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TRAINING ON DATA INPUT, DATA IMPORT AND DATA UTILIZATION OF XTNP SURVEY/MONITORING DATA USING EXCEL AND ACCESS



One of the most important goals of the project is to enhance human resources, train the local staff as preparation for the next stage of project. With this orientation, our JICA expert conducted a training session titled “Data input, Data import and Data utilization of XTNP survey/monitoring data using Excel and Access” in XTNP on 3rd, January 2014, following the instruction of Ms. Yamada - JICA expert on database development. Participants are the staff of Xuan Thuy National Park. Objectives of training are to help participants to:

- Understand how to input XTNP survey data (biological data) into Excel data forms
- Understand how to import XTNP survey data from Excel to Access
- Understand how to utilize XTNP survey data using Access.

THE 2ND WORKSHOP ON BIODIVERSITY MONITORING INDICATORS

Within the framework of the Project, the JICA/BCA team has been cooperatively designing NBDS architecture as well as drafting biodiversity monitoring indicators for Vietnam and XTNP through discussions in Core Group and preliminary surveys at XTNP. The Second Workshop was held on 15th Jan, 2014 in SaiGon - Hanoi Hotel to identify biodiversity monitoring indicators and to promote data sharing among relevant agencies and organizations with over one hundred representatives from the

relevant ministries and agencies, scientists, managers, representatives of Nam Dinh Province (pilot project); representatives of JICA, MOE of Japan, and national and international organizations.



In workshop, Dr. Noriaki Sakaguchi, Director of Wildlife Division, Naha Nature Conservation Office, Ministry of the Environment, Japan also had a presentation on National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in Japan, Aichi target and some experiences in Japan as well as in the world.



SHORT-TERM EXPERT IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AREA FROM MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, JAPAN

In order to support the development of national biodiversity indicators of Vietnam, Dr. Noriaki SAKAGUCHI, Ministry of the Environment, Japan worked in the project from 5 to 18 January 2014. He has experiences to research nationwide biodiversity and ecosystem and develop indicators for ecosystem monitoring in Japan.

He also participated in the Detailed Planning Survey on the NBDS Project, June, 2010. Development of biodiversity indicators is one of the core activities in the NBDS Project. Biodiversity indicators can, not only measure the status of biodiversity in Vietnam, but also evaluate the achievement of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) of Japan. Development of the indicators could also contribute to more



effective data collection and utilization of the national Biodiversity Database. Dr. SAKAGUCHI introduced global indicators under CBD Aichi Targets and relevant organizations and the national indicators of NBSAP of Japan and discussed to develop the national indicators of Vietnam with BCA staff and local experts at the Core Group Meeting for the indicators and the Workshop for Biodiversity Indicator Development, 15 January 2014. He suggested about national indicators that some indicators could follow global indicators to implement global agreement as a party of CBD, however, some indicators could be original ones in reflect to characteristics of biodiversity and its challenges in Vietnam. He also emphasized that the indicators have to be simplified, taken into consideration efficiency and effectiveness of cost and human power for nationwide assessment.

INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL EXPERTS AND CORE GROUP

After many meetings and discussions between the BCA and JICA experts on cooperation mechanisms, possible action to utilize human resources and provide the best final product, the project has finally decided to follow the "core group" model, which consists of local experts, under JICA's consultation. In the following four main groups, only two, "Biodiversity Indicator" and "Master Scheme", are already put into operation. The remaining ones will be established in the next phase of the project.



Core Group for Biodiversity Indicators

- Dr. Ho Thanh Hai - BI Leader
- Dr. Vo Thanh Son
- Dr. Phan Thanh Hoi

Core Group for Master Scheme

- Prof. Mai Trong Nhuan - MS Leader
- Mr. Bui Quang Hung
- Duong Le Minh

Core Group for System Architecture

- In Progress

Core Group for Legal Document

- In progress

Upcoming Events

1. Core group meetings on Biodiversity Indicator Development and Master Scheme.
2. Guideline for monitoring Biodiversity.

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Greetings from JICA Experts

My name is Yukiyo Yamada.

I am mainly in charge of data management of NBDS.

Database without appropriate data is useless.

I love the Vietnamese culture of paying respects to the elders, which is disappearing in Japan. I am happy to work here.

