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**ആധികാരികമായി പ്രസിദ്ധപ്പെടുത്തുന്നത്**  
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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Environment (A) Department

NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 09/2014/Env. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 28th June, 2014  
14th Mithunam, 1189.

**S. R. O. No. 404/2014.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 63 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Central Act 18 of 2003), the Government of Kerala, hereby make the following rules to amend the Kerala Biological Diversity Rules, 2008 published by notification under G. O. (P) No. 1/2008/Env. dated 10th June, 2008 and published as S. R. O. No. 602/2008 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1175 dated 10th June, 2008, namely:—

33/2856/2014/S-13.



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RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) These rules may be called the Kerala Biological Diversity (Amendment) Rules, 2014.

(2). They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the Rules.*—In the Kerala Biological Diversity Rules, 2008, in the proviso to sub-rule (1) of Rule 4, for the figures and words “65 years” the figures and words “68 years” shall be substituted.

By order of the Governor,

P. K. MOHANTY,

*Additional Chief Secretary to Government.*

**Explanatory Note**

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

As per sub-rule (1) of Rule (4) of the Kerala Biological Diversity Rules, 2008, the Chairperson of the Board shall hold office for a term of three years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall be eligible for re-appointment. But, the proviso thereto limits the age for such appointment or continuance as 65 years. Government consider that in order to have the services and expertise of highly qualified eminent and experienced scientists in the field, the age limit has to be enhanced to 68 years.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.



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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA  
Environment (A) Department  
NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 14/2015/Env. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 11th November, 2015  
25th Thulam, 1191.

**S. R. O. No. 772/2015.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 63 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Central Act 18 of 2003), the Government of Kerala, hereby make the following rules to amend the Kerala Biological Diversity Rules, 2008 issued under G. O. (P) No. 1/2008/Env. dated 10th June, 2008 and published as S. R.O. No. 602/2008 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1175 dated 10th June, 2008, namely:—

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RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) These rules may be called the Kerala Biological Diversity (Amendment) Rules, 2015

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the Rules.*—In the Kerala Biological Diversity Rules, 2008,

(1) In rule 6, sub-rule (3), for the figure “500”, the figure “1000” shall be substituted.

(2) In rule 11,—

(a) in sub-rule (1), the words “with an interval of three months,” shall be omitted;

(b) in sub-rule (5), for the words “an officer”, the words “a member of the Board” shall be substituted; and

(c) in sub-rule (6), for the words “and voting and”, the words “by voting and in the event of equal votes” shall be substituted.

(3) In Rule 12, item (iv), the words “or foreign” shall be omitted.

(4) In rule 16, sub-rule (2),—

(a) for the figure “90”, the figure “45” shall be substituted and the following shall be added at the end, namely:—

“The Biodiversity Management Committee is to provide the required information within a period of 30 days of receipt of application.”

(5) In rule 20,

(a) in sub-rule (2), for the words “not less than one third shall be women, one member”, the words “two members (one third of six members) shall be women and one member (approximately 18% of six members)” shall be substituted;



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(b) after sub-rule (5), the following shall be added, namely:—“(5a) The special invitees nominated as per sub-rule (3) and sub-rule (5) shall have no voting powers.”;

(c) after sub-rule (6), the following shall be added, namely:—

“(6a) The Biodiversity Management Committee shall hold a minimum of four meetings in a year and meet once in three months. The meeting shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the Biodiversity Management Committee and in his absence, by any other member elected by the members present. The quorum of every meeting shall be three including the Chairperson and excluding the special invitees.”;

(d) in sub-rule (10), the following sentence shall be added at the end, namely:—

“Two copies of the People’s Biodiversity Registers shall be prepared, of which one shall be submitted to the Board for statutory authorization and for the preparation of a district level data base.”;

(e) after sub-rule (17), the following shall be added, namely:—

“18. The tenure of the Biodiversity Management Committee shall be five years or co-terminus with the term of Local Self Government Institutions even if the Chairperson of the Biodiversity Management Committee changes consequent on the change of the Chairperson of the Local Self Government Institutions.”.

(6) In rule 21, sub-rule (2), for the words “by the Chairperson of the Committee under his/her seal and signature or any other officer of the Biodiversity Management Committee as may be authorized by the Chairperson in this behalf”, the words “by the Chairperson and the Member Secretary of the Biodiversity Management Committee under their seal and signature.” shall be substituted.



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(7) In rule 22, sub-rule (3), for the words and figures “by the 30th of the month of September”, the words and figures “before the 30th of August” shall be substituted.

By order of the Governor,

P. MARA PANDIYAN,

*Principal Secretary to Government.*

### **Explanatory Note**

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The National Biodiversity Authority has pointed out to effect certain amendments in the Kerala Biological Diversity Rules, 2008 so as to make it in accordance with the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Biological Diversity Rules, 2004. Accordingly, the Kerala State Biodiversity Board has engaged a sub-committee to suggest the amendments and the amendments have been approved in the 29th meeting of the Kerala State Biodiversity Board. Government have decided to make necessary amendments in the Kerala Biodiversity Rules, 2008 also.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.