# Natural Resources Documentation for Conservation through People Biodiversity Register (PBR) In Variguntham Village, Medak District, Telangana, India

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#### Abstract

Biological Diversity act 2002 proposed that every local body in India shall constitute a Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) with the purpose of promoting conservation, sustainable use of biological resources and fair, equitable sharing benefits of commercial utilization. The Telangana State Biodiversity Board (TSBB), has established Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) in all villages for conservation of biodiversity and People Biodiversity Registers (PBR) were used to document the natural resources. In PBR, locals and technical support organizations document native biodiversity and bio-resources. The village resources, including its socioeconomic, historical, and cultural aspects as well as its natural habitats, are documented by the Biodiversity Management Committee. These habitats include lakes, springs, rare ecological habitat versatility, agrophysiological ecological systems, and ancient distinctive hydrogeological structures made possible by regional methods for managing surface water. The research study was taken up is the Variguntham village of Medak district in Telangana state in the year 2018-2019. The objective of the research was to document the resources of the village by adopting three PBR formats. Through PBR four categories of plant biodiversity have been documented, including 31 type of crops species, 13 type of weeds, 4 types of fruit plants and 13 types of a crop pest and animal biodiversity including one type.

Keywords: Biodiversity management committees(BMC),PBR,Village,Conservation.

#### **1.0 Introduction**

The need for precise predictions of how global warming will affect biodiversity is expanding, yet the forecasting techniques that are now available have their limitations.(Pearson, R.G. and Dawson, T.P., 2003.)Since it is now commonly acknowledged that global warming is occurring, there is a rising need for precise predictions of its impacts as well as significant worry over how it may affect biological variety.Only information developed on a solid foundation can result in effective action. Because both the prevalence and exploitation of biodiversity vary significantly form region to region such document is really quite local and temporal constrained. This neighborhood information was known as PBR with in Biodiversity Regulation act. It is the most innovative although previously mentioned factors of an entire "Biodiversity Information System (BIS)" that is being developed on the a global scale. Considering both spiritual and cultural demands, this local community employs traditional wisdom and conserve overall biodiversity of a lands. This local community employs local traditions that conserve that diversity of an environment for both cultural

and spiritual purposes. However, neither identification has indeed been made with the help of individuals, incorporating indigenous traditions Recording and reporting biological data is required by both the Bio Diversity Act of 2002 in India as well as the requirements of both the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) for appropriate compensation amongst personnel in the organisation. (Fraser, D.J., etal., 2006). This elaborated PBR has been incorporated into to the documenting on local biodiversity, relationships, and perception of diversity in the framework of therapeutic as well as other purposes, as well as their ecological knowledge and views of existing and intended biodiversity management systems. (Das, A., etal., 2021). In term of spiritual and cultural requirements, each community uses local customs to maintain its planet's variety. (Cocks, M., 2006). Unfortunately, neither assessment has been completed with the assistance of people, particularly indigenous customs. Diverse information was recorded. A set of PBR has been originally established in 1996 with the support of the a community for environmental Organizations including academic institutions at the regional community college level. (Gadgil, M., etal., 2003). As a result of the current situation as well as the increasing availability and abilities of advanced information and communication technology techniques, the software has indeed been enhanced to the point where the majority of the info produced can indeed be gathered and structured to use a reasonable system for managing data.

#### 2.0 Study area:

Variguntham is a hamlet in Medak's Kulcharam mandal. Medak district is one of 31 districts of Telangana, and it was established on October 11, 2016. Medak district headquarters are located in Sangareddy and cover an area of 2765 square kilometres, with a population of 7,67,428 according to 2011 Census statistics. Variguntham is situated at 17.93650N, 78.17070E, 210 metres above sea level. The communities cover a total land area of 1218 hectares. There are 22 hectares of non-agricultural land and 343.5 hectares of irrigated land.



Figure 1: Map of Medak district



Figure 2: Location of Variguntham village

#### 3.0 Methodology:

The basic methodology was to approach the local people directly using individual, and group discussions, and the data was collected as per the PBR Proforma. (Ferlie, E.,etal., 2010). National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), New Delhi formats have been undertaken to understand the indigenous knowledge regarding flora, fauna, livelihood options, perceptions, and motivations. (Verma, S.K., 2004). The NBA consists of four formats and the data was documented by the below methods.

**1.** *Interviews:* Information related to the history of the village, local institutions and decisionmaking, people landscape aspects, and biodiversity were collected from village chiefs and knowledgeable individuals through personal interviews. Local communities were shown local field guides on various taxa (e.g. birds, mammals, butterflies, and reptiles) and asked to list the species found in their village, their local names and uses, and their current status.

2. *Group discussions*: It was conducted with village elders and knowledgeable individuals. Discussions were mainly held to validate the information gathered at various levels.

3. *Field visits*: Field visits were carried out with members of the village, BMC council and local knowledgeable individuals to document the bio-resources of the village. For the fauna survey opportunistic documentation was carried out and species observed were recorded.

4. *Village BMC council meetings*: The village BMC council meeting was conducted at the village council involving all the stakeholders. The village council members and the village development board members were present at the meeting along with women group members. Village health workers and other officials were also present during the meeting. This meeting helped to understand various issues about the conservation of the conserved area and to identify possible solutions to tackle the problems.

Extensive interviews were conducted by using an interview schedule which consists of both open and closed-ended questionnaires. Group discussions and resource mapping were the other tools used to collect primary data. The secondary data was collected from the reports of the forest department, census data, and reports published by various agencies. The information was collected by visiting the village in person.

- 1. Primary data collection
- 2. Secondary data collection

#### 3. Process in PBR Preparation.

#### 3.1 Primary data collection

Primary data is data that is collected by a researcher/data collector from first-hand sources, using methods like surveys or interviews. The primary data for PBR was collected in the prescribed format.

Researcher took help of the local people, local leaders, representive of public, Panchayat members, BMC members and related government field level institutes, field officials of the Line department and Krishi Vigyanan Kendra (Paroda, R.S.,etal., 2020). The researcher have carried out the

checklist of commonly known flora and fauna of the villages the data was collected for one year consisting of two seasons.

### 3.2 Secondary data collection

Secondary data is the data that has been already collected, published, and readily available from other sources. The secondary data was collected as per the requirement of specified formats by researcher. The data was collected during the 2018-2019 from the sources as per the required format. The researcher consulted the office of line departments (Agriculture, forest, horticulture, animal husbandry), Tahsildar office, Grampanchayat and Revenue office. The scientific data/technical data was collected with help of various departments, University journals/Research articles/TSBB data banks.

## **3.3 Process in PBR Preparation**

Step 1: Interaction with already formed BMC by the TSBB in Variguntham village.

**Step 2**: Sensitization of the public about the study, survey and possible management of the natural resource.

**Step 3:**Interaction with knowledgeable members in the identification and collection of data on biological resources and traditional knowledge.

**Step 4:** Collection of data. Data collection includes a review of literature on the natural resources of the districts, Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) at the village level, housel hold interviews, individual interviews with village leaders and knowledgeable individuals, household heads, key actors of the panchayat raj institutions and NGOs and direct field observations. (Narayanasamy, N., 2009.)

**Step 5:** Analysis and validation of data in consultation with the technical support group and BMC. **Step 6:** Preparation of PBR according to NBA formats.

Step 7:Data analysis and report.

# 4.0. Results and discussion

PBR preparation involves collecting material gathered through filed investigations into to the PBR document. This same process of field investigation includes the following components, identifying different biodiversity users group, identifying knowledgeable individuals in different aspects of the distribution of biodiversity, interviewing individuals and groups with members representing different user groups, mapping the study site landscape, visiting representative elements of this terrain, and also to document the species that are present in the village as per the people knowledge, according to the NBA Format.

#### 4.1. Population composition

According to the 2011 census, the total population of Variguntham Panchayat was 2743, out of which 1334 are males and 1409 are females. This panchayat consists of 582 households.

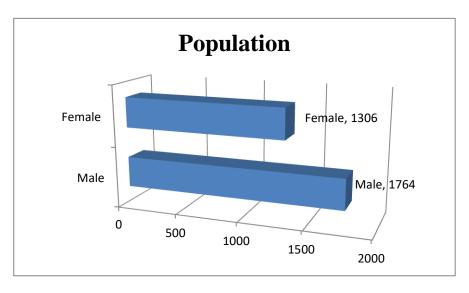


Figure.3.A bar graph showing male and female population of Varigunthamvillage (2011 Census).

## 4.2. Socio-Economic profile

The village population can be divided into three categories based on their reliance on the local biodiversity: those who depend on agriculture, second who depend on wood fuel collectors and cattle grazers, both of which are directly reliant on the biodiversity in the area, and some private and government employees, as well as some drivers, maintenance workers, and other occupations, who depend on the biodiversity in the area indirectly. The village's annual average income varies from 3000 and 8,000.

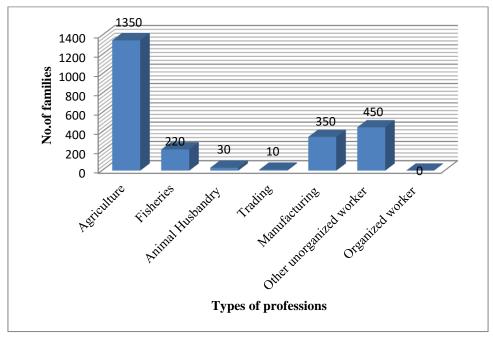


Figure 4: Number of families engaged in various profession.

#### **4.3. Education and literacy:**

Within the limits of the this panchayat, there really are three main classes: one elementary, one middle, and one high school. The majority of individuals such as the tribes people, want to send

their children to school since they believe it will assist him escape the impoverished economic situation. Males represent 55.02 percent of a village's literate rate, whereas females represent 35.34 percent.

#### 4.4. Socio-cultural Aspects:

The village's festivities and religious practices demonstrate its rich cultural heritage, The festivals Bathkamma and Bonalu are celebrated in this community which involve praying to the nature.

#### 4.5. Soil and Water

Variguntham is located on a plateau. It contains a range of soil types, include sandy loams, loamy sands, and sandy clay loams. Mangoes, cotton, maize, groundnuts, paddy, and other fruit and vegetable crops can be grown on these types of soil. The total nnual rainfall is 923.8 mm.

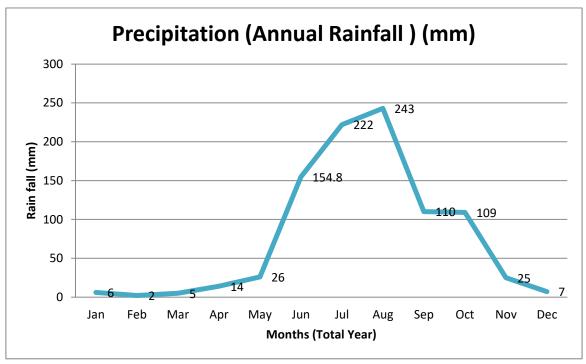


Figure 5: Total annual rain fall (mm).

The main source for drinking water in the towns and villages is aquifer (Carrard, N.,etal., 2019). People living in the majority of village areas think that local access to drinking water is good to excellent (quantity of bore wells: 05, refilling stations: 06, amount of pumping stations: 03, overall volumes of water storage tank: 06, major water tanks: 04, minor storage tanks: 02).

#### 4.6. Agro-biodiversity

Agriculture is the backbone of Variguntham's economy. Rainwater collection resources are used by farms for irrigation (Velasco-Muñoz,etal., 2019). A most significant food crop is rice. Additional notable crops are corn, oilseeds, and textiles. A crops from each of the five families: Poeaceae, Malvaceae, Fabaceae, Cucurbitaceae, and Solanaceae is presented in Table 2 information regarding agro - ecosystems. Agricultural forms (31 kinds), herbicides (13 kinds), fruit crops (04 kinds), and agricultural insects are indeed the 4 types in agro - ecosystems (13 kinds).

The biodiversity data was collected according to the NBA Format and the data on Agrobiodiversity is given in table 1.

Crop		Weeds		
Scientific Name	Local Name	Scientific Name	Local Name	
Oryza sativa	Vari	Eragrostis tenella	Piichi gaddi	
Cajanus cajan	Kandulu	Chloris barbata	Uppu gaddi	
Syzygium cumini	Alla neredi	Datura metel	<u>Ummeta</u>	
		Parthenium hysterophorus	<u>Vayari bhama</u>	
Spinacia oeracea	Pala Kura	Achyranthes aspera	Uthareni	
Gossypium Sps	Patti	Tridax procumbens	Gaddi chamanti	
Vigna radiata	Pesara	Cyperus rotundus	Tunga musta	
Manzifera indica	Mamidi	Cynodon dactylon	Garika	
Phoenix sylvestris	Eetha	Tephrosia purpurea	Vempalli	
Phyllanthus emblica	Usiri	Solena heterophylla	Adavi donda	
Zea maize	Makka	Cleome Gynandra	Vaminta	
Criticum velgera	Jonna	Phyllanthus amarus	Nela usari	
Sorghum bicolor	Jonna	Citrullus colocynthis	Verri puchakaya	
Zizyphus Jujoba	Regu pandlu	Total	13	
Carica papaya	Boppai	Fruit Plants		
Cocos nucifera	Kobbari kaya	Scientific name	Local name	
Tamarindus indica	Chinta	Mangifera indica	Mamidi	
Borassus flabellifer	Tati	Psidium guajava	Jama	
Lycopersicum esculentus	Tameta	Carica papaya	Boppai	
Solanum melongena	Vankaya	Punica granatum	Daanima	
Luffa acutangula	Birakaya	Total	04	
Allium cepa	Vullipaya	Pest of Crops		
Abelmoschus esculentus	Benda	Scientific name	Local name	
Moringa oleifera	Munaga	Nilaparvata lugens	Aggi tegulu	
Hibiscus cannabinus	Gongura	Scriphophaga incertulus	Kandom purugu	
Rumex vesicarius kura	Chukka	Nilparvata lugens	Dooma	

# Table 1: Data collection on Agro Biodiversity of Variguntham village

Coriandrum sativum Kottimera		Waphalocrosis medimalis	Aakuchuta purugu
Coccinia grandis	Dondakaya	Psara bipuntalis	Akkuannupurugu
Mentha spicata	Pudina	Luecinodes	Kandam purugu
Murraya koenigii Karvaypaku		Bemisia tabaci	Tella domma
Lagenaria siceraria	Sorakaya	Spodoptera litura	Ladday purugu
		Xanthomonas axonopodis	Akku purugu
Total	31	Earis spp	Machala purugu
		Amrasea abiguttula	Pacha doma
		Bipolaris turcicum	Akku purugu
		Meloidogyna incognita	Veeru purugu
		Total	13

Table 2: Data Collection on wild plants medicinal species biodiversity of VarigunthamVillage.

Medicina	Fumigatory Plants			
<u>Scientific Names</u>	<u>Local names</u>	Scientific Names names	Local	
Azadhiricta indica	Veepa	Azadriructa indica	Veepa	
Chrysanthemum sp	Chamanthi	Achyranthes aspara	Uttareni	
Tagetus erectus	Banthi	Tamarindus indica	Chinta	
Rosa	Gulabi	Ricinus communis	Aamudam	
Jasminum	Mallae	Total	04	
Ocimum sanctum	Tulasi			
Crossandra infundibuliformis	Kanakambaram	<u>Timber Plants</u>		
Portulaca grandiflorum	Table Rosa	Scientific Names	Local names	
Polianthesus tuberosa	Sampenga	Tectona grandis	Teak	
Cocos nucifera	Cobbara chettu	Tamarindus indica	Chinta	
Nerium oleander	Gannaru	Mangifera indica	Mamidi	
Hibiscus rosa-sinensis	Mandaram	Azadirachta indica	Veepa	
Phyllanthus emblica	Vusari	Ficus benghalensis	Marri	
Phoenix dactylifera	Yeeta	Ficus religiosa	Raavi	
		Ecalyptus globulus	Jamaoil	
Borassus flabellifer	Thati	chettu		
Maringa alaifana	Munaca	Delonix regia		
Moringa oleifera	Munaga	Gulmohar		

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Butea monosperma	Modhuga	Acacia nilotica	Tumma
Ficus benghalensis	Marri	Hardwikia binata	Vepi
Ficus glomerata	Medi	Leucaena luecocephala	Subabul
Ficus religiosa	Raavi	Butea monosperma	Moduga
Prosopis cinereria	Jammi	Total	12
Pithacalobium dulce	Cheema chinta	<u>Ornamental Plants</u>	<u>Local</u>
Tamarindus indica	Chinta	<u>names</u>	
Tamarmans marca	Спина	Chrysanthemum sp	
Tectona grandis	Teak	Chamanthi	
		Tagetus erectus	
Syzygium cuminii	Neeradu	Banthi	
		Rosa	
Senna auriculata	Tangeḍu	Gulabi	
		Jasminum	
Phyllanthus niruri	Nella usiri	Mallae	
		Ocimum sanctum	
Tribulus terrestris	Pallarukaya	Tulasi	
		C.infundibuliformis	
Cissus quadrangularis	Nallaru	Kanakambaram	
		Portulaca grandiflorum	Table
Ocimum tenuiflorum	Tulasi	Rosa	Tuble
		Polianthesus tuberosa	
Abrus precatorius	Guruvinda	Sampenga	
			Cobbara
Acheranthes aspera	Uttareni	chettu	cooduita
		Nerium oleander	
Aeverva lalata	Pindi kura	Gannaru	
Agava americana	Kalabanda	Hibiscus rosa-sinensis	Mandaram
Aloe vera	Manchi Kalabanda	Total number	11
Cleome viscose	Kukka vamintaku		
Datura metel	Umetha		
Eclitta prostrata	Gunta garage aku		
Tinospora cordifolia	Tippateega		
Diplocyclos palmatus	Lingadonda		
Calotropis gigantea	Jilladu		
Abutilon indicum	Thuthurabenda		
Dodonaea viscose	Bandera aku		
Allamanda cathartica	Allamanda		
Datura metel	Ummatha		
Hibiscus rosasinensis			
T 1	Mandaram		
Ipomoea obscura	Mandaram Golamadditiga		
Ipomoea obscura Cissus vitiginea			
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#### Total number





Figure 6: CissusVitiginea

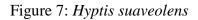




Figure 8: Ipomoea obscura



Figure 9: Pergularia dae

Majority of the plants belong to

Timber Plants - Meliaceae, Moraceae, Anacardiaceae, Lamiaceae

Medicinal plants - Moraceae, Fabaceae, Arecaceae, Amaranthaceae, Sapindaceae

Ornament plants -Asteraceae, Asparagaceae, Malvaceae

Fumigatory plants - Meliaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Fabaceae family.

Some of the plants with high medicinal value that are found in Variguntham village are:

*Ipomoea obscura* (*CONVOLVULACEAE*) - For an urgent stomach ache, half a teaspoon of leaf extract was given three times in two hours (Singh, K.N., 2013).

*Cissus vitiginea* (*VITACEAE*) - Stem bark paste is used topically to wounds for wounds (Ramakrishna, N. and Sureshbabu, P., 2017).

*Pergularia daemia (ASCLEPIADACEAE)* - For stomach ache, take 3–4 tablespoons of aerial parts extract twice daily (Mirunalini, S.,etal., 2013).

*Hyptis suaveolens (LAMIACEAE)* - Invasive weed which spreads in affected regions and open forests. Extract of leaves (12–15 ml) was consumed three times daily treating snake bites, while leaf decoction was topically as an ointment.

Trees		Shrubs	
Tamarindus indicia	Chinta	Heliotropium indicum	Danti
Ficus venghanensis	Marri	Senna auriculata	Tangedu
Syzygium cuminiin	Neeradu	Grass	
Pithacalobium dulce	Cheema chinta	Cynodon dactylon	Garika gaddi
Phyllanthus emblica	Vusari	Desmostachya bipinnata	Dabha gaddi
Tectona grandis	Teak	Cymbopogon citratus	Nimma gaddi
Ficus religiosa	Raavi	Cynodon dactylon	Garika
Prosopis cinereria	Jammi	Tubers	
Senna auriculata	Tangeḍu	Urginea indica	Addaviulli
		Ipomoea batatas	Moram gadda
Herbs		Maerua oblongifolia	Bhuchakra gadda
Acalypha indica	Kuppichettu	Niru pippali	Gloriosa superba
Leucas zeylanica	Thummi	Climbers	
Celosia spicata	Gunugu	Coccinia grandis	Donda
Agave americana	Kalabanda	Tinospora cordifolia	Tippa tiga

 Table 3: Data collection on wild relative plant biodiversity of Variguntham village

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S No	Mamma	ls		Birds		Reptiles
	Local	Scientific name	Local	scientific name	Local	scientific name
	name		name		name	
1	Pilli	Felis sylvestris	Kodi	Gallus	Frog	Rana
2	catus		Domes	ticus	hexadact	tyla
3	Mekalu	Capra			HouseLi	zard Hemidactylus
	aegagrus	hircus			flavivirio	dis
4	Yeddulu/					
5	Aavulu	Bos taurus				
6	Barrelu	Bos bubalis				
	Gorrelu	Ovis aries				
	Kukalu	Canus lepus				
	familiari					
Total	6			1		2

#### 4.7. Domestic animal biodiversity

Cattle, dogs, and chickens are the animal groups that have been domesticated by a significant section of the people in the Variguntham village clusters for many generations. Goat, sheep, and

poultry are usually bought for your meat. Following table shows those groups within which the majority of farm animals belong: Bovidae, Canidae, and Phasianidae.

There really are three distinct types of cultivated biodiversity. There really are six different types of mammal, single type of bird, and two types species reptile.

Agro Biodiversity		Wild biodiversity	
Туре		Туре	Number
Number			
		Shrubs	09
Crop	31	Herbs	04
Weed	13	Tubers	04
Fruit Plant	04	Grasses	04
Pest of Crops	13	Climbers	02
		Fumigate plant	04
Domesticated biodiversity		Timber plants	12
Туре		Medicinal plants	36
Number		Ornamental plants	04
Mammals	06	Trees	09
Birds	01		
Reptiles	01		

Table 5: Various types	of biodiversity	species in	Variguntham	village
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A type of wild biodiversity has been named. Shrubs species include 9, Herbs 4, Tubers 4, Grasses 4, Climbers 2, Fumigate Plants 4, Timber Plants 12, Medicinal Plants 50, Ornamental Plants 4, and Trees Among these, there are 40 Shrub species.

#### 4.8. Wild animal biodiversity

In additional the monkeys and wild pigs, surrounding forests are habitat to various snake species, reptiles, birds, fox, and other animals that damage agriculture..

#### 5.0. Conclusion

PBR provides us with in-depth knowledge and information on regional bio - resources, as well as conventional knowledge about such materials' uses in medical as well as other fields. So order to encourage livelihood dependent upon diversity and contribute towards conservation of biodiversity, PBR documentation is required. And that kind information might very well also serve as a benchmark for integrating local issues in to making plans, trying to identify indigenous knowledge owners and describing their expert knowledge, trying to regulate direct exposure to bio - resources, and trying to educate the a next generation concerning conventional conservation practices as well as there own effectiveness the actual life.

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