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**Mangrove database and  
Information System**

# ***GLOMIS News***



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## **GLOMIS Workshop**

On 24 August 2005 GLOMIS Workshop was held at the Bunga Melor, Pan Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in conjunction with the sixth ISME General Assembly and Tsunami Symposium in collaboration with Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), United Nations Development Programme/Global Environment Facility (UNDP-GEF) and Wetlands International. Over 40 people participated in the workshop including end users from France, Ghana, Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Senegal, Thailand, Viet Nam and U.K. GLOMIS board members, Technical Advisory members, GLOMIS staff, ISME Executive and ISME members. The GLOMIS Malaysia Regional Centre organized the meetings.



## **Report of Project Coordinator**

Prof. Chris Gordon, the Project Coordinator, updated the participants on the status of the GLOMIS project and reiterated that the project phases I and II had been a great success. Going through the presentation Prof. Gordon mentioned that the five main objectives of GLOMIS phase III are being addressed. GLOMIS is fully operational with regards to the database, newsletter and electronic journal. Staff of the Malaysian Regional Centre have been trained and the current Workshop has established and strengthened inter and intra regional networking between the regional Centres and the Mangrove community. He highlighted the need for more public awareness and said that papers presented at the Mangrove symposium will be featured on the GLOMIS web page as well as information on the revised World Mangrove Atlas which is another ITTO/ISME project in collaboration with 4 other partner organizations. Prof Gordon gave a demonstration of the database from the CD-ROM, an output of GLOMIS-Phase II, and said the number of visitors to the website continues to increase.

Some of the challenges facing the project have been sourcing of fund for the continued function of GLOMIS and ensuring relevance of GLOMIS content to stakeholders. He suggested alternative source of funding as a way forward.

## **General Discussions/ Recommendations**

The chairperson, Prof. E. Salif Diop; facilitated the discussion session on the following issues:

- Sustainability of GLOMIS
- Collection of Data
- Review of key words
- Gap Analysis
- Publicity

The discussion highlighted the concerns that the participants and members of the GLOMIS Workshop had on the above issues and also presented some means by which these concerns could be addressed. A compilation of the suggestion and recommendations are:

### **Sustainability**

- That the Board of GLOMIS should develop high quality proposals based on regional action plans and source funds through countries under ISME umbrella.
- That the quality of the database should be enriched with abstracts.
- Leverage University resources (Thesis) to ensure continuity of the project.

### **Data collection**

- Strengthen and encouraged the regional centres to cover their entire geographical area.
- That ISME supports the collection of country data by members.
- That members support Atlas Projects with ideas and expertise.

### **Publicity**

- Increase harvest of data by publishing database in less expensive journals.
- Include information on GLOMIS on ISME website.
- Submit papers to International journals to create awareness of the existence of ISME in the scientific community.
- Publish proceedings of the Mangrove Symposium. Inform colleagues of the GLOMIS website:  
<http://www.gloomis.com>

## **Tsunami Symposium (23 August 2005)**

In conjunction with its Sixth General Assembly, ISME organized a Symposium entitled "The Importance of Mangrove and Other Coastal Ecosystems in Mitigating Tsunami Disasters" in collaboration with FRIM, ITTO, UNDP-GEF, and Wetlands International-Malaysia.

The morning session featured two-paper presentation on Tsunami disaster by Dr. Henry Harjono (Head, Research Centre on Geotechnology, LIPI, Bandung, Indonesia) and Dr. Faizal Parish (Director, Global Environment Centre, Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia). Their papers will be published as the ISME/GLOMIS Electronic Journal.

The afternoon witnessed concurrent sessions on two thematic areas: Tsunami Damage and Rehabilitation and Integrated Coastal Management. Abstracts from the Symposium are available on the GLOMIS webpage. Full papers are to be published as Proceedings.

## ISME General Assembly (24 August 2005)

The opening ceremony had in attendance, H.E. Mr. Tadashi Imai, the Ambassador of Japan to Malaysia. Written address of the Executive Director of ITTO, Dr. Manoel Sobral Filho, was delivered by the Executive Secretary of ISME. In his address, the Executive Director of ITTO had expressed further support and collaboration on mangrove activities. The welcome address was followed by the official address by incoming and outgoing ISME presidents and vice-presidents. Various organizations/individuals gave goodwill messages in support of ISME. New ISME President, Professor E. Salif Diop, was inducted into office. Some Executive members retained their seats whereas others took up new positions.

### Incoming President's address

Thanked members for the trust reposed in him and hoped to draw expertise from past leaders. Seek possible collaboration with UNEP and World Bank and noted that the challenge ahead will require creativity in the writing of proposal if we are to succeed. Finally the new President thanked the Malaysian Government and Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) for their efforts at making the General Assembly a success.

## Visit to Matang (25 August 2005)

Participants visited the world famous well-sustainably managed the Matang Mangrove Forest Reserve, starting with briefing of District Forest Officer Dato' Azahar bin Muda and went on a board walk, toured the Virgin Jungle Reserve, observed a felling demonstration at the harvesting area, Brackish water Finfish Culture, Forest rehabilitation area and the Charcoal Kilns in Kuala Septang. ISME executive members also planted commemorative mangrove trees at the office complex.



Scenes from the ISME visit to Matang, Malaysia

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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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