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Expression of Interest (EOI)

Project Title: "Biodiversity Assessment of Artificial Reefs Compared to Natural Reefs, Accidental Reefs, and Barren Seabed."

The Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB) invites EOI & proposals from eligible R&D institutions and academic centers in Kerala for the project "Biodiversity Assessment of Artificial Reefs Compared to Natural Reefs, Accidental Reefs, and Barren Seabed." Artificial reefs are increasingly used to enhance fishery resources and restore marine habitats, but their ecological effectiveness needs systematic evaluation. This study aims to generate comparative biodiversity data, identify keystone species, and provide policy recommendations while contributing to the updation of concerned PBR.

Institutions with demonstrated experience in Ocean studies, Marine Biodiversity, Fishing Community biodiversity documentation and experience in the implementation of similar project are eligible to apply.

Interested organizations must submit their EOI and Project proposal including:

- A brief institutional profile
- Details of relevant experience
- A proposal outlining the approach and methodology
- CVs of Principal Investigator & Co- Principal Investigator
- An indicative budget with timeline

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 15/01/2026, 5 pm.

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

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> Signed by V Balakrishnan

Date: 17-12-2025 11:03:30 **Dr.V.Balakrishnan Member Secretary**

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