

Welcome to

*“Institutionalizing and managing
transboundary biodiversity corridors
in the Greater Mekong Subregion:
Opportunities and Challenges.”*

Biodiversity Conservation Corridors Initiative -
Subregional Exchange Meeting (BCI SEM) for
Implementing Agencies in the Greater Mekong
Subregion

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Establishing Biodiversity Corridors in the Greater Mekong Subregion: Genesis, Status, and Future

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Outline



- ADB BCI Design (2004 - 2005)
- Launching of Partnerships (2006)
- Status (2008)
- Planning for Scaling Up (2009 - 2010)
- Scaling up investments (2011 - 2015)
- Objectives of the BCI Subregional Exchange Meeting (BCI SEM)

BCI Design & GMS endorsement



- Between Oct 2004, preliminary design of a GMS wide approach to Biodiversity Corridors was completed and a RETA for detailed design approved by ADB by Dec 2004
- Between Jan - May 2005, detailed design was completed and a Strategic Framework on Biodiversity Corridors Initiative was fully endorsed by the First GMS Environment Ministers' Meeting in Shanghai as well as the GMS Summit in Kunming in July 2005
- By Dec 2005, endorsement of all GMS countries was secured and RETA 6289 approved by ADB Board in Dec 2005

BCI Implementation start



- By Jan 2006, the GMS Environment Operations Center was set up under RETA 6289 and an inaugural Symposium held in April 2006
- Between Sep - Dec 2006 all partnership modalities for implementing BCI using Letters of Agreement (LoAs) were signed between ADB and state and non-state implementing partners
- By Jan 2007, all BCI implementing partners had received first tranche of financial disbursements

BCI Implementation status



- By Jan 2008, the GMS Environment Operations Center reported status of implementation to the Second Environment Ministers' Meeting in Vientiane
- The Second EMM instructed the GMS Working Group on Environment and EOC to finalize investment framework and Scaling up of BCI
- Currently, BCI implementation is on target in 6 pilot sites of 5 GMS countries
- State and non-state implementing partners are effectively implementing activities, achieving outputs, and tracking progress towards outcomes

BCI Scaling up



- Mainstreaming; Detailed design and planning for scaling up BCI investments will start in 2009
- ADB has a regional BCI loan preparation (PPTA) in the pipeline for 2009 -2010 covering Cambodia, Lao PDR and Viet Nam
- Mainstreaming of BCI lessons and impacts in the Country Strategic Partnerships and synergies with ADB country programs are ongoing (e.g. in Lao PDR and Viet Nam)
- Investment framework for scaling up BCI in PR China and Thailand needs special attention
- Scaling up (Investment phase) is planned to cover the period 2011 -2015

Objectives of the BCI SEM



- The Objectives of today's BCI Subregional Exchange Meeting (15-16 September 2008) are:
 1. Review achievements, opportunities, and challenges of ongoing biodiversity corridor initiative implementation in BCI sites;
 2. Understand factors affecting ecosystem services, methodologies on valuation, market pricing mechanisms for biodiversity products, and payment for ecosystem services (PES) instruments being piloted in the GMS; and
 3. Deliberate on regulatory instruments and a potential transboundary protocol for managing and maintaining biodiversity corridors and shared natural resources in the GMS.

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