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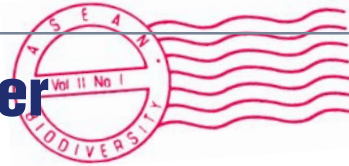
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Readers' Corner



Dear Co-Directors:

I would like to congratulate you for having a very informative, interesting and helpful reading material such as "ASEAN Biodiversity," which deals with current issues and problems in Biodiversity Conservation and Management. I read the Vol. 1, No. 3 edition of the newsmagazine and found it useful in my work as a Forester and Guardian of the Environment. I would very much like to receive future issues, which I can use as guides and references in our daily undertakings in biodiversity conservation.

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Dear Co-Directors,

First of all, I would like to thank you very much for your publications and we wish we could keep up with the positive co-operation and close relationship.

We consider your ASEAN Biodiversity magazine as a basic reference for our work, which includes several coastal resource management projects in Indonesia. After reading it, we became interested in a number of documents commented in the "Capsule Reviews" section, such as: "CREST" (Coral Reef Education for Students and Teachers) and "Biodiversity Monitoring System Manual". Could you send them to us?

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Dear Mr. Asaad,

Our "Capsule Reviews" on training resources is meant to present our readership with resource materials that we consider relevant to biodiversity conservation in Southeast Asia. We do not provide copies of such documents, so the readers may directly contact the publishers. Crest is published by the International Marine Alliance info@imamarinelife.org, and the Biodiversity Monitoring System Manual, by the Philippines Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau wildlife@pawb.gov.ph



Dear Co-Directors:

We would like to thank ARCBC for providing our institution the ASEAN

Biodiversity newsmagazine. The articles specially on the status of various protected areas in the Philippines have provided us - members of the Interim Protected Area Management Board of Biak na Bato National Park - additional information in our deliberations during Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) meetings.

Biak na Bato National Park, one of the smallest in terms of coverage (69 has.), may not be a priority protected area in the country, but the PAMB and its partner communities have been pursuing its protection and conservation because of its ecological significance, and major role in the country's history.

Our institution has been actively participating in various efforts to protect Biak na Bato including community organising, research, livelihood, resource management, advocacy and networking.

This year, we are implementing the Biodiversity Monitoring System as a tool in the assessment of the park's biodiversity and as an aid in the decisions to be made by the Board. In connection with this, we believe that the ARCBC has developed a software called the Biodiversity Information Management System (BIMS). We would like to know more about the System, how we could avail of it, and how this could be used in our research and protection initiatives in the Park.

Furthermore, we would like to request if you could publish a follow-up article on fund raising as discussed in Suhay, Vol. 4 No. 3. We believe sustainability is the most pressing issue in many protected areas in the Philippines.

Emmanuel Sambale
Project Leader
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Dear Mr. Sambale,

It is rewarding to know that ASEAN Biodiversity has been helpful in your conservation efforts at the Biak na Bato National Park. We agree that fund raising is essential to ensuring the sustainability of protected areas, so we are happy to announce that the theme of our June issue is "Paying Conservation Dividends", which will focus on the financial aspect of protected areas and biodiversity conservation. Regarding your inquiry on the Biodiversity Information Sharing System (BISS, also known as the Biodiversity Information Management System), you can check our website at (<http://www.arcbc.org.ph/biss.htm>). BISS updates are also provided in this issue.

Thank you for your interest!