

Letter from the NBRU of Cambodia

Dear Readers,

Cambodia officially joined the ASEAN Regional Centre for Biodiversity Conservation (ARCBC) in early 2002, and is currently trying to catch up with the accomplishments of the other ASEAN member countries participating in ARCBC. We do appreciate the opportunity given to us to expand our networking, research, database, and training efforts in biodiversity conservation.

In May 2002, ARCBC conducted a thematic workshop in the Philippines on the economic valuation of biodiversity. One of the presentations emphasized that economic valuation could become a powerful management tool and when used alongside social, scientific and spiritual studies of biodiversity, could present a convincing argument for conservation. As such, I am pleased that the June 2002 issue of ASEAN Biodiversity focuses on resource valuation and revenue-sharing mechanisms.

This will provide various stakeholders a better appreciation of the economic importance of the biodiversity of the ASEAN region.

I encourage all our readers to get copies of ASEAN Biodiversity so that more people will get a clearer understanding of the urgency of protecting and conserving our biological resources.



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