



Appendix O

# Donors' Perspectives: European Union

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EU perspective  
in supporting  
development efforts  
on biodiversity  
and climate change  
in South East Asia



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## EU policies on Climate Change

The EU at the forefront of international efforts to combat CC:

UNFCCC, 1992

**Kyoto Protocol**, 1997

→ 2008-2012 EU -8% below 1990 levels

2020, the EU will:

→ Reduce greenhouse **gas emissions by 20 %**

Ready to step up to 30%

Increase use of **renewable energies by 20%**

Increase the use of **biofuels by 10%**





## EU policies on Biodiversity

Objective: to **halt biodiversity loss** within the EU by **2010**

Main Instrument: **Natura 2000** network

**Biodiversity can limit atmospheric GHG concentrations**





## EU development co-operation on climate change

### Action Plan on **Climate Change** and **Development**

Strategic priorities:

- raising the **policy profile** of climate change
- support for **adaptation** to climate change
- support for **mitigation** of climate change
- **capacity** development





## EC Biodiversity and CC-related in South East Asia

ARBC and ACB

SGP PTF

Tropical Forests & CC Adaptation

Rural development projects

and... many others!!!

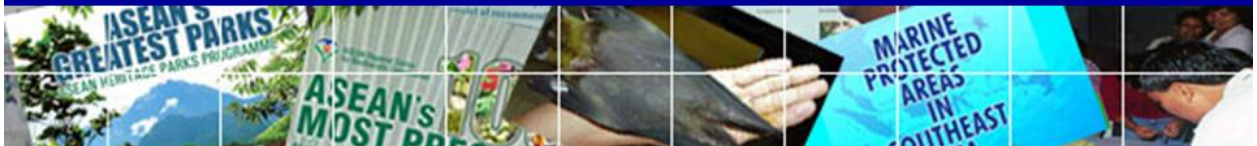




**ASEAN Regional Center for  
Biodiversity Conservation (ARCBC)  
1999-2004**

and

**ASEAN Biodiversity Center (ACB)  
2005-2009**





## ASEAN Regional Centre for Biodiversity (ARCBC)



Background: **Why a Regional Centre on biodiversity?**

Regional governments have taken numerous individual measures to preserve their biodiversity resources.

...but some issues can more effectively be addressed through actions at a regional level

- Trans-border protected areas,
  - Wildlife trafficking,
  - International and regional agreements,
  - Policy and legislation standardization,
  - Invasive alien species,
- etc





## ASEAN Regional Centre for Biodiversity (ARCBC)



From 1999 to 2004

Total budget € 7.6 M  
EC € 6.2 M

### Objective:

To facilitate cooperation  
among ASEAN members  
on the conservation  
and sustainable use  
of biological diversity

### Components:

Networking and Institution Building  
Training and Extension  
Research and Development  
Database Management and Information Sharing.



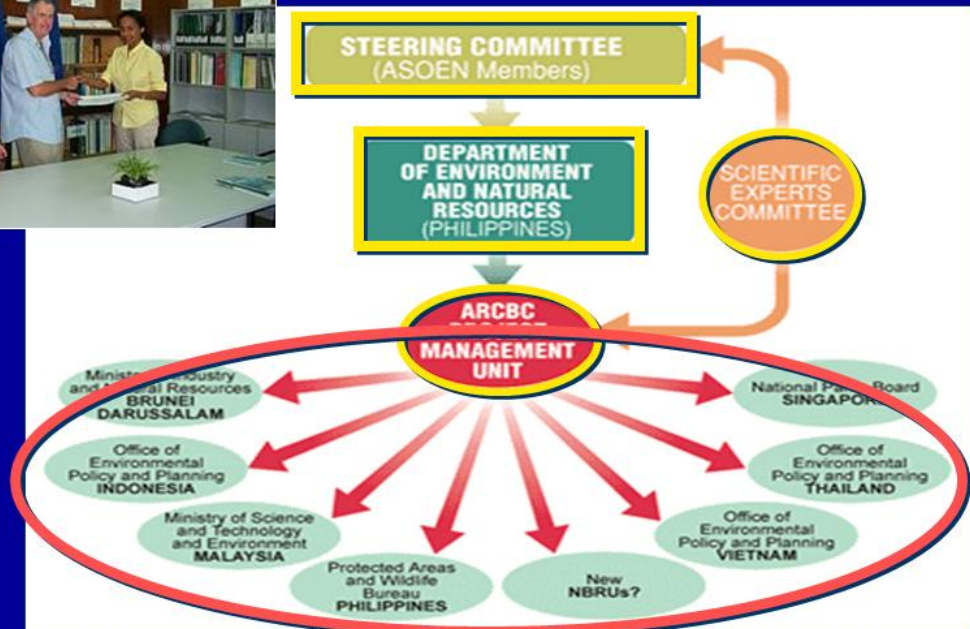




## ASEAN Regional Centre for Biodiversity (ARCBC)



Institutional set-up



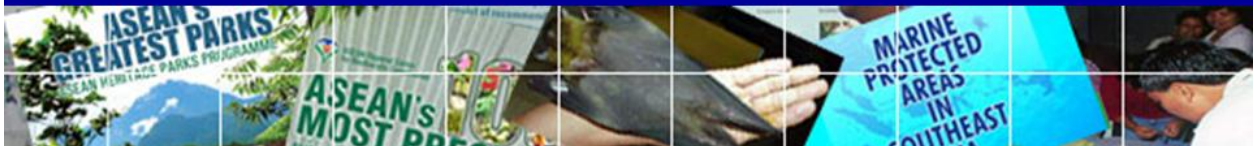


## ASEAN Regional Centre for Biodiversity (ARCBC)



### Main achievements:

- ✓ Standardization of **Habitat Classification** for ASEAN
- ✓ **ASEAN Heritage Parks** system re-launched
- ✓ Guidelines on **Competence standards for Protected Area Jobs**
- ✓ **Biodiversity Information Sharing System (BISS)**- database
- ✓ **113 new flora & fauna species** discovered /first time recorded!!
- ✓ Skills and capacity of **50+ research teams** improved
- ✓ Publications, magazines, TV awareness programmes...  
and more!





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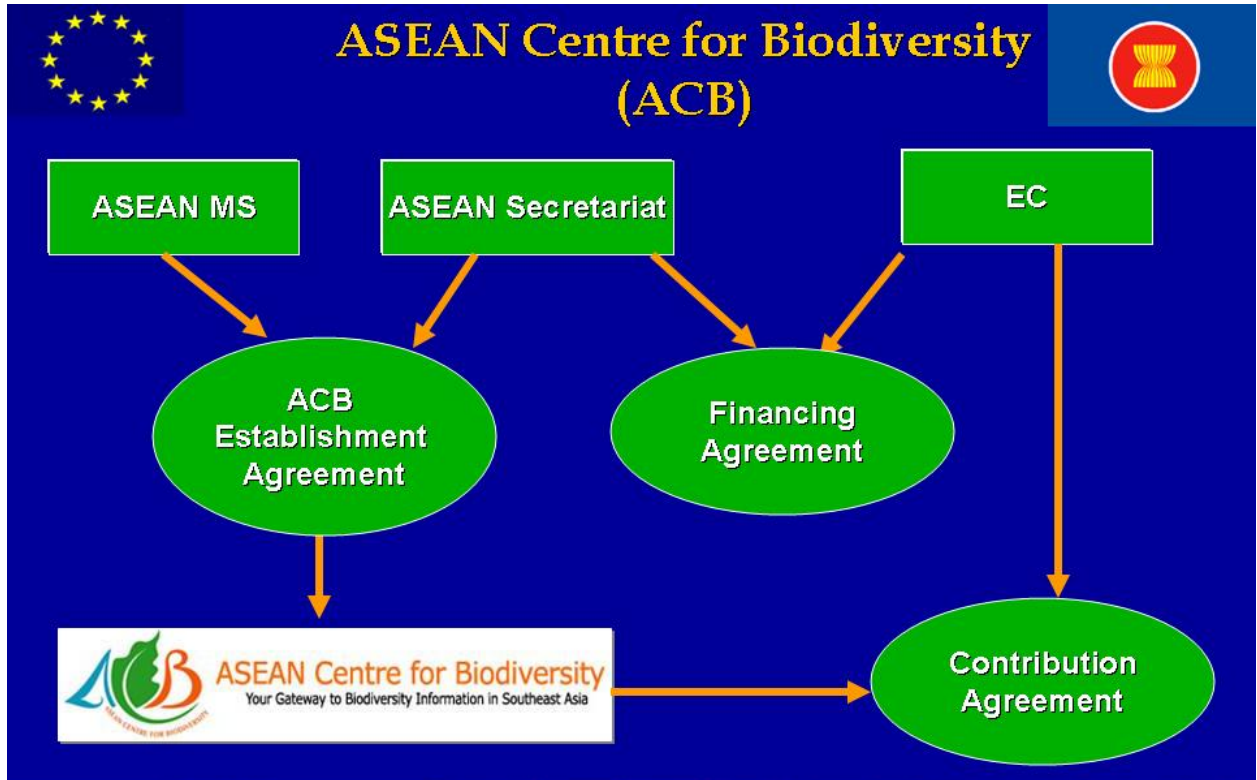


**...so ASEAN countries decided to create  
an ASEAN Center for Biodiversity (ACB)**

**and**

**The EC decided to continue  
supporting the process**







## ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)



- An **intergovernmental regional centre** of excellence
- for the purpose of **facilitating cooperation and coordination** among the members of ASEAN
- To contribute to the **reduction of the current rate of loss of biological diversity**
- Its financial support is provided by the EC (€ 6 M) and the ASEAN MCs (from 2006 to 2009)
- Financial sustainability should thereafter be ensured through resource mobilization activities and operationalization of the **ASEAN Biodiversity Fund**.





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## SGP-PTF

Small Grants Programme for Operations to  
Promote Tropical Forests  
in Southeast Asia

### Project Objectives:

- Be a catalyst to promote/demonstrate CBFM
- Draw lessons from local level experience
- Build grassroots capacity to tackle forest degradation

Duration 2000 /2007

Funding EC contribution €15,1 M  
(ETFBL)  
20% Micro-grant partners

Implementation UNDP  
through SEARCA





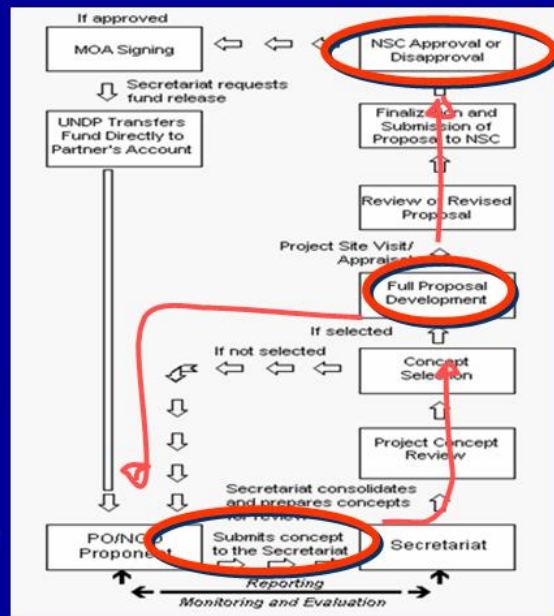
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**National Steering Committee**  
(prominent civil society & government leaders)

- ✓ Formulation of the **Country Guidelines Papers** (priorities/eligibility)
- ✓ Approval and monitoring of projects
- ✓ Visibility/credibility
- ✓ Link to larger initiatives & policy arenas



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## Sample of Project

### Conservation of Tropical Forest of Barake

- Dec 2003 - Jun 2005 (18 months)
- Beneficiaries: Tagbanua Tribe- Barake
- Funding: SGP PTF - € 36,000  
Community - € 16,000
- Main outputs:
  - Communities trained on resource management
  - Coordination system established
  - 30 hectares planted
  - Environment-friendly livelihood activities





## SGP-PTF

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### Physical Accomplishments

247 grantees, 1,041 villages, 132,300 households!!!

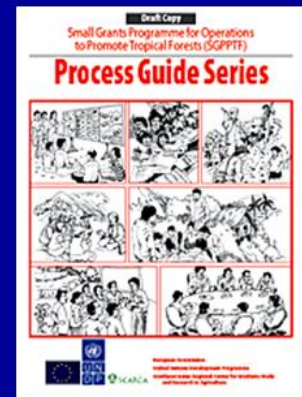
- ✓230,000 has protected
- ✓110,000 has rehabilitated
- ✓Income improvements

(Agro-forestry, NTFP, Ecotourism, etc)

### Strategic accomplishments: Contributions to CBFM policy

- Vietnam: PTF experience used as basis for National Government guidelines to set up 40 new community forestry models

Indonesia, Thailand: Lessons from the grassroots contributing to policy dialogue



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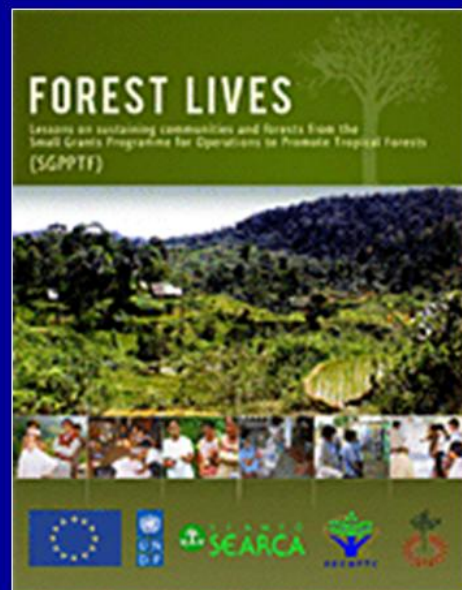
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## Lessons learned:



[http://www.sgpptf.org/docs/forest\\_lives\\_book.pdf](http://www.sgpptf.org/docs/forest_lives_book.pdf)

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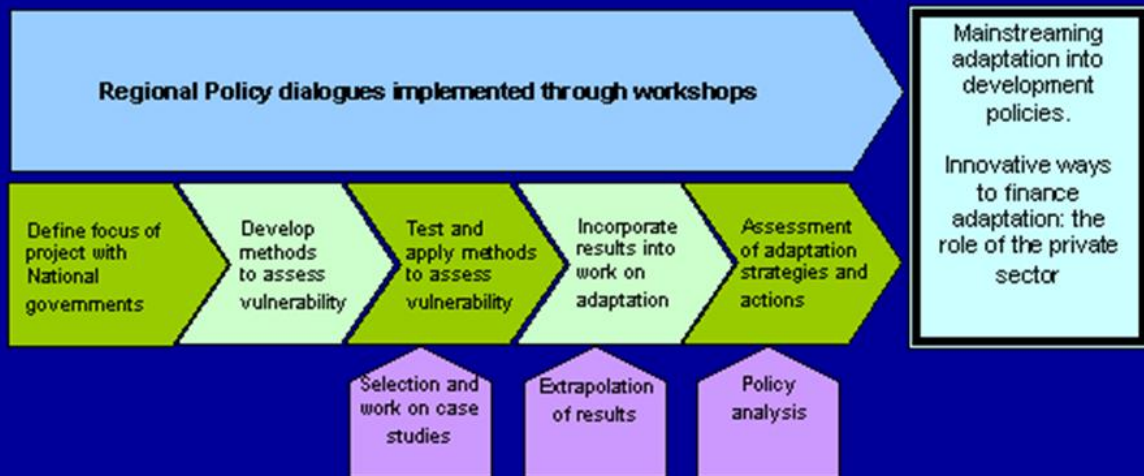
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## Tropical Forests and Climate Change Adaptation project



<http://www.cifor.cgiar.org>



## Other forest-related projects in SEA....

- Leveling the Playing Field project: local partnerships to improve forest sustainability (CIRAD & CIFOR)
- Improving Governance and reducing illegal logging in SEA (EIA)
- Sharing and Promotion of Awareness and Regional Knowledge (VSO)
- Community Based Forest Management project (AFN) and many more!





## Rural development projects...

Central Cordillera Agricultural Programme (CECAP)  
Caraballo & Southern Cord. Agricultural Development (CASCADE)  
Upland Development Programme for Southern Mindanao (UDP)  
Support to Agrarian Reform in Central Mindanao (STARCM)

They support local communities  
in rehabilitation of the natural  
resources:

- Watershed rehabilitation
- Education and awareness
- Promoting agro-forestry
- Establishing management plans
- Adoption of environment-friendly  
and sustainable farming practices  
etc.





## The way forward....

Environment and Sustainable Management  
of Natural Resources Programme (ENRTP)

Global Climate Change Alliance





**Thank you**  
**Makasih**  
**ลาก่อน**  
**Cám ón**  
**Salamat po**  
**谢谢你**

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