General Instructions
(For identification and authentication of Plants, Algae and Lichen specimens)

1. The specimens will be accepted only along with duly filled Requisition Form. (The Requisition Form can be downloaded from CSIR-NBRI website: www.nbri.res.in)

2. The samples should be provided in duplicates in good condition along with flowers/fruits/cones/reproductive structures. Vegetative samples/seedlings will not be entertained.

3. The algal specimens should be sent in 4°C or in agar slant or live culture and the type of the habitat will be mentioned clearly.

4. The live samples or unmounted dried samples are required for authentication and the same will be accessioned in LWG herbarium for future reference.

5. The authentication charges are as follow:
   I. *Category 1.* Students/Research Scholars/Scientists/Academicians/ Research or Academic or Other Institutions: Rs. 1000+18%GST
   II. *Category 2:* Industries: Rs. 5000 +18%GST

6. The requisition forms can be submitted along with samples in person or by post/ courier.

7. Samples received in good condition only will be examined. If the specimens received are imperfect or damaged, the applicant will be informed for replacement and resubmission of the specimens.

8. The authentication charges will be informed to the applicant after preliminary examination. The Authentication Certificate will be sent after submitting the transaction details of full payment.

9. The applicant under Category-I should submit a letter of recommendation from his or her Supervisor/ Head of the Department along with the requisition form.

10. Time needed for analysis will depend on the number of samples and complexity of the specimens.

11. All the correspondence should be addressed to: Dr. K.M. Prabhukumar, Senior Scientist & Curator, CSIR-NBRI Herbarium (LWG), Plant Diversity Systematics and Herbarium Division, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Rana Pratap Marg, Lucknow 226 001, Uttar Pradesh. Ph: 0522-2297839; E-mail: <curator-lwg@nbri.res.in>.