



East and Southeast Asia is one of the richest biological diversity areas on the earth. However, information and knowledge on biodiversity in this region are still limited.

“East and Southeast Asia Biodiversity Information Initiative (ESABII)” was launched by 14 countries in this region and relevant organizations to achieve goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) through development of biodiversity information and taxonomic capacity building.

This side event will be a unique opportunity to widely share the goals and activities of ESABII with the participants of SBSTTA15.

**Light meal will be provided.
Your participation is most appreciated !**

ESABII

East and Southeast Asia Biodiversity Information Initiative

Side Event at SBSTTA15

Organizer Ministry of the Environment of Japan (ESABII Secretariat)

Date and Time 8 November 2011, 13:15-14:45

Venue Room AB (Level 1), ICAO building

Programme

13:15 Opening remarks by *Dr. Filiberto A. Pollisco, Jr.*, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity

Introduction of ESABII

13:20 Introduction of ESABII by *Mr. Wataru Suzuki*, Biodiversity Center of Japan, Ministry of the Environment

Presentations on Capacity Building

13:30 Capacity building - Terrestrial plants by *Dr. Teguh Triono*, LIPI, Indonesia

13:40 Capacity building - Coral by *Mr. Kohei Hibino*, Japan Wildlife Research Center

13:50 Capacity building - CITES Appendices species by *Ms. Claire Beastall*, TRAFFIC Southeast Asia

14:00 Capacity building through GTI Programme by *Dr. Junko Shimura*, Programme Officer, Taxonomy and Invasive Alien Species, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Comments and Discussions

14:10 Comments and advice by *Dr. Nicholas King*, Executive Secretary, Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)

14:15 Discussions

14:45 Closing

