

## **THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ISME**



Eight General Assembly of ISME and ISME-SFD workshop on mangroves held at Rainforest Discovery Centre, Sandakan, Sabah. Photo by SFD.

The Eighth General Assembly (GA) of ISME was held in the Rainforest Discovery Centre, Sandakan, Sabah on 13 September 2011. The Honourable Datuk Peter Pang (Minister of Youth and Sports of Sabah) graced the occasion and presented the Opening Address on behalf of The Right Honourable Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Hj. Aman (Chief Minister of Sabah). Welcoming remarks were delivered by Datuk Sam Mannan (Director of Sabah Forestry Department) and Prof. Salif Diop (President of ISME, 2005-2011). Among the highlights of the GA were the Announcement of the Executive Committee (2011-2014), Activities and Finance, Revision of the Statutes, and Award Ceremony. The GA was attended by participants from Malaysia, Thailand, Australia, France, Japan and India.

Members of Executive Committee (2011-2014) are:

- Prof. Sanit Aksornkoae (President/Thailand)
- Ambassador Noboru Nakahira (Vice-President/Japan)
- Prof. Francois Blasco (Vice-President/France)
- Prof. Norman C. Duke (Vice-President/Australia)
- Dr. Chan Hung Tuck (Treasurer/Malaysia)
- Prof. Shigeyuki Baba (Executive Director/Japan)

The statutes of ISME, ratified more than 20 years ago in August 1990, were revised by the Executive Committee and tabled for the endorsement of the GA. Among the revisions were:

- Change of ISME Council to ISME Reference Group
- Tenure of the President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer will be increased from three to four years
- The General Assembly will meet once in four years instead of three years
- The position of Executive Secretary be renamed Executive Director (ED)
- The ED will be assisted as a Deputy Director (DD) who will take charge of Secretariat when the ED is away

The Sabah Forestry Department (SFD) was awarded the Honorary Institutional Membership of ISME, Prof. Salif Diop and Ms. Nozomi Oshiro were honoured the ISME Service Appreciation Award and the ISME Long-Service Award, respectively. Prof. Shigeyuki Baba (Executive Director of ISME) handed the membership award to Datuk Sam Mannan, the Director of SFD.



Datuk Sam Mannan/Director of SFD (left) receiving the ISME Honorary Institutional Membership award from Prof. Baba/Executive Director of ISME (right). Photo by ISME.

Held in conjunction with the GA was the ISME-SFD Workshop on Mangroves. Talks given at the Workshop were:

- Management of Mangrove Forest Reserves in Sabah: Issues and Challenges by Fidelis Edwin Bajau, Joseph Tangah & Werfred Jilimin
- Mangrove Research in Australia: Towards a National Coastal Monitoring and Mangrove Carbon Assessment Program by Norman C. Duke
- Mangrove Management Challenges in the Bay of Bengal by Francois Blasco
- Planting of Mangroves for Coastal Protection by Shigeyuki Baba and Toyohiko Miyagi
- ISME-ITTO Small Project on Mangroves by Chan Hung Tuck
- World Atlas of Mangrove for Conservation and Restoration of Mangrove Ecosystems by Mami Kainuma

On 14 September 2011, participants of the GA and Workshop went on a field excursion. At Sg. Lalasun, participants planted mangrove and other coastal species in commemoration of the SFD-ISME Collaborative Mangrove Rehabilitation Project, funded by Tokio Marine and Nichido Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Japan. Participants then toured the Sepilok Laut Virgin Jungle Reserve (VJR) and visited the Sepilok Laut Mangrove Centre.

In conjunction with the GA, the Executive Committee (EC) met on 12 and 15 September 2011. Among the agenda discussed were:



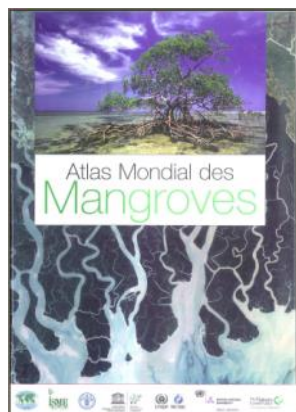
Mangrove and other coastal species were planted at Sg. Lalasun, Sandakan in commemoration of the SFD-ISME Collaborative Mangrove Rehabilitation Project. Photo by SFD.

- Results of the election of the EC (2011-2014)
- Programmes/budget for the past and next three years
- Report of major projects
- Revision of the ISME Statutes
- Preparation of the GA, Workshop and Field Excursion
- Matters arising from the GA and Workshop
- Review of ISME-ITTO Small Project
- Report of JICA-ISME Training Courses 2011
- Report of ISME-GLOMIS Electronic Journal

Members of the SFD Organising Committee were: Fidelis Edwin Bajau (Chairman), Joseph Tangah (Secretary and Liaison Officer), Frederick Kugan, Albert Radin, Roslan Junaidi, Masniah Hj. Othman, Kinus Mais, Werfred Jilimin, Fadzil Hj. Yahya, Jeflus Sinajin, George Hubert Petol, Siti Zubaidah S. Abdullah and Dr. Arthur Chung (MC).

## Atlas Mondial des Mangroves

### French translated version of the World Atlas of Mangroves is now available



French version of the World Atlas of Mangroves (Atlas Mondial des Mangroves) was published in August 2011. Funding for the French version was provided by the US Department of State, through International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO).

Map and text were translated by Ms Estelle Harris (English Home), reviewed by Prof. Francois Blasco (ISME Vice-President). Copies are available from ISME Secretariat at US\$50/copy. Approximately US\$10-20 will also be charged for postage and handling. Please contact ISME Secretariat at [isme@mangrove.or.jp](mailto:isme@mangrove.or.jp)

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## Letter from Ex-JICA/ISME Training Course Participant

Ohayo Gozaimasu, I write to inform ISME about the progress of my activities since my participation in the JICA/ISME Training Course on Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mangrove Ecosystems in 2006. The training course was very important to me, as I have gained much knowledge through the lectures, demonstrations, field tours, and cultural exchanges. My English language skills improved greatly. The first-hand experience in preparing the plan of action at the end of the course was particularly useful.

After returning to Brazil in August 2006, I devoted my time implementing activities of the Restoration of Degraded Mangrove (REDEMA) Project until March/April 2008. Activities included planting, monitoring seedling growth and environmental education, involving the local people.

In 2007, I submitted a project proposal based on the contents of the plan of action of the training course to the Amazon Conservation Scholarship, sponsored by the Gordon & Beth Moore Foundation. The project was approved and I defended my dissertation "Analysis of local ecological knowledge and of the production system as a subsidy to generate management instruments for the activity of exploitation of

mangrove crab (*Ucides cordatus*) in the Caeté-Taperaçu Marine Extractive Reserve in Bragança, Pará, Brazil" in 2008.

From 19–20 June 2009, together with colleagues from other institutions, we organized the First Forum on Mangrove Crabs in the Pará State themed "Debate on social benefits, economic and environmental responsibility of the mangrove crab catcher from the coast of Pará". The event was attended by 500 participants, including collectors or catchers, processors, retailers, local leaders, decision-makers, and researchers.

In 2009, I was a local development agent contracted to identify the potentials and demands of coastal communities of the municipalities in the northeastern state of Pará. I am currently a consultant to the Brazilian Mangrove Project, a project coordinated by the Chico Mendes Brazilian Institute for Biodiversity Conservation with financial support from UNDP.

Thank you ISME and JICA for giving me the opportunity. Surely, the participation in the 2006 training course had contributed to the achievement of my activities.

My best regards,  
Denis Domingues  
Bragança, Pará, Brazil, 23 May 2011

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## New Members (up to June 2011)

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### - VIETNAM -

Bui, Dao Anh  
Min. of Agriculture and Rural Development, Camau





## ISME/GLOMIS Electronic Journal

### Vol. 9, No. 3 (June 2011)

The Urabá Gulf mangrove expedition of Colombia by Blanco, J.F., Londoño-Mesa, M.H., Quan-Young, L. Urrego-Giraldo, L., Polanía, J.H., Osorio, A., Bernal, G. and Correa, I.D.

### Vol. 9, No. 4 (October 2011)

Close group planting of mangroves on atolls and coral islands of the Pacific by Baba, S.

*ISME/GLOMIS Electronic Journal* is a peer reviewed on-line journal dedicated to inform mangrove scientists and the general public on scientific knowledge and issues related to the mangrove and associated ecosystems. The journal welcomes manuscripts with scientific merit reporting original fundamental or applied research on mangrove biology, ecology, forestry, fisheries, physiology, hydrology, chemistry, pharmacology, management, conservation, rehabilitation and utilization. Manuscripts on environmental issues affecting the mangrove ecosystems e.g. climate change, sea-level rise, erosion, pollution and sedimentation are also welcomed.

ISME members are strongly encouraged to submit manuscripts to the EJ. To view the articles, please visit GLOMIS at <http://www.glomis.com>.

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JPY20,000 (approx. US\$260)

#### **Institutional membership:**

JPY25,000 (approx. US\$325) annually

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If you have any news from your country or your work concerning mangrove ecosystems that you wish to publish in the ISME newsletter, please forward a brief write-up to ISME Secretariat.

### *Send articles/publications of mangrove to ISME Secretariat*

ISME is organizing GLOMIS. Please send articles/publications concerning mangroves and mangrove ecosystems to ISME Secretariat.

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