2017 GBIF Asia Regional Meeting Programme

13-14 June, 2017   Hanoi, Viet Nam

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Objectives

The 2017 Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) Asia Regional Meeting is organized by GBIF Secretariat, the Asia regional subcommittee of GBIF Participant nodes, and Biodiversity Conservation Agency (BCA), Viet Nam Environment Administration, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

This event combines the 8th meeting of the GBIF Asia nodes with an expanded regional meeting aimed at strengthening the participation of Asian countries and institutions in the mobilisation and use of digital data relating to Asian biodiversity. An expanded regional meeting for Asia was envisaged in the 2017 GBIF Work Programme and contributes to two priorities in the GBIF Strategic Plan 2017-2021, Empowering the Global Network and Filling Data Gaps. Support for the meeting is provided by the Biodiversity Information Fund for Asia (BIFA), contributed by the Ministry of Environment, Government of Japan and earmarked for activities in Asia.

Principal objectives of the meeting are:

- Analyse biodiversity data gaps in Asia and devise an action plan for filling them
- Consolidate current Asian national participation in GBIF and engage new countries to join the network
- Build links between GBIF Asia and other related regional networks

Agenda

DAY ONE (13th June 2017)			
08:30-09:00	**Registration** (Plenary Room- Thong Nhat)		
09:00-09:30	**Formal opening** Moderator: Tim Hirsch	Welcome from host organization	Viet Nam Environment Administration (VEA) Leader
		Welcome from GBIF Governing Board	**Christoph Häuser**, First Vice Chair, GBIF Governing Board
		Welcome from meeting funder	**Fumiko Nakao**, Nature Conservation Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Government of Japan
09:30-10:30	**Setting the scene**	GBIF in 2017: progress and priorities	**Tim Hirsch**, Deputy Director, GBIF Secretariat – 15 mins
		GBIF in Asia: membership and nodes development	**Tsuyoshi Hosoya**, GBIF Regional Nodes Representative for Asia (Japan Biodiversity Information Facility) – 15 mins
		GBIF in Asia: data mobilization and use	**Maofang Luo**, Chinese Academy of Sciences (Visiting Scholar at GBIF Secretariat) – 15 mins
		Introduction of Vietnam National biodiversity database system (NBDS) and orientations for biodiversity data improvement	**Hoang Nhan**, Deputy Director, Biodiversity Conservation Agency, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam -15 mins
10:30-10:50	**Coffee break**		
10:50-12:30	**The Biodiversity Information Fund for Asia (BIFA) programme**	Introduction to BIFA: origin and objectives	**Marina Samejima**, Ministry of Environment of Japan – 10 mins
		Programme overview and progress	**Tim Hirsch**, Deputy Director, GBIF Secretariat – 15 mins
		Presentations on completed projects (11:15-12:00)	**Darwin Tejerero**, Node Manager, GBIF Philippines: *Strengthening GBIF Philippines* **Christian Elloran**, Node Delegation, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity: *Mobilizing biodiversity data from ASEAN protected areas* **Mao-Ning Tuanmu**, Node Manager, Chinese Taipei: *Biodiversity informatics cookbook and regional training workshop*

			Nguyen Xuan Dung, BCA Vietnam: *Development of the biodiversity database system in Vietnam and Roadmap for participation of Viet Nam to GBIF in coming time*
		Presentations on current funded projects (12:00-12:30)	**Choikhand Janchivlamdan**, Green Initiative, Mongolia: *Checklist of mammals in the South-western Mongolian-Manchurian Grassland Ecosystem* **Gautam Talukdar**, Node Staff, India: *Filling a long-standing data gap for birds: the Central Highlands of India* **Zheping Xu**, Node Manager, Chinese Academy of Sciences: *Compiling a multilanguage gazeteer of occurrence distribution in Asia*
12:30-13:30	**Lunch**		
13:30-15:00	**Stream 1 (Plenary Room- Thong Nhat): Expanding GBIF participation in Asia** Moderator: Tim Hirsch	Introduction to GBIF participation	**Tim Hirsch,** Deputy Director, GBIF Secretariat
		Perspectives from non-participating countries	**Choki Gyeltshen**, National Biodiversity Centre, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Bhutan **Chatchai Silpsoonthom**, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand **Maheshwar Dhakal,** Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, Nepal **Naswer Mehrdadi**, ECO Institute of Environmental Science and Technology, Iran **Nurul Majjedah binti Mohd Zailani,** Natural History Section of the Brunei Museums Department, Brunei Darussalam
		Open discussion about expanding GBIF membership in Asia	HoDs, Secretariat, potential new member countries
	Stream 2 (Meeting room-Thang Loi): GBIF Asia nodes business meeting, part 1	GBIF Asia regional strategy – progress Summary of self assessment results	Tsuyoshi Hosoya Presentations from nodes
		Nodes status updates	Korea Japan

	Chair: Tsuyoshi Hosoya Secretariat support: Maofang Luo	(node managers)	Chinese Taipei India Indonesia Philippines ACB CAS ICIMOD
15:00-15:20	**Coffee break**		
15:20-17:00	**Stream 1 (Plenary Room- Thong Nhat): GBIF's relationship with other networks in Asia**	Introduction to GBIF's engagement with other biodiversity-related networks	**Tim Hirsch,** Deputy Director, GBIF Secretariat
		Perspectives from partner networks	**James Tallant**, IUCN Asia **Motomi Ito,** AP-BON **Keping Ma,** ABCDNet **Eklabya Sharma,** ICIMOD **Sheila Vergara**, ACB **Mamoru Kanzaki**, JASTIP **Noriaki Sakaguchi,** JICA
		Open discussion on enhancing links with partner networks in Asia	Networks, HoDs, Secretariat
	Stream 2 (Meeting room-Thang Loi): GBIF Asia nodes business meeting, Part 2.	Reflections on BIFA responses to date	Secretariat to provide written analysis and potential reasons for low uptake.
		Options for allocating remaining funds from BIFA 2 and BIFA 3	Secretariat to provide written details of remaining funds and options for discussion
		Election of deputy regional representative for Asia nodes	Regional representative to invite nominations from nodes ahead of meeting, Secretariat to assist in facilitating election process.
		Location of next regional meeting	
17:00-17:15	**Closing plenary**	Summing up of Day One, arrangements for Day Two.	Tim Hirsch, Tsuyoshi Hosoya

DAY TWO (14th June 2017) (Plenary Room- Thong Nhat)			
09:00-09:30	**Reporting back**	Presentations on key points of discussion from afternoon of Day One	Rapporteurs from: Node managers' meeting/ TH New participant discussion Partner networks
09:30-10:00	**Keynote address**	National portal development and the Atlas of Living Australia tool	**John LaSalle, Atlas of Living Australia**
10:00-10:30	**Developing a roadmap for enhanced biodiversity information in Asia**	Summary of key issues, Introduction to parallel sessions	Tim Hirsch/ open discussion
10:30 - 10:50	**Coffee break**		
10:50 - 12:30	**Parallel sessions (to be grouped in different sections of main plenary room): part 1**	Group 1: Portal development, national data architecture	Moderator: John LaSalle
		Group 2: Prioritising content mobilisation, leveraging remaining BIFA funds	Moderator: Maofang Luo
		Group 3: Growing the GBIF Asia network – new countries and coordination with partner networks	Moderator: Tim Hirsch
12:30 - 13:30	**Lunch**		
13:30 - 15:00	**Parallel session, part 2**	As above	
15:00 - 15:20	**Coffee break**		
15:20 - 16:00	**Reporting back**	Rapporteurs from three breakout groups, open discussion	
16:00 - 16:30	**Towards a roadmap for GBIF Asia**	Secretariat to sum up discussion, outline of roadmap to be further developed following meeting	
16:30 - 16:45	**Potential new participants in GBIF**	Declarations from non-participant countries regarding next steps towards GBIF participation	
16:45 - 17:15	**Close of meeting**	**Summing up from:** Vietnamese hosts GBIF Governing Board (Christoph Häuser) GBIF Asia regional representative Ministry of Environment, Japan	