

*Part XXIII

Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board

23.01 Bio-Diversity Act and Rules

With an objective of conservation of biological diversity, sustainable use of its components and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of utilization of genetic resources, Government of India published **The Biological Diversity Act, 2002** in the gazette of India on dated 5th February, 2003. Thereafter, Government of India formulated and published **Bio-Diversity Rules 2004** vide its notification dated 15th April, 2004 & these rules came into force from the date of their notification.

In the exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) of section 63 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (No 18 of 2003), the Government of Maharashtra has made the **Maharashtra Biological Diversity Rules, 2008** vide No: WLP-1004 / C.R.226 / F-1, dated 10-12-2008. All details about Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board are described in the **Maharashtra Biological Diversity Rules, 2008**. *{Annexure XXIII (1)}*

23.02 Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board

In exercise of the powers conferred under rule 3 of the Maharashtra Biological Diversity Rules, 2008 the Government of Maharashtra has appointed Shri. Erach Bharucha as Chairperson of the Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board. The headquarter of the Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board will be based at Nagpur.

(GR No. WLP-2009/C R.-15/F-1 dated 05-07-2011) *{Annexure XXIII (2)}*

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 22 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (No 18 of 2003) the Government of Maharashtra has established the Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board which constitutes the following members.

(Notification No. WLP-1009, C.R.-15/F-1 dated 02-01-2012)

{Annexure XXIII (3)}

1	Shri. Erach Bharucha	Chairperson
2	Secretary, Animal Husbandry	Ex-officio member
3	Secretary, (Forest)	Ex-officio member
4	Member Secretary, Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board	Ex-officio member
5	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Wildlife), M.S. Nagpur	Ex-officio member
6	Hon'ble Shri. Vijay Khadse, M.L.A.	Expert
7	Prof. S.R. Yadav, Shivaji University, Kolhapur	Member
8	Shri. Kishore Rithe, Satpuda Foundation	Member

