

## Understanding the role and potential of Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) in the Asia Pacific Region

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 15:00-17:00 (Japanese Standard Time)

The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) during the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of Parties in 2018 defined Other Effective Area Based Conservation Measures (OECM) as *“a geographically defined area other than a Protected Area, which is governed and managed in ways that achieve positive and sustained long-term outcomes for the in-situ conservation of biodiversity, with associated ecosystem functions and services and where applicable, cultural, spiritual, and socio-economic, and other locally relevant values”*.

OECM was regarded instrumental in achieving Aichi Target 11 on Protected Areas during the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020). It has become more important with the release of the [First Draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework](#) during the Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of Parties to CBD – Part I in October, 2021. The draft has included OECM, and there are expectations that OECMs will play significant role in conservation sector in the coming decade (2021-2030).

OECMs opens new opportunities towards the [Action Target 3](#), *“Ensure that at least 30 percent globally of land areas and of sea areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and contributions to people, are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well-connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes”*. OECMs also provides opportunity to recognize areas managed by Indigenous and local communities (IPLCs).

However, there is limited understanding and recognition of OECMs. There are also challenges in the identification, reporting and monitoring of OECMs. In the Asia Pacific region, OECMs has huge potential to halt biodiversity loss, recognize the rights of IPLCs, and promote conservation and development agenda. In this regard, APBON is organizing a webinar to raise awareness, and explore the role and potentials of OECM in the Asia Pacific region.

**Date:** March 4<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 15:00-17:00, Japanese Standard Time

(13:00-15:00 in Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam)

(11:45-13:45 in Nepal)

(14:00-16:00 in Malaysia, Philippines, China)

Total time: +2 hours

## Agenda

Time	Details	Resource person/Moderator
5 mins	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> APBON Secretariat	<b>Dr. Hiroyuki Muraoka</b> APBON Co-chair  Moderator <b>Dr Sunita Chaudhary</b> ICIMOD
5 mins	<b>Opening remarks</b>	<b>Dr Madhu Rao</b> Chair, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas
15 mins	Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures  Q and A	
15 mins	OECM in India: Sharing the experience	<b>Dr Ruchi Pant</b> Head – Biodiversity, Climate Change UNDP India
15 mins	Potential of city green space as OECMs	<b>Dr. Taku Kadoya</b> Head – Biodiversity Assessment and Projection Section, Biodiversity Division National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan
15 mins	Potentials and opportunities of OECM in the Hindu Kush Himalaya	<b>Dr Nakul Chettri</b> Regional Programme Manager – Transboundary Landscapes, ICIMOD
10 mins	Reporting data to World Database on OECMs	<b>Ms Cristina Lazaro</b> UNEP-WCMC
20 mins	Q and A	<b>Ms Runi Sylvester Pungga</b> <b>Dr Yongyut Trisurat</b>
10 mins	Closing remarks	<b>Dr Hiroyuki Muraoka, APBON</b>