



Protection of Biological Diversity in the ASEAN Member States in Cooperation with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (CARE4BioDiv)

Programme Brief

Protecting ASEAN's biodiversity for improved livelihood

Biodiversity is central to mankind. In the ASEAN region, more than 600 million people depend on biodiversity for their livelihood. Hence, the ongoing deterioration of natural resources and the decline of ecosystems as well as the extinction of numerous animal and plant species constitute an ongoing threat for ASEAN's sustainable development.

Context

About 20% of the global biodiversity, approximately 35% of the global mangrove forests and 30% of the coral reefs are found in the ASEAN Member States (AMS). Indeed, the ASEAN region is host of more biological diversity than any other region of Earth.

The population of all AMS, and particularly rural and indigenous people depend on natural resources and ecosystem services for food, health and income. The decline of the biological diversity and the deterioration of natural resources are therefore a serious and persistent threat to the economic and political environment of the ASEAN Region.

In response to this, the ASEAN has created the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), an intergovernmental organization, with the aim to facilitate cooperation and coordination among the 10 AMS and with regional and international organizations on the protection and the sustainable use of biological diversity, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of such natural treasures.



Project Name: Protection of Biological Diversity in the ASEAN Member States in Cooperation with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (CARE4BioDiv)

Commissioned by: German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Country: 10 ASEAN nations, based in the Philippines

Lead executing agency: ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity

Overall term: 2015 – 2019

Similar to other regions, though, the task to develop regional approaches is highly complex. Therefore, and in order to contribute to the sustainable development of the ASEAN region, the German Government through the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and its development organizations, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and KfW Entwicklungsbank support ACB in its above mentioned task and through the joint implementation of the Programme “Protection of Biological Diversity in the ASEAN Member States in Cooperation with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity” or “CARE4BioDiv“.

Objective

The Programme objective is: “The protection of biological diversity and the sustainable management of natural ecosystems in the ASEAN region contribute to the improvement of livelihoods of the local population”. For that purpose, the Programme aims at the institutional strengthening of the ACB, as well as at a contribution to the integration of the ASEAN.

Approach

The Programme is being implemented through three projects/modules, each with specific objective that will contribute to the Programme Objective:

1. Institutional Strengthening of the Biodiversity Sector in ASEAN (ISB).
2. Biodiversity-based Products as an Economic Source doe the Improvement of Livelihood and Biodiversity Protection (BBP).
3. Small Grants Programme by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (SGP).



Institutional Strengthening of the Biodiversity Sector in ASEAN (ISB)

Objective: ACB fulfills its regional mandate for the implementation of the CBD.



Biodiversity-based Products (BBP) as an economic source for the improvement of livelihoods and biodiversity protection in ASEAN

Objective: The AMS are supported by ACB in the promotion of BBPs for the improvement of livelihoods and biodiversity protection.



Small Grants Programme (SGP) of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (financed through KfW)

Objective: The project contributes to biodiversity protection and management of natural resources in the ASEAN region.



Achieved Results (December 15, 2015):

- ACB's role as a regional policy and strategy catalyst and promoter enhanced.
- Cooperation among key stakeholders in the region strengthened.
- Program Steering Committee established and approved by the ASEAN Senior Officials of the Environment (ASOEN).
- Workplans for the 3 projects drafted with AMS and key stakeholders.
- Gap analyses for value chain development conducted in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam
- Representatives from AMS and GIZ projects in the region trained on the ValueLinks Approach.
- Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of the SGP Phase I signed with Myanmar (October 2014), and Indonesia (May 2015).
- SGP Phase II – Viet Nam and regional ASEAN component: Appraisal (August 2015); approval of funding (December 2015).



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