

Proceeding of second "Core Committee of Forest Biodiversity Cell" held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Alok Saxena Additional Director, IGNFA.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the participants and initiated discussion on the agenda items. The following items were discussed:

1. Review of agenda items of the first meeting of core committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013

S. No.	Recommendation at the first meeting	Recommendation at the second meeting
1.	Give the importance of taxonomy in Biodiversity Conservation, it was decided to include a member each from BSI and ZSI in this committee	One member each from the respective organizations was present in at the meeting. No action required
2.	It was recommended that during each of the IFS Probationers tours to different regions of the country, at least half-day excursion to the representative forest types be carried out for field biotatisation	Recommendation conveyed to Course Directors for necessary action. No action required.
3.	Documentation of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ecological zonewise floral and faunal diversity, which the IFS Probationers can use during their tours.</li> <li>b. Process involved in People's Biodiversity Register documentation</li> <li>c. Access and Benefit sharing mechanism</li> </ul>	<p>Field guides are to be printed for IFS Probationers describing the <b>dominant</b> tree, herb and shrub species of various Forest ecosystems observed during tours. Such a field guide for South India Tour would be made ready by the end of October. Necessary guidance to be taken from experts of various floral studies (Action: Member Secretary)</p> <p>Dr. Rakesh Shah, Chairman, Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board will convey the dates of validation of PBR undertaken by State Biodiversity Board, so that IFS(P) can participate in that exercise (Action: Dr. Rakesh Shah)</p> <p>Dr. Rakesh Shah has consented to submit a resource note on ABS with respect to NTFP use by the end of October, 2013 (Action: Dr. Rakesh Shah)</p>
4.	Training Modules be developed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Aquatic, Marine and Coastal biodiversity</li> </ul>	Dr. B.C.Choudhary confirmed to provide a document for the course design by the end of October, 2013. Dr. Alok Saxena, Dr. S.K. Srivastava

	<p>b. Management of invasive alien species</p> <p>c. NTFP management</p>	<p>and Dr. P.C. Tak will also make contributions. (Action: Dr. B.C.Choudhary, Dr. Alok Saxena, Dr. S.K. Srivastava and Dr. P.C. Tak)</p> <p>To be taken up later, in the mean time experts may be consulted</p> <p>The core committee validated the course module developed by IGNFA</p>
5.	Revision of syllabus for Biodiversity Conservation	<p>Sh. KCA Arun Prasad will coordinate with core committee members and submit recommendations by the end of October, 2013. (Action: Shri. KCA Arun Prasad)</p>
6.	Hiring of Academic Associates	<p>One Academic Associates had joined on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013 and has been entrusted with the responsibilities at Forest Biodiversity Cell.</p>
7.	Quarterly update on Biodiversity	<p>Newsletters from the Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board will be distributed to IFS Probationers as and when received. (Action: Dr. Rakesh Shah, Member Secretary, Core Committee )</p>

## 2) Undertaking and Documentation of CAMP workshop.

The committee approved the proposal of organizing a two day CAMP workshop for IFS (P) of 2012-14 Courses with the help of Sh. G. S. Goraya, ADG, ICFRE in Oct, 2013. This will also be documented.

(Action: Dr. G.S. Goraya; Member Secretary, Core Committee and Course Director, 2012-14 batch)

## 3) National Seminar on NTFP Management

A national seminar on NTFP management is proposed to be organized on 11-12 December, 2013. The detailed programme was approved by the Committee.

(Action: Member-Secretary, Core Committee)

- 4) **Development of training material for NTFP module:** Resource persons were identified for developing training material for NTFP module. It was also decided that an honorarium of Rs. 10,000 each will be given to the resource persons. As this will be a part of the UNDP Project on NTFP, the honorarium will be provided from the UNDP Project fund.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair and members present for the meeting. List of participants who attended the meeting is annexed as "A"

## Annexure 'A'

List of members present at the meeting:

S.No.	Name of Officers	Designation
1.	Dr. Rakesh Shah	Chairman, State Biodiversity Board Uttarakhand
2.	Dr. B.C.Chaudhary	Retd. Scientist-G, WII
3.	Sh. KCA Arun Prasad	Associate Professor, IGNFA
4.	Sh. Mukul Trivedi	Scientist-E, WII
5.	Dr. P.C.Tak	Deputy Director, ZSI
6.	Dr. S.K.Srivastava	Deputy Director, BSI
7.	Ms. Anu Nagar	Associate Professor, IGNFA