

Biodiversity Management Committee

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Biodiversity

- The term biodiversity refers to the variety of life on Earth at all its levels, from genes to ecosystems, and the ecological and evolutionary processes that sustain it.



Why do we need **Management**?



**Commercial
use**



Research

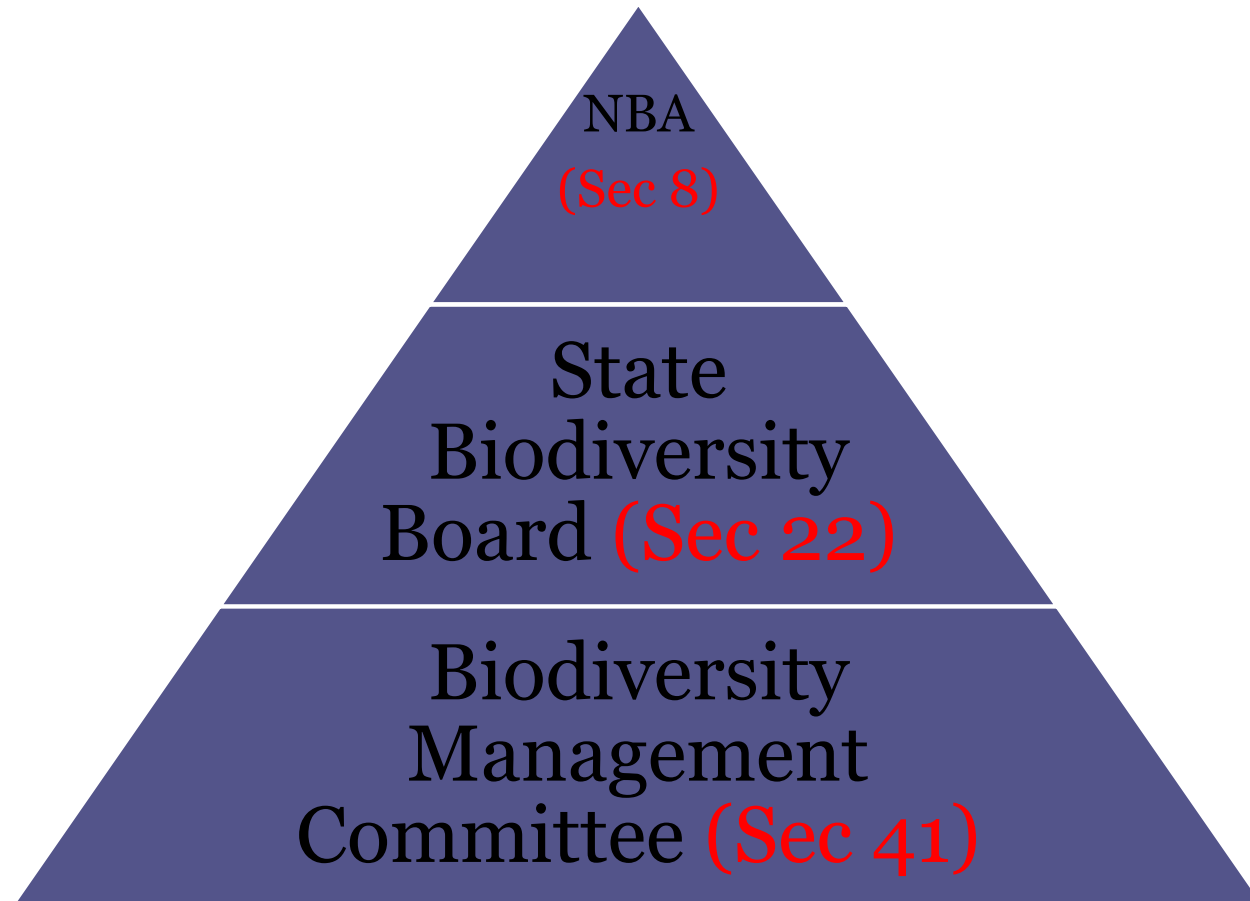


Biopiracy



How do we manage?

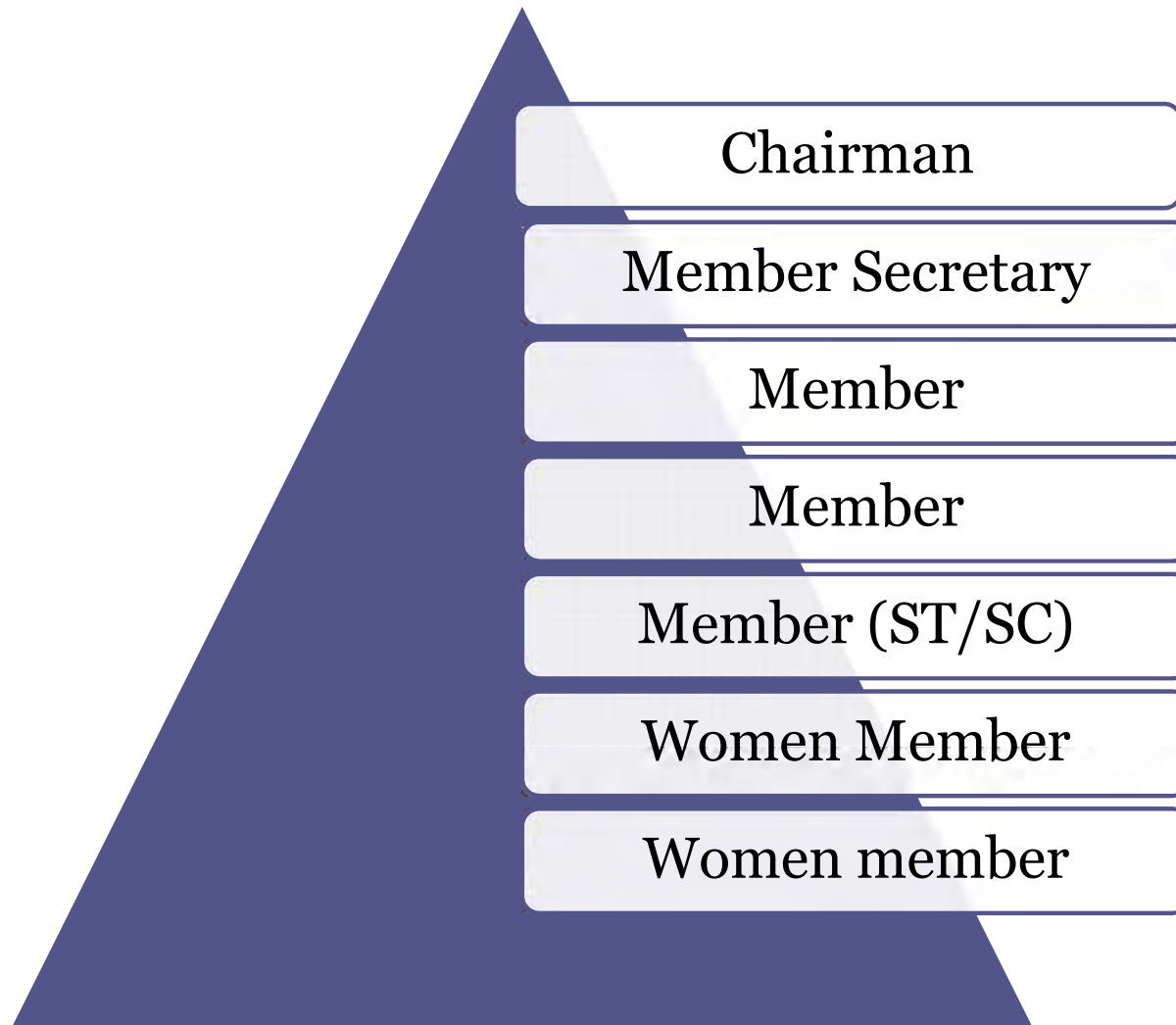
Formation of Biodiversity Management
Committee: *Biological Diversity Act 2002*



Biodiversity Management Committee

- **Sec 41 of BD Act 2002:** every local body shall constitute a BMC within its area for the purpose of promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity
- Statutory bodies at local level.

Composition of BMC



All village level committees to find representation in BMCs (JFMCs / EDCs etc.)

Tenure of BMC

- The Chairperson of the BMC shall have a tenure of Three (03) years.
- The non-official members of the BMC shall have a tenure of five (05) years or co-terminus with the tenure of the local elected body whichever is lesser



Constitution of BMC

- Constituted at GPU level (Sikkim)
- Constituted in Gram Sabha through open election
- Representation from SBB during constitution of BMC



BMC Resolution at Gram Panchayat Level

FORMATION OF BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT GRAM PANCHAYAT

Resolution No. _____

Date: _____

Name of the Gram Panchayat Unit _____ Tahuk _____ District _____

The Gram Panchayat meeting was held on _____ at _____ am/pm in _____ Gram panchayat office, under the chairmanship of Shri./Smt. _____ the President and with the consent of all the members, Biodiversity Management Committee was formed under section 41(1) of Biological Diversity Act 2002 and Rule 22 of Biological Diversity Rules 2004 and Rule _____ of _____ Biological Diversity Rules 2006, for the period of three / five years.

Details of Committee Members:

Sl. No.	Full Name and Address	Age	Category	Signature
1			Chairman	
2			Woman Member	
3			Woman Member	
4			SC/ST Member	
5			Member	
6			Member	
7			Secretary	

The Biodiversity Management Committee will be responsible for :-

1. Conservation and sustainable utilization of bioresources within its area of jurisdiction.
2. Stop illegal access of bio resources within its area of jurisdiction.
3. Furnishing of opinion to National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai and _____ Biodiversity board on various subjects as and when required.
4. Levying charges by way of collection fees for accessing/collecting bio-resources for commercial purpose within its area of jurisdiction, as per the act.
5. Maintain data about local vaidyas and practitioners using biological resources.
6. Maintain register containing information about the details of access of biological resources and traditional knowledge granted, details of collection fee imposed and details of benefits derived and mode of their sharing.
7. The Biodiversity Management Committee will also be involved in documentation of biodiversity and associated traditional knowledge.
8. Management and use of biodiversity fund as per guidelines provided by National Biodiversity Authority and _____ Biodiversity Board from time to time

Signature

Signature

(Gram Panchayat President

Gram Panchayat Secretary/
Member of the permanent establishment)

Checklist: papers to be submitted to Board after Constitution

- ❖ Forwarding letter from Panchayat
- ❖ BMC resolution format (original)
- ❖ Minutes of meeting (photocopy)
- ❖ COI and Voters ID of the members (photocopy)
- ❖ Passport size photo of members

Approval by Board members

- The BMC has to be approved by Board Members during Board meeting.
- Formal Letter of approval to be sent to the BMC.
- BMC will then open an account called **Local Biodiversity Board**

Local Biodiversity Fund

- Joint signatory: Chairman and Member Secretary
- The LBF can be built with fees and charges levied by the BMC and grant from State governments, SBB and NBA.
- Fund will be used for conservation and promotion of biodiversity

Contribution form NBA for constitution of BMC

No	item	Village (in Rs.)
1	Upon opening bank account	10,000
2	Purchase of office equipment including stationary	15,000
3	Conduct of meetings	3,000
4	One training to BMC and Panchayat on general BD profile	7,000
5	Constitution of BMC	25,000
		60,000

Functions of BMC

- ❖ Prepare, maintain and validate **People's Biodiversity Registers** in consultation with the local people.
- ❖ Advise on any matter referred to it by the SBB or Authority for granting approval.
- ❖ To maintain data about the local vairs and practitioners using the biological resources.
- ❖ Levy charges by way of collection fees from person(s) accessing or collecting bio resource for commercial purpose from its territorial jurisdiction.

People's Biodiversity Register

- It is a register that contains comprehensive information on availability and knowledge of local biological resources and associated traditional knowledge.
- To be filled by BMCs with the help of students, researchers and knowledgeable individuals and validated by BMC with the help of TSG (Technical Support Group)
- BMC is the **custodian** of PBR and shall ensure the protection of the knowledge recorded in the PBR.
- Access to registers need to be recorded in writing and maintained in consultation with SBB/TSG.

Other responsibilities of BMC

- ❖ Conservation and sustainable utilization of biological resources.
- ❖ Eco-restoration of the local biodiversity.
- ❖ Proper feedback to the SBB in the matter of IPR, Traditional Knowledge and local Biodiversity issues, wherever feasible and essential feedback to be provided to the NBA.
- ❖ Management of Heritage Sites
- ❖ Regulation of access to the biological resources and / or associated Traditional Knowledge, for commercial and research purposes.
- ❖ Sharing of benefits arising out of commercial use of bio-resources.

No. of BMCs constituted :13 Nos.

North	West	South	East
Singhik Sentam	Gyaten Karmataar	Lingmo-Payong	West Pendam
Toong-Naga	Ribdi-Bhareng	Lingee-Sokpay	Martam- Nazitam
Passingdang- Saffu	Yuksam-Dubdi	Kitam	Tumin
	Labing- Gerethang		

Thank you!!!