

**MINUTES OF 4<sup>th</sup> 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 27.02.2020**

A meeting of the Review Committee appointed by the Government of Goa vide Notification No. DCF (WP)/Pvt. For/16(THC)/2013(WZ)/19-20 dated 21/01/2020 to review the provisionally identified Private Forest areas by Thomas & Araujo Committee, was held on 27.02.2020 at 11am in the chamber of Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Van Bhawan, Altinho, Panaji Goa under the chairmanship of Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Panaji Goa. Following attended the meeting:

1	Director of Settlement and Land Records, Panaji Goa	Member
2	Director of Agriculture , Panaji Goa	Member
3	Dy. Conservator of Forests, North Goa Division, Ponda Goa	(Special Invitee)
4	Representative of Dy. Conservator of Forests, South Goa Division, Margao Goa	(Special Invitee)
5	Dy. Conservator of Forests, Working Plan Division, Ponda.	Member Secretary
6	Additional Collector, North Goa District	Member
7	Additional Collector, South Goa District	Member
8	Asst. Conservator of Forests, Headquarters, North Goa Division	Member
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At the outset DCF (Working Pan) and the Member Secretary of the committee briefed the progress as follows:-

- 1) **Digitisation of Survey numbers and superimposition on high quality forest cover map:** Member secretary briefed that digitisation of Survey numbers identified by State Level Expert Committee (Thomas and Araujo Committee) and preparation of KML files is in progress. Approximately, 40-45% data has been digitized by GIS cell of Working Plan Division.
- 2) **Advertisement for inviting objections from land owners:** Member Secretary informed that the advertisement for inviting objections/representations, contact details and correspondence address from land owners, whose land is identified as provisional private forest by Thomas

and Araujo committee has been published in daily local newspaper, Goan Everyday (English), Lokmat (Marathi) and Bhaangar Bhuin (Konkani) on 15/02/2020. The copy of published advertisement has also been forwarded to various government offices viz; Collector (North and South Goa), DCF (North and South Goa), Panchayats and Municipalities, Mamlatdar, members of review committee, with request to display in their office notice boards as well as in the offices under their jurisdiction and has also been uploaded on forest department's website. Till date, total 120 objections/representations have been received from landowners, whose land has been identified by State Level Expert Committee (Thomas and Araujo Committee) out of which, 83 representations were tabulated and placed before the committee for reference.

After detailed discussions, it was decided to publish the public notice once more for the information of concerned land owners in leading English and Marathi newspapers. The Chairman, desired that file in this context shall be moved for approval of the competent authority. It was also discussed that one more months' time may be given for submitting objections/representations based on responses received towards end of the notice period.

**(Action Taken: Member Secretary DCF (Working Plan))**

Thereafter agenda-wise discussion was held-

- 3) **Agenda No. 1- Constitution of sub committees for field verification and survey of private forest areas identified by SLEC (Thomas and Araujo committee):** It was decided that for verification of the species composition criteria of private forest, sub-committees comprising of concerned Inspector Survey and land Records, Range Forest Officer and Talathi of respective village shall be formed. After detailed discussions, following sub-committees were proposed to be constituted for field verification and survey of the private forest:

**Detail of proposed Sub-committees for field verification & survey in North Goa.**

Sr. No.	Taluka	Village	Members of sub-committee		
1	Tiswadi	Gancim	ISLR Tiswadi	RFO Panaji	Talathi Gancim
		Talaulim			Talathi Talaulim
		Gaulimaula			Talathi Gaulimaula
2	Bardez	Salvador do Mundo	ISLR Bardez	RFO Panaji	Talathi Salvador do Mundo
		Socorro			Talathi Socorro

3	Bardez	Ucassaim	ISLR	RFO	Talathi Ucassaim
		Penha de Franca	Bardez	Keri	Talathi Penha de Franca
		Pomburpa			Talathi Pomburpa
		Olavliem			Talathi Olavliem
		Nachinola			Talathi Nachinola
4	Bardez	Pilerne	ISLR	RFO	Talathi Pilerne
		Siolim	Bardez	Keri	Talathi Siolim
		Reis Magos			Talathi Reis Magos
		Marna			Talathi Marna
		Camorlim			Talathi Camorlim
		Oxel			Talathi Oxel
		Sangolda			Talathi Sangolda
5	Bardez/ Pernem	Assagao	ISLR	RFO	Talathi Assagao
		Parra	Bardez	Pernem	Talathi Parra
		Arpora			Talathi Arpora
		Verla			Talathi Verla
		Calangute			Talathi Calangute
		Terekhol			Talathi Terekhol
		Arambol			Talathi Arambol
		Paliem			Talathi Paliem
		Pernem			Talathi Pernem
		Dhargal			Talathi Dhargal
6	Dharbandora	Piliem	ISLR	RFO	Talathi Piliem
		Sangod	Ponda	Ponda	Talathi Sangod
		Dharbandora			Talathi Dharbandora
		Sacorda			Talathi Sacorda
		Shigao			Talathi Shigao
		Mollem			Talathi Mollem

**Detail of proposed Sub-committees for field verification & survey in South**

**Goa.**

Sr. No.	Taluka	Village	Members of sub-committee		
1	Dharbandora	Codli	ISLR Ponda	RFO Sanguem	Talathi Codli
		Camorconda			Talathi Camorconda
		Bandoli			Talathi Bandoli
		Cormonem			Talathi Cormonem
		Moissal			Talathi Moissal

2	Marmugao	Dabolim	ISLR Marmugao	RFO Curdi	Talathi Dabolim
		Issorcim			Talathi Issorcim
		Chicolna			Talathi Chicolna
		Cortalim			Talathi Cortalim
		Sancoale			Talathi Sancoale
		Quelossim			Talathi Quelossim
		Counsua (Cortalim)			Talathi Counsua (Cortalim)
		Chicalim			Talathi Chicalim
		Cuelim			Talathi Cuelim
3	Salcete	Curtorim	ISLR Salcete	RFO Mobile squad	Talathi Curtorim
		Loutulim			Talathi Loutulim
		Camurlim			Talathi Camurlim
		Raia			Talathi Raia
		Nagoa			Talathi Nagoa
		Nuvm			Talathi Nuvm
		Verna			Talathi Verna
		Guirdolim			Talathi Guirdolim
		Macasana			Talathi Macasana
		Mullem			Talathi Mullem
		Paroda			Talathi Paroda
		Cavorem			Talathi Cavorem
		Sarzora			Talathi Sarzora
		Darmapur			Talathi Darmapur
		Chinchinim			Talathi Chinchinim
		Velim			Talathi Velim
		Ambelim			Talathi Ambelim
		Cuncolim			Talathi Cuncolim
		Talvorda			Talathi Talvorda
		Dicarpalli			Talathi Dicarpalli
St. Jose de Areal	Talathi St. Jose de Areal				
Margao City	Talathi Margao City				
4	Canacona	Srithal	ISLR Quepem	RFO Canacona	Talathi Srithal
		Nagorcem- Palolem			Talathi Nagorcem- Palolem
		Agonda			Talathi Agonda
		Cola			Talathi Cola
		Poiguinim			Talathi Poiguinim



		Loliem			Talathi Loliem
5	Quepem	Quitai	ISLR Quepem	RFO Pissornem	Talathi Quitai
		Naquerim			Talathi Naquerim
		Fatorpa			Talathi Fatorpa
		Morpirla			Talathi Morpirla
		Quedem			Talathi Quedem
		Quisconda			Talathi Quisconda
		Paddi			Talathi Paddi
		Tiloi			Talathi Tiloi
6	Quepem	Balli	ISLR Quepem	RFO Quepem	Talathi Balli
		Adnem			Talathi Adnem
		Ambaulim			Talathi Ambaulim
		Assolda			Talathi Assolda
		Xic-Xelvona			Talathi Xic- Xelvona
		Xelvona			Talathi Xelvona
		Odar			Talathi Odar
		Sirvoi			Talathi Sirvoi
		Xeldem			Talathi Xeldem
		Deao			Talathi Deao
		Cacora			Talathi Cacora
		Nagvem			Talathi Nagvem
		Zanodem			Talathi Zanodem
		Molcornem			Talathi Molcornem
		Cavrem			Talathi Cavrem
		Rivona			Talathi Rivona
		Pirla			Talathi Pirla
		Corla			Talathi Corla
		Cazur			Talathi Cazur
		Undoma			Talathi Undoma
Sulcorna	Talathi Sulcorna				
Cusmane	Talathi Cusmane				
Maina	Talathi Maina				
7	Sanguem	Colomba	ISLR Sanguem	RFO Curdi	Talathi Colomba
		Curpem			Talathi Curpem
		Neturlim			Talathi Neturlim
		Vichundrem			Talathi Vichundrem
8	Sanguem	Salauli	ISLR Sanguem	RFO Sanguem	Talathi Salauli
		Potrem			Talathi Potrem
		Uguem			Talathi Uguem

	Patiem		Talathi Patiem
	Muguli		Talathi Muguli
	Sanvordem		Talathi Sanvordem
	Comproi		Talathi Comproi
	Coranguinim		Talathi Coranguinim
	Antoriem		Talathi Antoriem
	Rumbrem		Talathi Rumbrem
	Naiquinim		Talathi Naiquinim
	Cumbari		Talathi Cumbari
	Villienna		Talathi Villienna
	Bati		Talathi Bati
	Potrem		Talathi Potrem
	Tudou		Talathi Tudou
	Sanguem		Talathi Sanguem
	Cotarlim		Talathi Cotarlim
	Xelpem		Talathi Xelpem
	Santona		Talathi Santona

It was decided that support staff of Divisions other than territorial should be included to enable speedy execution of ground trothing and survey work, however, the matter of inclusion of RFO's other than territorial division needs to be discussed with concerned DCF's under the guidance of the Department.

**(Action Taken:** Chairman Review Committee CF(C) &  
Member Secretary DCF (Working Plan))

4) **Agenda No. 2- Hearing of Objections from landowners, whose land has been identified as private forest by SLEC (Thomas and Araujo committee):** After detailed discussions, it was decided that hearing of objections shall be done after receipt of field data for species composition and its analysis on forest cover map, so that clear existence and extent of Private Forest is known before hearing the objections. Particularly, the monsoon season will be utilised for hearing the objections/representations from landowners whose land has been identified as Private Forest by SLEC (Thomas and Araujo Committee).

**5) Any other item:-**

5.1 **Review of survey numbers which has been finalised by Thomas and Araujo committees, where survey plans have been prepared;** With respect to Review of survey numbers, which has been finalised by Thomas and Araujo committees after field verification and survey (where

survey plans have been prepared), it was decided to seek the view of government for further action in this matter. 1157C

**(Action Taken:** DCF (Working Plan)

- 5.2 **Inclusion of fresh survey numbers other than identified by SLEC (Thomas and Araujo committee):** After detailed discussion regarding inclusion of fresh survey numbers other than identified by SLEC (Thomas and Araujo committee) it was opined that as per the mandate of Review Committee, only those areas will be taken up for the work of review which are identified by Thomas and Araujo committee.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.



**Deep Shikha Sharma IFS**  
**Dy. Conservator of Forests (Working Plan Division)/**  
**Member Secretary**

**No. MS/REV-PF/DCF/WP/2019-20/1001**

**Dated:- 28/02/2020**

**To**

- 1 Conservator of Forests, Conservation, Junta House, Panajim
- 2 Director, Settlement & Land Records, Panaji
- 3 Director Agriculture
- 4 Dy. Conservator of Forests Head Quarter, Panaji.
- 5 Dy. Conservator of Forests Head Quarter, North Ponda
- 6 Dy. Conservator of Forests Head Quarter, South Margao.
- 7 Additional Collector, Revenue Department, Margao South
- 8 Additional Collector, Revenue Department, Panaji North
- 9 Legal Cell, Forest Department, Panaji.
- 10 Office copy.