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Panel to record traditional conservation practices

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Panaji: The state has formed a 45-member committee to frame its Goa state biodiversity strategy and action plan, on the lines of the national biodiversity conservation plan.

Following the first meeting, members have suggested that the plan should dedicate a separate chapter to the saline khazan field ecosystems of Goa.

The committee also plans to document the community conservation practices in use traditionally, like the preservation of forest patches as sacred groves.

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Formulation of the action plan is an initiative by the Union environment ministry where every state and Union territory is provided a broad framework, based on which they have to prepare a detailed action plan towards its biodiversity conservation.

Goa had earlier already framed an action plan, but it was mainly meticulous documentation of the state's biodiversity, whereas the new plan is to provide a framework for conservation.