

**Minutes of the second meeting of SWAK Technical Committee held on
05.10.2019 at Principal Secretary's Chamber, Environment Department**

The meeting started at 11.00 am with Dr. Usha Titus, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Environment Department in the Chair.

The following members were present:

1. Sri. T. K. A. Nair, IAS (Rtd), Mg. Trustee, Citizens India Foundation
2. Dr. A. B. Anitha, Executive Director, CWRDM
3. Dr. Harikumar P. S., Senior Principal Scientist and Head, Water Quality Division, CWRDM
4. Dr. Dinesan V. P., Senior Principal Scientist & Head, Geomatics Division, CWRDM (Retired)
5. Dr. Dinesan Cheruvatt, Executive Director, Agency for Development of Aquaculture Kerala (ADAK)
6. Dr. John C. Mathew, Environment Programme Manager, DoECC

The Chairperson welcomed the Committee members to the second meeting of the Technical committee of SWAK. Environment Programme Manager, DoECC, Convener of the Committee explained the different agenda. After an initial discussion, the committee entered in to each agenda items and took the following decisions:

Agenda No.	Agenda	Decision taken
1	Action taken on the decisions of the first Technical Committee meeting held on 24.01.2019	Noted
2	Finalizing the list of wetlands as per the Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KSREC presented the draft list of wetlands proposed to be notified and comprehensive list of all wetlands.• Approval was given to the draft list of 40 wetlands proposed to be notified along with their boundary details and draft comprehensive list of 10971 wetlands (186 wetlands and 10785 paddy lands) prepared by KSREC.• The boundary of the wetlands proposed to be notified should be protected by SWAK as per the Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clarity on custodianship of wetlands proposed to be notified, i.e., with SWAK or LSGs • Sufficient staff has to be ensured in SWAK to actively implement the Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017. Principal Secretary should recommend this in next authority meeting.
3	<p>Preparation of proposals based on Management Action Plans (MAPs) / DPRs for obtaining central assistance under the scheme - National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (NPCA).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval given for the MAPs/DPRs of identified wetlands, namely Vellayani, Kadalundi, Kottuli, Pookode, Kavvayi, Kattampalli, Purathur estuary / Ponnani estuary, Chetwai Kayal and Paravur Kayal prepared by the CWRDM. • The brief document of the wetlands to be notified has to be prepared immediately and the work can be entrusted to CWRDM. The fund for that can be taken from the state share of SWAK as proposed in the plan proposal of 2019-20. • The same is to be placed before the next Authority meeting of SWAK for submitting to Government of India for financial support under the scheme- National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (NPCA).
4	<p>Clarification on clearance for regularization of commercial building (roof changing) within 50m from wetland boundary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regularization of commercial building, which was constructed before the implementation of the Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017 within 50m from the wetland boundary is not mentioned in the rule. • So the matter has to be communicated to MoEF&CC with proper justification.

5	Any other item permitted by chair	
a)	Wetland City Accreditation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kollam City is chosen for the programme. • Nomination form and details to be sent immediately to Secretary, Kollam Corporation, with a copy to District Collector, Kollam for necessary co-ordination, and information sent to MoEF&CC with concurrence of Kollam Corporation. • Support should be provided by SWAK.
b)	Complaint against house boat terminal construction at Nalupanku, Kumarakom	A consolidated report needs to be prepared with all the details and submitted in the next authority meeting
c)	Complaint against renovation work of Swimming pool at KTDC Water Scapes, Kavanattinkara, Kumarakom	A consolidated report needs to be prepared with all the details and submitted in the next authority meeting
d)	Illegal construction of resort by Thomson Group at Nalupanku, Kumarakom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A consolidated report needs to be prepared with all the details and submitted in the next authority meeting • If necessary site inspection needs to be carried out again.
e)	Weed removal from Sasthamkotta Freshwater Lake - mechanical or manual removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During 2019-20, manual removal of weeds is suggested as per the approved MAP, so it shall be carried out as approved. • If mechanical removal of weeds is done in future, the pumping of water has to be stopped for few days and after that water quality has to be checked.

The meeting concluded at 01:15 pm


 Chairperson