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# GLOMIS News



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## GLOMIS Workshop was held

In August 22, 2002, GLOMIS Workshop was held at Bong Sen Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam at the occasion of 5th ISME General Assembly chaired by Prof. Aprilani Soegiato, ISME President. Approximately 50 people participated the Workshop including end-users from Vietnam and Japan, GLOMIS Board members, GLOMIS Staffs, and ISME Executive members. Project Coordinator, Prof. Chris Gordon explained background and purpose of GLOMIS while Assistant Coordinator, Dr. Mami Kainuma gave a demonstration of the database from the GLOMIS CD-ROM. Leaders of Regional Centre (RC), Prof. Gordon and Ms. Elizabeth Erasito presented the reports from Ghana and Fiji RC, respectively. General discussion on the general feeling about GLOMIS, How to improve GLOMIS and Future of the GLOMIS project were opened to the floor and Recommendations to improve GLOMIS were formulated.



Fig. 1 Participants of GLOMIS Workshop

## Current status of GLOMIS

Current numbers of data entries are as follows with hit number of 7656 (as of 02/06/03):

Institute	People	Project	Reference
221	627	89	5153

GLOMIS staffs are grateful to generous personal contributors who have encouraged and provided us their information and publications.

**Your inputs are highly appreciated!**

## Information from Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Dr. Mette Loyche Wilkie of Forest Department, FAO kindly contributed 470 mangrove related references mainly published by FAO for the GLOMIS database. Information is currently entered by respective RCs according to the GLOMIS format.

## News from the Brazil RC

Brazil RC was involved in two major activities during 2002. 1) Increasing public awareness of GLOMIS, and 2) Augmenting the GLOMIS database.

1) Increasing public awareness was perceived by distributing GLOMIS material, CD and Home Page to key institutions and people in the Americas. Also the RC leader participated in the Synthesis Meeting of the IGBP-LOICZ and described major GLOMIS activities. The Leader gave two conferences on GLOMIS objectives and products at the Institute of Marine Science, Universidade Federal do Ceará and during the 8<sup>th</sup> Brazilian Conference on Geochemistry.

2) During the period, more 350 reference entries and a dozen institutions and people were added to the database. A review of the listed members of ISME through the Americas were also updated, and contact was tried with all members. Most were already included under "People" in GLOMIS database or readily responded to our request of updating information. Unfortunately a few did not respond to our request. Efforts however, are being taken to contact those members.

During the period, the mark of 2,000 reference entries was reached for the RC. A first review of all entries from the RC was performed, correcting entries and substituting duplications. This allows quality control of data which is the major objective of next period.

Better RC facility is now being prepared at Instituto de Ciências do Mar (LABOMAR), Universidade Federal do Ceará, Fortaleza, Brazil where the RC Leader Prof. Luiz Drude de Lacerda works.

## News from the Fiji RC

Work carried out in the Fiji RC is progressing with the current focus on research for recent publications on Mangroves. A point highlighted during the GLOMIS Workshop in Vietnam. Following the Workshop an analysis of the GLOMIS Regional Database was carried out. The objective was to identify countries involved, the number of data collected per country and whether there was a need for more data collection. The results of the analysis showed that 16 countries contributed to the information found within the

database. Majority of the information on mangroves were collected from Australia followed by New Zealand then Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia and Fiji. A number of the countries listed had less than 6 publications to their names for examples Kiribati, Nauru, Tuvalu and Tonga.

Aside from the database work the Fiji RC was invited to be part of a Mangrove Management Workshop from the 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of November, 2002. The workshop held at the University of the South Pacific was a follow up to the Regional Mangrove Workshop held in June of last year. This year's workshop also sponsored by SPREP (South Pacific Regional Program) focused more on Managing Mangroves within Fiji. Invitees to the workshop included NGO's, Government departments, institutes and individuals interested in the conservation of Mangroves. A presentation of the work carried out by GLOMIS was given at the Workshop.

## News from the Ghana RC

At the Ghana RC for Africa, data entry into the GLOMIS database continued in earnest. In all, about 500 'Reference' entries, 321 entries on 'People', 81 on 'Institutions' and 8 entries on 'Projects' were either updated or added to the database. In addition, a selected FAO references coded REGH1100001 - REGH1100063 were registered into the region's database. All these entries have been sent to the GLOMIS headquarters in Okinawa, Japan. Presently, more reference entries are being updated for submission to the GLOMIS headquarters.

The centre also distributed GLOMIS CD-ROM to eighty-four (84) mangrove-related institutions in Africa. Among the recipients institutions were government departments, university departments, other research institutions and NGOs. Several of the recipient institutions have expressed the desire to collaborate with GLOMIS to ensure its total success. Twenty-five copies (25) of the ITTO Mangrove Workplan 2002-2006 were also distributed to 14 mangrove experts and 10 mangrove related Institutions.

## News from the India RC

The Indian Regional Center at the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Chennai, India has so far collected entries on 2840 bibliographic references, 100 people and 70 institutes covering the period of 1975-2000. Of these, entries on 1300 references, 60 people and 35 institutes have been prepared in the standard format and sent to the GLOMIS database up to February 2003. Entries for another 1000 references, 40 people and 30 institutes are being formatted and will be sent to GLOMIS database soon.

Nearly 400 people were approached through email/mail to gather updated information. Below 10% of people only responded. Other people's references were collected from Web search engines and mangrove journals web site (like Wetland management-Mangrove and Salt Marshes). Information on some of the people was collected from mangrove-email discussion list organized by Western Australian Mangrove Page. MSSRF is also one of the subscribers of the above list.

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**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 <http://www.glomis.com>**

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