

Summary Report

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

25 February - 28 February 2020

Manila, Philippines

Outline of the workshop

Date: 25 February - 28 February 2020

Venue: Century Park Hotel Manila

Trainee: 18 persons from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and Mongolia.

Resource Persons:

<Specialist of CITES>

1. Mr. Rod Hay (New Zealand, former staff of CITES secretariat)
2. Dr. Esteven Toledo (Philippines, Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB))

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3. Dr. Amir Hamidy (Indonesia, Indonesian Institute of Science (LIPI))

Organizers:

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

Day 1

The four-day Training Course began with the opening ceremony with a brief speech by Mr. Yusuke Saito, survey specialist representing the MOEJ, officiated the ToT course.

In this ceremony, he expected that this CITES Training course would be fruitful for all participants and mentioned the objectives of this course and expectations for them after this course by using the distributed brochure about ESABII.

After the opening ceremony, all participants, three lecturers and trainees, introduced themselves one by one according to five topics as below as an ice-breaking. Also, before the beginning of lectures, Pre-Assessment was conducted by Mr. Rod Hay in order to grasp the degree of comprehension of each participant about CITES.

- 1) Name and Country
- 2) Affiliation

- 3) Current Duty
- 4) Interested Wildlife
- 5) Expectations

The morning and afternoon session by Mr. Rod Hay focused on the general knowledge of CITES, which is titled “Introduction to CITES”, “CITES Legal requirements” and “Science and management 1&2”.

The following afternoon session was organized by Dr. Esteven Toledo, who is familiar with the current situation of illegal trade on CITES around the Philippines, the host country of this training course. Some practical samples of Wildlife law enforcement operations were introduced.

Day 2

On the second day, participants visited Wildlife Rescue Center in Manila for one-day site visit on the identification of CITES listed Reptiles, which is the main theme of this Training Course. The official name of this site is “Ninoy Aquino Parks & Wildlife Center” and there is Wildlife Rescue Center located in Ninoy Aquino Parks. Two local staff gave us the explanation as below;

At first, Dr. Fides Sandoval explained the outline of this Ninoy Aquino Parks & Wildlife Center with the movie and presentation and guided while observing the animals inside of this park.

Dr. Glenn S. Maguod at Wildlife Rescue Center also talked about the outline with the guidance of this center. Participants could observe protected animals there and were guided inside of the Hospital.

After the site visit to Ninoy Aquino Parks & Wildlife Center, participants went back to the hotel and had lecture about Group Presentation which would be held last day by Mr. Rod Hay. His lecture introduced how to plan and organize the Training after going back to their own country; in terms of how to prepare it, how to choose the topic, points and recourse. This time, 18 participants were divided into 3 groups with 6 members each and they had a short discussion.

Day 3

Before the first lecture of the third day, a short introduction about Identification of the CITES listed species was given by Mr. Rod Hay. After that, Dr. Amir Hamidy had lectures, titled “Reptiles and CITES”, “CITES and Appendices” and “Species Identification”, which is the main theme, “Reptiles”, of this Training Course.

Another morning session was organized by Dr. Esteven Toledo and Dr. Amir Hamidy with the explanation of Current situation in Southeast Asia, especially Indonesia and Philippines.

The afternoon session had Group Discussion as the preparation for the Group Presentation which would be held last day. At the end of the third day, each group reported the progress for the group presentation and was given some advice by all lecturers for the last day.

Day 4

On the base of intention of this Training Course implemented with two pillars and tasks; “Identification” and “Instructor Training “, the fourth day mainly focused on the Group Presentation with three topics as below given by lecturers.

- 1) Species Identification
- 2) Investigation and Enforcement
- 3) Non-detriment findings and Significant Trade Review

The aim is for participants to plan and organize the training in their own country after going back. Three Group had each presentation about training course plan, and after that, they had a discussion supported by all lecturers in order to make it more practical.

In the closing ceremony, all participants duly appreciated with the certificate given from the organizer represented by Mr. Yusuke Saito on behalf of Biodiversity Center of Japan. After that, Mr. Saito concluded the four-day Training Course with his appreciation for the participation of each delegates and contribution of lecturers. Also participants were provided with USB devise containing presentation materials, recourse documents, and photos.



Instruction by lecturers



Question and Answer



Group Discussion



Group Presentation



Site Visit



Group Photo