



കേരള സംസ്ഥാന ജൈവവൈവിധ്യ ബോർഡ് KERALA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

A statutory and autonomous body, Government of Kerala

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Expression of Interest (EOI)

Project Title: *Developing Access and Fair and Equitable Benefit-Sharing (ABS) Models through Bioprospecting of Ethnobiological Knowledge of Kerala*

The Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB) invites EOI from qualified research and academic institutions public sector organizations, and agencies for implementing a multi-disciplinary project aimed at developing Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) models through the bioprospecting of traditional and ethnobiological knowledge associated with biodiversity found in Kerala.

Institutions with demonstrated experience in ethnobiology, phytochemistry, pharmacology, community biodiversity documentation, and stakeholder engagement are eligible to apply.

Inter-institutional or consortium-based projects will also be considered.

This project seeks to identify, validate, and develop nutraceutical/Cosmeceutical/therapeutic products rooted on traditional knowledge sources (such as People's Biodiversity Registers), and ensure fair and equitable benefit sharing with local communities, especially tribal and indigenous knowledge holders. The scope of work includes ethnobotanical analysis, pharmacological validation, palm-leaf manuscripts, molecular and clinical studies, IPR facilitation, technology transfer, product development, and institutional/community capacity building.

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Interested organizations must submit their EOI, including:

- A brief institutional profile
- Details of relevant experience
- A proposal outlining the approach and methodology
- CVs of key personnel
- An indicative budget

All applications should follow the guidelines appended to this notice and must be submitted to the Member Secretary, Kerala State Biodiversity Board, on or before 20/09/2025.

For details, visit www.keralabiodiversity.org or contact 0471-2724740.

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