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Regional reports

ASIA

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REGIONAL REPORT FOR ASIA

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3. Activities carried out (international 7 regional)

- a) 15 – 21 April 2008, Representatives of Asian countries participated 17th plant Committee Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland.
- b) May 2008, 6th ASEAN Expert Group on CITES Meeting in Thailand, attended by representatives of Asean Parties Representatives.
- c) May 2008, 3th ASEAN WEN Meeting held in Vientiane – Laos, attended by ASEAN delegates.
- d) July 2008. Kuwait participated in 57th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee Meeting, in Geneva, Switzerland.
- e) 31 October 2008, Asia countries representatives attended the Advisory Committee Meeting ITTO Work Program Activity on “Ensuring International Trade In CITES – Listed Timber Species in Consistent With Their Sustainable Management and Conservation” in Yokohama, Japan.
- f) 17 – 19 November 2008. International Workshop on Sustainable Management of Merbau (*Intsia* spp) for Trade in Singapore attended by representatives of Asean countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, New Guinea, Singapore, Thailand) China, Australia, Switzerland, Germany and United Kingdom.
- g) 17 – 22 November 2008, Asian countries representatives attended International Expert Workshop on CITES No-Detriment Findings at Cancun, Mexico.
- h) 9 – 12 March 2009. Regional Workshop for Arabic –speaking countries, reviews on wildlife trade policy. Organized by Kuwait with the cooperation of CITES Secretariats. The Arab Language and the United Nation Environmental Program – Regional Office for West Asia UNEP – ROWA.
- i) Singapore has received a request from the CITES Secretariat for regional meeting on ramin to be held in conjunction with a meeting of the Tri-National Task Force on Ramin. The Task Force is currently in the process of deciding the dates of the meeting. It was noted at the 3rd Task Force meeting in Singapore last year that Malaysia has offered to host the next meeting in 2009. This activities under ITTO – CITES timber program.

4. Workshop and other activities (national level)

China

- a) February 2008, China published “China’s strategy for plant Conservation” which is an action plan to serve overall national guidance for Chinese plant diversity conservation as an important component of GSPC.
- b) April 2008, on the spot reintroduction of *Cycas debaoensis* successfully carried out.
- c) July 2008, China CITES-MA published a manual guide book “Identification manual for orchids common in trade in China”. Two hundredth and twenty two (including varieties) of orchids commonly seen in international trade were also included in the identification manual.
- d) In 2008, China has compiled “China National extremely small population wild plant protection plan” involving 77 endangered plant species. Protection and restoration of some species have been successfully carried out.
- e) At present China also conducting a series of scientific experiments for reintroduction of *Doritis pulcherrima* and *Paphiopedilum armeniacum*.

Indonesia

- a) May 2008. Group Discussion on Draft of Sustainable harvest Protocol for Ramin and Review on Sylviculture System of Peat Swamp Forest. ITTO Project PD 426/06 Rev.1.(F) The Prevention of Further Loss and the Promotion of rehabilitation of *Gonystylus* spp (Ramin) in Sumatra and Kalimantan.

- b) 24 July 2008, Workshop on Study on Sustainable Management of Peat Swamp Forest: Case Study on Management and Utilization of Ramin (*Gonystylus bancanus* Miq.) in Indonesia. ITTO Project PD 426/06 Rev.1.(F) The Prevention of Further Loss and the Promotion of rehabilitation of *Gonystylus* spp (Ramin) in Sumatra and Kalimantan.
- c) 28 – 31 October 2008. Workshop on National harvest Protocol for Sustainable Management of Ramin (*Gonystylus bancanus* Miq.). ITTO Project PD 426/06 Rev.1.(F) The Prevention of Further Loss and the Promotion of rehabilitation of *Gonystylus* spp (Ramin) in Sumatra and Kalimantan.
- d) 21-22 January 2009. National Workshop on Identification of Information gaps toward the Sustainable Forest Management on Ramin and Thematic Programs to be Included into 2009 and 2010 Work program of ITTO-CITES Project.
- e) 9 February 2009. Group discussion: Review on Species List of Plants and Animal Appendix of Government Role no 7, 1999 (Species Protection of Wild Plants and Animals).
- f) 10 February 2009. Group Discussion of Draft discussion document on Certification and Labeling of Timber and annex 3 draft decisions.

Malaysia

- a) Introduction to Agarwood Product Course.
- b) Introduction to Agarwood Workshop for the industry.
- c) Identification course on imported wood in temperate climate for quality controlled inspector and related officers.

5. Promotion of CITES in the countries, cooperation with stakeholders, NGOs and private sectors

Indonesia

- a) Established of national task Force as a part of the ASEAN WEN. Directorate General of Forest Protection (Management Authority) and Nature Conservation have enacted the Decree of the Establishment of Nature Task Force in related to the Wildlife Enforcement Network. The Task Force consists of Directorate General of Forest Protection and Nature Conservation, NCB, Interpol, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Customs, Ministry of Agriculture, Quarantine, Justice and Police.
- b) Development of coordination with stakeholders
- c) CITES MA Indonesia is developing coordination with other stakeholders such as Customs, quarantine, Ministry of Marine Affairs, on the matters related to CITES implementation and wildlife trade monitoring in Indonesia.
- d) Socialization of CITES to the local University, NGO and government agencies.

6. Capacity building

Indonesia

- a) Training on CITES.
- b) Regular (annual) Training on CITES Law Enforcement for field enforcement officers such as Customs, Quarantine and Provincial Conservation Agencies is conducted annually. This regular training has been undertaken since 1995 to enhance the skill and knowledge of the officers on CITES implementation. The training materials include Introduction to species conservation, Introduction to CITES, Permit Systems and Procedures, Wild Crime and Law Enforcement, Customs and Quarantine Procedures. Training on CITES were conducted in North Sumatra and West Kalimantan. .Some training on CITES and its implementation has also been carried out by Regional Conservation Unit Office in Jakarta and Bali. Other training on CITES has been done for field officer of the Ministry of marine Affairs and Fisheries, since this Ministry be appointed as the CITES Management Authority.
- c) Training on CITES listed identification.
- d) In year 2008 Regular annual training on the CITES listed identification were held back to back with the Regular Training on CITES.

Kuwait

- a) 14 – 27 November 2008, Workshop regarding CITES Training – Identification of Specimens with Cooperation with CITES Secretariat.
- b) A public Awareness lecture on: Introduction to CITES Convention addressed to the Agarwood Traders in Kuwait.

Malaysia

- a) Briefing on The International Trade in Endangered Species Act 2008 (Act 686) to all States/province office.
- b) Introduction of CITES Act 686 and identification of Species most traded.

Thailand

- a) May, June and July 2008, CITES MA for Flora organized the training course on implementation and identification of plant under CITES listed for Plant Quarantine Officer in 34 Checkpoint for 5 times.
- b) August 2008, Annual Seminar on the CITES Implementation for Flora, the participants from MA, SA, Customs and Police.
- c) November 2008, report on Non-detriment Finding of *Vanda coerulea* submitted to be discussed in Expert Meeting of NDF held in Mexico.

7. Report, dissemination and enforcement

Indonesia

- a) Annual report.
- b) The Indonesia CITES Management Authority has submitted Annual report on CITES implementation in the country.
- c) CITES Handbook
- d) CITES MA Indonesia has established the CITES Handbook in Bahasa Indonesia. The Handbook consists of list appendixes, decision, text convention and resolution. This handbook has been distributed to related stakeholders.
- e) Field handbook monitoring.
- f) Scientific Authority has published several field guide book for population monitoring of several species group of Appendix II CITES.

Kuwait

- a) The CITES Management Authority is in process to electronically connect with Custom system which facilitate and improve CITES enforcement in Kuwait.

Malaysia

- a) Group Discussion with Singapore MA on CITES implementation.
- b) Preparation of SOP on issuance of CITES permit/certification.
- c) Department of Agriculture had printed and distributed 10,000 copies of pamphlet on Regulate of CITES Terrestrial Plants to all related stakeholders including exporter, importer, agent, industry, orchids association, government agencies and individual for the awareness and publicity program on CITES.

Singapore

- a) In May and September 2008, the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) investigated two cases in giving the export of wild orchids (Orchidaceae species) and pitcher plants (Nepenthes species) from East Malaysia without CITES permits. The plants were illegally imported into Singapore via parcel post and mis-declared as others items. The offenders were fined \$ 1000 – 2500 for importing wild orchids and pitcher plants without CITES permit, a violation of the Singapore's Endanger Species (Import and Export) Act 2006.

- b) In August – November 2007, following some tip-offs that consignments of red sanders wood (*Pterocarpus santalinus*) were illegally transshipped via Singapore from India. The AVA uncovered a total of more than 20 tones of red sanders wood from three separate consignments. All the containers of red sanders wood were mis-declared as other non-wood products, bound for China. The shipments were seized and repatriated to India. Investigations are ongoing.

8. Significant trade

China: Medicinal Plants

Management listed species in China

- a) According to CITES and regulation on the Import and export management of Endanger Wild Fauna and Flora, China has all along taken stricter measure of trade control that CITES import, export and re-export of specimens of CITES listed species require an import, export or re-export permit issued by CITES MA and customs staff clear the import, export and re-export after examining the pertinent permit.
- b) If importing, exporting and re-exporting specimens of CITES listed species of exporting specimens of National Key Protected, Wild species, only after making NDF – by SA.
- b) MA checked and send out license according to relevant regulations. More strict measures have been taken especially for significant trade and sensitive species.

Indonesia: *Cyathea* spp.

- a) It was mentioned in the national report that Indonesia applies domestic measures stricter than the provision of the CITES convention. Several actions have been carried out in order to improve the implementation of CITES for *Cyathea contaminans* and fulfill recommendations of CITES Secretariat. The National Quota setting for *Cyathea* spp is decreasing for 2007 to 2008 from 1000 ton to 315 ton.
- b) Since December 2005, MA registered all exporters of *Cyathea* to improve CITES implemantion. All registered traders are united to form a single association. Strict control on export quotas for *Cyathea contaminans* was based on the recom-mendations of CITES Secretariat and Indonesian Scientific Authority/ Indonesia submitted procedure to make non-detriment findings for trade of *Cyathea contaminans* in Indonesia in accordance with the Significant Trade Review Process.
- c) Report on the implementation the provisions of Article IV for trade of *Cyathea contaminans* is under process.