



ASEAN CENTRE FOR BIODIVERSITY

Report on Main Business Engagement Activities 2015

Activities in 2014 and 2015

1. Round Table on Business and Biodiversity with 50 Filipino corporations held in Subic, Zambales, Philippines on 27 November 2015. There were initial interests to join a national partnership for Business and Biodiversity.
2. Lecture on Business and Biodiversity with 30 American companies with operations in the Philippines, held in Makati City, Philippines in August 2015.
3. Series of lectures on business and biodiversity with Rotary Clubs in the Philippines in 2014.

Second ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity 2016

The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), in cooperation with the ASEAN Member States and other partner organizations, organized the Second ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity (ACB2016) with the theme "Biodiversity for Sustainable Development" on 15-19 February 2016 in Bangkok. This event was hosted by the Royal Thai Government. One of the major streams in this conference was a two-day workshop on business and biodiversity featuring sessions on various sectoral and thematic issues.

The main objectives of this conference were to: report on the ASEAN Member States' (AMS) progress and gaps in meeting the Aichi Targets; discuss and recommend the way forward in addressing the region's biodiversity challenges and meeting the Aichi Targets; discuss ways and means to financially sustain biodiversity conservation in the ASEAN region and strengthen the ASEAN Biodiversity Fund; and engage more sectors, particularly the business community, in biodiversity conservation and advocacy. In order to achieve the latter of these objectives, a Business and Biodiversity Forum co-organized and co-hosted by the CBD and the Government of Thailand, with private sector and NGO partners was held as part of the larger conference. The workshop included sessions on the relation between biodiversity, climate change and other sustainability issues for companies, the importance of ecological consideration in supply chains (particularly in the so-called "Factory Asia" model), sector based discussions on forestry and agriculture, extractive industries, tourism, and fisheries, issues surrounding natural capital, and the establishment of stronger partnership in the region.