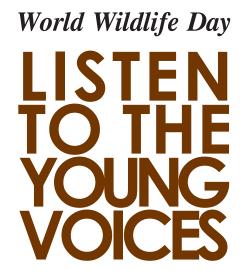




Wildlife Enforcement Monitoring System Presents



1 March 2017 AIT Conference Center



WORLD WILDLIFE DAY 3 MARCH





BACKGROUND





The World Wildlife Day celebrates the diverse wild fauna and flora that inhabit our world and benefit human life and the ecosystems. A large number of species are at risk of extinction due to multitudes

of anthropogenic impacts on the biophysical world. Poaching and trafficking are one of the major causes of serious decline in biological diversity on earth. Safeguarding the future of the species is critical for securing our future and that of the planet.

The theme for the World Wildlife Day 2017, *"Listen to the Young Voices"* emphasizes the role of the younger generation in conservation of wildlife and also, the need to raise awareness on the intrinsic value of the biological diversity for the survival of future generations.

As the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) is a melting pot of young generations with over 50 nationalities,

it intends to join the world in marking the day with an eventful activity.

The event aims to increase the awareness of the AIT community, policymakers, practitioners and media on the role that different stakeholders play in the effective management of biological diversity and continuation of the ecosystem services vital for existence of human beings on the earth.



OBJECTIVES

- Raise awareness on the importance of biological diversity and ecosystem services gained from biological diversity
- Highlight contributions that AIT is making in ensuring effective management of biodiversity through academic activities, research interventions and outreach initiatives
- Strengthen strategic alliances and partnerships for effective and collaborative management of biological diversity and ecosystem services for sustainability

OUTCOME

Enhanced knowledge of the intrinsic value of biological diversity, the intricate relationships of ecosystem services integral for survival of future generations and the roles that different stakeholders play for their effective management for sustainability among the AIT community and relevant stakeholders including media.

OUTPUTS

- 1. A video "Listen to Young Voices from AIT"
- 2. An event report to underscore the contributions from the Asian Institute of Technology and other stakeholders in ensuring sustainability
- 3. A press conference to highlight the contributions that AIT is making in ensuring effective management of biodiversity through academic activities, research interventions and outreach initiatives in collaboration with governments, international organizations, etc.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

DATE AND VENUE

In addition to participation of the AIT community (students, faculty, management, staff), other expected participants are policy-makers, practitioners and researchers from relevant government agencies, representatives from donor communities, non-governments organizations, multilateral organizations, media and students from other universities.

1 March 2017 at AITCC Auditorium





DRAFT AGENDA

10:00-10:05	Video "Listen to Young Voices from AIT"
10:05-10:15	Opening Remarks <i>Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, President (TBC)</i> Asian Institute of Technology
10:15-10:30	Keynote Address <i>Mr. Thanya Netithammakul, Director General (TBC)</i> Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation, Thailand
10:30-10:45	AIT and its role in management of biodiversity Mr. Surendra Shrestha, Vice-President (TBC) Asian Institute of Technology
10:45-11:00	Wildlife Asia Activities Dr. Robert Mather , Chief of Party Wildlife Asia USAID
11:00-11:15	UNDP: Community Engagement against global Illegal Wildlife Trade <i>Mr. Doley Tshering, Regional Technical Adviser</i> United Nations Development Programme
11:15-11:30	Illegal Wildlife Trade in Asia Dr. Scott Roberton (TBC), Regional Coordinator Wildlife Trafficking Program Wildlife Conservation Society
11:30-11:50	Open session/Q&A session
11:50-12:00	Closing Remarks Dr. Naveed Anwar, Executive Director AIT Solutions
12:00-13:00	Lunch



ABOUT WEMS

- WEMS, a web-based informationsharing platform developed by the United Nations University, offers a systematic approach to empower governments in managing information on enforcement and provide evidence of their efforts in attaining their national targets and fulfilling their international commitments.
- WEMS is a tool to reinforce evidencebased environmental governance at local, national, regional and global levels and promote information governance through streamlining national and regional reporting processes for multilateral environmental agreements and specific targets under the Sustainable Development Goals.
- WEMS Initiative was launched in East Africa in 2011 through the Lusaka Agreement Task Force. WEMS is being implemented in Congo-Brazzaville, Kenya, Liberia, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.
- WEMS Secretariat was recently established at AIT Solutions under the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand to replicate the initiative in Asia while scaling it up in Africa and instituting a transcontinental collaboration through capacity development, community of practice and outreach.



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