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Information **S**ystem

GLOMIS News



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GLOMIS is opened on the Web

<http://www.glomis.com>

GLOMIS was officially opened on the web on 2 March 2001, with the first 3,000 data entries collected on mangrove-related Institutions, People, Projects, and References.

Launching ceremonies of GLOMIS

Opening of GLOMIS was marked by two ceremonies. The official launching ceremony was held at the University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan. Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, representatives of International Tropical Timber Organizations (ITTO), Government of Okinawa, University of the Ryukyus, ISME Executive Committee, Project Coordinator, Members of the Board of GLOMIS, Leaders and representatives of the Regional Centres attended it. A real-time net communication was made with Laboratoire d'Ecologie Terrestre in Toulouse, France.

Prior to the Official launching ceremony, a Round Table Discussion "What GLOMIS is and what it can do", was held at a hotel in Naha, Okinawa, Japan where a panel of Experts discussed the importance of GLOMIS. The local community and university students interested in mangrove ecosystems participated actively in the ceremony. Local news stations and newspapers reported the events of the ceremony.



The GLOMIS launch in Okinawa

Project Phase II

Phase II of the Project has started. It focuses on the operation and development of GLOMIS. The Project Coordinator of Phase II is Dr. Chris Gordon, a Researcher at the University of Ghana. He is an Environmental Scientist with many years of experience as a limnologist and aquatic resource

management advisor. The Assistant Coordinator Dr. Mami Kainuma, a microbiologist, who is stationed at the GLOMIS Headquarters in Okinawa, assists the Project Coordinator.



ISME honors the Governor of Okinawa

ISME wishes to thank the former Coordinators of the Phase I, Dr. Marta Vannucci and Dr. Luiz Drude de Lacerda, for their untiring work and coordination during Phase I. The established network and function of GLOMIS are the fruits of their efforts and leadership. Dr. Marta Vannucci is Former Chief Technical Adviser of the UNESCO/UNDP mangrove projects, Honorary Adviser to ISME. Dr. Lacerda is Professor at Universidade Federal do Ceara, Brazil, and is the Leader of the Brazil Regional Centre of GLOMIS.

GLOMIS publication and CD-ROM

Publication of GLOMIS, entitled "Introduction to Global Mangrove Database and Information System (GLOMIS)" containing the data entered in GLOMIS as of March 2001, is now under press. This may be of help to those who do not have easy access to the Internet. GLOMIS CD-ROM will also be produced at a later stage. The publication is limited in number, but the CD-ROM can be distributed. Interested persons should contact the Headquarters. Postage and handling expenses will be requested.

Forthcoming Meetings of Interest

- International Symposium on Mangroves
Research Centre for Advanced Science and
Technology (RCAST)
Web: <http://www.bio.rcast.u-tokyo.ac.jp/symposium>
10-12 July 2001, Tokyo, Japan

- IX Congreso latinoamericano sobre ciencias del Mar. Colacmar – y XII seminario Nacional de ciencia, política y tecnología del Mar, e-mail: colacmar@bacata.usc.unal.edu.co; colacmar@yahoo.com September 16-20, 2001, San Andres Isla, Colombia

Update from the Regional Centres

There are few changes in the Leaders of the Regional Centres. Mr. Viane Amato-Ali has replaced the Leader of the Fiji Regional Centre Mr. Mohammad Jaffar. Mr. Amato-Ali is Director of National Trust Fund for Fiji. Dr. P.C. Kesavan, the Executive Director of the M. S. Swaminathan Foundation, has replaced the Leader of the India Regional Centre, Dr. V. Balaji.

News from Ghana Centre:

Miss Selina Yawson, an assistant to the Ghana Centre, visited the Laboratoire d'Ecologie Terrestre, Toulouse France at the invitation of Prof. François Blasco from 28th June to 7th July 2001 to collect information for data entry at the Ghana Centre

The visit was very useful and she collected several hundred references as well as over one hundred new additions to each of the People, Institute and Project categories on the database

Many thanks to Dr Marie-France Bellan, Mrs Marie-Paul Cance and of course to Prof. Blasco for helping to make the trip a success.

News contributed by Brazil Centre:

Belize Foundation for Research and environmental Education announces its new web site. The site contains information about BFREE, its educational programs, research opportunities facilities and BFREE Bladen Nature Reserve of Southern Belize. <http://www.bfreebelizee.org>

The World Bank has launched a new external web site, in English and Spanish, that provides information on the entire range of about 75 environmental projects and initiatives it currently supports in Central America. It can be accessed at <http://www.worldbank.org/ca-env>

GLOMIS data are collected by the Regional Centres located in Brazil, Fiji, Ghana and India, and transferred to the Headquarters in Okinawa, which redistributes the information to the world through the Internet. GLOMIS is a tool that will be continually developing and growing. Input and contributions from users are essential in order for GLOMIS to increase the functionality and usefulness of this tool. Please visit the site. Your input will be appreciated.

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