

ESABII Training of Trainers (ToT) on CITES POLICIES and IDENTIFICATION of

Threatened Species, March 15 – 18, 2016

VISTANA Kuala Lumpur Titiwangsa, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

REPORT SUMMARY

The Training of Trainers (ToT) on CITES Policies and Identification of Threatened Species was held from 15 till 18 March 2016 at the Vistana Kuala Lumpur Titiwangsa, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The four-day workshop was conducted under the framework of the East and Southeast Asia Biodiversity Information Initiative (ESABII), and organized and generously funded by Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ). It was co-hosted by the Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI) coordinated by OMC Inc. which assigned by MOEJ as a seminar secretariat.

Representatives from the Biodiversity Center of Japan, MOEJ and lecturers from LIPI were present at the opening ceremony.

Participants of this workshop were a total of 28 from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, three delegates were from Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM). The workshop's objectives were to build the capacity of participants from East and Southeast Asian countries to deliver training modules on the classification of CITES and the wildlife trade in the region (*Agenda and List of Attendees attached as Appendix A & B respectively*).

DAY 1 SUMMARY

The workshop began with the opening ceremony, with Dr. Irawati, former director of Bogor botanic garden from LIPI, officiated the ToT course with a brief speech, encouraging delegates to participate and share experiences with each other as the course provides a useful opportunity for networking amongst the Southeast Asian and other Asian nations. Dr. Hidetsugu Miwa, technical officer representing the MOEJ, also welcomed the participation of each delegates then introduced the ESABII programs and activities updated.

The afternoon session was focused on the topics of the basic concept of CITES and identification technique classification especially on the plant. These topics were presented by Ms. Wita Wardani, Dr. Irawati and Dr. Bayu Adjie from LIPI. Ms. Wita Wardani initiated the session with the presentation on 'CITES: An Overview' which provided the brief explanation of the CITES procedure and 'Identification of CITES listed Plant Species' applying the technique to the practice of plant

classification based on the CITES Appendices. The next lecture was provided by Dr. Irawati with 'Orchid and CITES,' 'Orchidaceae,' 'Plants in CITES' and 'Differences between wildcollected and artificially propagated plants.' Those five presentations introduced the basic knowledge on the CITES listed plants and discussed the specific case of the situation around the Orchid, which composed of the largest family of the flowering plants and it much attracted people's concern with its beautiful appearance, all orchids are listed in Appendix I and II. Dr. Bayu Adjie followed the session with 'Identification of Tree ferns and its Management under CITES'. Dr. Bayu introduced the general information of tree ferns, and its economic importance which caused the regulation of legal and illegal international trade.



DAY 2 SUMMARY

On the second day, morning session was focused on reptiles, amphibians and birds conducted by Dr. Amir Hamidy and Mr. Muhammad Irham from LIPI. After introducing the brief explanation of the reptiles and amphibians related to the CITES trade, Dr. Hamidy shared the information 'Identification of Reptiles and Amphibians' which provided how to identify/classify the species in CITES Appendices. Mr. Irham followed the session with 'Introduction to the identification techniques for CITES listed birds species' which identified the CITES listed species popularly commercialized in international trade.

The afternoon session, participants were brought to Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) for half-day field study on the identification of CITES listed plants especially ferns and orchids. Firstly FRIM guided the participants to the forest which was artificially managed. One participants from Malaysia found the muskwood in the field and demonstrated how to identify the species of muskwood listed in CITES Appendices. The three specialists from LIPI, Dr. Irawati (Orchid specialist), Dr. Bayu Adjie and Dr. Wita Wardani (Ferns specialist) also took lead the on-site training in Kepon Botanic Garden assisted by three participants, Ms. Mamat, Ms. Suhaimi and Ms. Thani from FRIM.



DAY 3 SUMMARY

On the third day, participants visited Zoo Negara Malaysia in the morning for half-day field study on the identification of CITES listed animals and birds. After the guidance at the seminar hall conducted by zoo staff, participants were brought to the laboratory work where the actual reptiles exhibited such as snakes and turtles. Two specialists from LIPI took lead of this exercise supported by the staff of Zoo Negara, and participants were able to see and touch the actual objects which were listed on the CITES Appendices.

The participants went back to the hotel and attended the afternoon session led by Ms. Wita Wardani. This session focused on the taxonomy of the specific CITES listed plants such as Pitcher plant, Agarwood and Ramin and then excises using CITES Appendices and application of the given knowledge shared in this training. Ms. Wardani, in the latter part, briefly introduces Appendix I, II and III with its indices, provided taxonomic and structural explanation of animals and plants classification with its annotations. Participants exercised its application of the knowledge and technique provided in a series of the previous lectures.



DAY 4 SUMMARY

The slots of the final day of the workshop were allocated to the 'Country report' which each delegate shared the current situation related to the CITES regulation in each country. The name of participants who represented their country were as follows; Ms. Syarifah Khadiejah Bt. Syed Mohd Kamil from Malaysia, Ms. Alya Faryanti Purbahapsari from Indonesia, Mr. Somkiat Soontornpitakkool from Thailand, Mr. Herdy bin Haji Besar from Brunei, Mr. Tran Hung from Vietnam, Ms. Mary Grace B. Ulatan from the Philippines, Mr. Khamphet KEOSOUVANH from Lao PDR, Ms. Myat Su Mon from Myanmar, Ms. Munkhzul Orolmaa from Mongolia and Mr. Hok Sokheang from Cambodia. The country reports strongly attracted the participants concern with many questions and discussions arose.

Organizer also invited Ms. Claire Beatal, program officer from Traffic Southeast Asia as a special trainer on CITES regulation. Although the Traffic declined this year's organizer due to the conflict of the schedule, Ms. Beatal accepted our offer willingly and provided one-hour special lecture titled on 'CITES Regulations' which shared various information such as the background of illegal wildlife trade, how to regulate it by CITES regulations, the functions of CITES regulations on its Appendices, and its current problems and challenges. This lecture remained deep impacts in the participants according to the feedback from the participants.

In the closing ceremony, Dr. Hajime Hirosawa from MOEJ concluded the four-day workshop with his appreciation for the participation of each delegates and contribution of lecturers from LIPI and Traffic Southeast Asia. All participants were duly appreciated with the certificate given from organizer represented by Dr. Irawati from LIPI and Dr. Hirosawa from MOEJ.

