



East and Southeast Asia Biodiversity Information Initiative (ESABII)

Clean Asia Initiative

- **Location**

Asian region

- **Project Background**

Although East and Southeast Asian regions have very rich biodiversity when viewed on a global basis, information on such biodiversity is scattered and has not been fully developed in a available form. For this reason, there is a need to enhance provision of biodiversity information needed for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in this region, through support for a broad-ranging development of biodiversity information.

- **Objectives**

Through promoting development and provision of biodiversity information and enhancement of taxonomic capacity building needed for policy/decision making under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and conservation measures in each country, this project aims to contribute to implementation of the Strategic Plan for achieving the CBD Post 2010 Target, with the participation of the countries of East and Southeast Asia and related organizations.

- **Member Countries**

Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam
(alphabetical order)

- **Organizations**

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)
Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)
ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)

- **Networks**

The Natural Geography In Shore Areas (NaGISA) project of the Census of Marine Life (CoML)
Asia Pacific-Biodiversity Observation Network (AP-BON)
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- **Project Achievements**

- January 2009** International symposium and expert meeting held (Tokyo); Draft ESABII Strategy discussed
- May** ASEAN+3 Regional Workshop on Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) held (the Philippines); workshop held to identify biodiversity information and taxonomic needs for conservation
- October** Draft ESABII Strategy announced at ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity (Singapore)
- December** ESABII intergovernmental meeting held (Tokyo); participating countries and organizations reach agreement on ESABII Strategy and 2010 - 2011 Work Plan

ESABII Strategies including the following achievement targets were agreed upon at the December meeting.

- (i) Development of a structure for implementation and management of ESABII activities
 - Organization (members, Steering Committee, Expert Group, Secretariat) and roles
 - * Interim Secretariat: Japan (preparing draft fundamental policies needed for establishment of a Permanent Secretariat by the 2012 meeting of members)
- (ii) Development of biodiversity information
 - Development of an interface for biodiversity information
 - Provision of information via the Web
- (iii) Taxonomy capacity building
 - Development of programmes for taxonomic capacity building
 - Development of manuals for identification, etc.



Participants in the Intergovernmental Meeting for East and Southeast Asia Biodiversity Information Initiative

- **Planned Activities**

Agreement has been reached on Work Plan for 2011 and 2012 including the following.

- (i) Development of biodiversity information
 - Development of an ESABII website (Ministry of the Environment, Japan)
 - Preparation of biodiversity information for which there is a high level of need in preservation policies (Ministry of the Environment, Japan)
- (ii) Taxonomic capacity building
 - Implementing programmes for taxonomic capacity building (ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity: ACB)

- **Related URL**

East and Southeast Asia Biodiversity Information Initiative (ESABII) website (Japanese)
<http://www.biodic.go.jp/gbm/esabii/index.html>

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