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Capacity Assessment on Biodiversity Monitoring & Information Management in Vietnam

The project requires collaboration with a number of national and international organizations involved in biodiversity conservation and monitoring in Vietnam to ensure effective, efficient and harmonious collection and management of national biodiversity information. The project has been engaged in developing a national biodiversity monitoring indicator system with related organizations, for which their contributions are essential.

The Survey was conducted between September 2012 and January 2013, including the distribution of questionnaires, collection of the answered questionnaires, and compilation and evaluation of survey results.

Objectives of the survey:

- To recognize current situations of the management and collection of data and information concerning biodiversity in Vietnam; and
- To identify major roles of relevant Vietnamese institutions in the proposed NBDS collaboration mechanism.

Method of the survey:

- Request a representative of each organization to fill out a questionnaire by providing suitable information for each question.
- Make analysis and evaluation of responses using particular parameters or indicators.

We distributed the questionnaire to over 300 organizations, and then were received the responses from 128 related organizations.

A part of conclusion of the assessment, intensive collaborations with several potential organizations would be explored to enhance the NBDS coupled with biodiversity monitoring and database management as pilot cases. On the other hand, more questionnaire surveys may be desired to obtain more complete and advanced information with other potential organizations (including donors, NGOs, research institutes, etc.), depending on the availability of the budget/funds.

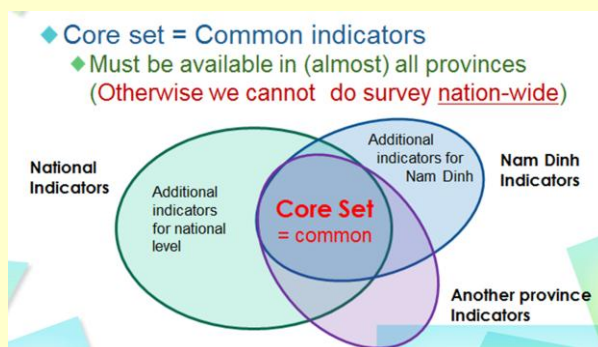
Technical Working Groups Meeting

The project has implemented 9 times of Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings, so far. There are included 6 times of group A (Biodiversity Survey) and 7 times of group B (NBDS development).



The TWG meeting participants consist of TWG members, our project CPs; experts from related agencies, universities; and other NGOs experts. We have made the presentations, discussions and comments for enhancing NBDS project activities.

Biodiversity Indicator Development



Objectives of BD Indicators:

- Quantitative measures: distance from a goal, target (UNEP/CBD/SBSTA, 1997)
- Information tools summarizing data on status and trends of biodiversity (Brink, B.T., 2006)
- Assess national performances/signal key issues
- Establish links between global/regional initiatives and national/regional policies: transparency.

Greetings from JICA expert



Masahiro Otsuka

I have worked with other colleagues in the NBDS Project mainly in the field of biodiversity monitoring and assessment, including vegetation surveys and biodiversity indicators. The synthesis of capacity assessment results was also interesting in comprehending situations and future orientations of NBDS activities. I will continue technical support to strengthen further development of the NBDS (particularly in biodiversity monitoring and assessment) in Vietnam.

Upcoming Events

1. Database introduction
2. The second XTNP Survey result
3. Training for Database

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