

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
FORESTS AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

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**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR**  
**NOTIFICATION**

**Dated: Shillong, the 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.**

**No.ENV.1/2007/Vol-II/104 :-** In supersession of this Department's Notification No.ENV.1/2007/Pt/110, dated 01.11.2017 and in pursuance of Rule 5(1) of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017, issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests Climate Change, Government of India, vide its Notification No. G.S.R. 1203 (E) dated 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to re-constitute the State Wetlands Authority for the State of Meghalaya consisting of the following members:-

1	Minister in-charge of Forests and Environment Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.	Chairperson
2	Chief Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya.	Vice-Chairperson
3	Senior most Secretary of the Forests and Environment Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.	Member
4	Senior most Secretary of the Urban Affairs Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.	Member
5	Senior most Secretary of the Community and Rural Development Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.	Member
6	Senior most Secretary of the Water Resources Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.	Member
7	Senior most Secretary of the Fisheries Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.	Member
8	Senior most Secretary of the Public Health Engineering Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.	Member
9	Senior most Secretary of the Soil & Water Conservation Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.	Member
10	Senior most Secretary of the Tourism Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.	Member
11	Senior most Secretary of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Govt. of Meghalaya	Member
12	The Director, North Eastern Space Application Centre, Umiam.	Member
13	The Chief Wildlife Warden, Meghalaya	Member

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14	The Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Biodiversity Board.	Member
15	The Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board.	Member
16	The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Shillong	Member
17	Secretary to the Executive Committee of Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council	Member
18	Secretary to the Executive Committee of Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council	Member
19	Secretary to the Executive Committee of Garo Hills Autonomous District Council	Member
20	Dr. Jimcarbrist P. Marak, Associate Professor, Union Christian College, Umiam Khwan	Expert Member
21	Shri. Devesh Walia, Professor & Head of Department of Geology, North-Eastern Hill University	Expert Member
22	Dr. Bikramjit Sinha, Scientist-E, Zoological Survey of India, North Eastern Regional Centre	Expert Member
23	Shri. Aiban S. Mawkhroh, Principal Architect, Atelier A+	Expert Member
24	Smti. G. Sara Lyndem, (Retd) Joint Director, SIRD	Expert Member
25	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya, Shillong.	Member Secretary

1. The State Wetlands Authority may co-opt other members, exceeding three in number, if required.
2. The powers and function of the State Wetlands Authority shall be as specified in Rule 5 (4), (5) and (6) of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017.
  - a) Prepare a list of all wetlands of State within three months from the date of publication of the aforesaid.
  - b) prepare a list of wetlands to be notified, within six months from the date of publication of the aforesaid rules taking into cognizance any existing list of wetlands prepared/notified under other relevant State Acts.
  - c) recommend identified wetlands, based on their Brief Documents, for regulation under these rules;
  - d) prepare a comprehensive digital inventory of all wetlands within a period of one year from the date of publication of these rules and upload the same on a dedicated web portal to be developed by the Central/Government for the said purpose: the inventory to be updated every ten years;

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- e) develop a comprehensive list of activities to be regulated and permitted within the notified Wetlands and their zone of influence;
  - f) recommend additions, if any, to the list of prohibited activities for specific wetlands;
  - g) define strategies for conservation and wise use of wetlands within their jurisdiction; wise use being a principle for managing these ecosystems which incorporate sustainable uses (such as capture fisheries at sustainable level or harvest of aquatics plants) as being compatible with conservation, if ecosystem function (such as water storage, ground water recharge, flood buffering) and values (such as recreation and cultural) are maintained or enhanced;
  - h) review integrated management plan for each of the notified wetlands (including trans-boundary wetlands in coordination with Central Government), and within these plans consider continuation and support to traditional uses of wetlands which are harmonized with ecological character;
  - i) in cases wherein within boundary of notified wetlands or wetlands complex have private tenancy rights, recommended mechanisms for maintenance of ecological character through promotional activities
  - j) identify mechanisms for convergence of implementation of the management plan with the existing State level development plans and programmes;
  - k) ensure enforcement of these rules and other relevant Acts; rules and regulations and on half yearly basis (June and December of each calendar year) inform the concerned State Government or Central Government on the status of such notified wetlands through a reporting mechanisms;
  - l) coordinated implementation of integrated management plans base on wise use principle through various line departments and other concerned agencies;
  - m) function as nodal authority for all wetland specified authorizes within the State.
  - n) issue necessary directions for conservation and sustainable management of wetlands to the respective implementing agencies;
  - o) undertake measures for enhancing awareness within stakeholders and local communities on values and functions of wetlands; and
  - p) Advise on any other matter suo-moto, are as referred by the State Government.
3. The Authority shall constitute / re-constitute
- a) a technical committee to review brief documents, management plans and advise on any Technical matter referred by the Wetland Authority; and
  - b) a grievance committee consisting of four members to provide a mechanism for hearing and forwarding the grievances raised by public to the Authority.
4. The Committees referred to in sub-rule (6) of the Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules 2017 shall meet at least once in every quarter to perform their functions.

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5. The Authority shall meet at least thrice in a year.
6. The term of non-official members of the Authority nominated by State Government shall be for a period not exceeding three years.

**Sd/- (Syed Md. A. Razi, IRTS)**

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya  
Forests & Environment Department

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1. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Meghalaya, for information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. The P. S. to the Hon'ble Speaker, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, for information of the Hon'ble Speaker.
3. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Forests & Environment Department, Govt. of Meghalaya, for information of the Hon'ble Minister.
4. The P. S. to the Hon'ble Leader of Opposition, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, for information of the Hon'ble Leader of Opposition.
5. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, for information of the Chief Secretary.
6. The Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003.
7. The Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary / Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya \_\_\_\_\_
8. The Scientist 'D', NRCD, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan (1st Floor), CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.
9. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Law-U-Sib, Lumbatngen, Shillong- 793014.
10. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and HoFF, Meghalaya, Shillong.
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20. Smti G. Sara Lyndem, (Retd.) Joint Director, State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), TEIMEKER, Lumbasuk, Nongthymmai, Shillong-793014.
21. The Director of Printing and Stationery, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of publication in The Meghalaya Gazette.
22. S.I.O., NIC, is requested to upload the Notification in Government Website.
23. Guard File.

***By Order etc.,***



Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Forests & Environment Department.

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