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**“THE PROJECT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL
BIODIVERSITY DATABASE SYSTEM IN VIETNAM”**

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PROJECT INTRODUCTION

The project for development of national biodiversity database system in Vietnam (NBDS) which is the technical cooperation project between JICA and Government of Vietnam is established and implemented from November 2011 to March 2015.

The Project is commenced with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Vietnam Environment Administration (VEA), Biodiversity Conservation Agency (BCA) acting as the Project counterpart (C/P) agency.

The project objective is to develop the first generation of national biodiversity database system. Therein, NBDS with international standard architecture is properly developed, operated and maintained in MONRE BCA/VEA; and, basic data on the fauna and flora species, including all species on Vietnam Red List, are inputted into the NBDS.

The project is also implementing pilot surveys at Xuan Thuy National Park in Nam Dinh province - the first Ramsar site in Vietnam.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Core group meeting with local experts
- ◆ Development of national-level biodiversity monitoring indicators



MID-TERM REVIEW

After the completion of the first stage of project (November 2011-March 2013), JICA conducted the mid-term review on the project activities from 14th to 30th of May, 2013. The evaluation team included 2 groups: Vietnamese team (4 persons) and Japanese team (5 persons).

The specific purposes of the Mid-Term Review are outlined as below.

- (1) To verify the achievement of the project inputs and progress of the project activities against the plan;
- (2) To conduct project review based on the 5 evaluation criterias of relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, and sustainability;
- (3) To identify the facilitating and hindering factors that affected the implementation process;
- (4) To make recommendations for the necessary actions and measures (including modification of Project Design Matrix) in order to attain the Project Purpose by the end of the project cooperation period; and
- (5) To agree on the actions to be taken in the remaining project period by signing the M/M between Japanese and Vietnamese side.

The Joint Review Team collected the information through questionnaires and a series of interviews with Vietnamese Project Personnel and Japanese Experts. The Team also conducted a field observation in Xuan Thuy National Park, Nam Dinh Province. Based on the results of the review, the Team prepared a draft report and finalized it through a series of discussions. The review team worked together effectively during this mission and presented successfully the report on 30th May at the 2nd Joint Coordinating Committee meeting.



GIS TRAINING



The project team has been carrying out various project activities.

JICA experts have organized series of training for C/Ps on database development and biodiversity survey.

Most recently, Mr. Choshin Haneji, the JICA expert on Ecological Survey, had implemented three trainings for Nam Dinh DONRE, BCA and XTNP on the analysis of field survey results at XTNP using the desktop GIS software (QGIS and ArcGIS) in May and June 2013.

There were 14 trainees joined in these trainings, and they gained practical skill and knowledge on how to combine survey data with maps to generate informative report on GIS software.



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