

Assam State Biodiversity Board

Updation of Gaon Panchayat People's Biodiversity Registers of Assam

The Assam State Biodiversity Board works for promotion of conservation and sustainable utilization of biodiversity and fair and equitable sharing of benefits on commercial utilization of bioresources and its associated traditional knowledge.

Under Section-41 of the Biological Diversity Act-2002 and Rule-25(9) of the Assam Biodiversity Rules 2010, each BMC shall prepare a People's Biodiversity Register (PBR). A PBR is a comprehensive database of information on the availability and knowledge of local biological resources, their medicinal values or any other associated traditional knowledge. PBR is a legal document and a useful resource in protecting IPRs by establishing evidence of the traditional knowledge. Documentation of tradable bioresources in the PBR also helps in the identification of a beneficiary with whom benefits can be shared when an Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) agreement becomes operational.

Against a total of 2549 BMCs in Assam, 2549 PBRs have been prepared by 15th February 2020 in compliance with the order of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) order dated 09.08.2019. The ASBB is looking at further qualitative improvement in these PBRs to meet the requirements of the PBR Quality Monitoring and Evaluation Framework prepared by the National Biodiversity Authority.

1. The Assignment: Assisting 5 (five) select Gaon Panchayat Biodiversity Management Committees of Kamrup (M) District in updating their 1st stage People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR).

2. Brief details of the Assignment:

- i. Data recorded in existing 1st stage PBRs must be thoroughly analyzed, cross-checked and validated from multiple sources including secondary literature, field officers of relevant government departments, Technical Support Groups (TSG) at the district level and subject experts.
- ii. Primary and secondary data collection and updating the information in the prescribed 31 PBR formats along with photographic evidence.
- iii. Ensure the guidelines provided by NBA and ASBB for updating the PBRs are appropriately followed at various levels.
- iv. The finalized versions of the PBR must qualify all requirements of the PBR Quality Monitoring and Evaluation Framework issued by the National Biodiversity Authority in 2019.
- v. Updating the PBR data into uniform exportable Microsoft Excel Format.

3. Duration of Assignment: 3 months

4. Total cost of the Assignment: Rs 3.50 Lakhs (Three Lakhs and fifty thousand)

5. Eligibility: Faculty members of Universities and Colleges of Kamrup (M) District and nearby districts having post graduate degree in Botany/ Zoology/ Wildlife or Allied Sciences.

a. Qualification of the Principal Investigator: PhD in Botany/ Zoology/ Wildlife or Allied Sciences.

b. Desirable Experience and Skills:

- i. Atleast 10 years of experience in the fields related to research, assessment and documentation of biodiversity.
- ii. At least 5 years of experience in managing projects/programs in the field of biodiversity conservation
- iii. Atleast 5 years of experience working in University and Colleges of Assam from date of joining as permanent faculty.
- iv. Adept at computer skills including MS-Excel, Access and related software applications
- v. Proven skills in technical writing including scientific writing
- vi. Proficiency in English and Assamese (oral and written) is mandatory

6. Procedure for submission of Offers:

Interested persons may send their offer letter (hard copy) along with a detail proposal containing the workplan, methodology and expected outcomes, a resume/CV each of the Principal Investigator and his/her team (minimum three Research Scholars/Students), who will work under the PI in updating the select 5 Gaon Panchayat PBRs of their choice falling under Kamrup (M) District to the following address:

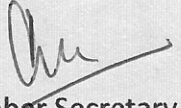
The Member Secretary,
Assam State Biodiversity Board,
Aranya Bhawan, 2nd Floor, Panjabari
Guwahati-781037, Assam

The envelope containing the documents may be superscribed 'Offer for updation of Gaon Panchayat People's Biodiversity Registers' in BOLD letter.

7. Last Date of submission: 5.00 PM of 25th September, 2024. Offers received after the deadline shall not be considered in any case.

11. Selection Procedure:

Offers shall be assessed on the basis of the proposal containing detail workplan and methodology submitted and Experience of the Principal Investigators in relevant fields. The PI of the shortlisted offers may be called for a Personal Interaction, if required. No TA/DA will be paid to attend the Personal Interaction. The rights of any change in this advertisement and selection procedure are reserved with the office of the Assam State Biodiversity Board.


Member Secretary
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