

Biodiversity, Ecosystem and ESD



Current Situations/Programmes

- Most of the RCEs are engaged in their own projects/research ranging from:
 - Conservation and documentation of threatened species and their ecological habitats
 - Negotiating the needs to harness the environment for sustainable livelihoods (issues of access, benefit sharing, mediating conflicts, etc.)
 - Socio-cultural
 - Conservation and revitalisation of biodiversity and culture (e.g. the Eco Museum project, Documentation of IK)

Issues/Gaps

- Understanding of biodiversity and ecosystem has been biased toward natural capital and as a result has failed to link with socio-economic and socio-cultural dimensions and needs
- There is a need to comprehend these linkages and intricate relationships

Thus,

- RCEs can play a role by promoting research/social action, advocacy projects in understanding these intricacies and linkages by using Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) as the main tool
- Each RCEs will continue their projects/activities with rooms for further collaborations

Projects

- Compile case studies of good practices by RCEs in Biodiversity, Ecosystem and ESD (Simanta – APC; Giacomo –Americas; Isaac –Africa; Maria –Europe)
- Cyber Dialogue Project (Reita)
- Community-based Dialogue (Isaac)
- Involvement in the COP 10 (UNU-IAS : Sampreethi)
 - 1 exhibition boot for the RCEs to showcase their work
 - 1 exhibition boot for RCEs Japan