

Title	Enhancing capabilities on biodiversity conservation and partnership in Mekong region	
Organizer	International Environmental Cooperation Center (IECC), Seoul National University (SNU), Korea National Arboretum (KNA), and Asia Forest Institute (AFI)	
Type of event	Training	
Venue	Rom 117	
Date/Time	Friday, 21 June; 11:00-15:00	
Event description		
<p>Mekong River starts from the Tibetan Plateau, the Myanmar-Laos border, the Thai-Laos border, Cambodia, and into the sea from the Mekong Delta in Vietnam. The rivers, valleys, mountains, and forests surrounding Mekong River are home to an amazing diversity plants and animals such as 20,000 plant, 430 mammals, 800 amphibians and reptiles species, and much of this diversity is only just being revealed. According to the WWF, 115 new species discovered in this region including eight plant species those were discovered by scientists in 2016. These discoveries are the result of ongoing research by researchers and biologists from around the world striving to document the unique biodiversity of the Mekong region where is previously biologically unexplored areas. Much of the biodiversity of the region remains undiscovered, but is already under great threat from extinction due to the deforestation and habitat loss derived from both climate change and anthropogenic factors. However, it is more considerable that lack of capacities on institutional and human resources to discover/protect biodiversity and sustainable use of resources in Mekong region. With this regards, this training aims to assess capacity needs in the area of biodiversity ex-situ conservation and sustainable use and to identify priorities for improving efficient management of biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, and to develop recommendation on capacity building of institutional and human resources in Mekong region.</p>		
Time	Speaker / Panelist	Theme
11:10~11:30	H.E. Chea Sam Ang (Under Secretary, Ministry of Environment, CAMBODIA)	National policy and strategy in-situ conservation and challenges in Cambodia
11:30~11:50	Dr. Chanh Samone Phongoudome (Deputy Director General, National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute, LAO PDR)	National strategy and action plan for in-situ conservation and challenges in Lao PDR
11:50~12:10	Korea National Arboretum, Republic of Korea	Korea-Mekong cooperative project on biodiversity conservation and future plan
12:10~12:30	Dr. Vo Dai Hai (President, Vietnamese Academy of Forest Science, VIETNAM)	National strategy and action plan for in-situ conservation and challenges in Vietnam
13:30~13:50	Mr. Than Sint (Deputy Director, Forest Department, MYANMAR)	National strategy and action plan for in-situ conservation and challenges in Vietnam



13:50~14:15	Mr. Peov Somanak (Deputy Director, Department of Terrestrial Protected Areas Conservation, Ministry of Environment, CAMBODIA)	Ex-situ plant species conservation and utilization in Cambodia
14:15~14:30	Mr. Singkone Xayalath (Head, Forest Research Center, National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute, LAO PDR)	Ex-situ plant species conservation and utilization in Lao PDR
14:30~14:45	Mr. Aung Zaw Moe (Assistant Director, Forest Department, MYANMAR)	Ex-situ plant species conservation and utilization in Myanmar
14:45~15:00	Dr. Tran The Bach (Head, Department of Botany, Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources, VIETNAM)	Selection of species for conservation in Vietnam