

**Proceedings of the Hearing conducted on 15.06.2023 at 10.30 a.m. in connection with objections filed by Land Owners / Power of Attorney / representatives of areas provisionally identified as Private Forests by North Goa (Thomas) & South Goa (Araujo) Committee in Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka, Curti Village of Ponda Taluka & Muguli Village of Sanguem Taluka.**

The following members/representatives were present: -

1. Shri Praveen Kumar Raghaw, IFS  
Chief Conservator of Forests & Chairman of Review Committee.
2. Shri Naveen Kumar P, IFS  
Dy. Conservator of Forests (WP) & Member Secretary, Review Committee.
3. Shri. Pankaj Rane,  
Representative of Additional Collector, South Goa District.
4. Shri. Vrushika Kauthankar,  
Representative of Additional Collector, North Goa District.
5. Shri Sujay Shirodkar,  
Representative of the Director of Agriculture
6. Shri Pratima Kavlekar,  
Representative of the Director of Settlement and Land Record Panaji, Goa.
7. Shri Vishwas Chodankar  
Assistant Conservator of Forests (North), Member.
8. Shri D. M. Kudalkar,  
Assistant Conservator of Forests (South), Member.

Following were in attendance

1. Shri Jose Colaco, Assistant Conservator of Forests, (WP)
2. Shri. Vikaramaditya Gaonkar, Range Forest Officer, Sanguem
3. Shri. Sebastiao A. Rodrigues, Range Forest Officer, Keri
4. Shri Gaurish Naik, Forest Surveyor (WP)
5. Shri. Nilesh Dessai, Forest Surveyor, South Goa Division
6. Shri. Mohamed Ieshad, Field Surveyor, DSLR

  
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7. Shri Promod Naik, Field Surveyor, DSLR
8. Shri Kiran Gaude, Field Surveyor, DSLR
9. Shri Pravin Kurtikar, Field Suveyor, DSLR
10. Shri. Sandip Madelkar, Field Surveyor, DSLR
11. Shri. Sagar Morje, Forest Guard, Panaji Range
12. Shri. Sagar Salagaonkar, Forest Guard, Sanguem Range
13. Shri. Promod Malik, Forest Guard, Ponda Range
14. Shri. Sandesh Ghasti, Forest Guard, Pissonem Range

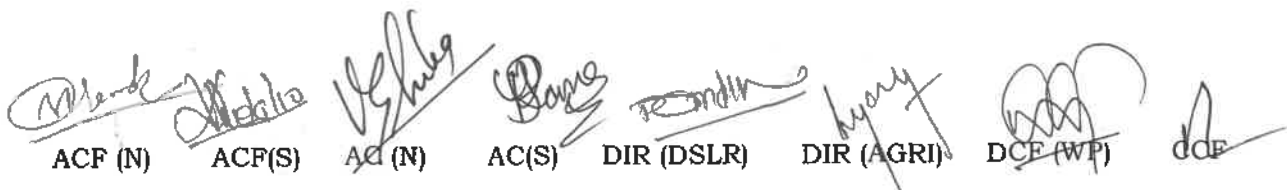
Objection from the villagers of Silolm Village of Bardez Taluka, Curti Village of Ponda Taluka & Muguli Village of Sanguem Taluka were heard individually. The Member Secretary informed the Review Committee that the notice for hearing dated 08/06/2023 was served to each objector through post, special messenger, also through telephone calls and messages.

The Member Secretary informed that public hearing scheduled for the day is being conducted for the areas qualifying as private forests based on three criteria of approved methodology. ie., Survey number qualified for area and canopy density criteria as per Forest Cover Map provided by Forest Survey of India were subjected to field enumeration by sub-Committee, on submission of plan and enumeration report by the sub-committee after which is now placed before the Review Committee for public hearing on 15/06/2023.


The area qualified as private forest after field enumeration were verified in presence of the objectors. Field report along with copy of each such document / plan were shown to concerned objectors during hearing.

Summary of hearing is as under:

Sr. No.	Name of the person	Area	Objections query/ statements of the Owners/objectors	Observations/ comments of review committee
1.	Village Panchayat Siolim-Sodiem	All village Sy. nos	None present for the hearing on behalf of village panchayat	


  
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2.	Mr. Vassudev Vishnu Vernekar	Survey No 261/0 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka.	Objected saying that the area does not qualify as private forests.	<p>Survey Number 261 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet and accepted the findings of the Review Committee in Survey no. 261/0 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka.</p> <p>The objector is a tenant of the property and actual owner of the property is Comunidade.</p> <p>Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.</p>
3.	Mr. Prabhakar Vishnu Vernekar	Survey No 261/0 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka.	Objected saying that the area does not qualify as private forests.	<p>Survey Number 261 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet and accepted the findings of the Review Committee in Survey no. 261/0 of</p>


  
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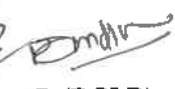


  
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4.	Mr. Esso Soiru Naik	Survey No 261/0 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka.	Objected saying that the area does not qualify as private forests as there are cashew trees.	<p>Survey Number 261 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet and accepted the findings of the Review Committee in Survey no. 261/0 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka.</p> <p>The objector is a tenant of the property and actual owner of the property is Comunidade.</p> <p>Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.</p>

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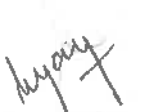


5.	Leao P. Dias	Survey Number 271/30, 271/31 and 271/32 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka	Objected saying that the area does not qualify as private forests. The area has Cashew trees and also Sanad issued and there are no forest trees.	Survey Number 271 of Socorro Village of Bardez Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee. The objector has signed the attendance sheet and has accepted the findings of Review committee in survey number 271/30, 271/31 and 271/32 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka.  Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.
6.	Mr. Anthony Fernandes	Survey Number 271 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka	Was not present for hearing	Survey Number 271 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee. The objector was not present for the hearing. The committee decided to give one chance in the next hearing.

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7.	Mrs. Rosaria P. D'souza represented on behalf of Mrs. Maria Fermina Fernandes & other	Survey Number 271 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka	Has no objection, as the property is falling outside the qualifying area as private forests.	<p>Survey Number 271 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet and accepted the findings of the Review Committee in survey number 271/33-B of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka.</p> <p>Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.</p>
8.	Mrs. Dorothy Ida D'Souza	Survey Number 271 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka	No objection is signed on the condition that no trees will be planted by any Govt. Agency.	<p>Survey Number 271 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.</p> <p>The objector has signed the attendance sheet and accepted the findings of the Review Committee in survey number 271/39 of Siolim Village of Bardez Taluka.</p>

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8.	Mr. Keshav Salgaonkar represented on behalf of Mr. Chandrakant Salgaonkar	Survey No 53/2 of Muguli Village of Sanguem Taluka.	Objected saying that the area does not qualify as private forest.	Survey Number 53 of Muguli Village of Sanguem Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.  The objector has signed the attendance sheet and accepted the findings of the Review Committee in survey number 53/2 of Muguli Village of Sanguem Taluka.  Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.
10.	Mr. Kaivalya Salgaonkar represented on behalf of Shri Rohidas Ganu Salgaonkar	Survey No 53/2 of Muguli Village of Sanguem Taluka.	Objected saying that the area does not qualify as private forest. I shall be allowed to built a farm house and cultivate horticulture crops.	Survey Number 44 of Loutolim Village of Salcete Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.  The objector has signed the attendance sheet and accepted the findings of the Review Committee in survey number 53/2 of Muguli









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10.	Mrs. Esmenia Jacinta Fernandes	Survey No 43/0 of Muguli Village of Sanguem Taluka	Was not present for hearing.	Survey Number 43 of Muguli Village of Sanguem Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.  The committee ha decided to give a third and last chance in the next hearing.  Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.
11	Geoge Viegas	Survey No 58/0 of Curti Village of Ponda Taluka	Was not present for hearing.	Survey Number 58 of Curti Village of Ponda Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.  The Hearing notice was delivered through email and Whatsapp.  Committee has decided to give a next date for hearing.









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12	Glen Viegas	Survey No 58/0 of Curti Village of Ponda Taluka	Was not present for hearing.	Survey Number 58 of Curti Village of Ponda Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.  The Hearing notice was delivered through email and Whatsapp. Committee has decided to give a next date for hearing.  Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.
13	Cosar Viegas	Survey No 58/0 of Curti Village of Ponda Taluka	Was not present for hearing.	Survey Number 58 of Curti Village of Ponda Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.  The Hearing notice was delivered through email and Whatsapp. Committee has decided to give a next date for hearing.

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14	Mark Viegas	Survey No 58/0 of Curti Village of Ponda Taluka	Was not present for hearing.	Survey Number 58 of Curti Village of Ponda Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.  The Hearing notice was delivered through email. Committee has decided to give a next date for hearing.  Comments/Views/objecti on were recorded by the committee.
15	Colin Viegas	Survey No 58/0 of Curti Village of Ponda Taluka	Was not present for hearing.	Survey Number 58 of Curti Village of Ponda Taluka is provisionally identified as Private Forest by Thomas Committee.  The Hearing notice was delivered through email and Whatsapp. Committee has decided to give a next date for hearing.

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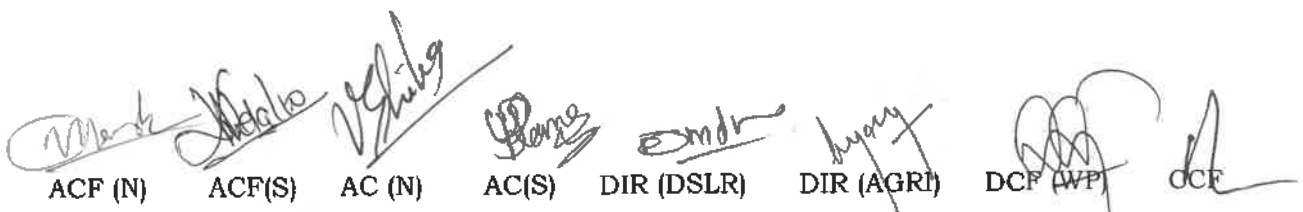
The Review Committee accordingly decided the following-


1. Mr. Anthony Rodrigues of survey number 271/33 of Siolim Village, Bardez Taluka, George Viegas, Glen Viegas, Cosar Viegas, Mark Viegas & Mr. Colin Viegas of Survey number 58/0 of Curti village, Ponda Taluka and Esmenia Jacinta Fernandes of Survey Number 43/0 of of Muguli village were not present for hearing. The objector Mr. Anthony Rodrigues of survey number 271/33 of Siolim Village and Glen Viegas of Survey number 58/0 of Curti village, Ponda Taluka has requested for next date of hearing, the Review Committee decided to call them during next hearing. The objector Esmenia Jacinta Fernandes has been called for hearing second time. The Review Committee considering her age decided to give third and last chance of hearing.
2. As the area is qualifying all the criteria of private forest, 8.0 Ha. of area in survey number 53/2 of Muguli village Sanguem Taluka, is identified as private forest.


Thus, the committee have identified an area of 8.0Ha. as private forest during the hearing.


Copies of photographs and attendance sheet of the Public Hearing are enclosed as a part of the hearing proceedings.

The public hearing ended with thanks to chair.



  
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Rep of Additional Collector  
North (Revenue), Member

  
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South (Revenue), Member

  
Dy. Conservator of Forests  
(Working Plan) Member Secretary

  
Chief Conservator of Forests  
Chairman

Copy to: -

1. Deputy Conservator of Forests (North /South) for information and necessary action.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests (Headquarter) for information.
3. Member Secretary (Sub-Committees) for information and necessary action as directed by the review committee.

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