

People's Biodiversity Register



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Part I

1.0 The Biological Diversity Act, 2002 & Rules, 2004

The Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (No. 18 of 2003) was notified by the Government of India on 5th February, 2003. The Act extends to the whole of India and reaffirms the sovereign rights of the country over its biological resources. Subsequently the Government of India published Biological Diversity Rules, 2004 (15th April, 2004). The Rules under section 22 states that 'every local body shall constitute a Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC's) within its area of jurisdiction'.

2.0 People's Biodiversity Registers and the role of the Biodiversity Management Committee

The mandate of the Biodiversity Management Committee has been clearly highlighted in the Biological Diversity Rules 2002 as follows:

- The main function of the BMC is to prepare People's Biodiversity Register in consultation with the local people. The Register shall contain comprehensive information on availability and knowledge of local biological resources, their medicinal or any other use.
- The other functions of the BMC are to advice on any matter referred to it by the State Biodiversity Board or Authority for granting approval, to maintain data about the local vaids and practitioners using the biological resources.
- The Authority shall take steps to specify the form of the People's Biodiversity Registers, and the particulars it shall contain and the format for electronic database.
- The Authority and the State Biodiversity Boards shall provide guidance and technical support to the Biodiversity Management Committees for preparing People's Biodiversity Registers.
- The People's Biodiversity Registers shall be maintained and validated by the Biodiversity Management Committees.

3.0 People's Biodiversity Registers and the role of National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)

The National Biodiversity Authority shall provide guidance and technical support to the Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) for preparing People's Biodiversity Register.

People's Biodiversity Registers and the role of State Biodiversity Board (SBB)

The State Biodiversity Board (SBB) would provide necessary training to the Technical Support Group (TSG) of the district and enable smooth functioning and aid in networking for creation and maintenance of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs).

People's Biodiversity Registers and Role of the Technical Support Group (TSG)

The Technical Support Group (TSG) will consist of experts from various disciplines and line departments, universities, research institutes, colleges and schools and non-governmental organizations. The Technical Support Group will provide technical inputs and advice to the BMCs on identification of plants and animals, monitor and evaluate the PBR exercise, examine confidential information and advice on legal protection, maintain a database of local and external experts on biodiversity

4.0 People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR)

The evolution of human societies over several millennia is closely related to plants and animals. The domestication of crop plants and farm animals about 12000 years ago revolutionized the human civilization by creating more stabilized societies. The early historic and medieval period gradually reduced human interaction with the wild plants and animals. The development of modern science and technologies during the industrial and post-industrial period did not do away with our link to nature. Different groups of people continue to depend on natural resources at varying scales. Some draw resources from across continents while others within a country or a region. There are also people continue to depend on locally available biodiversity and bio-resources for their livelihoods. Such population who are directly dependent on local biological resources have, through their keen sense of observation, practices, and experimentation developed and established a body of knowledge that is passed on from generation to generation. Some are widespread traditional knowledge like cultivation practices; others are highly specialized such as bone setting or jaundice, which are generally passed only to close members of the family.

India is land of biological and cultural diversity. It is one of the mega biodiverse countries of the world. It also the home of a large number of tribal groups, pursuing different kinds of nature based livelihoods. In addition, a large number of farming and fishing communities and nomadic groups posses traditional knowledge of varying degrees. The development of modern science and technologies notably biotechnology and information technologies have increased the value of biodiversity and associated knowledge including traditional knowledge (TK) .The growing importance of biodiversity, bio-resources and

associated knowledge is fairly well understood. The first step towards conservation is sustainable utilization of biodiversity and its documentation. Biodiversity and associated knowledge is found in different ecosystems, under different legal management regimes and hence the results and manner of documentation will also differ.

The present manual guidelines have drafted taking into consideration different ecosystems and include the rural, urban and protected areas. The guidelines may be customized and further information may be added to enrich the effort. It is important to keep in mind some of the issues related to PBRs:

- It is to be undertaken in a participatory mode involving varying sections of village society.
- While documenting, the knowledge and views of both genders are to be recorded.
- Information provided by people need to be collated, analysed and crosschecked by the members of the Technical Support Group (TSG) before documentation.
- The PBR is important base document in the legal arena as evidence of prior knowledge and hence careful documentation is necessary.
- The document should be endorsed by the BMC and later publicized in the Gram Sabha / Gram Panchayat / Panchayat Samiti. The document can be a very useful tool in the management and sustainable use of bioresources. The document can also be a very useful teaching tool for teaching environmental studies at schools, colleges and university level
- The document should be periodically updated with additional and new information as and when generated.

4.1 The PBR Process

The preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs) involves the active support and cooperation of a large number of people who need to share their common as well as specialized knowledge. One of the first steps for preparing a PBR is to organize a group meeting to explain the objectives and purpose of the exercise. Different social groups in the village need to be identified for purpose of data collection from those groups. In an urban situation, spots where biodiversity are important need to be identified for the purpose of the study and documentation. The documentation process includes information gathered from individuals through detailed questionnaire, focused group discussion with persons having knowledge and published secondary information.

4.2 Documentation of Traditional Knowledge (TK) related to biodiversity

Documentation of knowledge of individuals with regard to biodiversity and its uses is an important part of PBR. Every effort should be made to identify the persons with proven knowledge of local biodiversity; special attention should be given to the elderly persons who can also provide informations on the biodiversity which was available in the past but no longer seen at present. In some cases focus group discussion may be held for the purpose of documentation.

4.3 PBR Methodology

The PBR is a participatory process requiring intensive and extensive consultation with the people. The objectives and purpose is to be explained in a group meeting in the presence of all sections of people in the Panchayat, members of the BMC, students, knowledgeable individuals and all those interested in the effort. Documentation includes photographs (including digital images), drawings, audio and video recordings and other records like printed material.

4.4 Process in PBR Preparation

- **Step 1:** Formation of Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC)
- **Step 2:** Sensitization of the public about the study, survey and possible management
- **Step 3:** Training of members in identification and collection of data on biological resources and traditional knowledge
- **Step 4:** Collection of data. Data collections includes review of literature on the natural resources of the districts, Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRAs) at village level, household interviews, individual interviews with village leaders and knowledgeable individuals, household heads, key actors of the panchayat raj institutions and NGOs and direct field observations
- **Step 5:** Analysis and validation of data in consultation with technical support group and BMC
- **Step 6:** Preparation of People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)
- **Step 7:** Computerization of information and resources

Peoples' Biodiversity Register (PBR): General Details

Name of the Panchayat Samity: Taluk:
District:
State: Geographical Area of the Panchayat Samity:
Population under the Panchayat Samity: Total
Male Female
Habitat and Topography:
Climate (Rainfall, Temperature and other weather patterns)
Land Use (Nine fold classification available with village records)
Date, Month and Year of PBR preparation
Management Regime: Reserve Forests (RF) / Joint Forest Management (JFM) / Protected Areas (PA) / Community Owned and Managed Forests (COM)
Annexure 1
Details of Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) of the panchayat (One elected Chairperson and six persons nominated by the local body; not less than one third to be women and not less than 18% belonging to SC/ST)
1) Name of the Chairperson:
Age:
Gender:
Address: Area of specialization:
Area of Specialization.
2) Name:
Age:
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Area of specialization:

6) Name:	
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Age:	
Gender:	
Address:	
Area of specialization:	
Area of specialization.	
7) Namo:	
7) Name:	
Age:	
Gender:	
Address:	
Area of specialization:	
Annexure 2	
List of Vaids, hakims and traditional health care (human and livestoc	k) practitioners
residing and or using biological resources occurring within the jurisdiction	
Name:	
Age:	
Gender:	
Address:	
Area of Specialization:	
Location from which the person accesses biological material:	
Perception of the practitioner on the resource status:	
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Age:
Gender:
Address:
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Gender:
Address:
Area of specialization:
Annexure 4

Details	of	schools,	colleges,	departments,	universities,	government	institutions,	non-
governn	nen	ntal organ	ization an	d individuals in	volved in the	preparation of	of the PBR	

1) Contact Person

Name and Address:

2) Contact Person Name and Address:

3) Contact Person Name and Address:

4) Contact Person Name and Address:

You may add names of more institutions / NGO / Individuals, etc. if necessary.

Annexure 5

Details of access to biological resources and traditional knowledge granted, details of the collection fee imposed and details of the benefits derived and the mode of their sharing

No	Name and address of the Person /institution/ company/ others	Local and Scientific Name of the biological material Accessed and quantity	Date and resolution of the BMC and endorsement by the panchayat	Details of collection fee imposed	Anticipated mode of sharing benefits or quantum of benefits shared

Annexure 6

Name of BMCs of the Block for which PBR is made

Sr No	Name of BMC	Code Name of Block

Note: Use Sr No/ Code Name of Block in the Column "Name of GP/VC where found" in different PBR formats 1-31

End of Part I

Part II

PBR –Formats AGROBIODIVERSITY

Format 1: Crop Plants

1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
						Loca	l status							Comm unity/	Name/ Code Name of
	Scientif			Landsc	Annroy				Cronnin				Source of	Knowl	GP/VC where
	ic	Local		ape/ Habita	Approx. Area			Special	Croppin g		Associat	Other	Seeds/	edge	found
Crop	Name	Name	Variety	t	shown	Past	Present	features	season	Uses	ed TK	Details	Plants	Holder	
											Ridge				All VC
											plough				
								variety			animal				
								and			drawn,	Sale in			
	Oryza	Swarna		Plane	75 hac.	Plent		soil	Rainy	For	Bund	marke			
Rice	sativa	masori	Valiyan	area	approx	У	Rare	fertility	season	food	former	t	Seeds	Tripuri	

The format 1 could be used for documenting information about Milets, Cereals, Oil seeds, Commercial crops, Tuber crops, Vegetables, Legumes, Aromatic crops etc. The coloumn No.9 other details vary with the nature of crops. For measuring local status, there need to identify a particular year- significant changes in ecology occurred- and compare the stauts as past and present (past = before the particular incident). We have to list out all possible features of a crop/ plant and give short forms of the same. If relevant, cultivation practices, propagation techniques, usage etc can be included in the column 8, in associated TK.

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 2: Fruit Plants

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Scientific	Local		Landscape/	Past	Presen t	Source of seeds/	Season of	Associated		Other detail Market /Own	Commu nity / Knowle dge	Name/ Code Name of GP/VC whare
Plant	Name	Name	Vatiety	Habitat			Plant	Fruiting	of TK	Uses	use	holder	found
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^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 3: Fodder Crops /Species

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	_		_	Local	Local status S					Community/	Name/ Code Name
DI	Scientific	Local	Landscape/	Past	Present	Plants	Associated	Part	Other	Knowledge	of GP/VC where
Plant	Name	Name	Habitat			/Seeds	of TK	Uses	details	Holder	found
			_								

Other details include fodder for which animal, special features, medicinal uses if any, seasons of availability, propagation methods, collecting from wild or cultivated etc..

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 4: Weeds

1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						Loca	al status	Used	Manageme				Name/
Plant	Scientific Name	Local Name	Affected crop	Impact	Landscape/ habitat	Past	Present		nt options	Associat ed of TK	Other details	Community knowledge/ holder	Code Name of GP/VC where found
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Other details may include how long the weeds have been suppressing/ adversely affecting the crops in this locality, when it came under notice, intensity of natural multiplication etc.

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 5: Pests of Crops

		5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Local Namo	U ahitat	Time/Season of attack	Management	Associate d	Other	Community/ Knowledge	Name/ Code Name of GP/VC where found
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	st Scientific Name			t Scientific	t Scientific Management	Associate Scientific Management d	t Scientific Associate Management d Other	t Scientific Associate Community/ Management d Other Knowledge

Other details may include possible reasons for insects/ animal attack

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 6: Markets for Domesticated animals

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Name of the market & location	Weekly/Mo nthly/ Fortnightly/ Monthly /Biannual/A nnual	Type of Animal Bought and Sold	Types of average no. Animal transacted a day	Place from which animal are brought	Places to which the animal are sold/ Transported	Name and location of Fish market	Type of fishes sold	Source of fish	Name/ Code Name of GP/VC where Found

Note: [1] (D)- day; (M)-month;

[2] Types of animals may include; Poultry / Sheep / Goats / Ducks / Pigs / Donkeys / Mules / Horses / Camels / Others (Specify)

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 7: Peoplescape

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communi ty and Populatio n	Families and major occupation	Sub occupation	Depending Landscape	Major resources accessed & season access	Landscape management practices	Resource managem ent practices	Caste/ Tribe	Social condition	Nature of Inhabitant	No. of HHs	Name/ Code Name of GP/VC where found
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Major occupation may be farming. Sub0occupations could be fishing, collection of NTFP animal husbandry, artisans, services Examples of depending landscapes are agriculture landscape, rivers, forest etc.

Major resources accessed could be agriculture resources of different nature, fish, birds, water, mud, and etc.

How the community manages the landscapes they use for satisfying different needs, their strategies and perception

Now the community manages the resources they access for satisfying different needs, their strategies and perception, conflicts etc

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 8: Landscape

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Agricult ural	Major Landsc	Fallow	Sub	Features &	0	Conoral	Conoral	User Groups	Managemen †	General	Associate d	Other	Commu	Name/ Code Name of GP/VC where
			landsca	approx	Owner	General	General		•				accesse	
Land	ape	Land	pe	area	ship	flora	fauna		Practices	Uses	of TK	details	sd	found

Provide a brief description of landscapes such as forests, plantations, cultivated land, estuary, pond, lake or other elements.

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 9: Waterscape

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Water scape eleme nt type	Sub type	Features and approx area	Ownrship	Genearal flora	General fauna	Major uses	User groups	Manage ment Practices	General uses	Associat ed of TK	Other details	Commu nity Accesse d	Name/ Code Name of GP/VC where found
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Examples: Ponds, Streams, Rivers, Lake, Canal, Tubewell, Dug well etc.,

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Format 10: Soil type

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Soil Type	Colour and Texture	Features	Soil Management	Plant/crop suitable	Flora and Fauna	Associated of TK	Other Information	Name/ Code Name of GP/VC where found
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^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

DOMESTICATED BIODIVERSITY

Format 11: Fruit Trees

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					Loca	l status							Name/
					Past	Present	Source				Other	Communit	Code Name
		_		Landsca	last	Tresent	of	_			detail	у/	of GP/VC
	Scientific	Local		pe/			seeds/	Season of			Market	Knowledge	where
Plant	Name	Name	Variety	Habitat			Plant	Fruiting	of TK	Uses	/Own use	holder	found
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^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 12: Medicinal Plants (Herbs, Shrubs, Trees etc.)

1	2	3	4	5	6		7	9	10	11	12	13	14
						Loca	l status				_		Name/
						Past	Present				Other detail	Communi ty/	Code Name of
Plant	Local	Scientific		Landscape/	Source				Part	Associated	Market/ own	Knowledg	GP/VC where
Type	Name	Name	Vatiety	Habitat	of Plant			Uses	Used	of TK	use	e Holder	found

Note: Uses: Food/ Veterinary Medicine,/ Human Medicine (Sub-divisions like for children, women etc),/ Agricultural Purpose (Bio-pesticide) Other details: Propagation methods,/ Harvesting period,/ Cultivated or collected from wild or both,/ Perennial/ annual/ seasonal

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 13: Ornamental Plants/ Trees/Climbers etc

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Plant type	Local Name	Scientific Name	Variety	Source of seeds/plant	Commercial/ Non- Commercial	Used	Associated of TK	Other details	Community/ Knows. Holder	Name/ Code Name of GP/VC where found

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 14: Timber Plants /Trees

	1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					Loca	l status						Name/
					Past	Present						Code Name of
											Community/	GP/VC
Pla	ant	Local	Scientific				Wild/Home	Other	Associated	Other	Knows.	where
Ту	pe	Name	Name	Habitat			garden	used	of TK	details	Holder	found

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 15: Domesticated Animal

1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						Local	status				Other		Name/
											details	Communit	Code Name
Animal	Local	Scientific	Breed(Method	Past	Pres		Associated	Commercial	including Product	y knows.Hol	of GP/VC where
Name	Name	Name	Local/ Hybrid)	Features	of Keeping		ent	Used	of TK	Rearing	service	der	found
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Uses include milk, meat, skin, fur and etc

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 16: Culture Fisheries

1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					Water scape	Loca	al status						Name/ Code
Fish	Local	Scientific			Pond/b heri	Past	Present		Associated	Commercial	Other	Communit y Knows.	Name of GP/VC where
Туре	Name	Name	Vatiety	Features	/talao			Used	of TK	Rearing	details	Holders	found

Note: Other details include mode of catching fish, time of availability, breeding time, feed and etc

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 17: Markets / Fairs for Domesticated Animals, Medicinal Plants and other products

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Name of Weekly Market	Location	Weekly/ forthnightly/ others/ Bi-annual/ annual	Day held	Month Incase bi-annual/ annual market	Type of animal bought/ sold	No.of animal transected a day	Places from where the animal are arived	Places to where the animal are transported	Name/ Code Name of GP/ VC where found

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name $\,$

WILD BIODIVERSITY

Format 18: Trees, Shrubs, Herbs, Tubers, Grasses, Climbers etc.

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11	13
					Local	status						Name/
Plant	Local	Scientific	11.1.9		Past	Present	Commercia I/	Part	Associated	Other	Community	of GP/VC where
type	Name	Name	Habit	Habitat			own use	Collected	TK	details	knows. Holders	found

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 19: Wild Plant Species of Importance

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SI.No	Local Name	Scientific Name	Variety	Importance as economic, social,cultural	Status	Name/ Code Name of GP/VC where found

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 20: Aquatic Biodiversity

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11		
					Local status		Local status						Name/ Code
Local Name	Scientific Name	Variety	Features	Habitat	Past	Present	Uses	Associated of TK	Other details	Community/ knowledge holders	Name of GP/VC where found		

Other details may include mode of catching fish, time of availability, breeding time, etc.

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 21: Wild Aquatic Plant Species of Importance

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SI. Local No. Name		Scientific Variety Name		Importance	Trends	Name/ Code Name of GP/VC where found

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 22: Wild Plants of Medicinal Importance

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					Local status							Name/
						1				Other	Communi	Code
					Past	Present				details	ty/ Knowledg	Name of GP/VC
Plant (Herb,	Local	Scientific		Landscape/			Associated	Uses	Part	market/	e	where
shrub,tree)	Name	Name	Variety	Habitat			TK	(usage)	Used	own use	Holders	found
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Note: Uses: Food/ Veterinary Medicine/ Human Medicine (Sub-divisions like for children, women etc) Agriculture Purpose (Bio-pesticide) Other details: Harvesting period/ Perennial/ annual/ seasonal

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 23: Wild relatives of Crops.

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11				
				Local status		Local status		Local status						Community /	Name/ Code
Local Name	Scientific Name	Associated Crop	Landscape/ Habitat	Past	Present	Uses (usage)	Used Part	Associated of TK	Other Details	knowledge Holders	Name of GP/VC where found				
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Note: Other details may include 'function as a substitute plant' in the absence of a particular plant

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 24: Ornamental Plants

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Local Name	Scientific Name	Variety	Habitat	Comercial/ Non-Comercial Use	Associated of TK	Any Other details	Community/ Knowledge Holder	Name/ Code Name of GP/VC where found

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 25: Fumigate / Chewing Plants

1	2	3	4	5		6	8	9	10	11	12	13			
								Local status						Commu	Name/ Code
Plant (Herb Shrub, Tree)	o, Local Scientific	Past	Present	Uses (Usage)	Part Used	Associated of TK	Other Details (mode of use)	nity knowle dge/ Holders	Name of GP/VC where found						
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Format 26: Timber Plants

1	2	3	4	1	6	7	8	9	10
			Local status						Name/ Code
Local Name	Scientific Name	Habitat	Past	Present	Other uses, (if any)	Associated of TK	Other details	Community/ Knowledge Holder	Name of GP/VC where found

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 27 A: Coastal and Marine Flora

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				Loc	al status	_					Name/ Code
Plant Type	Local Name	Scientific Name	Habitat	Past	Present	Part Collected (if any)	Commercial Uses	Other Uses	Associated TK	Community / knowledge Holder	Name of GP/VC where found
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Format 27 B: Coastal and Marine Fauna

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				Loc	al status					Community /	Name/ Code
Animal Type	Local Name	Scientific Name	Habitat	Past	Present	Part Collected	Commercial Uses (if any)	Other uses	Associated TK	knowledge Holder	Name of GP/VC where found

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Format 28: Wild Animals (Mammals, Birds, Reptiles, Amphibia, Insects, others)

1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
						Local status		Local							Name/ Code
Animal Type	Local Name	Scientific Name	Habitat	Description	Season when seen	Past	Present	Uses (if any)	Associated TK	Mode of Hunting Collecting (if any)	Other Details	Commu nity/ Knowle dge Holder	Name of GP/VC where found		
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Format 29: Flora

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sr No	Local Name	Scientific Name	Type of Plants	Habitat	Flowering Season	Remarks (Rare / Common etc.)	Name/ Code Name of GP/VC where found

Note: Separate format should be used for road side plantation/ Parks and Gardens / Housing estate / Commercial buildings/ other institutional areas, Private club premises and also for Aquatic (water) habitat and Terrestrial (land) habitat

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 30: Fauna

1	2	3	4	5	7	8
		Scientific	Type of Animals (Mammals/		Remarks (Rare / Common	Name/ Code Name of
Sr No	Local Name	Name	Birds/ Fish/ Insects etc.)	Habitat	etc.)	GP/VC where found

Note: Separate format should be used for road side plantation- habitat/ Parks and Gardens / Housing estate / Commercial buildings/ other institutional areas, Private club premises and also for Aquatic (water) habitat and Terrestrial (land) habitat

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

Format 31: Any other information of local importance

1	2	3	4
Sr No	Information of local importance	Remarks	Name/ Code Name of GP/VC where found

^{**}The Name of GP/VC may be mentioned in form of SI No or code name

End of Part II

Part III

Guide to Field Study

Profile of the Study Area

3.1 General Profile

Each study area has its own characteristics. The PBR is to include the general profile of the area- its geographical location, district, block, gram panchayat, J.L no. from Mouza/Ward map, altitude, latitude, longitude (Whenever possible). The boundary of the study area and also its connectivity should be additional point in the general profile.

3.2 Socio-Economic Profile

An outlined socio-economic profile of the study area will help to understand people's dependency on the biological resources, either for internal use or for external supply. The following information will be required to get the socio-economic profile:

- Population to get the total population of the study area individual household survey is to be carried out with reference to the following parameters:-
 - * Total number of members

- Male - below 18 years, 18-65 years, above 65 years - Female - below 18 years, 18-65 years, above 65 years

- Literacy rate

- Male - 4-18 years, 18-65 years, above 65 years - Female - 4-18 years, 18-65 years, above 65 years

Drinking Water – Source, Number (in case of dug well and tube well)

Sanitation – Sanitary latrine present or absent

Land holding

- Agricultural land - Upto 5 cottah,

5 cottah – 1 bigha,

1 – 5 bigha, Above 5 bigha

(1 cottah- 720 sq.ft; 1 bigha – 14400 sq.ft)

- Occupation
 - Agriculture
 - Fisheries
 - Animal husbandry
 - Trading
 - Manufacturing
 - Other unorganised worker
 - Organised worker
- Family wise monthly income
- Healthcare and dependency on traditional medicine
- Fuel use and source
- Daily food habit
 - Staple food
 - Pulses
 - Vegetables
 - Oilseeds
 - Fish, egg, meat
- Domesticated animals number, types and breed (e.g., cow, goat, chicken, duck)
- Type of housing Kutchha, Pucca
- Respondent's awareness to biological diversity

Special focus should be given to the more knowledgeable individual, men and women. During the survey, the following format may be used for recording of information of knowledgeable individuals:

Natural Resources: Survey and Documentation

Natural Resources include non-living elements like air, water, soil, minerals and also living elements like plants, animals and microorganisms. Together the nature provides the life sustaining system.

1.0 Non-Living Natural Resources

1.1 Land Resources

Land and soil is a vital resource supporting biological diversity. Soil is not an inert substance. It provides shelter to tiny microbial organisms like bacteria and fungi as also micro arthropods and earthworms, not easily visible to naked eyes.

In order to understand land and soil, it is therefore essential to prepare a basic target area (urban, non-forest rural, forest, mountain, coastal, island etc.) based land use map. To prepare such a map one has to study the following:

For Urban Area:

- I. Land for human habitation
 - a. How much land is used?
 - b. What type of land is preferred?
- II. Roads
 - a. Length of the pucca road.
 - b. Length of the kutchha road.
- III. Institutional and Commercial Area
 - a. Small scale industries
 - b. Markets
 - c. Institutions like office, educational institution
- IV. Parks, Gardens and Open Space
 - a. Total park and garden area
 - b. Total open space area

V. Wetlands

- a. Name, location, ownership, area and current uses of wetlands (Details are given under Water Resource)
- VI. Rivers/ Canals/ Creeks to understand the flowing water profile (if any)
 - a. Length of the river/canal
 - b. Current uses of river/canal water

For Non-Forest Rural Area:

- I. Agricultural Land
 - a. How much water is accumulated in low, medium and high land?
 - b. Whether such land is used for single crop two crops or more?
 - c. What type of irrigation is currently practiced?
 - d. What are the major crops used for cultivation?
- II. Wetlands
 - a. Name, location, ownership, area and current uses of wetlands in the village (Details are given under Water Resource)
- III. Land for human habitation
 - a. How much land is used?
 - b. What type of land is preferred?
- IV. Fallow Land
 - a. Area of fallow land and their location
 - b. Vegetation in the fallow land
 - c. Fauna in the fallow
 - d. Whether it is used for any religious purposes?
 - e. Whether permanent fallow or current fallow?
- V. Rivers/ Canals/ Creeks to understand the flowing water profile
 - a. Origin of the river/canal
 - b. Length of the river/canal
 - c. Current uses of river/canal water

VI. Roads

- a. Length of the pucca road.
- b. Length of the kutchha road.

VII. Jungle/bushes/forest patch

- a. Location
- b. Area

VIII. Sacred Grove/Pond

- a. Location
- b. Area
- c. History
- d. Salient features

For Forest Area:

I. General features

- a. Forest type (Deciduous, evergreen, dry, wet etc)
- b. Area under closed forest
- c. Area under open forest
- d. Category of forest (protected, reserved, unclassed)

II. Wetlands

- a. Name, location, ownership, area and current uses of wetlands (Details are given under Water Resource)
- III. Rivers/ Canals/ Creeks to understand the flowing water profile
 - a. Origin of the river/canal
 - b. Length of the river/canal
 - c. Current uses of river/canal water

IV. Forest Village, if any

- a. Location of the village
- b. Size of the village
- c. Road length and type

V. Sacred Grove/Pond

- a. Location
- b. Area
- c. History
- d. Salient features

For Mountain Area:

- I. General features
 - a. Altitude
 - b. Slope
- II. Land under Forest
 - a. Forest type (Deciduous, evergreen, dry, wet etc)
 - b. Area under closed forest
 - c. Area under open forest
 - d. Category of forest (protected, reserved, unclassed)
- III. Barren land
- IV. Landslide zone
- V. Agricultural Land
 - a. How much water is accumulated in low, medium and high land?
 - b. Whether such land is used for single crop two crops or more?
 - c. What type of irrigation is currently practiced?
 - d. What are the major crops used for cultivation?
 - e. Area under abandoned Jhum land
 - f. Area under terrace cultivation
- VI. Wetlands
 - a. Name, location, ownership, area and current uses of wetlands in the village (Details are given under Water Resource)
- VII. Land for human habitation
 - a. How much land is used?
 - b. What type of land is preferred?

VIII. Rivers/ Canals/ Creeks – to understand the flowing water profile

- a. Origin of the river/canal
- b. Length of the river/canal
- c. Current uses of river/canal water

IX. Roads

- a. Length of the pucca road.
- b. Length of the kutchha road.

X. Jungle/bushes/forest patch

- a. Location
- b. Area

XI. Sacred Grove/Pond

- a. Location
- b. Area
- c. History
- d. Salient features

For Coastal Area:

I. General features

- a. Location
- b. Length of coastline
- c. Current uses:
 - i. Human habitation
 - ii. Area without habitation
 - iii. Coastal industries
 - iv. Coastal fisheries
 - v. Coastal forest
 - vi. Coastal agriculture
 - vii. Coastal road
 - viii. Coastal wetland

Note: Details under each category can be followed as given above.

After studying the above, a Land Use Map is to be prepared on the basis of Mouza map to

- a. Demarcate target areas
- b. Identify parcel of land under each category (as shown above under I, II,III.....)
- c. Color code the land uses on the map

1.2 Water Resources

Water is a vital resource sustaining life forms. Collect the information on ground water (from dug well data and hand pump data) and surface water and document

- Surface Water Resource
- a) River, canal, wetland-location/name
- b) Area
- c) Uses- drinking/ cooking/ irrigation
- d) Produce of wetlands-fishes/ vegetables/ flowers/ aquatic plant
- e) Birds in the wetland
- f) Does the wetland acts as receptacle during flood/ serve as water recharging area?
- g) Recreational use
- Ground water Resources (except in Mountain ecosystem)
- a) Number of hand pumps used for lifting drinking water and approx. depth of each
- b) Number of shallow and deep tube wells used for irrigation- horsepower of motors used for each, hours of operation per day.

2.0 Living Natural Resources

2.1 Animal Diversity (Fauna)

How to observe animals in the field?

In every target area, diverse groups of animals can exist in tropical climates. These may include animals without backbones (invertebrates) like earthworm, insects, spiders, scorpions, mollusks etc., or animals with backbones like fishes, toads and frogs, snakes, lizards, turtle, tortoises, birds and mammals (squirrels, rat, mole, civet cat, fox etc). Since the animals occur at different period of time and season, they have to be observed both

seasonally and also diurnally (day and night). Some animals are best observed during early morning (e.g., Birds) or at the dusk time (e.g., Bat) while others may be observed before the day temperature increase (e.g. Butterflies). It has to be remembered that animals inhabit different habitats viz., upper branches of the tree, grassland, banks of river, deep foliage, holes in the tree trunk, under the bark, on the ground or underground.

Selection of sites for observation

It will be useful to select the best possible site for observation where diverse biological species may be available. These may include the agricultural land, culturable fallow, village orchards, village ponds, forest patch, canal side and roadside. A complete information base can only emerge if year round, seasonal observations and recording is carried out.

A brief outline of methods of observation for selected group of animals is given below:

2.1.1 Invertebrate Animals

Invertebrate animals can occur both in land and water in specific habitat condition (under the stone, in rotten logs, in the flowers, on fruit trees, in bushes, in agricultural fields etc.). The smallest invertebrate animal called protozoa (body with single cell) cannot be seen by naked eyes but they may exist in soil, water even within the body of the human being or other animals. Normally the visible animal species are recorded in PBR. These include:

2.1.1.1 Earthworms

Earthworms normally live in mineral rich soil. To observe and collect earthworm specimen:

- Select agricultural and other land; make 1 ft x 1 ft x 1 ft deep cavity at least in 5 / 10 places and collect earthworm sample in small plastic glass vial containing 70-80 percent alcohol (spirit).
- Note the date, time and place of collection in the field notebook.
- Local names can be further validated by scientific names once identified by a subject specialists.

2.1.1.2 Insects & Spiders

Insects comprise the largest number of living organisms in the world. So far nearly 8,50,000 species of insects have been documented in the world. Scientists believe this is only 4-5 percent of the total insects species that may exist in today's world;

that means 95 percent of the insects are yet to be described and named. Obviously, the largest numbers are expected from southern tropical countries including India. So far only 6.5 percent of the insect species of the world have been recorded from India. Out of 29 orders of insects, representatives of 27 orders have been located in the country.

Usually insects are considered as enemies to the human society because they cause considerable damage to the agricultural crop and many species can act as vectors and transmit pathogens causing serious diseases in plants, animals and human being (Cholera, Malaria, Kala Azar, Dengue are some of the insect borne diseases). On the other hand, a number of insects offer useful services to the plant kingdom and to the human society as pollinators, as natural enemies for pests, as providers of silk, honey, lac etc. Insects are the largest group of pollinators in the natural world.

Spiders may occur in several forms. Spiders act as predators for many of the insects and provide food to the higher animals like lizards and birds.

In general, the goods and services from insects and the spiders can be listed as follows:

- Provide honey, lac and silk.
- Act as pollinators in agriculture, forestry and horticultural crops.
- Act as food in many parts of the world.
- Act as predator for pest insects (larva of Lady bird beetle)
- Help to increase fertility of the soil (soil inhabiting insects)
- Provide aesthetic pleasure and lessons in social behavior (e.g., butterflies
- and honey bees)
- Many insects and spiders are used for medicinal purposes by the tribal
- communities
- Play an important role in the food chain in nature.

34 General Characteristics of Insects

Insects and spiders have jointed legs; the same character can also be seen in crustacean (Prawn, Shrimp and Crabs), centipedes and millipedes. Insects have normally a pair of antenna and an exoskeleton. Adult insects have three distinct parts – head, thorax and abdomen. Insects have three pairs of legs and usually one or two pairs of wings. Male and female insects may vary in colour, shape and size.

34 Collection and Observation

To collect insects and spiders, several methods can be used viz.,

- Hand collection with a soft camel hair-brush (soft body insects) or with a pair of forceps. Such insects are normally preserved in 70 percent alcohol in glass vial.
- Net collection Butterflies and other flying insects can be collected with the help of a specially prepared aerial net with a long handle or with a sweeping net attached to a short handle.
- Traps Insects can also be collected by setting up different types of traps, viz.,
 - Light trap: Light attracts insects at night especially at dark nights. An illuminated electric bulb or a petromax lamp can be used as a light source in the open field; a piece white cloth (3 ft X 3 ft) may be placed on the grass near the light source; when the insects are attracted to the light and settle on the white cloth they can easily be collected.
 - Pitfall Trap: This is a simple devise of using a plastic cup (9 cm X 8 cm), which
 is placed in a dug out pit at the floor level. Such cups are covered by a wire
 mesh and then by leaves and twigs. The cups should contain some attractant
 food or liquid. Such containers should be kept for 3-days and then taken out
 for observation.

34 To observe and collect insects:

- Select a site and demarcate an area measuring 50m X 10m.
- Observe and collect the insects and spiders by hand, net and traps (for methods, see above).
- This can be repeated depending on the total area of the selected site.
- To preserve the collected specimens, first kill the insects and spiders using chloroform or benzene. Preserve butterflies and moths in envelops in dry condition and other insects in plastic or glass viol containing 70% alcohol (spirit).
- Put serial number in the collected specimens and write it in the field notebook. Also note the date, time, description of the site, type of insect collected and number of each type.

¾ Identification of collected insect specimen:

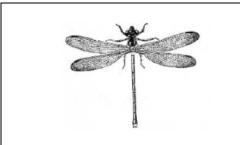
Firstly, it should be identified whether the collected specimen is insect or not. For this following steps to be adopted:

- Presence of two pairs of antennae and not less than five pairs of legs crustacean
- Presence of four pairs of legs and no antenna arachnid
- Presence of three pairs of legs and adult specimen possessing wings (except in some cases like Springtails, Lice, Earwigs etc.) – insect

3/4 Characteristics of insects of different orders:

Insects are divided into 29 orders. The characteristics of most common insects are given below:

A. Odonata:



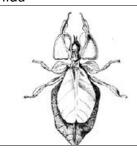
- i. Two pairs of wings with several or many cross veins
- ii. Large compound eyes present on the head
- iii. Three pairs of legs with exoskeleton
- e.g. Dragonflies, Damselflies

B. Orthoptera



- i. Two pairs of wings, fore wings are thin, hind wings are large with cross veins
- ii. Hind legs are thick and long, used for jumping
- e.g. Grass hoppers, Crickets

C. Phasmida



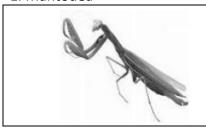
- i. Body flat leaf like or long and slender, stick like
- ii. Wingless
- e.g. The Walking Sticks,

D. Dictyoptera



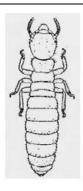
- i. Body flattened, swift on foot
- ii. Upper wings are bright and thin
- iii. Lower wings with cross veins
- e.g. Cockroaches

E. Mantodea



- i. Two pairs of wings present
- ii. Front legs adapted for catching insect preys
- e.g. Praying Mantis

F. Isoptera

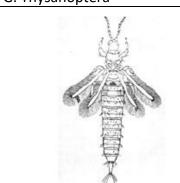


- i. Soft body
- ii. Wings are equal in size and with indistinct veins
- iii. In some forms wings are absent.
- iv. Winged insects normally comes out during rainy

season.

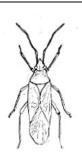
e.g. Termites, White Ants

G. Thysanoptera



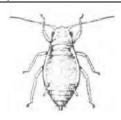
- i. Small in size
- ii. Pigmented body
- iii. Thin wings with veins and hairs
- e.g. Thrips

H. Heteroptera



- i. Large, hard body
- ii. Fore wings thick, sometimes needle like
- iii. Hind wings with cross veins
- iv. Suck blood from other animal's body
- e.g. Bug

I. Homoptera



- i. Generally small insect
- ii. Soft legs, two pairs of wings with cross veins
- iii. Anterior part of head with sucking mouthparts
- iv. Wing less insects are also found in some stage of

life cycle

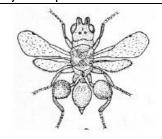
e.g. Aphids, Cicada, White flies, Leaf hoppers

J. Coleoptera



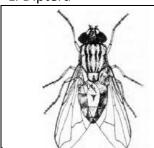
- i. Two pairs of wings, fore wings hard called elytra, hind wings with cross veins
- ii. Bright in colour
- e.g. Lady bird beetle, Dung beetle

K. Hymenoptera



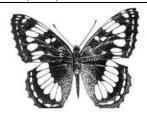
- i. Two pairs of wings with cross veins
- ii. Hind wings are always smaller than fore wings
- e.g. Honey bee, Ant, Wasps

L. Diptera



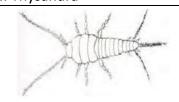
- i. Generally smaller in size
- ii. Only fore wings present with less cross veins
- e.g. Flies, Mosquito

M. Lepidoptera



- i. Two pairs of wings with fine scales
- ii. Body and wings are thin and flat
- iii. Wings are bright in colour
- e.g. Butterflies, Moths

N. Thysanura



- i. Small, wing less, soft body
- ii. Whole body is covered with silvery hairs
- e.g. Silverfish, Bristletails

O. Collembola



- i. Small, wing less, soft body
- ii. Spring like structure present at the end of the tail,

help in jumping

e.g. Springtail

2.1.1.3 Mollusk

Mollusks are represented by snails, mussels etc. They can be found in marshy areas as well as in the high land. Observation place for mollusks may be marshy land, agricultural field during monsoon, bund area of the field etc.

2.2 Vertebrate Animals

2.2.1 Fishes

Fishes can be found from small ponds, beels and rivers in the village. Fishes can be distinguished based on the structure, scales, colour, size etc. A total of 2586 species of fishes have been recorded from India.

To observe fish diversity of the particular place:

- Collect the names of fishes cultured in the village wetlands
- Collect the names of non-cultured fishes
- Also collect the information regarding the fishes which are not found nowadays from elderly people

2.2.2 Amphibia

The group amphibian is represented by frogs, toads and newts. They are the cold blooded animals. Night time is the best time to observe Amphibia. In India about 209 species of amphibians have been recorded. Frogs and toads eat harmful insects of paddy field and therefore beneficial for the human being.

To observe and collect Amphibia specimen

- Pit fall trap can be used near the water bodies or paddy field. The trapped specimen can be collected and observed later on. Amphibia can also be collected by cloth nets and by hand.
- Species can be identified by the call of the Amphibia

2.2.3 Reptiles

Reptiles include snakes, lizards, crocodiles, turtles etc. Snakes may be poisonous or non-poisonous. A total of 485 species of reptiles are found in our country. These animals can be found during day time as well as night time.

Reptiles may be observed

- at the selected sites by direct sighting (on trees, on ground, under stone, in crevices, near water)
- by the molt of the snakes
- from the elderly people about the common reptiles found in the area

2.2.4 Birds

Birds are colorful feathered animals. The male and female birds can be easily distinguished as the males are more colorful than females. Early morning and dusk time are the best for observing birds. The call, colour, structure of wing, beak, legs etc. are important for observing a bird species.

Birds can be observed at the places where insects, amphibia, reptiles etc are observed.

- Select 50 m., long site. Imagine a circle of 10 m., radius at the two end points of the 50 m., long site.
- Stand at the centre of the circle and observe the birds for 10-15 minutes.
- Note the name of the known birds. Record major features of the unknown birds.

2.2.5 Mammals

Mammals are placed at the highest level of animal kingdom. They are characterized as warm-blooded animals with hairy body and by the presence of mammary glands. In India, a total of 372 species of mammals are found. The smell, call, foot-print, excreta etc., are important for observing mammalian species. Generally most of the mammalian species come out during night. Therefore for direct observation, night time is preferred. Indirect information may be collected from their foot-print, call, habitat etc.

2.2.6 Domesticated Animals

Domesticated animals include cow, buffalo, sheep, goat, poultry chicken, duck etc.

Figure: Different types of Legs of Birds

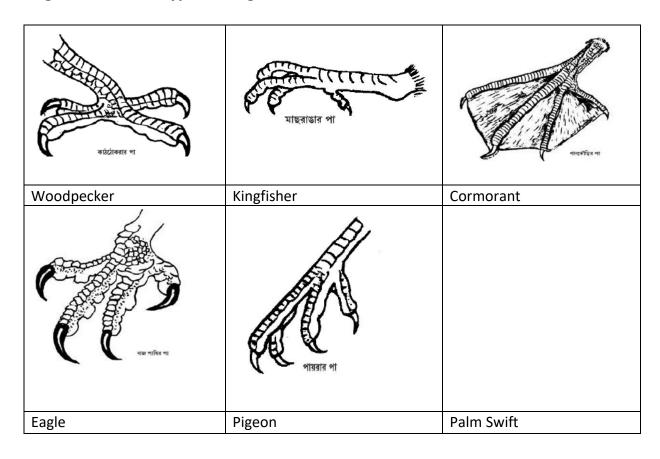
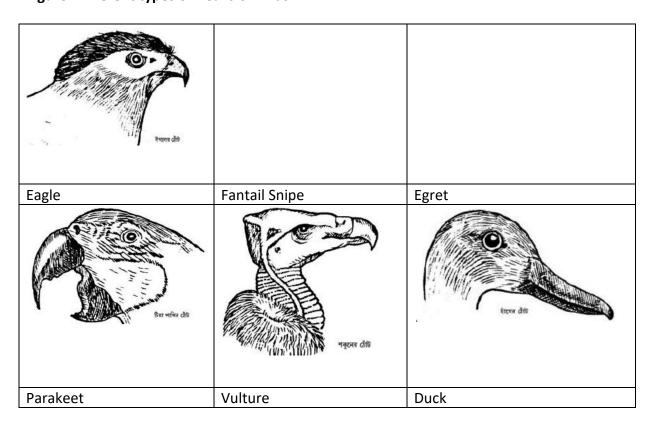


Figure: Different types of Beaks of Birds



3.0 Plant Diversity (Flora)

Plant kingdom can be divided into Gymnosperms and Angiosperms.

3.1 Gymnosperms

Gymnosperms are non-flowering plant group and reproduces by spores. This group can be divide into three sub-groups:

- Thalophyta: Generally once-celled or multi cellular body. In case of multicellular species, body parts cannot be differentiated. e.g. Algae, Fungi
- Bryophyte: Small, shoot, leaves present, generally grows on marshy land.
 e.g. Moss
- Pteridophyte: The plant is having distinct root, shoot and leaves. Vascular bundle present. e.g. Fern

3.2 Angiosperms

These are the flowering plants and reproduce by seed. This group is further divided into two groups:

- a. When the seeds are open without any external coating. e.g. Pine, Cycas
- b. When the seeds have outer seed coating. This may again be divided into two groups called Monocot and Dicot. The first one having only one undivided seed, like rice and wheat and the second one has got divided seed, like gram, mango etc.

The dicot group is again divided into following three sub-groups:

3.2.1 Herbs:

- Plants with soft shoot
- Herbs can be on the basis of duration of lifecycle.
- Life cycle completes in one year. e.g. Paddy, Wheat
- Life cycle completes in two years. e.g. Radish
- Life cycle completes in more than two years. e.g. Ginger
- Herbs can also be divided in to climbers and creepers

3.2.2 Shrubs:

- The plants larger than herbs but smaller than trees.
- Woody stem, medium height, branched. e.g. China rose,

3.2.3 Trees:

- Plants with long, woody stem.
- Branching out after a certain height from the ground. e.g. Mango, Banyan

Observation Procedure for Plants

- a. Wild Plants:
- Demarcate 50 m., long area
- Demarcate five 10 m., X 10 m., quadrant, one at the middle of 50 m., length and two each at the two sides of end two points
- Write description of the site
- Write down the uses of the plants especially medicinal use, abundance, and plants, which were present and used in the earlier times but no longer available. this data can be collected from the help of local villagers specially the elderly people.

b. Agricultural Crop Plants

Agricultural crops include cereals, pulses, vegetable, spices, oil seeds, fiber yielding plants, sugar yielding plants, cultivated fruit and flowers, green manure etc.

[S=Summer; M=Monsoon; PM=Post Monsoon; W=Winter]

Paddy:

Paddy can be of many varieties, both indigenous as well as high yielding. Farmers are the best source for getting the information regarding cultivation of rice varieties. The morphological characters to be noted are:

- Total plant: seedling height, plant height
- Culm: culm number
- Leaf: leaf length and width, leaf angle, flag leaf angle and colour
- Panicle: panicle type, length, weight, secondary branching pattern, number of grains, proportion of sterile grains, panicle axis
- Grain: grain length and width, 100-grain weight, brown rice length and width, brown rice colour, aroma etc

Disease and pest resistance of plants may be observed directly by the rate incidence of pest insects and diseases.

c. Horticultural Plants

This includes flowering and fruit-bearing plants like Mango, Guava, China Rose, Jasmine etc.

d. Timber yielding Plants

This type includes woody plants grown for timber. E.g. Teak, Mahogany etc.

Preparation of herbarium sheets for identification of plant species

Herbarium sheets are important tools for identification of plants species. Specimen can be kept for many years as herbarium sheet for future research. Herbarium sheets must be prepared in case the plants cannot be identified at the site.

Following materials are needed for herbarium sheet preparation:

- Bag (jute, paper, polythene) for keeping the specimen collected
- Knife for cutting the plant specimen
- Note book and pencil for note down the information required
- Weight for pressing the plant specimen between newspapers

Procedure:

- Collect the plant specimen with leaves, flower and fruit. The size of the specimen must be 30 cm. x 20cm. Put necessary label with number, location, date of collection and name of the collector.
- Now write down these information in the notebook for future reference
- Put the specimen in between two newspapers and place the leaves, flowers and fruit properly
- Put the specimen within the paper on a plain surface and place some weight on it
- Change the newspaper as and when required for complete drying the specimen.
- Place the dried specimen outdoor for sun-drying
- Take a hard art paper of size 41.7 cm., X 26.5 cm. Place the dried specimen at the center of the paper and glued or stitched it with the paper.
- Put herbarium label at the lower right hand side of the herbarium sheet with information like scientific name, family, location/place, date, collects name, altitude from msl etc.

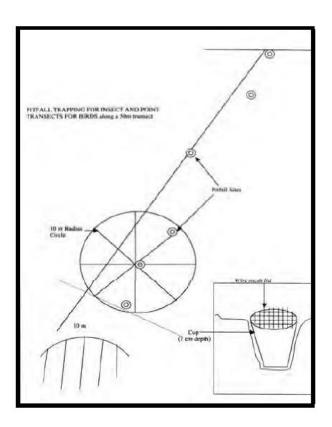
This complete herbarium sheet can be preserved for many years with proper care.

3.3 Medicinal Plants Survey

In case the area in rich in medicinal plants, special focus is to be given to document the resources and its current use pattern. Based on the results of the documentation the BMC will be in a position to determine the resource potential, prospects of cultivation, sustainable use and trading.

3.4 Ritualistic and Social Use of Biodiversity

The population in the study area may use different biological resources for religious and other ritualistic purposes. In the rural areas, such materials are normally collected from nature but in the urban areas such materials are traded through commercial stores.



End of Part III

CERTIFICATE (For All Villages/ VCs of Block)

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This People's Biodive	ersity Register	(PBR) has	been	endorsed	vide	resolution
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under the supervision ar	nd guidance of				a NGO/r	national
institution/ organization	under the overa	II supervision	of	Biodi	versity B	Board. The
data has been processed	d, analyzed and i	nterpreted by	/	•••••	•••••	a NGO/
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specialists, students & o	thers. This is the	I/II/III/final pl	nase of pro	eparation o	f PBR.	
***We adopt the PBR o		RD Blo	ck			
Biodiversity Manageme	nt Committees					
1. Chairman	sign	ature with se	al & date			
2. Secretary of BMC (if appointed)	sign	ature with se	al & date			
3. Counter signature of r	epresentative of	:				

NGO/organization/individual involved in PBR exercise.

Counter Signature with seal & date

Member Secretary, SBB

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Authorized official of SBB