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Mangrove database and Information System



GLOMIS News

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The Third phase of GLOMIS with new Asia Regional Centre

The ITTO/ISME project entitled “*Expanding and Improving Global Mangrove Database and Information System (GLOMIS) and Its Networking*” has started from June 2004. The last two phases mainly covered on the collection, compilation and the dissemination of mangrove data. This new two-year phase aims to fulfill the objectives of strengthening information exchange for networking on mangrove ecosystems within and among Regional Centres and the GLMOIS Headquarters. Ensuring sustainability of GLOMIS after project completion is also a big-concerned issue. Project Coordinator is Prof. Chris Gordon (University of Ghana). Staff and facility of Regional Centres representing Africa, America, and Oceania remained the same in Brazil, Ghana and Fiji. Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) joined as a new Asia Regional Centre with Dr. Hung Tuck Chan as the Leader. The Assistant Coordinator and Web Master have changed to from Dr. Mami Kainuma to Ms. Nozomi Oshiro and from Ms. Sumie Watanabe to Mr. Daisuke Nakamura, respectively. Welcome all to the new phase of GLOMIS! Please contact your Regional Centre to support, exchange and discuss mangrove information and build up a strong mangrove relationship in the region.

ISME/GLOMIS Electronic Journal

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An electronic journal dedicated to enhance public awareness on the environmental importance of mangroves

As an output of GLOMIS, we are publishing on-line peer-reviewed scientific journal called ISME/GLOMIS Electrical Journal (EJ). EJ is kept in a short article dedicated to informing mangrove scientists of new and breaking issues regarding mangroves. The content would be on topical issues such as: 1) Advances in remote sensing as applied to mangroves; 2) The value of mangroves; 3) New techniques in mangrove restoration; 4) Links between mangroves and fisheries; 5) mangroves and policy, and 6) mangroves and global warming. We appreciate it if you could share your research. “Notes to Author” are available now. Please visit <http://www.glomis.com> for detail information.

GLOMIS Workshop

GLOMIS workshop will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 24 August 2005 in conjunction with 6th General Assembly of ISME. A key component of the workshop is to broaden the discussion on activities that will aim to establish a strategy for the sustainability of GLOMIS after completion of project. Report and recommendation from the Workshop will be reported on next issue of GLOMIS News.

Current status of GLOMIS

Current numbers of data entries are as follows with hit number of 19,147 of 08/15/05:

Institute	People	Project	Reference
220	700	86	7524

We have developed new software to eliminate duplicated data. The GLOMIS staff is grateful to generous personal contributors who have encouraged and provided us their information and publications. On-line submission form is available at the GLOMIS website.

News from the Brazil RC

The activities of the Brazil RC bordered on four main areas. Gathering new information for the GLOMIS Database and updating and correcting the existing one, increasing public awareness towards the conservation and sustainable utilization of mangrove forests in the American continent, Participation in international cooperation; and updating and reassessing software and hardware. The Center relies on Prof. Luiz Drade de Lacerda, the Leader, and Danielle Lopes, assistant, for all its activities whereas the Instituto de Ciencias do Mar, Universidade Federal do Ceara, provides the Internet supports and physical infrastructures in addition to technical supports on bibliographies. Existing information regarding mangroves in the Americas in the GLOMIS database has been reviewed and several duplicate entries were substituted.



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News from the Fiji RC

There has been no change in terms of staffing with Mrs. Elizabeth Erasito and Ms. Avisaki Ravuvu as the Project Leader and Project Assistant, respectively. The RC searched for data and information including fact sheets on Micronesian wetlands covering mangroves from online sources as well as Libraries (Bishop Museum Hawaii, Vanuatu Law Library, National Library NZ and SOPAC). All the new data were checked for duplication. Entries have been sorted by country and hard copies have been printed. Work in the field on the collection of data has been limited to two days every two months with the data collected sent over to GLOMIS Headquarters at the end of the second month. The RC is also collecting photos and maps of current existing mangrove areas for inclusion in the database.

News from the Ghana RC

The leader remains Prof. Chris Gordon and the project assistant Matilda Ntowa Bissah. Three major activities were carried out during the period. This included increasing public awareness of GLOMIS, augmenting the GLOMIS database and preparing for ISME Symposium and GLOMIS Workshop. Copies of the GLOMIS CD-ROM along with GLOMIS homepage were distributed to 27 regional and national organizations and people in Africa. A copy each of the ITTO Workplan for 2002-2006 and GLOMIS CD-ROM have been sent to the libraries of Centre for African Wetlands, Geography and Resource Development, Department of Botany, Ghana herbarium and Department of Oceanography (all of the University of Ghana) as reference material.

News from the Malaysia RC

Since the establishment of FRIM as the new Asia Centre for GLOMIS, the infrastructure for GLOMIS has been set up and appropriate software has been installed with new staff Mr. Kok San Boon and Ms. Ruslan Roshamida as assistants. Dr. Kainuma and Ms. Oshiro from GLOMIS Headquarters conducted a short training session for GLOMIS on the 22 March 2005. Now the GLOMIS database has updated with new Asia information. Key persons were located for local centres from Southeast Asia and Malaysia. Malaysia RC is acting as local organizer of Tsunami symposium, GLOMIS Workshop, field excursion to world well-known managed Matang mangroves in conjunction with 6th ISME General Assembly.

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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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