

MINUTES OF 10th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE PRIVATE FOREST AREAS IDENTIFIED BY STATE LEVEL EXPERT COMMITTEE (THOMAS AND ARAUJO COMMITTEE) ON PRIVATE FOREST HELD ON 05.04.2021

A meeting of the Review Committee was held on 05/04/2021 at 10.30 am in Conference hall of Forest Department, Goa Van Bhavan, Altinho, Panaji under the chairmanship of Chief Conservator of Forests. Following attended the meeting:

1	Mr. Gopal Parsekar , Additional Collector, North Goa District	Member
2	Mr. Pradeep Malik, Representative of Director of Agriculture, Panaji Goa	Member
3	Mr. Anant Samant Asst. Conservator of Forests, Headquarters, North Goa Division	Member
4	Mr. Minguel Fernandes Asst. Conservator of Forests, Headquarters, South Goa Division	Member
5	Mr. Anand S. Jadhav Dy. Conservator of Forests, Working Plan Division, Ponda.	Member Secretary

Following was in attendance:-

1. Shri. Dilesh A. Gauns Desai- Chief Forest Surveyor (Working Plan Division)

At the outset the Member Secretary welcomed all the Members of Committee and informed about the action taken on decision of the previous meeting of Review committee held on 18/03/2021. It was also informed that the minutes of 9th meeting has been officially communicated to all the members.

Thereafter agenda-wise discussion held. Following was discussed /decided



Agenda item no 10.1: Review of progress of ongoing field enumeration & Survey of Private Forest

1. As per the status obtained from Dy Conservator of Forests (Territorial) is as on 05.04.2021 below

North Goa Division - Area enumerated: 856.008 Ha, Area qualified and plan prepared : 57.49 Ha

South Goa Division - Area enumerated: 1695.05 Ha, Area qualified Area qualified and plan prepared: 44.05 Ha

Balance qualified area plan preparation is in progress

2. The committee decided to expedite the field work by deploying additional man force and to complete the verification work on priority, it also decided to ask DCF , North & South to personally monitor the work and achieve the maximum area coverage per week in each division despite of field difficulties and availability of labours due to ongoing festival season.(**Action : DCF - North / South**)

Agenda item no 10.2: Review of Survey Nos qualifying as private forests as per field reports and also to undertake public hearing.

The Review committee discussed on the Public hearing called vide Notice no. MS/REV-PF/DCF/WP/2019-20/1216 dated 26/03/2021 conducted on 30/03/2021 and 31/03/2021 and decided the following:

Sr. No	Village - Taluka	Survey Nos	Decision of the Review Committee after public hearing.
1.	Pernem - Pernem	224/1	An area of 12.8 ha is tentatively qualifying. Committee directed to prepare a revised plan of area qualifying as private forest. The area qualifies as private Forests
2.	Dhargal - Pernem	361 & 362	An area 19.46 ha is qualifying by 5 % Sampling enumeration , after the objections were heard, it was decided to undertake complete enumeration of trees in S. No.362 again in the presence of the objectors and demarcate the extent of area qualifying as private forest and submit the plan accordingly.



3.	Quitai - Quepem	75(P), 79(P) & 80(P)	An area of more than 9 ha is qualifying as private, it was decided to demarcate and prepare the extent of area qualified as private forests as per sub division wise. As the area qualifies as Private Forests
4.	Nagvem - Sattari	10/1 & 10/2	Though the area is shown non qualifying as per cumulative tree enumeration, due to less than 75% composition, the area to be verified and to ascertain the extent of area fulfilling 75% tree composition, since both survey nos are adjacent to Government Forests in Valpoi Range of Sattari Taluka.

Followed by Public hearing was conducted as called vide Notice no. MS/REV-PF/DCF/WP/2019-20/09 dated 01/04/2021 for areas qualifying as private forests in Colomba (Sanguem), Curti, Ponda (Ponda taluka) and Dabolim (Mormugao Taluka) and the review committee after detailed discussion and deliberations finally confirmed the following.

Sr. No	Village - Taluka	Survey Nos	Decision of the Review Committee after public hearing
1.	Colomba - Sanguem	50(P), 53(P)	An area of 14.51 ha & 3.62 ha respectively qualifies as Private Forest.
2.	Curti - Ponda	99, 100	A patch of forest comprising an area of 1.90 Ha (S. No 99 - of Curti) and 1.85 ha (S. No 100 - of Curti together with 2.44 ha of S. No 83 and 1.56 ha of S.no 84 of Ponda village, together qualifies as private forest patch area of 7.75 Ha.
3.	Ponda - Ponda	83 & 84	
4.	Dabolim - Mormugao	4,9,13,14,17,22, 46 & 47	Considering the objections raised by the land owners, it was decided to conduct field verification of the area and decide accordingly



The field reports submitted by Sub Committees were placed before the Review Committee and after evaluation, deliberations and discussion on each reports the committee decided as under :

Sr. No.	Village – Taluka	Survey Nos	Decision of the Review Committee after detailed deliberations
1	Kundaim – Ponda	48/10	Based on the field reports the area does not qualify the tree composition criteria and the tree felling offence registered pertains to area outside the identified private forests. Hence, the area does not qualify the criteria of Private forests
2	Bandora – Ponda	216, 221	Based on the field reports the area does not qualify the tree composition criteria and the tree felling offence registered pertains to area outside the identified private forests. Hence, the area does not qualify the criteria of Private forests

Agenda item no 10.3: Submission of Interim status report on the progress of review committee to the Government

The Committee decided to submit an interim report of reviewed work of the Committee to the Government, giving details of the work accomplished, since the formation of Review Committee. It was also decided to submit the details of all the survey nos reviewed and the decision of the committee thereto.

It was also decided to give the detailed status report of all the field verification , enumeration completed , demarcation of extent of area etc as per decisions of review committee taken for necessary compliance for finalizing it as per **Annexure I .(Action : DCF – North / South)**



Agenda item no 10.4: Any other matter with the permission of Chair

- Discussion were held on the survey numbers provisionally identified as Private Forests by North Goa & South Goa District Committees and subsequently excluded in the final report submitted by them. The review Committee decided that the mandate of the review is to review provisionally identified survey numbers as Private Forests by North Goa & South Goa District Committees along with final lists as per reports submitted by North Goa & South Goa District Committee. Hence , it would be appropriate to consider all such excluded survey numbers from the provisionally identified lists of Private Forests for review as per merit and methodology adopted by the review committee .
- Since some of the these excluded survey numbers have been partly reviewed by earlier review committee headed by DCF - Working Plan as it also formed part of Sawant & Karapurkar Committee report and its reports is already brought to finality by Hon'ble NGT, these survey numbers which are already reviewed will be not be reviewed by this review committee

Meeting was concluded by thanking all the members for their presence and contribution in the deliberations and conduct of review committee proceedings



(Anand S. Jadhav)
Dy. Conservator of Forests
Working Plan Division &
Member Secretary
Panaji, Goa.

No : MS/REV-PF/DCF/WP/2020-21/ 39

Date : 16/04/2021

To,

- 1 The Chief Conservator of Forests, Goa Van Bhavan, Panaji Goa.

- 2 The Director, Settlement & Land Records, Panaji Goa.
- 3 The Director Agriculture, Panaji Goa.
- 4 The Dy. Conservator of Forests Head Quarter, Goa Van Bhavan, Panaji
Goa.
- 5 The Additional Collector South, Revenue Department, Margao South.
- 6 The Additional Collector North, Revenue Department, Panaji North.
- 7 The Asst. Conservator of Forests Headquarter North Ponda Goa.
- 8 The Asst. Conservator of Forests Headquarter South Margao Goa.
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ABSTRACT

SR. NO	PARTICULARS	Area in Ha	No. of Map sheets	Survey nos	Remarks
1	Field Verification in progress	1118.112	18	137	
3	Enumeration completed	796.017	19	209	
4	Demarcation in progress	87.79	2	12	
5	For Finalisation	479.195	25	76	Prospective Qualifying area approx: 19.77 ha
7	For Public hearing	11.56	2	5	Prospective Qualifying area approx: 19.00 ha
8	Finalised	58.38	6	13	Qualified area : 48.01 ha
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