


**PROPOSAL FOR DECLARATION OF BIOLOGICAL HERITAGE SITE UNDER  
SECTION 37 OF THE BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ACT, 2002**

1	<b>Details of the proposed site</b>	
a.	State	Meghalaya
b.	Name of the property	Khlaw Kur Syiem KmieIng, Umkon village, Umling Block, Ri-Bhoi district.
c.	Exact location	Umkon village, Umling Block, Ri-Bhoi district.
d.	Maps/ plans showing boundary of area proposed.	Map Enclosed (Annexure 1)
e.	Area of site proposed for declaration	16.05 Ha
2	<b>Justification for Declaration</b>	
a.	What is the significance of the proposed site?	Biodiversity Assessment Report enclosed (Annexure 2)
b.	Why the declaration is proposed? Give justification.	The community wants the BHS to ensure enhanced protection to the existing biodiversity and for better management of the site. The 'Dorbar Shnong Umkon', the 'local body' concerned, has issued a 'No Objection' certificate for declaration of a particular forest area under their jurisdiction as the BHS.
c.	Threat if any (give details)	Felling around the proposed site.
3	<b>Description</b>	
a.	Present status of conservation	It is an old Sacred Grove with monoliths and religious spots. No rituals are presently performed. The forest is protected by the Clan.
4	<b>Management</b>	
a.	Ownership	Clan Forest
b.	Legal Status	--
c.	Agency to Manage the site after declaration	Durbar Kur Syiem Raid Nongtluh Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC)
d.	Name, Designation and address of responsible person for contact.	Shri. J. M. Syiem, Chairman, Durbar KurSyiem Raid Nongtluh BMC, Nongthneng village, Umling Block

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e.	Sources of expertise.	1. BMC 2. Technical Support Group (TSG) 3. Forest & Env. Department. 4. NGOs
5	<b>Factors Affecting the Site</b>	
a.	Pressures on the site (Encroachment, Agriculture, etc)	Felling around the proposed site.
b.	Environmental Pressures	None
c.	Visitor / tourism pressures	None
6	<b>Documentation</b>	
a.	Photographs (submit if available)	Submitted (Annexure-3)
b.	Existing site management plans if any.	No scientific management plan exists now.
7	Opinion of other concerned stakeholders.	The 'Dorbar Shnong Umkon', the local body concerned, wherein all immediate stakeholders are represented, has issued NOC to declare the area as BHS. (Annexure -4)
8	Details of disputes if any on the site (give details)	None
9	General remarks if any	The proposed area may be notified by the State Government as BHS under section 37 of the Biodiversity Act.

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

Place: Shillong.

  
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