**REPORT OF THE INCEPTIONMEETING ON THE ASEAN-EU PROJECT BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS (BCAMP) IN ASEAN**

**28 – 30 NOVEMBER 2017, MANILA, PHILIPPINES**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Inception Meeting was led by the Executive Director of ASEAN Centre of Biodiversity (ACB) and representatives from BCAMP Team.

The Inception meeting was attended by delegates from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, and representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat.

The Preparatory Meeting for the 21st Meeting Of The Subsidiary Body On Technical And Technological Advice (SBSTTA 21) was chaired by Philippines and vice-chaired by the Executive Director of ASEAN Centre of Biodiversity (ACB).

The Preparatory SBSTTA-21 meeting was attended by delegates from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, and representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat.

Brunei Darussalam was represented by:

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| **No** | **Name** | **Designation** | **Department / Ministry** |
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**2.0 AIMS OF THE MEETING**

* To review the project’s concept and identify priority BCAMP activities for implementation, and discuss and develop the 2017-2022 work plan;
* To coordinate to initiate the process to prepare the draft ASEAN interventions for the SBSTTA-21; and
* To develop quantitative targets in the ACB 2018 Work Plan and in relevant components of the draft ASPEN.

**3.0 BRUNEI DARUSSALAM’S POSITION IN ATTENDING THE MEETING**

* Brunei Darussalam participated in the discussion of the Inception Phase of the BCAMP Project;
* Brunei Darussalam took note of the meeting during the Preparatory Meeting for SBSTTA 21 and to forward to CBD Focal Point (Forestry Department, MPRT).

**4.0 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING**

**4.1 BCAMP WORK PLAN (INCEPTION PHASE)**

* The Meeting agreed to shorten the Inception Phase from 12 months to 6 months;
* The Meeting requested BCAMP Team to:
	+ Perform a stock-taking / gap analysis on PA management planning, assessments, valuation, sustainable financing (ASEAN Biodiversity Fund, training and communication approaches);
	+ Solicit feedback from the AMS on the identified gaps and priorities;
	+ Conduct training needs analysis on the thematic areas, public outreach, information management for AMS, including support to ACB on the EU-7 pillar assessment;
	+ Review and refine targets and indicators in the BCAMP action document;
	+ Prepare the inception report and Draft of the Implementation Plan for feedback;
	+ Validate and finalize the Implementation Plan by AMS and ACB;
	+ Finalize the Inception Report with an operational plan for the Implementation Phase with clarification of the purpose of each component including AHPs and Pas selection;
	+ Develop with ACB project operational documents including procurement and disbursement guidelines and the communication strategy; and
	+ Organize the Inception Meeting.

**4.2 BCAMP WORK PLAN 2018 (IMPLEMENTATION PHASE)**

* The Meeting agreed for BCAMP to revise further the Inception Phase before the Implementation Phase.
* The Meeting reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the National Coordinator:
	+ Coordinate and facilitate the implementation of BCAMP activities at the national level;
	+ Ensure smooth coordination of site level and national level activities, in close consultation with the ACB-BCAMP team and the AWGNCB Focal Points;
	+ Liaise with AWGNCB national focal points, relevant government agencies and implementing partners for effective coordination and communication system;
	+ Utilize and maximize project resources (financial, technical expertise, human capacity) for efficient implementation of national project activities;
	+ Oversee and ensure timely delivery of project outputs (eg. Submission of reports as may be required by EU/ACB);
	+ Ensuring appropriate monitoring, documentation and evaluation of the project;
	+ Support the implementation of activities on the ground through technical assistance and financial management; and
	+ Coordinate with the regional project management team and prepare regular reports on progress of BCAMP implementation at the national and site levels.

**4.3 PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE 21ST MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE (SBSTTA-21)**

* Brunei Darussalam informed the meeting that SBSTTA is under CBD Focal Point (Forestry Department, MPRT) and Brunei Darussalam to take note of the meeting.
* The Meeting noted the following recommendations:
	+ Takes note of the information provided in the note by the Executive Secretary on scenarios for the 2050 Vision for biodiversity in particular the conclusions that are already set out thereof, and recommends that the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting make use of this information to inform discussions on “the long term strategic directions to the 2050 Vision for biodiversity, and “approaches to Living in harmony with Nature”;
	+ Recommends that the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting take this information into account in preparing proposals for the process of developing a post - 2020 global biodiversity framework;
	+ Welcomes the ongoing work of the Expert Group on Models and Scenarios of the Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to develop a new set of multi- scale biodiversity scenarios through a stakeholder - driven process, noting its relevance to the process of developing a post - 2020 global biodiversity framework, and encourages Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and all stakeholders to engage in this process;
	+ Requests the Executive Secretary when preparing proposals for the process of developing a post - 2020 global biodiversity framework, to make provisions for analytical work, building on previous work and taking into account ongoing work under the Intergovernmental Science - Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services that, among other things, addresses the following issues:
		- The links between biodiversity and other sustainability goals and the role of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in providing an enabling environment;
		- Lessons learned from the implementation of Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020;
		- The possible reasons for the varying levels of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
		- The possible ways in which action under the Convention could leverage the transformational change required to achieve the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity and thereby also contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
* The Meeting reviewed and provided inputs/comments for the following draft interventions to be consulted further in respective AMS:
	+ Agenda item 3: SCENARIOS for 2050 Vision of Biodiversity;
	+ Agenda item 4: SUSTAINABLE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT: GUIDANCE FOR THE SUSTAINABLE WILDLIFE MEAT SECTOR;
	+ Agenda item 5: BIODIVERSITY AND HUMAN HEALTH;
	+ Agenda item 6: MAINSTREAMING OF BIODIVERSITY IN THE ENERGY AND MINING, INFRASTRUCTURE, MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING, AND HEALTH SECTORS;
	+ Agenda item 7: 5th EDITION OF THE GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK;
	+ Agenda item 8: TOOLS FOR EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF POLICY INSTRUMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011 – 2020; and
	+ Agenda item 9: NEW & EMERGING ISSUES.

**4.4 TARGET SETTING FOR THE ACB ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2018 AND THE ASEAN STRATEGIC PLAN ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

* The Meeting agreed for ACB to circulate the ACB Annual Work Plan to all AMS and ASEAN Secretariat.

**5.0 DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT INCEPTION MEETING OF BCAMP**

* As mentioned in the meeting, the next meeting will be circulated among the AMS by ASEAN Secretariat and ACB.

**6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

 **Brunei Darussalam’s follow up actions:**

* To review the BCAMP Work Plan (Inception Phase) once the revised Work Plan has been circulated and to discuss with relevant Government Agencies.
* To consult relevant Government Agencies to discuss National Coordinator.
* To circulate the revised the draft interventions to SBSTTA Focal Point/CBD Focal Point (Forestry Department, MPRT) for their inputs/comments.

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