

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Ecotourism Management Committee (EMC), Tuophema

1. The name of the Society: Ecotourism Management Committee (EMC), Tuophema
2. Address: Tuophema Village, Kohima, Nagaland - 797105
3. Area of operation: Tuophema
4. **Objectives**
 - i) The Society has been formed for the management of Ecotourism and "Click to Plant" initiatives.
 - ii) To facilitate the process of implementation of "Click to Plant" initiative and usage the funds received only for plantation and maintenance of the planted saplings, giving assistance to the land owners in whose land the saplings has been planted, for maintenance of nursery and for maintenance and replacement of revenue generation assets such as binoculars, tents, etc.
 - iii) The plantation to be taken up in private as well as community land and such plantations are to be maintained for 20 years minimum or above focusing on afforestation.
 - iv) To generate revenue through "Click to Plant" initiative and through renting out binoculars, tents, parking, etc.
 - v) To decide benefit sharing mechanism between the committee and villagers from time to time. It can be decided by the committee in the presence of Forest Officer not below the rank of Range Forest Officer. In this case, Range i/c, Chiephobozou.
 - vi) To be responsible for all funds received under 'Click to plant' initiative for proper utilization.
 - vii) To ensure that the benefits, incentives, privileges shall be allowed only upon satisfactory observance of the duties, responsibilities and functions by the Executive Committee and by the members of the Ecotourism Management Committee (EMC).
 - viii) To ensure that it does not contravene any Forest Act or Rules, Government Resolutions in force in the State of Nagaland.


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5. **Membership**

General body:

- i) Chairperson – President of EMC
(Elected by consensus/majority vote)
- ii) Members: All adult villagers subject to their willingness
Member Secretary of the Executive body shall be ex-officio member of the General body

Executive body:

- i) Chairperson – President of EMC
- ii) Member Secretary – respective Deputy Ranger/ Range Forest Officer

Members:

- i) Six members of whom three shall be women, drawn from the general body to be elected by a majority of at least 2/3rd members of the General body present and voting.
- ii) Treasurer appointed from among the EC members by the Member Secretary in consultation with the President.

6. **Control of Funds**

The fund received to be controlled by the Chairman and Member Secretary. The Treasurer will be responsible for maintenance of book of account. Sources of funds will be determined by the Executive Committee on receiving of proposal from the Chairman.

7. **Operation of Bank Account**

The joint bank account which was opened in a bank in Kohima will be operated by the Chairman and Member Secretary.

8. **Procedure of the General Meeting**

The General Meeting of the Society will be held once a year. But, emergency general meeting may be held any time if the executive body feels the necessity.

9. **Meeting of the Executive body**

A minimum of one meeting will be held quarterly in a year.

10. **Expulsion of any member**

- i) Any member including executive members if found guilty of violating the rules and regulations of the Society will be asked for an explanation. Following this, he/she may be expelled by the executive body if he/she fails to justify one's action.


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- ii) If any member is found submitting dubious projects under any banner other than the one registered with the Society, the member will be immediately expelled from membership.

11. Legal Procedure

The Society shall sue or be sued only in its own name and all the legal disputed involving the Society shall be subjected to the court in Nagaland.

12. Amendment of the Constitution

Any changes in the above mechanism, EMC can pass a resolution and get it approved from the Divisional Forest Officer.



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