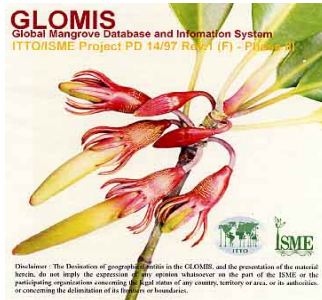




## Coming up! GLOMIS CD-ROM III

GLOMIS is producing its 3rd CD-ROM in series. CD-ROM contains data on the GLOMIS web, which includes over 8,000 data on mangrove-related literature, people and institutions working on mangroves as well as mangrove related projects all round the world. CD-ROM is stand-alone, can be operated without connecting to the Internet.



Cover design of CD-ROM III

## News and reports from the Regional Centres

GLOMIS is run by the cooperation of Headquarters in Okinawa and the four Regional Centres located in Brazil, Fiji, Ghana and Malaysia. Major activities they carry out are collection of information, checking of database for duplications, publicity of GLOMIS, etc. A detailed Reports of their activities carried out over the past six months are given below.

### Brazil Regional Centre for the Americas

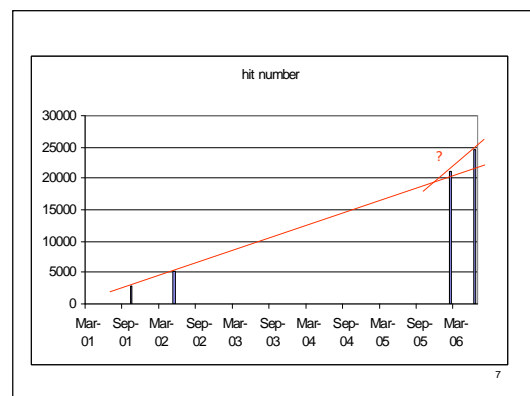
**[Data Entry]** The Centre collected, evaluated and included in GLOMIS Database 50 new reference entries and two new project entries. **[Information dissemination/ Awareness Creation]** The Centre continued its activities of lectures and consultation for small fishermen communities and aquaculture producers on the importance of the conservation of mangrove ecosystems. **[Other Activities]** The Regional Centre was also in charge of reviewing the existing data on Brazilian mangroves for the FAO inventory of the world mangrove forests. As major output, 41 satellite images and their respective maps were produced. Copies of them were sent to the Headquarter as a contribution to ISME's efforts in updating the World Mangrove Atlas. A summary of this work

was sent as a paper to the GLOMIS Electronic Journal. **[Resources]** The Center relied on Prof. Luiz Drade de Lacerda, the Leader. Instituto de Ciencias do Mar, Universidade Federal do Ceara, provides telephone lines, internet supports and physical infrastructures in addition to technical supports on bibliographies. The Centre also enjoys a small grant from the National Research Council (CNPq-Brazil).

### Fiji Regional Centre for Oceania and Australia

**[Data Entry]** A total of 54 entries of reference was included into the regional database, out of which 9 were fact sheets on he Micronesia wetlands and covering mangroves. The collection of data was carried out via the Internet and libraries from the following Institutions: National Library of New Zealand, University of the South Pacific, Bishop Museum College of Micronesia FSM, South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) and South Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP). **[Information dissemination/ Awareness Creation]** The second GLOMIS CD was distributed to a number of environmental organizations, schools, etc. **[Other Activities]** Ms. Ravuvu, the project officer attended the 6th General Assembly of ISME and GLOMIS Workshop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. **[Resources]** The GLOMIS Project in Fiji is administered by the National Trust of Fiji Director Mrs. Elizabeth Erasito and project officer Ms.

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Avisaki Ravuvu. The following institutions have provided support in terms of information and data: University of the South Pacific – PIMRIS and IAS Institute; World Wide Fund for Nature South Pacific Program; Pacific Regional Environment Program; Partners in Community Development Fiji (PCDF); OISCA/CYDA organisation Fiji; Department of Environment Fiji (DoE); Department of Lands Fiji.

### **Ghana Regional Centre Africa**

Three major activities were carried out during the period. These included increasing public awareness of GLOMIS, gathering data and updating database and collation of hard copies of data collected. **[Data Entry]** During the period of past six months, 10 references and information on 20 people have been added to the database. 210 new abstracts have been gathered, crosschecked with database. **[Information dissemination/ Awareness Creation]** Copies of GLOMIS CD-ROM II were distributed at the Regional Workshop on Mangroves organized by the Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem (GCLME). Several follow-up messages have been made with the contacts established at this workshop to source for more information for the database and the Electronic Journal. No article has been forwarded so far but some references have been received. **[Other Activities]** The Project Coordinator and Assistant both attended the 6th General Assembly of ISME and GLOMIS Workshop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Centre also worked on the GLOMIS Newsletter No. 7. The Centre has also been a source of information to people seeking information on mangroves across Africa. These include the national expert on mangroves in Ghana, NGOs, writers and students. **[Resources]** There has been no change in terms of staffing, with Prof. Chris Gordon and Ms. Matilda Bissah as Project Coordinator and Assistant respectively. All the Centres activities have been supported by the budgetary allocation from ISME.

### **Malaysian Regional Centre for Asia**

**[Data Entry]** To date a total of 70 reference articles have been sent to the Headquarters in Japan. A further 30 data entries on people and institutions are being prepared. **[Information dissemination/ Awareness Creation]** Contacts with researchers and key industrial players made during the GLOMIS Workshop, Tsunami symposium are currently being followed up with the view to strengthening bonds of fellowship and cooperation. These contacts will form the basis for future cooperation between GLOMIS and research institutions such as FRIM, universities and industry. **[Other Activities]** The Mangrove

Symposium, GLOMIS workshop and sixth General Assembly of ISME were successfully held on the 22 to 26 August 2005 at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. Programs such as the field visit to Matang Mangroves in the state of Perak, Malaysia were much appreciated. Feedback from the delegates were encouraging. **[Resources]** Mr. Boon Kok San, Asia Regional Centre main officer has been responsible for the activities of the GLOMIS Asia regional centre.

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