

Government of Manipur
Office of the Manipur Biodiversity Board
Imphal : Manipur

NOTICE

Imphal, the 16th Oct.,2015

No.3/21(BHS)/2010-11/MBB: Suggestions/Proposals are invited from Biodiversity Management Committees, Joint Forest Management Committees and other community institutions, Gram Sabhas, Panchayats, Urban Wards, Forest Protection Committees, Tribal Councils (Autonomous District Councils) etc., in Manipur for declaration of areas of biological importance as “Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHSs)” under the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act,2002.

2. Biodiversity Heritage Sites(BHSs) are well defined areas that are unique, ecologically fragile ecosystems - terrestrial, coastal and inland waters and, marine having rich biodiversity comprising of any one or more of the components such as richness of wild as well as domesticated species or intra-specific categories, high endemism, presence of rare and threatened species, keystone species, species of evolutionary significance, wild ancestors of domestic/cultivated species or their varieties, past pre-eminence of biological components represented by fossil beds and having significant cultural, ethical or aesthetic values and are important for the maintenance of cultural diversity, with or without a long history of human association with them.

3. Legal framework:

Under Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act (BDA),2002,the State Government in consultation with local bodies may notify areas of biodiversity importance as Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS).

Under sub-section(2) of Section 37,the State Government in consultation with the Central Government may frame rules for the management and conservation of BHS.

Under sub-section(3) of Section 37, the State Governments shall frame schemes for compensating or rehabilitating any person or section of the people economically affected by such notification.

4. Criteria for identification and notification of BHS

Areas with the following characteristics may qualify for identification and notification as BHS:

- a. Areas that contain a mosaic of natural, semi-natural and man-made habitats, which together contain a significant diversity of life forms.
- b. Areas that contain significant domesticated biodiversity component and /or representative agro-ecosystems with ongoing agricultural practices that sustain this diversity.
- c. Areas that are significant from a biodiversity point of view as also are important spaces such as sacred groves/trees and sites, or other large community conserved areas.
- d. Areas including very small ones that offer refuge or corridors for threatened and endemic fauna and flora, such as community conserved areas or urban greens and wetlands.
- e. All kinds of legal land uses whether government, community or private land could be considered under the above categories.
- f. As far as possible those sites which are not covered under Protected Area network under the Wildlife Protection Act,1972 as amended may be considered.
- g. Areas that provide habitats, aquatic or terrestrial, for seasonal migrant species for feeding and breeding.
- h. Areas that are maintained as preservation plots by the research wing of Forest Department.
- i. Medicinal Plant Conservation Areas.

5. The proposals in detail may be submitted in the FORMAT enclosed.

6. This notice has been placed on the websites of the Government of Manipur, namely <www.manipur.gov.in>, Manipur Forest Department, namely <www.manipurforest.gov.in> and Manipur Biodiversity Board namely <www.mbb.gov.in>.

7. The proposal may be sent through the concerned Divisional Forest Officer (territorial) to the undersigned on or before 31st **October, 2015**.

Note:-The detail Guidelines for BHS can be downloaded from our website: www.mbb.gov.in

(Dr.Khaizalian)
Member Secretary, Manipur Biodiversity Board
Govt. of Manipur

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Memo No.3/21(BHS)/2010-11/MBB

Copy to:-1.The Chief Secretary &Chairman, Manipur Biodiversity Board, Govt. of Manipur

2.The PCCF, Govt. of Manipur

3.The Joint Secretary(IT)/,Govt. of Manipur

4.The Joint Secretary (For &Envt.),,Govt. of Manipur

5.The Conservator of Forests: Central/Northern/Eastern/Southern/Western Forest Circle

6.The Divisional ForestOfficer: Central /Thoubal /Bishnupur /Churachandpur /Chandel /
Kangpokpi /Senapati /Ukhrol /Tamenglong /Jiribam Forest Division **for giving wide publicity
of the proposal in their respective districts and timely submission of the proposals.**

(Dr.Khaizalian)
Member Secretary, Manipur Biodiversity Board
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PROPOSAL FOR DECLARATION OF BIODIVERSITY HERITAGE SITE IN MANIPUR

1. Details of the proposer /Organisation:

- a. Name :
- b. Address:
- c. Contact No:
- d. Legal status of proposer:

2. Details of area proposed:

- a. General details of the location:
 - i. Village:
 - ii. Block:
 - iii. Sub-Division:
 - iv. District:
 - v. Sketch map:
- b. Specific details of the location:
 - i. Geo-co-ordinates (Longitude/latitude)
 - ii. Boundary description(natural and artificial)
 - iii. Map of the area(to the scale)
 - iv. Area (in ha.)
- c. Ownership of the proposed site:
 - i. Whether private land/community/public land/department(enclose certificate of ownership)
 - ii. Whether free from encumbrances/legal cases etc.
- d. Existing Rights/Concessions if any granted or enjoyed by the individuals/community.

3. Technical details of the proposal:

- a. Primary ecological significance of the area proposed (please give short explanatory note):
 - i. Whether the area contains a mosaic of natural, semi-natural and man-made habitats, which together contain a significant diversity of life forms?
 - ii. Whether the area contains significant domesticated biodiversity component and /or representative agro-ecosystems with ongoing agricultural practices that sustain this diversity?
 - iii. Whether the area is significant from a biodiversity point of view as also are important spaces such as sacred groves/trees and sites, or other large community conserved areas?
 - iv. Whether the area offers refuge or corridors for threatened and endemic fauna and flora, such as community conserved areas or urban greens and wetlands?
 - v. Whether the areas provides habitats, aquatic or terrestrial, for seasonal migrant species for feeding and breeding?
 - vi. Whether the area has been maintained as preservation plots by Forest Department?
 - vii. Whether the area has been established as Medicinal Plant Conservation Areas?
- b. Institutional/community significance of the proposed area w.r.t to local natural resources with local people.
- c. Any significant historical/cultural/economic uniqueness:

4. Main objectives of the Proposal :

5. Any proposed intervention :

Declaration by the Proposer

I hereby affirm that I am the authorized person on behalf of..... (name of the Agency) to make the proposal for declaration of the site..... as Biodiversity Heritage Site.

The proposal is based on the resolution adopted by the in its Meeting held on.....in the presence of(mention quorum & number of members present) member present and voting.

(Please enclose an original signed copy of the resolution adopted in this regard)

I hereby declare that the information contained in this proposal is factually correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature of the authorized Person)

Name:

Contact No.

E-mail: