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Biodiversity friendly Marine Bioresources Utilization Practices Consultative meeting

Date: 09.01.2026, 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

Venue: Hotel Ginger, M.G. Road, Cochin

**Consultation on Biodiversity friendly Marine Bioresources Utilization Practices
09.01.2025 at Hotel Ginger, M.G. Road, Cochin**

Welcome Address 10.00 am -10.10 am	:	Dr. N. Anil Kumar Chairman, Kerala State Biodiversity Board
Inauguration 10.10 am -10.20 am	:	Shri. Virendra R Tiwari, IFS (Retd) Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)
Special Remarks 10.20 am-11.00 am	:	Shri. APM Mohammed Hanish IAS, Principal Secretary Industries Department, Government of Kerala
	:	Shri. Seeram Samba Shiva Rao IAS, Special Secretary, Environment Department Government of Kerala
	:	Shri. B. Abdul Nasar IAS Special Secreatry to Government of Kerala Department of Fisheries.
	:	Prof. K.P. Sudheer, Ex Officio Principal Secretary S&T Department & Executive Vice President KSCSTE.
	:	Dr. B.Balaji, IFS Secretary National Biodiversity Authority (NBA).
11.00 am -11.10 am	:	TEA BREAK
Lead Talk 1 11.10 am-11.50 am	:	Prof. A.Bijukumar, Vice chancellor, KUFOS. Topic: “From Marine Biodiversity to Benefits: Challenges and Opportunities for setting ABS Framework”
Lead discussants	:	Dr. Ansar Ali, Deputy Director (Marketing Services), MPEDA. Dr. Pradip V. Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, Goa Biodiversity Board. Ms. Mita Banerjee, Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board.

Dr. Rekha J Nair

Principal Scientist, Marine Biodiversity and Environment
Management Division, ICAR- CMFRI, Kochi.

Dr. A.Kathirvelpandian,

Principal Scientist, NBFGR.

Dr. Sendhil Kumar,

Scientist E, CMLRE.

Dr. Rajeev Raghavan

Assistant Professor, KUFOB

Dr. Limna Mol. V.P

Assistant Professor, KUFOB

Sri. Jagdish Fofandi,

Former National President, SEAI, Gujarat.

Sri Roobeh Daruwala,

Former Regional President, SEAI, Maharashtra.

Dr. Asha Augustine,

Joint Director of Fisheries, Central Zone , Ernakulam.

Dr.Vrushabhendra,

Office in charge-AQCS, Kochi.

Lead Talk 2

11.50 am-12.30 am

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Dr. J. Bindhu,

Head, Fish Processing division, CIFT.

Topic: ***“Equitable and Sustainable Utilization of Marine
Bioresources: Value-Added Products in the context of
Access and Benefit Sharing”***

Lead discussants

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Shri.Pramod G Krishnan IFS,

Chief wildlife Warden & Additional Principal Chief

Conservator of Forests (Administration) & Chief Conservator
of Forests (Working Plan & Research).

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Dr. A.V.Santhoshkumar, Board Member KSBB.

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Dr. Minimol J.S., Board Member KSBB.

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Shri. Abdul Rahim, RFO, Lakshadweep Biodiversity Board.

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Shri. Doki Adimallai, Wildlife Inspector, Wildlife Crime Control
Bureau (WCCB), Southern Regional Office, Kochi.

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Sri. Pawan Kumar, National President, The Seafood
Exporters Association of India, SEAI, Cochin.

	:	Smt.Veenadevi K.R. , DFO,Vigilance, Ernakulam.
	:	Sri. Alex K Ninan , National Vice President SEAI, Cochin.
	:	Sri. Manoj T Varghese , Chairman, Ocean Catch Committee, SEAI.
	;	Dr. C.S. Ranawat , Assistant Director (E), Plant Quarantine Station, Willington Island, Cochin
Lead Talk 3 12.30 pm-1.15 pm	:	Dr. B. Balaji , IFS Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)
		Topic: <i>Amendments to Biological Diversity Act 2002, Biological Diversity Rules 2024and ABS Regulations 2025 with special references to Marine Sector.</i>
Lead discussants	:	Dr. R.V Varma , Former Chairman KSBB & Board Member KSBB. Dr.V. Balakrishnan , Member Secretary, Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB). Shri. Abhishek Kumar , IFS, Member Secretary (I/C), Gujarat Biodiversity Board. Shri. M.J. Govardhan Singh , DCF, Karnataka Biodiversity Board. Ms.Madhumita S , DCF, Mangrove Cell, Maharashtra Biodiversity Board Dr. Narendran Tiruthy , Associate Professor, IIT, Kharagpur. Sri. George Ninan , Regional President, SEAI, Karnataka. Shri. Siraj Dosani , Regional President, SEAI, Maharashtra. Shri. Neelesh Kumar Nema , Team member of Nat Xtra, Synthite Industries Ltd., Cochin, Kerala
1.15 pm-2.00 pm	:	LUNCH
2.00 pm-4.30 pm	:	DISCUSSION
4.00 pm-4.10pm	:	TEA BREAK
Conclusion and way forward 4.10 pm-4.25 pm	:	Chair: Shri.Virendra R Tiwari, IFS (Retd) Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA). Co-Chair: Dr. B.Balaji, IFS Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA).
Vote of Thanks 4.25 pm-4.30 pm	:	Dr.V. Balakrishnan Member Secretary, Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB).