

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Dated: 29/06/2022

DRAFT NOTIFICATION

IN exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, Governor of Tripura is pleased to notify the following bio-diversity important sites as Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS) of the State of Tripura.

SI. No.	Name	Significance of the Proposed Sites	Area
1	Baramura Waterfall Teliamura RD Block, Khowai District	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The highest natural waterfall in Tripura.• Critical habitat for rare wildlife• Rich in floristic diversity• Habitat for many stream water favored fauna	150 ha
2	Unakoti, Gournagar RD Block, Unakoti District	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural and religious significance• Example of Ethno-religious aspects• Sacred trees and stones• Rich forest flora and fauna• Source of natural stream flow has diverse ecosystem services• Site of semi wild, wild and domesticated ornamental plants.	40 ha
3	Silachari Caves, Karbook RD Block, Gomati District	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only natural cave of Tripura• Unique habitat for several threatened Cave Bats species in Tripura• Rich floristic diversity• Ethno-religious or cultural significance• Critical habitat for rare wildlife• Stream rich in aquatic fauna• Multi ecosystem services	100 ha
4	Debbari or Chabimura, Amarpur RD Block, Gomati District	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• River forest ecosystems at Debbari with rich flora fauna.• Unique habitat for threatened plants of Tripura like Dhup tree and cane resources of Tripura• Unique breeding habitat for threatened fishes of Tripura• Unique breeding habitat for threatened wildlife of Tripura.	215 ha
5	Betlingshib and Surroundings, Jampui hill RD Block, North District	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geographical/topographical significance: The highest peak of Tripura allows unique habitat ecosystem• Aesthetic value: View of Mizoram and Chittagon hill tracts, other hills of Jampui, orange orchards• Due to change in altitude, topography and climate the vegetation is totally	350 ha



		<p>unique compared to mainland of the state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Significance: Highest floristic diversity in Tripura. • Conservation significance: suitable habitat for several red listed flora and fauna • Medicinal plant conservation area. • Cultural significance: Diverse agro-ecosystem model 	
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2.0 Biodiversity Heritage sites are the areas of biological importance that are ecologically fragile and which generally have one or more of the components such as species richness, high endemism, presence of rare, endemic and threatened species.

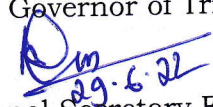
3.0 These sites are declared as BHS with the following objectives.

- To increase the numbers of Tourists in the above-mentioned areas thereby promoting Tourism inter alia livelihood generation.
- To strengthen the conservation effort in this area minimizing the present threats to biodiversity of the area.
- To protect Red listed/endangered and threatened flora and fauna of the state.
- To preserve the ecosystem services of the area.
- To generate livelihood for the local community and encourage them to use the bio-resources in a sustainable manner.
- To abide by the section 37(1) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

4.0 As per sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and section 22(1) of Tripura Biological Diversity Rules, 2006, approval of the local bodies and other key stakeholders of the above-mentioned areas have already been obtained.

5.0 This draft Notification is for wide circulation for seeking comments/ suggestions from the stake holders/ local people if any within 30 days from the date of issue. These comments/ suggestions may be addressed to Member Secretary, Tripura Biodiversity Board, O/O PCCF Tripura, Agartala or can be send by email at sputbb@gmail.com.

By order of the Governor of Tripura


 Additional Secretary Forest
 Government of Tripura

Copy to:

- 1) The Register General, Tripura High Court, Agartala for kind information.
- 2) The Hon'ble Governor of Tripura, Raj Bhawan, Kunjaban, Agartala for kind information
- 3) The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Tripura, Agartala for kind information.
- 4) The Hon'ble Forest Minister, Tripura for kind information.
- 5) The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura (Chairman, Tripura Biodiversity Board) for kind information
- 6) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Tripura for kind information.
- 7) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, APR, O/o the PCCF, Tripura.
- 8) The CEO & PD, IGDC Project, Tripura.
- 9) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PF & ME), O/o the PCCF, Tripura.
- 10) The CEO & PD, Tripura SCATFORM Project, Tripura.
- 11) The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CWLW, Tripura.
- 12) The Member Secretary, Tripura Biodiversity Board.
- 13) The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO CAMPA, Tripura.
- 14) The Nodal Officer, FCA, O/o the PCCF, Tripura.
- 15) The Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial)/ Legal/Vigilance, O/o the PCCF, Tripura.
- 16) The Conservator of Forests, Territorial, O/o the PCCF, Tripura.
- 17) The DCF, FP/ HQ/WL/ P & D/ WP & S/ IT & Stat./CAMPA/ Training / Research Division/ Working Plan Division I/ II.
- 18) The District Forest Officer, West/ Sepahijala/ Gomati/ South/ Khowai/ Dhalai/ Unakoti/ North Tripura District.
- 19) The Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Sadar/ Mandwi/ Bishalgarh/ Sonamura/ Teliamura/ Khowai/ Udaipur/ Amarpur/ Karbook/ Bagafa/ Sabroom/ Ambassa/ Manu/ Kumarghat/ Kailashahar/ Kanchanpur/ Dharmanagar
- 20) The DFO Direction Division O/o the PCCF, Tripura.
- 21) The ACF Territorial/ TBB O/o the PCCF, Tripura.
- 22) The Wildlife Warden, Sepahijala/ Trishna/ Rowa & Gumti.
- 23) All Range Officers/ Beat Officers concerned through SDFOs
- 24) The In-charge, GIS Lab of FHQ/ TBB for uploading in the concerned website.

Copy also to

- 1) The DM & Collector, West/ Sepahijala/ Gomati/ South/ Khowai/ Dhalai/ Unakoti/ North District.
- 2) The Director of Panchayat, Directorate of Panchayat, Gurkhabasti, Agartala.
- 3) The Director, Urban Development Department, Agartala.
- 4) All Block Development Officers.
- 5) All Chief Executive Officers, Municipal Corporation/ Council/ Nagar Panchayat.
- 6) All Panchayat Extension Officers concerned through BDOs.
- 7) All Panchayat Secretaries concerned through BDOs
- 8) All Chairman, Biodiversity Management Committee concerned through BDOs

Copy for information:

- 1) The Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority, 5th Floor, TICEL Bio Park, Taramani Link Road, Taramani, Chennai- 600113
- 2) The Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, 5th Floor, TICEL Bio Park, Taramani Link Road, Taramani, Chennai- 600113
- 3) All Member Secretaries of State Biodiversity Boards and UT Biodiversity Councils.



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