

# Summary Report

## ESABII TRAINING OF TRAINERS (ToT) ON CITES POLICIES AND IDENTIFICATION OF THREATENED SPECIES

31 January - 3 February 2017

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Outline of the workshop

Date: 31 January - 3 February 2017

Venue: Vistana Kuala Lumpur Titiwangsa

Trainee: 23 persons from the 9 ASEAN Member States and Mongolia

Resource Persons:

\*Dr. Amir Hamidy, Museum Zoologicum Bogoriense, Research Center for Biology, LIPI,  
Indonesia

\*Dr. Rod Hay, Science Advisor, Research and Education, Department of Conservation, New  
Zealand

\*Ms. Ann Panoho, International Wildlife Enforcement and Training Adviser, New Zealand

\*Ms. Alicia Hartmann, Environmental Security Sub-Directorate, Interpol, Singapore

\*Mr. Muhammad Aminurashid Bin Ahmad, Executive, Education Department, Zoo Negara,  
Malaysia

Organizers:

\*Biodiversity Center of Japan, MOE-J (ESABII Secretariat)

### Day 1

The workshop began with the opening ceremony, with Dr. Rod Hay and Ms. Ann Panoho, from New Zealand and Dr. Amir Hamidy from LIPI. Ms. Misumi Hirano, technical officer representing the MOE-J, officially opened 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 among the Southeast Asian and other Asian nations.

The Training of Trainers (ToT) course then continued with Dr. Rod Hay and Ms. Ann Panoho providing key techniques and sharing experiences on how to organize a successful training programme. It began with a quick overview of the ToT, providing the objectives of the course, the agenda and expectations of both the organizers and the participants. The next session, 'Introduction to CITES, Wildlife Trade and Wildlife Crime Awareness', explained CITES Appendices and how CITES works

for Wildlife Crime.

The afternoon session was initiated with Science and Management of CITES Appendices. Dr. Hay explained what was in the list and how to use the list, and continued on permission and non-detriment. After the second coffee break, the main theme was 'Review of Significant Trade' which explained the origins of the significant trade review and the process.

## **Day 2**

The first session was 'Identification on reptiles and amphibians' by Dr. Amir Hamidy. He introduced tremendous number of CITES listed species and explained each character in detail. In this session, the participants experienced how to identify the species from the perspective of CITES appendices especially snakes and turtles in the field of threatened species of Asian countries. Dr. Hamidy also presented the "Commonly Traded Species in Southeast Asia" with referring to the actual cases of illegal trade in East and Southeast Asian countries.

Dr Hay and Ms Panoho then lectured on "Practical identification of species and specimens" with presentation and practical exercises. Lecturers explained the reason of illegal trade such as for use of medicines then demonstrated the actual smuggling technique with presentation. They gave examples of a variety of smuggling styles and techniques commonly used to smuggle wildlife, and recommended that those organizing their own training courses should obtain wildlife products that have been seized and make these available at their own training courses. Participants also experienced on-site training of smuggling techniques with specimens and quizzes.

## **Day 3**

On the third day, participants visited Zoo Negara Malaysia for one-day field study on the identification of CITES listed animals. After the guidance at the seminar hall conducted by zoo staff, participants were brought to the laboratory where the actual reptiles such as snakes and turtles were exhibited. The specialist 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.

## **Day 4**

The slots of the final day of the workshop were allocated to the evidence collection and management. Ms. Ann Panoho pointed out the principles of evidence management with four types of evidences: testimonial, documentary, physical and demonstrative. Then she explained how to find and secure the evidence, showing the concrete cases used in the actual international trade in her presentations. Ms. Alicia Hartmann, invited by Ms. Ann Panoho, shared the system of Interpol and how to use the

worldwide network effectively.

As a new challenge of the CITES ToT training this year, all participants made a program for each training course. All the lectures and practices gave them the idea how to organize and improve the staff's skill.

In the closing ceremony, Dr. Hajime Hirosawa from MOE-J concluded the four-day workshop with his appreciation for the participation of each delegates and contribution of lecturers. All participants were duly appreciated with the certificate given from organizer represented by Dr. Hirosawa. Organizer provided each participant with USB device containing presentation materials, resource documents, and photos.

