



Office of the Special Commissioner, Forests, Environment, Climate Change Management

Proceedings of meeting held on 04-02-2025 under the Chairpersonship of Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) regarding the Implementation of Bengaluru Climate Action and Resilience Plan (BCAP)

Date: 04.02.2024

Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Venue: War Room

Participants:

1. Smt. Preeti Gehlot, IAS, Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) BBMP
2. Mr. Swamy, Deputy Conservator of Forest (DFC)
3. Mr. Santhosh, Assistant Conservator of Forests (AFC)
4. RFOs of respective zones
5. Mr. Arun Manohar-Senior Program Associate-Urban Development, WRI India
6. Ms. Rakshitha Bhat- Intern, WRI India
7. Ms. Jeevitha, CAC Fellow, BBMP
8. Mr. Sanjay, CAC Fellow, BBMP

Agenda

1. Discussion on Mapathon 2025
2. Review of Mapathon in Bommanahalli Zone.
3. Discussion on Virtual Mapathon- process, Challenges, timeline
4. Second Mapathon exercise

Key discussions

Review of Mapathon in Bommanahalli Zone

DCF, Forest Department, BBMP mentioned that the Mapathon which was conducted in Bommanahalli is successfully completed with a total of 8,000 plantations.

Virtual Mapathon

- Team from WRI India and the CAC Fellows briefed the forest officials about the virtual Mapathon tool, data capture methodology and verification process of the captured data. 22 entries were received through Virtual Mapathon.
- The process for conducting Mapathon was discussed, and it was decided that there would be a 4-month window from initiation of the exercise to planting of trees.
- It was also decided that Mapathon exercises would be conducted before April, the onset of monsoon.
- It was also mentioned that Virtual Mapathon will be formally re-launched to the public on March 21st, on the account of International Day of Forests.
- Virtual Mapathon, as a tool in its early stages has some challenges identified like a lack of search bar for ease of locating, marker needs manual navigation when zoomed out, lack of

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submission receipts for citizens to track their inputs and removal of extra columns to be filled. These challenges would be addressed with the help of ICCC.


Other important discussion points:

- Discussions on the next steps for site selection emphasized the need to integrate and match the dataset received with the criteria established for potential site identification. This approach will ensure that future sites are selected systematically and effectively.
- WRI team requested financial assistance to conduct the next Mapathon exercise and they were asked to draft a financial proposal for the same.
- DCF and forest team to coordinate with BBMP's estates department to gather data on open/vacant lands, municipal offices with potential for planting trees and the fellows were tasked to coordinate the same with the.

Way Forward:

Following are the immediate next steps:

- Draft and send letters to the ICCC and Estates Department as discussed.
- Prepare the financial proposal for Mapathon activities in other zones.
- Develop and finalize the dataset integration strategy for site selection.


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