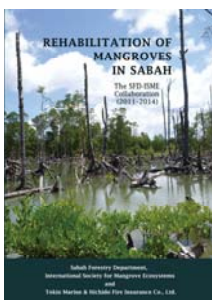


Book on Rehabilitation of Mangroves in Sabah

A book entitled, 'Rehabilitation of Mangroves in Sabah – The SFD-ISME Collaboration (2011–2014)' was jointly produced by SFD, ISME and Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co. Ltd. to commemorate the successful completion of Phase One (2011–2014) of the collaborative project on mangrove rehabilitation in Sabah, and the beginning of Phase Two of the project (2015–2019).



The book comes with many photographs illustrating the uniqueness of mangroves and efforts being undertaken by SFD to conserve these unique coastal ecosystems in Sabah. It highlights case studies on various project sites, which included areas encroached by oil palm and shrimp ponds, and degraded riverine mangroves. The chapters on achievements, benefits and lessons learnt from the Phase One will set the impetuous for Phase Two of the project.

In brief, SFD and ISME signed an MoU on the Mangrove Rehabilitation Project, in November 2010. The project, funded by Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., has successfully restored more than 150 ha of degraded mangrove forests, involving six forest reserves in four districts in Sabah, from February 2011 until June 2014.



The book launching ceremony was held at the SFD Headquarters in Sandakan on 3 February 2015. Datuk Sam Mannan, witnessed by the Project Steering Committee members and Forestry Department staff, received the first copy of the book from Prof. Shigeyuki Baba.

Tropical Coastal Ecosystems Portal (TroCEP)



Together with the National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), ISME have been compiling various information on coastal ecosystems in the tropics and subtropics. A part of these information is made available through the newly launched portal site, called 'Tropical Coastal Ecosystems Portal (TroCEP).'

TroCEP will provide current issues on tropical coastal ecosystems. As the first step, the portal will provide information only on mangroves, but it will be extended to coral reefs and seagrasses.

TroCEP includes tables of species distribution, compiled based on various data sources such as scientific papers, books, reports, webs, field confirmation and personal communications. The tables are still in progress, and more work is needed to generate accuracy especially where less documentation is available. Your inputs are welcome. Please visit the site and send your input to "trocep" (add "@mangrove.or.jp") or "TroCEP"(add "@nies.go.jp").

NIES and ISME hope that these information will be utilized widely for the purpose for education and further research on coastal ecosystems, especially by students who wish to study coastal ecosystems.

Please visit: <http://www.nies.go.jp/TroCEP/index.html>

Vietnamese versions produced



We are very pleased to announce publishing of Vietnamese version of ISME Mangrove Educational Book Series: Book No.1: ‘Continuing the Journey Amongst Mangroves’ by Barry Clough; Book No.2: ‘Structure, Function & Management of Mangrove Ecosystems’ by J.E. Ong & W.K. Gong; and Book No.3: ‘Useful Products from Mangrove & other Coastal Plants’ by S. Baba, H.T. Chan & S. Aksornkoae.

Mr. Hoang had generously translated these three books for distribution to the students in Vietnam. PDF copies are available for free download from ISME website (<http://www.mangrove.or.jp/isme/english/publication2.html>).

Original English books were produced in year 2013, as outputs of an earlier ITTO/ISME project, entitled Production of an Educational Book Series on Mangroves for Sustainable Management and Utilization of Mangrove Ecosystems. The English versions are also downloadable from the web.

ISME appreciates Dr. Barry Clough, the author of Book 1, for his generous efforts in seeking the way to

produce Vietnamese versions of the trilogy, and is grateful to Mr. Phan Van Hoang of Viet Nam, for his kind and great efforts in translating all the three books into Vietnamese.

Postponing the Ninth General Assembly

The Ninth General Assembly of ISME was scheduled to be held in 2015, however, due to financial situation of ISME, the Executive Committee would like to postpone the Ninth Assembly to 2016. New date and venue will be announced through the Newsletter.

All members of Executive Committee will remain in their tenure till the next General Assembly 2016. President: Prof. Sanit Aksornkoae (Thailand), Vice-Presidents: Ambassador Noboru Nakahira (Japan), Prof. Francois Blasco (France), Prof. Norman Duke (Australia), Treasurer: Dr. Chan Hung Tuck (Malaysia), Executive Director: Prof. Shigeyuki Baba (Japan)

ISME publications for free download!

ISME has been continuously publishing wide variety of scientific issues related to mangrove ecosystems, through its Occasional Papers, Technical Reports, Proceedings, etc. Some of these publications are available for free download. For free PDFs, please visit: <http://www.mangrove.or.jp/isme/english/index.htm>.

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ISME in 2014 Some Major Events

January: Visit to Kiribati (Tarawa and Butaritari Islands) for planting and discussion.

March: Publication of Studies in Can Gio Mangrove Biosphere Reserve, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, ISME Technical Reports No. 6

The Seventh SFD/ISME PSC Meeting and Second SFD/TBRC PSC Meeting, Sandakan, Sabah.

May: Children's eco-study tour in Iriomote Island

June & July: Lecture to high school students

August: The Eighth SFD/ISME PSC Meeting, signing of MoU for the Second Phase, Sandakan, Sabah & visit by high school teachers and university students from Tokyo.

September & October: Visit to Kiribati (Tarawa and Abemama Islands) for planting and discussion.

November: Delegates from ISME attended:

The Annual Meeting of the Japan Society for Mangroves, 22-23 November 2014, Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan

The Perak Conference on a Century of Matang Mangrove Forest Management, 24-26 November 2014, Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia.

December: Visit to Gujarat, India, for planting and discussion.

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Dr. Joseph Tangah from Sabah Forestry Department giving his keynote address (top right) after a brief introduction by Prof. Shigeyuki Baba (top left).

The Perak Conference on a Century of Matang Mangrove Forest Management, 24-26 November 2014, Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia



Prof. Shigeyuki Baba making his presentation at the Ipoh Conference (top right). His paper was entitled 'Community participation: What we have learned from our mangrove projects'. The ISME delegation at the Conference (bottom right). (L-R) Dr. H.T. Chan, Dr. Tomomi Inoue, Ms. Mio Kezuka, Dr. Mami Kainuma, Prof. J.E. Ong and Prof. Shigeyuki Baba.



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