

NBRUs Participate in Biodiversity Information Sharing and Data Management Training Course

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With the aim of setting up country-specific data bases and establishing data sharing protocol, the ASEAN Regional Centre for Biodiversity Conservation (ARCBC) conducted a Biodiversity Information Sharing and Data Management Training Course in Bangkok, Thailand. The database training was held for 12 days (02-15 March 2003) at the National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC).

During the training, the 19 participants representing each of the National Biodiversity Reference Units in nine ASEAN member-countries learned how to create and maintain SQL databases, publish the database over the web, extract the country databases from ARCBC database, and demonstrate the uses and application of ARCBC developed softwares.

A culminating activity of the training was the extraction of the country data for each participating ASEAN countries from the ARCBC data collection. The extracted data were placed in CDs and given to each country representative or participant. The participants were tasked to set up this database in their respective country and continuously update it based on information available in their country.

The training course is a big step in assisting ASEAN institutions in setting up country-specific databases and data sharing protocol. All softwares taught were free of charge, from the installation up to the maintenance. This is to help the NBRUs in maintaining the databases at the least cost possible.

The course was implemented through team teaching, with Mr. Lewie Dekker, EU Database Expert, Imelda Pangga, Head of the Data-

base Branch, Mr. Edmund "Jojo" Revilla, SQL Programmer and Mr. Renato Marapao, Web Administrator alternating to explain the course and assisting the participants in their practical or hands-on exercises. ARCBC Co-Directors Gregorio I. Texon and John R. MacKinnon both emphasized to the participants the importance of the training course as well as biodiversity information sharing among ASEAN member countries.

The following attended the course:

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