to the Working Group for further necessary action:

Chairman	
1.	Dr. V. B. Mathur, Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai
Members	
2.	Joint Secretary/ Representative, Wetland division, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), New Delhi
3.	Joint Secretary/Representative, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, New Delhi
4.	Inspector General of Forests (IGF)/Representative, National Afforestation and Eco-development Board, MoEFCC
5.	Director/ Representative, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun
6.	Director (CS-III Biodiversity Division), MoEFCC, New Delhi
7.	Joint Secretary/Representative, Mountain Division, MoEFCC, New Delhi
8.	Dr. N. K. Krishna Kumar, Former Deputy Director General (Horticulture), Biodiversity International, New Delhi
9.	Director/Representative, Space Application Centre, ISRO, Ahmedabad
10.	Representative of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
11.	Joint Secretary (Lands & works)/ Representative of Ministry of Defense, New Delhi
12.	Joint Secretary/Representative (Inland Fisheries), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, New Delhi

13.	Sh. Justin Mohan, IFS, Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai, Member Secretary
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II. Representatives of UNDP and ICIMOD being the coordinators of the South Asia Regional Implementation Network to help support achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 would participate as special invitees.

III. The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Working Group will be as follows:

- a. Develop/Adopt guidance and methodologies to help identify, recognize, support, monitor, map and report OECMs as part of achieving AICHI Target 11.
- b. Suggest policy and institutional reforms to enable the appropriate recognition of and support for OECMs.
- c. Develop a participatory framework for measuring management effectiveness of OECMs (terrestrial, riverine and marine).
- d. Provide technical assistance in organizing capacity development events related to OECMs in national/international forums.
- e. Suggest a system to identify OECMs as well as facilitate the designation of OECMs and their local management institutions across States/UTs in the country.
- f. Submit a detailed report to Ministry on OECMs.

IV. Tenure of Working Group:

The tenure of the Working Group will be six months.

V. Special Invitees:

The Chair of the Working Group may co-opt Special Invitees – Indian experts (particularly representatives State Forest Departments, State Biodiversity Boards) for virtual and face-to-face meetings and foreign experts for virtual meetings.

VI. Logistical Support for the Working Group:

This will be provided by NBA and sitting fee as per NBA norms will also be provided to the eligible members for participation in the meetings.

2. The OM is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.



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