



Working Group  
**BIODIVERSITY**



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| Speaker  | Nicole Bendsen   |
| Co-Speaker   | Oemar Ideo   |
| Tandem Partner   | Barbara Lang, Paulina Campos   |
| No. of Countries   | 11   Thailand, Indonesia, Mongolia, Germany, Vietnam, China, Philippines, Bangladesh, Nepal, India and Fiji  |
| No. of Projects  | -  |
| No. of Members   | 40   |
| Description  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Biodiversity underpins all (...) ecosystem functions and benefits essential to human well-being, not only in terms of our economies, but also for our health, food security, prevention of natural hazards, and our cultural roots,” Ban Ki-moon - UN Secretary-General, 2015</li> <li>• Engaging in a variety of issues related to biodiversity and nature conservation.</li> <li>• Connects professionals in more than 10 South and Southeast Asian countries, working on the conservation of biodiversity in a variety of ecosystems and contexts.</li> <li>• The collaboration of its members is organised through a set of sub-working groups dealing with the following fields of interest:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Economics of Ecosystems</li> <li>- Protected Area Management</li> <li>- Biodiversity Monitoring</li> <li>- HCD in Biodiversity &amp; Agro-Biodiversity</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Issues<br>Topics currently worked on<br>Highlight Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring of Biodiversity – Framework, Indicators and Interpretation</li> <li>• Biodiversity Financing</li> <li>• Development of the Co-Management Approach for sustainable Natural Resource Management (COMACON Recommendations)</li> <li>• Exchange of information and consultation on project level</li> <li>• Information sharing regarding global initiatives on developing the biodiversity agenda</li> </ul>  |
| Success<br>Products of last year                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of the Pilot training on “HCD for Biodiversity and human well-being”.</li> <li>• Regional Conference on Co-Management of Natural Resources, October 2015 in Bangkok with around 100 participants from more than 10 countries.</li> <li>• The “COMACON Recommendations” summarize the main cornerstones for setting up and successfully running Co-Management projects in the region.</li> <li>• Developed and published a manual on ‘Biodiversity Monitoring for Natural Resource Management’</li> </ul>  |
| Established Since  | 2009   |
| WG’s Contribution to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals  | SDG 13: Climate<br>SDG 15: Ecosystems  |

