



## PROGRAMME FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Progress Report as of May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2010			
<b>01-T-07</b>	<b>Collaboration between, Benin, Bhutan and Costa Rica in capacity development for biodiversity information management</b>		
<b>Thematic area</b>	Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use		
<b>Partner countries</b>	Benin, Bhutan and Costa Rica		
<b>Lead organization</b>	Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad (INBio)		
<b>Partner organization</b>	National Biodiversity Center, (NBC), Ministry of Agriculture, Bhutan. Centre de Recherche pour la Gestion de la Biodiversité et du Terroir (CERGET), Bénin		
<b>Budget</b>	<b>PSC</b>	US\$405,671	
	<b>Counterpart</b>	US\$ 99,540	
<b>Execution period</b>	February 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 to July 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2010.		
<b>Percentage of advance</b>	70%		
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<p>Generators and users of information about biodiversity from the three countries (by regions, by taxonomic group, by use, among others).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Benin: Ministry of the Environment and Protection of Nature (MEPN), Department of Forestry and Natural Resources (DFRN) and Research Centre for Biodiversity and Land Management (CERGET)</li> <li>Bhutan: Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health and Non Governmental Organizations ( Royal Society for Costa Rica: Protection of Nature (RSPN) and World Wildlife Fund (WWF), in Bhutan.</li> <li>Costa Rica: National System of Conservation Areas (SINAC), Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS), National Museum of Costa Rica (MNCR) and INBio.</li> </ul>		
<b>Overall Objective</b>	<b>Specific Objectives</b>	<b>Expected outcomes</b>	<b>Outcomes of the activities carried out</b>
<p>The overall goal of the project envisaged by the National Biodiversity Center (NBC) in Bhutan and the National Biodiversity Institute (INBio) in Costa Rica and the the Centre de Recherche pour la Gestion de la Biodiversité et du Terroir (CERGET) in Benin. The three organizations will work in close collaboration to enhance the institutional capacity to offer new information products and services to society as part of their efforts towards the conservation and sustainable utilization of biological resources.</p>	<p>To strengthen in house and institutional linkages between partners involved, particularly in biodiversity information management through information sharing, expertise and exchange visits.</p>	<p>It is expected that towards the end of the project, Bhutan and Benin would have a functional biodiversity information system which can be accessed by various levels of users and Costa Rica will have integrated its network.</p>	<p>A tool for compilation of information has been elaborated and agreed with the partners in Bhutan and Benin. Available in English and French.</p>
			<p>Needs are identified and prioritized for the design of the information system in Benin (workshop with 13 stakeholders from 12 institutions) and Bhutan (workshop with 14 stakeholders from 4 institutions). INBio participated in both events.</p>
			<p>Proposed content and structure of the biodiversity system in Benin and Bhutan (available on the web)</p>
			<p>A second workshop was held in Bhutan to demonstrate the system and receive feedback.</p>
			<p>Project web page available to users at: <a href="http://www.crbio.cr">www.crbio.cr</a></p>
			<p>The Biodiversity Information System of Bhutan will be officially launched late June.</p>
			<p>The National Information Network on Biodiversity has been comprised and has a portal available on the web.</p>
		<p>Benin and Bhutan will have well trained</p>	<p>A procedures manual (in Spanish, English and French) has been developed and distributed among the partners.</p>



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		<p>human capacity for biodiversity information management that will enable to initiate replication and expansion of the project.</p>	<p>Eight people trained Bhutan</p>
		<p>The institutional linkages between NBC, CERGET and INBio will have strengthened in biodiversity management and sharing of experiences would continue.</p>	<p>New areas for cooperation between NBC and INBio have been identified.</p>

Photo Gallery



Workshop carried out in Benin (Activity 1.01)



First Workshop carried out in Bhutan (Activity 1.01)



Screen of the National Biodiversity System of Bhutan



CRBio Inauguration, November 2009



Screen of CRBio (Biodiversity Information Portal of Costa Rica)



Workshop with Stakeholders in Bhutan (Activity 1.05)



Outcome indicators

Chart 1B. Outcomes										
INDICATORS RELATED TO PEOPLE BENEFITED AND TRAINED										
Code	Indicators	Benin		Bhutan		Costa Rica		TOTAL		Comments
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
E19	Number of people or organizations or institutions with improved skills and awareness on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.			5	3			5	3	

Chart 2B. Outcomes						
OTHER INDICATORS						
Code	Indicators	Benin	Bhutan	Costa Rica	Total	Comments
A17	Number of new services		1	1	2	
A18	Number of new information and communication services		1		1	
A28	Number of online biodiversity information platforms		1	1	2	
A30	Number of records available in the Information Systems		4,968	3,058,205	3,063,173	
A50	Number of initiatives generated through the experience of the project execution				0	
B46	Positive change in policies to support sustainable chains of production or consumption implemented				0	
D5	Existing number of positive actions to improve the access for women to technology.				0	
E19	Number of people or organizations or institutions with improved skills and awareness on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use				0	
E20	Number of alliances with private sector on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use				0	
E21	Implementation of policies and legislation supporting biodiversity conservation or sustainable use (refers also to organic use)				0	
E23	Improved access to knowledge / information on biodiversity conservation or sustainable use			1	1	



Output indicators

Chart 1C. Outputs										
INDICATORS RELATED TO PEOPLE BENEFICIATED AND TRAINED										
Code	Indicators	Benin		Bhutan		Costa Rica		TOTAL		Comments
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
A1	Number of direct beneficiaries (Training, workers, others)	19	2	21	1	3	4	43	7	
A42	Number of people trained				8			0	8	
A45	Number of people trained on technical skills				8			0	8	
A48	Number of participants at needs assessments workshops	17	1	19	4	3	2	39	7	

Chart 2C. Outputs						
OTHER INDICATORS						
Code	Indicators	Benin	Bhutan	Costa Rica	Total	Comments
A22	Number of NGO-academic partnerships				0	
A23	Number of NGO-Governmental partnerships			1	1	
A25	Number of NGO-NGO			1	1	
A31	Number of data providers (Organizations)		1	4	5	
A47	Number of international internships (Participant Countries)				0	
A49	Number of organizations at needs assessments workshops	13	3	4	20	