

**KERALA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD**

# CITIZEN'S CHARTER



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## *MANDATE*

*Advise the State Government, subject to any guidelines issued by the Central Government, on matters relating to the conservation of biodiversity, sustainable use of its components and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilisation of biological resources*

*Regulate by granting of approvals or otherwise requests for commercial utilisation or bio-survey and bio-utilisation of any biological resource by Indian nationals*

*Take measures to oppose the grant of intellectual property Right to persons in other countries on any biological resource of India or knowledge associated with such biological resources of Indian origin.*

*Provide guidance and technical and financial support to Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) for preparing People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs).*

*Perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act or as may be prescribed by the State Government.*

### *SERVICES OFFERED*

*Facilitate updating and implementation of State Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.*

*Collect, compile and publish, technical and statistical data, manuals, codes and guides relating to conservation of biological diversity.*

*Cataloguing of biodiversity, monitoring the rate of depletion, awareness creation in public, decision makers and initiating scientific, administrative, legal and socio economic measure for the protection of biodiversity.*

*Development of state-wide strategy for implementing biodiversity programmes.*

*Coordinate the activities of Biodiversity Management Committees, give direction to them for the effective implementation of the Act, and sanction grant-in-aid and grant to the BMCs for the specific purpose.*

*Recommend, prescribe or modify collection fee of biological resources from time to time.*

### *EXPECTATIONS FROM THE CITIZENS*

*To abide by the provisions of Biological Diversity Act 2002 and the Rules made there-under and imbibe and promote the spirit of conservation of natural resources and respect for the laws of nature*

*and extend cooperation for carrying out the above activities by the Kerala State Biodiversity Board.*

### *WEBSITE*

*To know more about the Board and its activities please visit our website “[www.keralabiodiversity.org](http://www.keralabiodiversity.org)”. Telephone Numbers 0471-2740240, 2740234, 2741124, Fax: 0471-2740234*

