



Wildlife Enforcement  
Monitoring System Presents

*World Wildlife Day*

# LISTEN TO THE YOUNG VOICES

1 March 2017  
AIT Conference Center



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WILDLIFE DAY**  
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## BACKGROUND



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*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, policy-makers, 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

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.

## DATE AND VENUE

1 March 2017 at AITCC Auditorium



## DRAFT AGENDA

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

## ABOUT WEMS

- WEMS, a web-based information-sharing 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 evidence-based 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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