

ASEAN-India Capacity Building Workshop on Access and Benefit Sharing and Traditional Knowledge

04-05 September 2012, New Delhi, India

Minutes of the meeting

A two day ASEAN-India Capacity Building Workshop on Access and Benefit Sharing and



Traditional Knowledge was held on *04-05 September, 2012, at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi.*

The objectives of the workshop were to exchange and share experiences among India and ASEAN Member States on issues of access and benefit sharing and traditional knowledge (ABS-TK) for effective implementation of national ABS

provisions in the context of Nagoya Protocol and to identify future areas of co-operation. The workshop was attended by delegates from India and Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam as well as representatives from ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta and ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, Philippines. This workshop was supported through the ASEAN-India Green Fund. About 41 delegates participated in this workshop and provided their inputs.



At the inaugural ceremony Shri.C.A.Reddy, Secretary, NBA, delivered the welcome address and expressed that this workshop was organised to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the India-ASEAN co-operation. He elaborated that, India and ASEAN region together share more than 20% of all known species

and India is one of the mega biodiversity countries. He further expressed that this workshop was to share India's knowledge with the ASEAN Countries on ABS and TK related issues.

Dr. Balakrishna Pisupati, Chairman, NBA, delivered the inaugural address. He



highlighted that India has crossed processing more than 100 ABS agreements and said that India is willing to share the experiences gained in implementing the ABS provisions and processing the application forms with all ASEAN countries. He further added that it is very pertinent to conserve bio-resources of the ASEAN region as it

covers one third of the biodiversity, and in this context expressed his interest in joint collaboration and methods of working together. He concluded saying that the challenge for another two years is how we can translate the International protocol for the national development.

Dr. Raman Letchumanan, Head of the Environment Division at the Secretariat of ASEAN said that the recommendations suggested from this workshop would help them to work together in the ASEAN region on the important issues like climate change and biodiversity. He emphasised that the implementation of the Nagoya protocol was important because the wealth of the ASEAN biodiversity has to be conserved by



developing a joint common programme. The joint programme would help to address the issues like loss of biodiversity and climate change in the ASEAN region, he added. He further cautioned that, as many multinationals are exploiting/exploring the bio-resources from the ASEAN region, to halt the biodiversity loss and bio-piracy it is important to implement the Nagoya Protocol to conserve the wealth of ASEAN countries.

Shri Hem Pande, Joint Secretary, MoEF said CBD calls for a positive action to conserve biodiversity and said it is important to mainstream biodiversity conservation with all biodiversity relevant sectors. He said that the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has set up



a US\$ 5 million India-ASEAN Green Fund for pilot projects to promote adaptation and mitigation technologies in the field of climate change. He said, India and ASEAN region together have more than 20% of all known species and seven of the world's 25 recognized biodiversity hotspots. He said, the

quality of life in the ASEAN region will improve through proper collaboration between the ASEAN countries and India on accessing bio-resources and he said only 5 countries have ratified the Nagoya protocol against 92 signatures and insisted more countries should come forward to ratify the same. He also invited all the ASEAN countries to the CoP11 meeting to be held at Hyderabad and listed all the high level segment papers to be presented during CoP-11 viz.,

- a. Biodiversity and livelihood;
- b. Integration of value of biodiversity in national planning & accounting process;
- c. Strategic resource mobilization;
- d. Coastal and Marine biodiversity; and
- e. Operationalization of the Nagoya Protocol.



Dr. Clarissa Arida, Director, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) said that ACB will provide necessary technical assistance to all the ASEAN countries to implement the Nagoya protocol and hoped that this workshop will help ASEAN countries for the future cooperation and effective implementation of ABS policies. She also stated that ACB can

provide necessary scientific/technical support in the areas of biodiversity, intellectual property rights, NBSAP, urban biodiversity, clearing house mechanism, biodiversity conservation initiatives, etc. She also thanked the ASEAN Secretariat for supporting this

workshop with the help of the Green fund. Dr.Ishwar C.Poojar, Project Manager, UNEP-GEF-MoEF-ABS India programme proposed the vote of thanks.

During the technical session a series of presentations were made by eminent speakers



from the National Biodiversity Authority; Council of Scientific and Industrial Research; United Nations University – Institute of Advanced Studies, Japan; National University of Juridical Science, Kolkata and Institute of Ayurveda and Integrative Medicine (IAIM)-FRLHT. Issues relating to ABS–TK covering- Potential of ABS-TK within the context of conservation,

sustainable use and development; India’s experiences on ABS issues; Implementation of the CBD Article 8(j) Programme of Work on Traditional Knowledge; The India Traditional Knowledge Digital Library; Intellectual Property Rights and Biodiversity; and Community-based experiences on ABS and TK, were presented in detail.

After the technical session detailed discussions were made among the representatives of the ASEAN countries to draw a road map for the future co-operation between ASEAN and India on biodiversity, in particular ABS and TK related issues. The delegates from ASEAN and India recommended the following areas of cooperation:

1. Developing and implementing a national ABS legal framework.

As ASEAN Member States are preparing to accede to and ratify the Nagoya Protocol, the workshop recommended to further provide support to developing national ABS legal frameworks, including support to implementation at the national level, taking into account existing support from other projects in the region.

2. Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL)

The ASEAN country delegates have appreciated the effort taken by India in developing the TKDL database. It was also recommended to develop and set-up a national TKDL upon the request of the ASEAN Member States to preserve, document and protect traditional knowledge and prevent misappropriation of biodiversity and associated TK.

3. Intellectual Property and Biodiversity

The meeting recommended addressing the capacity of ASEAN Member States in terms of increasing awareness and developing a better understanding of intellectual property rights in relation to biodiversity, including ABS and the role of relevant offices or institutions related to intellectual property rights.

4. Awareness Raising on ABS

The workshop recommended in further promoting public awareness to develop champions and enhance support from different stakeholders (senior officials, legal professionals, media practitioners, intellectual property officers, and academia) on biodiversity concerns specific to ABS, intellectual property rights, and traditional knowledge. The awareness raising for the ASEAN countries will be developed through organising capacity building programmes viz., workshops, seminars/conferences, exchange visits, and providing scholarships for the professionals working in the areas of biodiversity in the ASEAN region.

5. Community ABS practices

The workshop recommended that experiences from communities in managing biodiversity, exchanging and sharing the benefits at national levels need to be documented and experiences mainstreamed in national policy making on ABS. The possibility of community based enterprise development in the context of promoting ABS and preserving traditional knowledge should be supported.

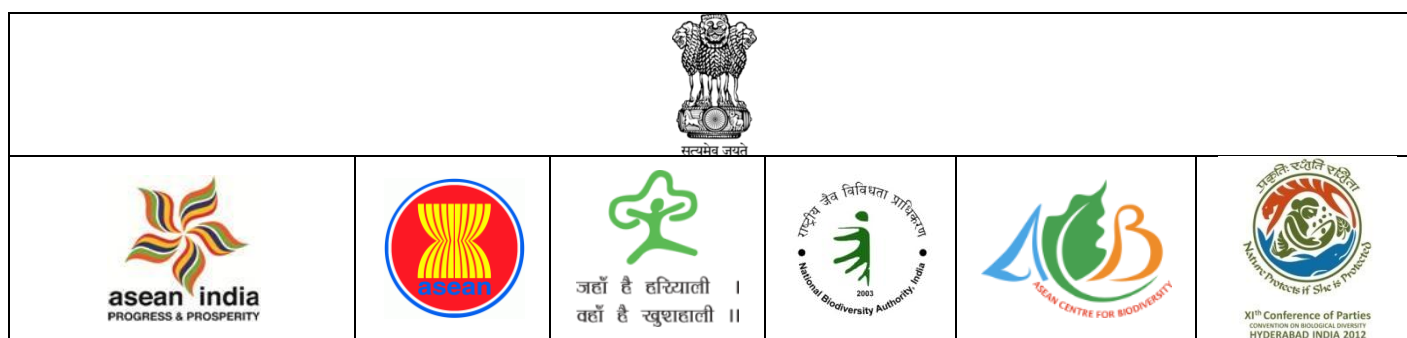
The workshop also recommended to explore co-operation on other areas of biodiversity such as urban biodiversity and achieving the Aichi Targets. The workshop recommended that the NBA, the ASEAN Secretariat and the ACB should develop a detailed project proposal, including a work-plan and budget for consideration under the ASEAN-India Green Fund through the ASEAN-India co-operation mechanism, based on the proposed identified areas.

The delegates from ASEAN Member States, ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity expressed their sincere appreciation and thanks to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India and the National Biodiversity Authority

for the excellent sharing of experiences on ABS and TK, including the participation of well-versed experts in various aspects of ABS implementation in India.



Annexure – 1 List of Participants



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Annexure -2 Agenda of the Workshop



Agenda Capacity Building Workshop on Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing and Traditional Knowledge 04-05 September, 2012, Hotel The Ashok, New Delhi, India

04th September 2012	
09:30– 10:00 hrs	Registration and Assembly
10:00 – 11:00hrs	Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Self-introductions
11:00 – 11:30hrs	Coffee Break & Group Photo
11:30 – 12:00 hrs	Realising the potential of ABS, TK within the context of conservation, sustainable use and development – Presentation – Dr.Balakrishna Pisupati, National Biodiversity Authority
12:00 – 12:30 hrs	India's experience on ABS issues - Mr.Kabir Sanjay Bavikatte, National Biodiversity Authority
12:30 – 13:00 hrs	Discussion
13:00 – 14:00 hrs	Lunch
14:00 – 15.30hrs	Presentations from ASEAN member states on ABS and TK issues
15:30 – 16:00hrs	Tea Break
16:00 – 17.00 hrs	Presentations from ASEAN member states on ABS and TK issues
17.00 -17.30 hrs	Implementation of work programme related to Article 8 (j) on TK – Dr. Suneetha Subramanian, United Nations University – Institute of Advanced Studies.
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09:30 – 10:15hrs	India's experience in developing and deploying the TKDL database - Dr. V.K. Gupta, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
10.15 – 10.30hrs	Discussion
10.30-11.00 hrs	Coffee
11.00 -11.30hrs	Linking Intellectual Property Rights to Biodiversity – Prof. Shamnad Basheer, The WB National University of Juridical Science, Kolkata.
11.30 -11.45 hrs	Discussion
11.45 – 12.15hrs	Community based experiences on ABS & TK - Dr. G. Hariramamurthy, Institute of Ayurveda and Integrative Medicine (IAIM)-FRLHT.
12.15 – 12.30 hrs	Discussion
12.30 – 13.30 hrs	Lunch
13.30 – 15.30 hrs	Developing elements of cooperation between ASEAN and India on ABS and TK issues – Discussion

15.30 – 15.45hrs	Closure of the Meeting
18:30 – 19:00 hrs	Cultural Programme
19:00 - 19.30 hrs	Dinner