

KERALA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

NOTIFICATION

Invitation for Expression of Interest for District-Level Technical Support Groups (TSGs)

In accordance with Rule 20(6) of the Kerala State Biodiversity Rules, the Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB) is reconstituting the District-Level Technical Support Groups (TSGs) to support the Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) functioning under Local Self Government Institutions across the State. As per G.O. (Rt) No.1551/2025/LSGD dated 23/06/2025, each district-level TSG will consist of 10 members representing diverse areas of expertise.

The TSGs will include experts drawn from Government departments, academic and research institutions, NGOs, community representatives, citizen scientists, and individuals with proven expertise in the disciplines related to Biodiversity such as Climate Change, Agro-biodiversity, Wild Flora and Fauna (Forest & Wildlife), Aquatic and Marine Biodiversity, Biological Invasion and Exotic Species, Geology, Taxonomy, Ecology & Environmental Science, Environmental Pollution, Environmental Laws & Policy, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Sociology and related fields. The term of office of the TSG member will be for 3 years. KSBB has power to alter the list of TSG members during this period based on the request as well as inability to perform due to various reasons.

Responsibilities of the TSGs

- Provide technical support for the implementation of the provisions of the Biological Diversity (Amendment) Act, 2023, the Biological Diversity Rules, 2024, ABS Regulations, 2025, the Kerala Biological Diversity Rules, 2008, and various Government Orders and directions issued by the KSBB and BMCs.
- Assist in handling enquiries related to the provisions of the Act and support BMCs in carrying out their mandated functions.
- monitoring of implementation of Kerala State Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plan (K-SBSAP) 2025-2035 through the Local Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plan (LBSAPs).

Individuals with proven expertise, research experience, or field-level contributions in the above disciplines are encouraged to apply. If the applicant is a retired person or a citizen scientist, they must be a resident of the district for which they are applying. If

the applicant is in regular service, they must be employed within that district for which they are applying.

Interested experts are invited to submit their Consent Form (Annexure I) along with a brief bio-data highlighting qualifications, experience, and area of specialization. The selection of the TSG will be based on the screening by an expert committee of the Board.

The Soft copy (Scanned) of the duly filled in and signed application shall be send by email to keralabiodiversity@gmail.com. The last date for submission of consent is 7th February 2026.

Signed by

V Balakrishnan

Date: 24-12-2025 11:57:28

Member Secretary

Kerala State Biodiversity Board

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Annexure I

Consent Form for Inclusion in District-Level Technical Support Group (TSG)

1. Name of the Applicant:.....

2. Designation / Affiliation:.....

3. Official Address with official email and Phone number:.....

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4. Residential Address with email and Phone number:

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5. Educational Qualification(s):.....

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6. Area(s) of Expertise / Specialization:.....

7. Experience in Biodiversity / Ecology / Environmental Activities (if any) (enclose brief bio-data separately):.....

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8. District applied for:

9. Mention various involvement with KSBB in preparation of PBR or LBSAP/BMC activities/KSBB funded project initiatives etc.:

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10. Declaration:

I hereby express my willingness to serve as a member of the District-level Technical Support Group (TSG) constituted by the Kerala State Biodiversity Board for a term of 3 years and to extend voluntary technical support to Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) as per the Board's objectives.

Signature of the Applicant:

Date:

Place: