

## **Minutes of Seventh Meeting of Monitoring Group of National Authority held on 04.05.2023 at Forest Survey of India, Dehradun**

The seventh meeting of the Monitoring Group (MG) of the National Authority was held at Forest Survey of India, Dehradun in hybrid mode.

The list of the members and other officials from FSI (Dehradun) and NA-CAMPA (MoEF&CC) attended the meeting has been given in Annexure-I. Sh. Abhay Kumar Saxena, Retd. AD-FSI was invited by MG for the meeting.

At the outset, Shri Anoop Singh, DG FSI welcomed all the members & officials (MoEF&CC and FSI) who were present in the meeting. Following this, DG-FSI briefed the members with initial remarks and agenda items of the 7<sup>th</sup> MG meeting. Thereafter, each agenda item was discussed and deliberated among the members, in the meeting.

### **The following decisions were taken in the meeting:**

1. NA-CAMPA to provide a status report on the pending issues of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> MG meetings.
2. NA-CAMPA to provide/share internal & third-party evaluation reports, giving details about sampling method, intensity, parameters of evaluation, main findings & recommendation to MG alongwith excel sheet of grand listing of records. MG also decided that in the absence of any document/records provided by NA-CAMPA, FSI will attempt to extract this information from existing e-Green Watch Portal.
3. NA-CAMPA to share list of monitoring agencies with MG.
4. NA-CAMPA to provide a detailed note on CAMPA norms for creation of Assets & their types, financial ceiling & other specifications for Assets with MG.
5. All MG members agreed to undertake a field visit to one State in June-July, 2023. DG, FSI will decide the schedule of visit alongwith the name of the State and share with MG Members.
6. MG agreed for constitution of two Core Committees (Technical Advisory Committee & Committee of Retired Forest Officers) at FSI. MG also suggested to have representation of SFS and Range officers in the Committee of Retired Forest Officers to utilise their field as well as monitoring experience.
7. MG Members affirmed that the monitoring studies of MG will be planned in such a manner that the studies will enable estimation upto State level mandatorily. Accordingly, MG asked Sr. Consultant to formulate the sampling frameworks including sampling intensity atleast upto the State level.
8. Monitoring Group has suggested for creation of IT Cell at FSI to support development of e-Green Watch Portal.
9. MG agreed that Monitoring Cell can hold campus recruitments at IIRS (Dehradun) & FRI-DU (Dehradun).
10. MG suggested to conduct the National Level Workshop in June-July, 2023.

11. Monitoring Cell to extract information from existing e-Green Watch on number of States/UTs reporting their data (after registration with portal), kind of information available about the States/UTs CAMPA activities. MC to also attempt to check whether the reported data (by SFDs) is complete or not.

**The different actions points emerged after the meeting are given as follows:**

**Action Point No. 1:** Possible alternate options for development of new e-Green Watch Portal (with or without NIC) will be presented before MG in the next MG meeting, for their recommendation. **(Action: Monitoring Cell, FSI)**

**Action Point No. 2:** NA-CAMPA shall provide grand listing of all works and categorization of Works/grouping of works done by utilizing the funds of National/State CAMPA and the Monitoring Cell will prepare a category-wise list of Plantation, Assets etc. and derive Sample Size to start monitoring work. **(Action: National Authority-CAMPA & Monitoring Cell, FSI)**

**Action Point No. 3:** NA-CAMPA to apprise MG on exchange of information between State-CAMPA & National-CAMPA, data flow between States & MOEF&CC. **(Action: National Authority-CAMPA)**

**Action Point No. 4:** Monitoring cell to extract information from e-Green Watch Portal on number of States/UTs reporting CAMPA activities on the portal; attribute variables reported against activities available at the Portal; completeness of the information and report the same to MG in next meeting. **(Action: Monitoring Cell, FSI)**

**Action Point No. 5:** Monitoring Cell to plan developing (i) monitoring parameters, (ii) formats & (iii) sampling strategy for enabling estimation upto State level. **(Action: Monitoring Cell, FSI)**

**Action Point No. 6:** Monitoring Cell to organise a field visit of Monitoring Group to one State (nearby), preferably in June-July, 2023. **(Action: Monitoring Cell, FSI)**

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**List of officers present in the seventh meeting of Monitoring Group held at 02.30 pm on 04.05.2023 at Forest Survey of India, Dehradun.**

1. Members of the Monitoring Group (MG)
  - a) Shri Anoop Singh, Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun.
  - b) Dr. Subhash Ashutosh, IFS (Retd), Co-Chairman & Director, CoE for Sustainable NRM & Livelihood, Govt. of Meghalaya.
  - c) Prof. Madhoolika Agarwal, Prof& Coordinator ISLS, Dean Science, BHU, Varanasi.
  - d) Prof. Ankur Patwardhan, Dept. of Biodiversity, MES Abasaheb Gaware College, Pune.
  - e) Shri Vaibhav Chaturvedi, Member, Monitoring Group of National Authority.
2. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, New Delhi
  - a) Shri Nisheeth Saxena, Sr. Consultant, National Authority.
  - b) Ms. Apoorva, Consultant, National Authority.
3. Forest Survey of India, Dehradun
  - a) Shri Rajesh Kumar, Sr. Consultant, Monitoring Cell, FSI.
  - b) Shri Prakash Lakhchaura, DDG, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun.
  - c) Shri Kamal Pandey, DD, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun.
4. Invited Members by the Monitoring Group
  - a) Shri Abhay Kumar Saxena, Retd. AD, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun.

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