

Two Days Regional Workshop on Conservation and Management of Southern Wetlands

6th-7th January 2020
Venue: Cochin, Kerala

SUMMARY MINUTES

Two days regional workshop was conducted during 6-7 January 2020 at Cochin, Kerala. A total of 28 participants from Southern States were present in the meeting. The list of participants and delegates are at Annexure-I. Wetland managers from the states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Puducherry were present.

Dr. Anitha. A.B., Executive Director, Centre for Water Resources Development and Management, Kozhikode, Kerala welcomed the delegates. Inaugural address was delivered by Mr. Ravi Agrawal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India which was followed by presentation of purpose and objectives of the workshop by Mrs. Manju Pandey, Joint Secretary. It was emphasized that after preparing brief documents, Wetland Health Cards and Integrated Management Plans for 130 identified wetlands in the first phase. For phase-II, each State needed to identify at least two wetlands per district for rejuvenation.

Dr. Goldin Quadros, Principal Scientist, Wetland Ecology Division, SACON explained the preparation of brief documents for wetlands. He presented steps involved in the wetland brief document preparation.

This was followed by the presentation on preparation of Health cards and Integrated Management Plans for Wetlands by Dr. Ritesh Kumar, Wetland International South Asia, New Delhi. The presentation was followed by interactive session with participants after which hands on filling up of proforma of IMP and preparation of health card index was done by all the participants.

• Decisions made:

- ✓ Quick replication and upscaling of wetland conservation and management plan by each State for Phase-II.

- ✓ Number of identified wetlands by participants for conservation in each State: Andhra Pradesh (23), Karnataka (13), Kerala (15), Puducherry (4), Tamil Nadu (50), Telangana (5 to 50). Numbers to be confirmed to the Ministry.
- ✓ List of all identified wetlands, nodal officers for these wetlands and responsible person in each State should be submitted to the Ministry.
- ✓ Since it would not be possible to guide and handhold all the nodal officers centrally, training of trainers should be carried out in all the States. The knowledge partners and resource persons were identified as follows:
 - SACON / Dr. GoldinQuadros would be the knowledge partner / resource person for Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Puducherry.
 - WISA / Dr. Ritesh Kumar to be the resource person for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
 - CWRDM / Dr. Harikumar and Dr. John Matthews to be the knowledge partner and resource person for Kerala.
- ✓ Wetland workshop / training in each State for all the nodal officers of the identified wetlands for Phase-II should be conducted in the last week of January. The date of the training should be fixed immediately and MoEFCC be informed.
- ✓ After the training, brief documents and wetland health cards be prepared and submitted to MoEFCC by 20th February 2020.

• **Timelines for action items**

- Dates of training / workshop in each state should be in the last week of January, 2020.
- Submission of brief documents and health cards to MoEFCC on or before 20th February, 2020.

On 7th January, 2020, the team visited Vembanad wetland system in Kerala to observe conservation measures. Dr. Harikumar.P.S. Senior Principal Scientist, Centre for Water Resources Development and Management, Kozhikode, Kerala presented about Vembanad wetland system and its importance.

List of participants

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