

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
MEGHALAYA BIODIVERSITY BOARD
(A STATUTORY BODY SET UP UNDER BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ACT, 2002)
Silviculture Building, Lower Lachumiere, Shillong – 793001

NOTICE

The Biological Diversity Act has come into force in India in 2002. The main objectives of the Act are – conservation of biological diversity, sustainable use of its components and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of biological resources and associated knowledge.

As per section 7 of the Act, read with rule 17 of the Meghalaya Biological Diversity Rules, 2010, accessing bio-resources and associated traditional knowledge of the State of Meghalaya for commercial utilization requires prior intimation to the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board. **Section 55 (2) of the Act further provides that whoever contravenes or attempts to contravene or abets the contravention of the provisions of Section 7 or any order made under section 24 (2) shall be punishable with imprisonment of a term which may extend to three years, or with fine which may extend to five lakh rupees, or with both.**

Therefore, in compliance to the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 & Rules, 2004 commercial users involved in utilization of bio-resources in Meghalaya are requested to intimate the Board in specified format (Form-I & Form - A) along with application fee of Rs. 5000/- or as revised from time to time within three months of issuance of this notice.

Please visit – <https://megbiodiversity.nic.in>, <http://nbaindia.org> for further information or clarification, if any.

Sd/-
Member Secretary
Meghalaya Biodiversity Board