

**GMS Transboundary Biodiversity Landscape Management
Dissemination and Knowledge Sharing Event
Xishuangbanna, Yunnan, PRC
13 – 15 June 2017**

Concept Note

The ADB Core Environment Program and Biodiversity Conservation Corridor Initiatives (CEP) has been promoting the effective management of biodiversity conservation and joint transboundary biodiversity landscape (TBL) management in three critical TBLs in the GMS. These are: Sino-Vietnam Karst landscape (Guangxi, PRC and Cao Bang, Viet Nam), Mekong Headwaters landscape (Yunnan, PRC and Luang Namtha, Lao PDR) and Eastern Forest Complex – Cardamom mountains landscape (Thailand and Cambodia). It supports joint biodiversity conservation, ecological and habitat restoration and sustainable livelihoods for local communities. The project also aims to enhance the performance of investments in nearby economic corridors by maintaining and improving the flow of ecosystem goods and services. In addition, to these regional support initiatives, CEP also provide regional support to four national Forests and Biodiversity Conservation Projects which focus on biodiversity conservation, and sustainable land and forest management in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

The Program has been implemented in two phases: Phase I, from 2006 to 2011, emphasized on establishing Biodiversity Conservation Corridor connecting different protected areas; and Phase II, from 2012 – 2017, on the promotion of Transboundary Biodiversity Landscape and Livelihoods in joint biodiversity landscapes between two – three GMS countries.

To encourage joint TBL action plans formulation and synthesizing good practices and experiences among the biodiversity conservation community of practices, the Foreign Economic Cooperation Office (FECO), Ministry of Environmental Protection of Peoples Republic of China (MEP), in collaboration with Yunnan Environment Protection Department (YEPPD), will organize a regional knowledge sharing event in Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province, PRC on 13 - 15 June 2017. One structured learning visit will also be organized to expose participants to the Nabanhe-Mangao Biodiversity Conservation Corridor and Public-Private Partnership model at Xishuangbanna Virgin Forest Park.

The GMS Environment Operations Center will provide technical support and co-facilitate this regional knowledge sharing event.

The objectives of this event are to:

- (i) Share knowledge, learning experiences and good practices from implementing Biodiversity Conservation Corridors Project and Transboundary Biodiversity Landscape and Livelihoods Program in the GMS;
- (ii) Expose participants to Chinese best practices in establishing biodiversity conservation corridors and promoting public and private partnership in sustainable management of natural capital; and
- (iii) Develop joint TBL management strategies and action plans for Mekong Headwaters, Sino-Vietnam Karst and EFCOM-Cardamom TBLs with the integration of climate change adaptation considerations.