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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
CS-III (Biodiversity) Division

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Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
New Delhi – 110003
Date: 24.03.2026

Order

Subject: Designation of repositories under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (as amended 2023)-reg.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 39 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, read with sections 6 and 12 of Notification S.O. 1911(E), dated 8 November, 2006, and in continuation of this Ministry's Orders dated 28 August, 2008; 12 September, 2012; 8 July 2013; 21 January 2020; 25 September 2020 and 20 March 2023, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, hereby designates the following institutes as the repository under the Act for different categories of biological resources:

| s.no. | Name of the institute | Category of Biological Resource |
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| 1. | Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology (CMLRE), Kochi (Referral Centre 'Bhavasagara') | Deep sea fauna (vertebrates and invertebrates including group of organisms such as cnidarians, annelids, molluscs, arthropods, echinoderms, elasmobranchs & teleostean fish) |
| 2. | Agharkar Research Institute, Pune (MACS Collection of Microorganisms (MCM) and National Fungal Culture Collection of India (NFCCI)) | Anaerobic and extremophilic microorganism and indigenous fungi |

2. In accordance with sub-section (2) of Section 39 of the Act, the designated repository shall also keep in safe custody the representative samples, as voucher specimens of the biological material accessed in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of the Act, along with relevant information related to the material, such as DNA fingerprints, if so required by the National Biodiversity Authority.

3. The designated repository shall also keep in safe custody the type specimen deposited by any person who discovers a new taxon, in accordance with sub-section (3) of Section 39 of the Act.

This order issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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Scientist 'G' to the Government of India

To

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