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**FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

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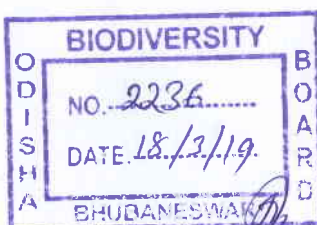
**Notification**

No.10F(TR)27/2019 5265 / F&E., dated 12.03.19

Whereas it is provided under Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act,2002, "any ecosystems- Aquatic, terrestrial and marine having rich in biodiversity comprising wild as well as domesticated species, endemic species rare and threatened species, keystone species, species of evolutionary significance, distinctive forest types, sacred groves, medicinal plant conservation areas, preservation plots maintained by the Forest Department, Corridors for RET species of Flora and fauna, wild ancestors of domestic/cultivated species or their varieties past pre-eminence of biological components represented by fossil beds and having significant cultural, ethical or aesthetic values and are important for the maintenance of cultural diversity can be declared as Biodiversity Heritage Sites(BHS) in the State".

Whereas the Rule 20(2) of the Odisha Biological Diversity Rules,2012 mandates the State Biodiversity Board to frame guidelines on the selection, management and other aspects of Biodiversity Heritage Sites. In pursuance of these provisions the Odisha Biodiversity Board has notified the guidelines which has already been approved by the Government of Odisha in Forest and Environment Department vide letter no. 23339 /F&E dated 26-12-2015.

Whereas proposals from BMCs of Sugadabadi and Gumamaha, DFO, Phulbani, RCCF, Berhampur and one NGO named PAHAD working in Kandhamal have been received in prescribed proforma of BHS guidelines issued by Government of Odisha. The proposal submitted by the BMCs of Gumamaha and Sugadabadi GPs of Raikia Block has been approved in Gramsabha held on 02-05-2018 for declaring Mandasaru as BHS.




Whereas following the guidelines of BHS, Odisha Biodiversity Board has published the preliminary information on Mandasaru as the proposed BHS in a local Odia newspaper 'The Prameya' (published in 27-09-2018).

Whereas the Odisha Biodiversity Board has processed the same as per above guidelines and recommended the proposal for declaring Mandasaru as a Biodiversity Heritage Site.

Now, therefore, Government have been pleased to declare 'MANDASARU' in the district of Kandhamal under Forest Division of Phulbani as the first 'BIODIVERSITY HERITAGE SITE' as per section 37 of Biodiversity Act and Rule 20(2) of Odisha Biodiversity Rules, 2012 and as per the criteria of the Guidelines issued by this Department letterNo.23339 dated 26-12-2015.

By order of the Governor

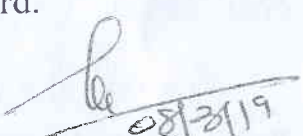
  
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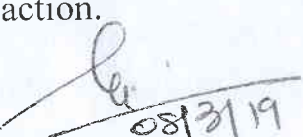
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He is requested to publish the Notification in the next issue of Odisha Gazette and supply 100 copies to this Department for record.

  
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