

PROGRESS REPORT FOR COMPONENT 2

Progress Report for JAIF - Networking and Institutionalisation

Objectives of this component include information sharing, information dissemination and mainstreaming and institutionalisation of information through networking. The information gained through networking and exchange of information becomes embedded and enters the common knowledge domain of respective institutions and NPPOs of countries concerned.

Mainstreaming and institutionalisation of information is achieved through the various activities in the project; training and capacity building workshops, attachment programs with experts, engagement through the project website, online tools and services and other project activities.

The project website provides a platform to host tools and services e.g. expert register databases, online diagnostic tools, pests and diseases information etc.

To raise awareness and disseminate information, the use of offline and online media will be used. Marketing and promotional materials and collaterals may come in the form of flyers, posters, brochures, online web feeds, or e-newsletters which will be produced and distributed.

Expert Register

The expert register was prepared and built as an individual component to be hosted on ASEANET's website, and linked to the project webpage. The register comprises information and contact details of individual experts and diagnostic laboratories that provide identification and diagnostic services and facilities for plant pests and diseases. The experts and diagnostic laboratories are mainly located in the region i.e. Southeast Asia.

A mobile version of the register is currently being developed to run on major mobile platforms, allowing for quick access and reference to the register from smartphones and mobile devices that users have on them.

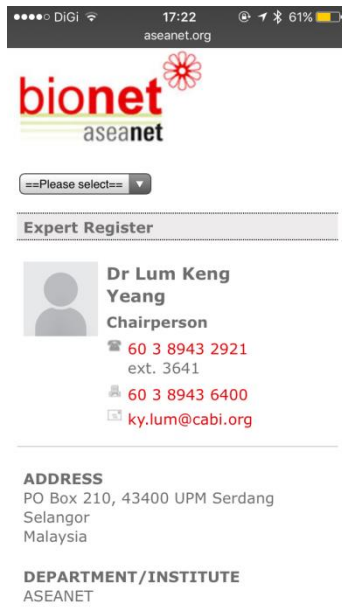


Fig. 1 Mobile Expert Register

Website for Network and Project

The website for the project resides as part of the main web presence of ASEANET which aims to bring taxonomy and biosystematics to the ASEAN region (<http://www.aseanet.org/JAIF1.asp>). The website serves three main purposes: repository for all activities, updates, news and reports for the project; communication, publicity and awareness where the project is publicized to stakeholders and project partners communicate and interact on the project; knowledge exchange where the website serve as a platform for knowledge exchange and resources for taxonomy.

Taxonomic capacity building to support market access for agricultural trade in the ASEAN region

Overview

This project will develop and strengthen capacities in taxonomic knowledge to identify and manage quarantine risks associated with agriculture commodities and to accurately diagnose pests and diseases among the ASEAN Member States (AMS).

Key activities of the project would be a small part of the major activities of the **ASEAN Regional Diagnostic Network (ARDN)** Strategic Plan, an output of the 2009 Workshop on the Planning Meeting of ARDN held in Vientiane, Lao PDR, organized by ASEANET in collaboration of and supported by NZAid-Plant Health and AusAID SPS Capacity Building programs.

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Three (3) major activities will be undertaken in this project in line with the ARDN Strategic Plan:

Activity 1: Training and Capacity Building

- Three (3) training workshops on the taxonomy and identification of plant viruses, aphids and leaf miners organized in the Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia
- Attachment program for at least 3 participants from ASEAN countries to research institutes in Japan in plant viruses, aphids and leaf miners

Activity 2: Networking and Institutionalization

- An expertise register of individual taxonomic experts and diagnostic

ARDN (ASEAN Regional Diagnostic Network)

The ASEAN Regional Diagnostic Network is envisaged as a system that would provide identifications of organisms of agricultural importance (especially plant pests, diseases and weeds) detected in the South-East Asian region.

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Activities

South East Asian Lepidoptera Conservation Symposium...

Training Workshop on Diagnostic of Citrus Greening...

Training Workshop on Arthropod Preservation, Curat...

News

A new species of pest fruit fly (Diptera: Tephritidae: Dacinae) from Sri Lanka and Africa

Biodiversity and Human Well-being: A Synthesis Report for the Convention on Biological Diversity

Fig. 2 Project webpage

The website has sections on project activities, news, photo and video gallery showcasing images from workshop and project activities, resources where project documents are uploaded, expert register and content management system. There is a content management system built into the website to manage all content in the website - this system is not available for users as it is meant for only the administrator and the content team. This system allows any content to be uploaded, edited or removed. It also allows content to be tagged for listing and searches, given a title, say, for a new activity to be added or to remove content from display on the website but for archival later.

Promotion and marketing

This component is for the promotion and marketing of the project through the production and use of marketing materials and collateral. For the project inception meeting we produced a poster outlining description and activities, contact details of the project manager and project details.

There will be production of appropriate marketing collateral for the duration of the project to be distributed and given out to relevant stakeholders to increase the visibility of the project and raising awareness of taxonomy and capacity building in this area to support market access for agricultural trade.

TAXONOMIC CAPACITY BUILDING TO SUPPORT MARKET ACCESS FOR AGRICULTURAL TRADE IN THE ASEAN REGION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will develop and strengthen capacities in taxonomic knowledge to identify and manage quarantine risks associated with agricultural commodities and to accurately diagnose pests and diseases among the ASEAN Member States (AMS).

PROBLEM

ASEAN agriculture remains constrained by a widespread inability to produce credible lists of the pests and diseases that are present and by recurrent failures to manage the destructive impact of pests and diseases.

SOLUTION

Building and enhancing the taxonomic capability of ASEAN member countries through a comprehensive range of capacity building and training activities; information sharing, dissemination and mainstreaming / Institutionalization of taxonomic knowledge on pests & diseases.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The project will be managed by ASEANET, the Southeast Asian Network on Taxonomy, for the Asian Plant Health Cooperation Network (APHCN).

ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY 1 - TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING

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ACTIVITY 2 - NETWORKING AND INSTITUTIONALISATION

- An expertise register of individual taxonomic experts and diagnostic laboratories available to the ARDN Network (e.g. name, contact details and specific expertise, laboratories that provides diagnostic work and assistance)
- A website hosting an expert register (from ASEAN + 3 nations and from elsewhere in the world), information on major pests & diseases of potential crops in the ASEAN + 3 nations, diagnostic resources and tools and e-applications for diagnostic services
- Promotional materials, e.g. flyers, posters, data-sheets, stickers, and other marketing and promotional assets

ACTIVITY 3 - MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION

- Implement program activities and endeavour to extend the reach and cover of taxonomic capacity building in support of ARDN as defined by success measures and indicators

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Fig. 3 Inception Meeting Poster