

Good Practices in the Implementation of the Institutional Strengthening of the Biodiversity Sector in the ASEAN (ISB) Project



1. Accomplishing organizational developmental activities that enhanced ACB's management efficiency, strengthened cooperation with the AMS, and positioned ACB to be a more effective agent of sustainable development and biodiversity conservation in the ASEAN Region

This good practice was achieved by:

Outcomes:

- Support in the participation of ACB in 26 regional and international fora and trainings to strengthen capacities and increase visibility as a regional centre of excellence on protection and sustainable use of biodiversity in the region
- Joint ASEAN positions for the Meetings of the Conference of Parties to the CBD by ACB through its participation to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) meetings drafted
- Information sharing to the Intergovernmental science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)
- Side events and exhibits in the CBD Conference of Parties (COP) 13 and 14 that enabled ACB to highlight project milestones on enhancing management of protected areas (PA) and ASEAN Heritage Parks, mainstreaming biodiversity, achievement of Aichi Targets; and other relevant topics.
- Increased visibility of ACB as a centre of excellence and valuable partner on biodiversity protection especially in the region
- Convened 800 people through the conduct of the ACB Conference 2016 including a parallel session on Biodiversity and Climate Change. The latter showcased good practices and lessons learned on how climate change-related initiatives could contribute to biodiversity conservation in the region

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- Support in the conduct of regular ACB Meetings
 - Consultation with the AWGNCB and the ASOEN by ACB and GIZ on effective implementation, synergy and complementation of projects, and addressing challenges
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2. Fulfilling capacity development initiatives to enhance coordination and interaction between the AMS and ACB

This good practice was achieved by:

Outcomes:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the Secondment Programme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fostered learning to 18 junior and senior officials secondees from nine AMS to become biodiversity champions in their own countries by providing a learning environment that stimulates adapting of a regional/ASEAN mindset and carrying out of selected regular ACB functions • Contributions to the development of regional approaches and policy advice through inputs on national biodiversity protection initiatives provided by the secondees |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct of Human Capacity Development (HCD) Assessment for the ACB Capacity Development Activities, and Strengthening of Human Capacity Development Strategy for the ACB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACB's existing strengths and assets, weaknesses, issues and gaps as an organization, including the capacities of its personnel assessed • ACB capacity development strategy enhanced through establishing a point of reference for institutional review and internal document guide through the assessment report provided |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct of ValueLinks Training | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacitated ACB and the AMS on the ValueLinks Approach for the promotion of biodiversity-based products to improve livelihood while protecting the environment |
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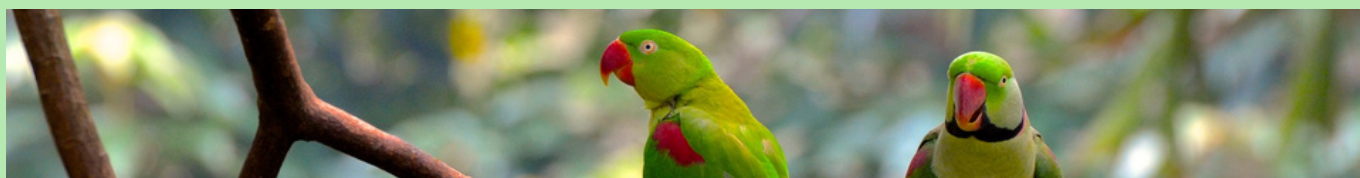
3. Addressing gender in biodiversity conservation in the ASEAN

This good practice was achieved by:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct of a learning session on gender mainstreaming for ACB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased knowledge on concepts and strategies in mainstreaming gender equality in the workplace and in biodiversity conservation |
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	• Strong points and opportunities for ACB in incorporating gender issues and concerns in its programs, projects, and activities • ACB gender committee institutionalized
• Participation on the Regional Expert Workshop to Develop Training Materials on Gender Equality and Biodiversity for Southeast Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand	• Sharing of good practices and expertise on gender and environment- related issues through the participation of ACB Gender Committee members to the workshop • Strengthened the collaboration between ACB, GIZ, UN Environment, Istituto Oikos, IUCN, and CBD Secretariat that led to the successful implementation of the pilot projects
• Conduct of a gender assessment in five ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHPs) and one protected area in Lao PDR, Philippines and Singapore	• Data on gender in biodiversity conservation in protected areas in the selected ASEAN Member States collected and analysed • Issues, challenges, and opportunities concerning gender in biodiversity conservation were identified • Gender strategy/ framework for biodiversity conservation in the ASEAN developed • Gender Plan of Action for ASEAN Heritage Parks (GPoA-AHPs) to facilitate gender mainstreaming in the AHPs proposed
• Developing partnerships in delivering gender integration in NBSAP planning and implementation	• Gender mainstreaming in the implementation and monitoring of NBSAPs of Myanmar and Lao PDR supported • Presented good practices on gender mainstreaming in biodiversity in the Senior Officials Conference on Gender Mainstreaming in the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Sectoral Bodies, CBD COP side event in Egypt, expert consultation for gender-responsive post-2020 global biodiversity framework, Asia Pacific consultation for post-2020 global biodiversity framework in Nagoya, Japan



4. Coordination and strengthening of the ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHP) Programme wherein ACB is the secretariat

This good practice was achieved by:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct of Minimum Management Standards desk review and analysis in AHPs to gather information on the current management standards and practices of each AHP | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommendations for a minimum management standards for AHPs to strengthen site-level management effectiveness drafted |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support in the conduct of the “Assessment on Climate Change Resilience of Marine and Coastal Ecosystems in the ASEAN” practices of each AHP | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommendations for increased climate change resilience of the AHPs and protected areas, particularly coastal and marine protected areas through the review of existing approaches, good practices and lessons learned in the past and ongoing efforts presented• Existing management plan enhanced based on the developed guidelines for climate change resilient AHPs and MPAs through a list of recommendations that can be used for review and revision |
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5. Assessment on the current status of economic valuation of biodiversity within ASEAN

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct of a regional Assessment on Economic Valuation of Biodiversity for Protected Area Management in ASEAN within three AHPs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good practices and success stories in three AHPs, including methodologies used to enhance protected area management in the region and also for the future development of training modules/knowledge products on the Economics of Ecosystem and Biodiversity (TEEB) compiled• Status of TEEB within the region updated |
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6. Implementing pilot projects to promote protected area management for sustainable development and environment protection

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct of a Pilot Project on Strengthening the Conservation and Participatory Management of Lampi Marine National Park, Myanmar | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revision of the Management Plan of the Lampi Marine National Park in Myanmar to include a gender plan of action in response to the capacity development for Istituto Oikos Onlus personnel (an international non-profit organization), park staff, and community members• Biodiversity conservation through conservation initiatives on sea turtles and forest wildlife, and promotion of environment education• Identification of good practices that are replicable to other AHPS such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ inclusivity, and involvement of all relevant stakeholders◦ promotion of collaboration among different stakeholders◦ establishment of a Local Conservation Group and conduct of educational activities to raise awareness among communities |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct of Pilot Project on Strengthening the Effectiveness of Management and Biodiversity Conservation for AHPS in Viet Nam | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved management effectiveness of biodiversity conservation in AHPS in Viet Nam through the development of a roadmap that was prepared and consulted by stakeholders, and approved by BCA of the MONRE, and proposal of a network of 30 potential AHPS in Viet Nam |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct of a Pilot Project on Rapid Economic Valuation of wetland Ecosystem Services of selected AHPS in Viet Nam | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved conservation practices in AHPS of Viet Nam and use of wetland ecosystem services through the proposal of draft guidelines for the rapid assessment of economic values for wetland ecosystems, and review of relevant tools and methods for rapid assessment of ecosystem services to be applied in Viet Nam |
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7. Valuing the contributions of communication, education and public awareness (CEPA) to the success of project implementation and the fulfillment of Aichi Target 1

This good practice was achieved by:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhancement of the ACB Corporate Website | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Platform for information on biodiversity in the region through the ACB Corporate Website established• Increase in audience reach and engagement of the website since its launch. The website gained 57% more viewership and 17% less bounce rate. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An exhibit of project materials, workshop kits and giveaways | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project milestones disseminated through communication, education and public awareness materials and activities• Positioned ACB as a Centre of Excellence |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Production of AHP materials | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promoted the AHP Programme and its role in biodiversity protection in the region• Promoted the role of ACB as the Secretariat of the AHP Programme |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Production of Video Documentations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The significance and value of AHPs for biodiversity conservation promoted through video documentation.• Success stories from the pilot projects, the Secondment Programme, capacity development activities, and protected area management enhancement initiatives implemented under the project were promoted |



About the ISB Project and ACB

The Institutional Strengthening of the Biodiversity Sector in the ASEAN (ISB) Project is one of the three modules of the German – ACB Cooperation Programme “Protection of Biological Diversity in the ASEAN Member States in Cooperation with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity”. The overall objective of ISB is that “the ACB successfully assumes its regional mandate for the implementation of the CBD”. It was implemented from 2015 to 2019.