Regional Consultation Workshop on Mainstreaming Biodiversity' (NBAP & NBTs)

Assam Report

Assam State Biodiversity Board 18-08-2017

Departments participated

- Assam Forest Department
- Assam State Biodiversity Board
- APFBC Society

About Assam SBB

- Board established in 2010.
- Board have 6 OM, 5 EM, 2 S. Invitees & 5 R. Invitees
- BMCs:
 - 189 in 189 APs, 16 in BTAD, 10 in KAAC & 9 proposed in DHAC
- PBRs: 25 completed, 30 drafts ready for TSG vetting and 78 under way
- BHS: 1 notified, which is Majuli BHS
- Threatened Taxa: under process
 - 7 plant species
 - 30 animal species
- ABSAP drafts ready.
- Research Projects: 3 completed, 3 on-going & 1 consultancy services completed.
- Publications/publicity materials: in English & local languages

Technical Sessions-I

Action Points	Various Schemes	Implementing Agency
3, 5, 9, 12	Human activities on fringes of PAs	Assam Project on Forest Biodiversity Conservation (APFBC) Society
11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 27, 28, 33, 35, 36, 37, 46, 47, 50, 51,	Various plan schemes of State sector, central sector and centrally sponsored schemes for example; RDF, Project Tiger, M& BR, Project Elephant, IFMS, CAMPA, NAP, CBP, REDD+, Carbon Neutrality, SAPCC	Assam Forest Department
9, 8, 10, 14, 17, 19, 20, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 55, 75	BMC, PBR, BHS, TSG, Threatened Taxa	Assam State Biodiversity Board (ASBB)

Technical Session-II

NBT	Schemes	Implementing Agency
1	Biodiversity awareness programmes	P & RD, ASBB, FD, NGOs
3	Safeguarding natural habitats	FD, ASBB, Horticulture, Water Resources,
4	Managing Invasive species	FD, NGOs
5	Sustainable landscapes	SAPCC
6	Protected Areas	FD & ASBB
7	Maintaining Genetic Diversity	FD, Agri, Horti, Fishery, Universities
8	ABS	ASBB
11	Protecting TK	ASBB, NGOs

Challenges

- Lack of awareness about roles and responsibilities of the departments about NBTs, ATs and SDGs.
- Lack of inter-sectoral co-ordination.
- Lack of domain experts; inadequacy technical human resources.
- Lack of commensurate financial resources for achieving the targets

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General observations

- Various stake holders have been contributing towards multiples targets unconsciously, as their a part of their mandate
- Such contributions are not getting counted/ acknowledged in the reporting systems
- There is a mismatch between the dimension of the targets and allocation of resources (both physical and manpower)
- No special mechanism for bringing inter-sectoral co-ordination synergy for implementation and monitoring
- Sectors not rewarded commensurate to their contributions

Thank you