Project Management:

The project is being jointly implemented by the National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai, India (a statutory body of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India) and the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) Leguna, Philippines through the establishment of Project Management Units (PMUs) in NBA, Chennai and ACB, Manila.

ASEAN Centre or Biodiversity (ACB):

ACB is an Intergovernmental Organization, established in 2005 to facilitate cooperation and coordination among the ten ASEAN Member States (AMS), with relevant National Governments, Regional and International organizations on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of such biological resources. ACB supports ASEAN member States in the various thematic areas relevant to natural resources management that are of global and regional importance.

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National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)

NBA is a statutory body of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India (Gol), established as per Section 8 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and is having its head office at Chennai. The NBA performs facilitative, regulatory and advisory functions for the Government of India on issues of conservation, sustainable use of biological resources and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of biological resources and the associated knowledge.

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ASEAN - INDIA COOPERATION PROJECT

CAPACITY BUILDING TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING, THE CITY BIODIVERSITY INDEX AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY



Project Background

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India announced the setting up of an ASEAN-India Green Fund (AIGF) with an initial contribution of USD 5 million from India at the 6th ASEAN-India Summit held on 21 November 2007 at Singapore. AIGF was established to support the activities relating to environment and climate change. Subsequently, the National Biodiversity Authority of India (NBA) in collaboration with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as well the Ministry of External Affairs Government of India, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), Manila and ASEAN Secretariat initiated a cooperation project on 'Capacity Building towards implementing the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing, the City Biodiversity Index, and the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity'.

Objective of the Project

This cooperation project aims to complement priorities, expertise and interests on biodiversity and development between NBA and ACB through implementation of collaborative activities on specific thematic concerns; Nagoya Protocol on ABS, City Biodiversity Index and Strategic Plan for Biodiversity.

Executive Agencies

- National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), Chennai. India
- ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), Laguna. Philippines

Partners:

- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India.
- Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.
- ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta. Indonesia.

Target Groups:

Policy makers, Government officials, Research scholars working on biodiversity issues, Foresters, Biologists, Professors from Universities of ASEAN countries and India, indigenous and local communities involved with traditional knowledge and ABS, industry and research institutions will also benefit from their involvement in the ABS component of the project.

The project include participation from ASEAN and India Cities to be involved in the urban biodiversity component. It is envisaged that the urban community in ASEAN and India will benefit through better integration of biodiversity considerations into urban city planning and development through mainstreaming of biodiversity concerns into urban planning.

This project will also benefit government officials and policy makers in realizing national, regional and international commitments on biodiversity conservation such as NBSAPs, Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and Aichi Targets through local action.

Project components, activities and outputs:

| S.No | Components | Activities & Outputs |
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| 1 | Supported AMS-India on Implementation of Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing | a. Conduct of in-depth regional training on development/implementation of ABS legal framework (c/o NBA) b. Implement regional capacity building workshop on Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) development and Management in India (c/o NBA) c. Conduct TKDL fellowship for 10 AMS in India and lecture on technical and legal seminar on TKDL (c/o NBA) d. Provide national seminars on TKDL in at least 5 AMS (c/o NBA) e. Implement regional capacity building workshop on intellectual property rights and biodiversity (c/o ACB) f. Publish information materials for and from the workshops, training, and fellowship on ABS (c/o NBA and ACB); and g. Conduct workshop on community ABS practices in AMS and India (c/o ACB). |
| 2 | Increased awareness of the city officials on the importance and value of urban biodiversity conservation | a. Hold conference on urban biodiversity conservation with partners (c/o ACB). |
| 3 | Capacity Building on Achieving the Aichi Targets | a. Conduct workshops on 6th National Report (6NR) presentation (c/o ACB). b. Pilot 6NR Reporting tool in at least 5 AMS; and (c/o ACB). c. Implement regional workshop on NBSAP updating (c/o ACB). |