

Regional Training Course on Mangrove Restoration and Management

14 – 20 August, 2013

Sirindhorn International Environmental Park (SIEP), Cha-am, Phetchaburi, Thailand

Course Programme

(ver. 08 August 2013)

ARRIVAL: Tuesday, 13 August 2013	
	Participants arrive in Bangkok Afternoon transfer to Sirindhorn International Environmental Park (SIEP), Cha-am, Phetchaburi (2.5 hrs by road, approximately); accommodation provided at the SIEP
DAY 1: Wednesday, 14 August 2013	
08 30 – 10 00	Inauguration of the Training Course, followed by Keynote Lecture by Prof. Sanit
10 30 – 12 30	Lectures (focus on mangrove restoration/rehabilitation objectives)
12 30 – 13 30	Lunch
13 30 – 17 30	Lectures and Fieldwork at SIEP
	Overnight in accommodation at SIEP
DAY 2: Thursday, 15 August 2013	
08 30 – 12 30	Lectures (focus on mangrove rehabilitation techniques)
12 30 – 13 30	Lunch
13 30 – 17 30	Lectures and Fieldwork at SIEP continued
	Overnight in accommodation at SIEP
DAY 3: Friday, 16 August 2013	
08 30	Leave for Pran Buri
09 00 – 13 00 approx.	Visit Pran Buri Forest Park, and Sirinath Rajini Mangrove Ecosystem Learning Centre - lessons learned analysis of achievements in coastal area management of the Pran Estuary region, mangrove restoration, and ecotourism and education
	Overnight at the Novotel Hotel in Chumphon
DAY 4: Saturday, 17 August 2013	
Morning	Visit Mu Ko Chumphon National Park - Integrated Coastal Management, mangrove restoration and innovative educational facilities
Afternoon	Travel to Ranong – with stopover at La Un Mangrove Arboretum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mangrove Arboretum at La Un, Kuraburi (35 kms before Ranong; this will be a stop on the way to Ranong from Chumphon 15.30 – 17.30hrs approx.) ▪ Site map and briefing by Dr Sonjai on the location and history of La Un arboretum, and its importance for mangrove biodiversity conservation and transboundary management; ▪ Visit walkway to observe forest structure and about 20 mangrove plant species, including <i>Heritiera</i> and giant <i>Xylocarpus</i> trees.
	Overnight at the Tinidee Hotel in Ranong
DAY 5: Sunday, 18 August 2013	
Full day (09.00-16.00)	Introduction to the Ranong Biosphere Reserve and field visit to see examples of the multiple functions of a biosphere reserve, mangrove restoration/rehabilitation for shore erosion control, community livelihoods and post-tsunami recovery

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mangrove Forest Research Center (MFRC), Ngao, Ranong (all day visit 09.00 – 16.00 approx.) ▪ Visit viewpoint to see over the mangroves, the largest mangrove area in Thailand; ▪ Presentation on the Ranong Biosphere Reserve; ▪ Visit the mangrove walkway and nursery; ▪ Boat trip through the mangroves to restored tin-mining area, erosion-control site and former shrimp farm; ▪ See natural mangrove forest and “giant trees” ▪ Visit Lau Island community (lunch stop); ▪ Return to MFRC via Kam Island and other restoration areas.
	Overnight at the Tinidee Hotel in Ranong
DAY 6: Monday, 19 August 2013	
Full day (09.00-14.00)	<p>Travel to Kapoe District in Ranong Province – visit community mangrove fishery and aquaculture projects, and Tsunami Learning Centre at Kampuan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group Work (09.00 – 14.00 hrs approx.) ▪ Participants may be divided into three groups to visit different locations according to their interests; this will also be weather-dependent. The groups can cover restoration and forest management (with Dr Sonjai and local experts); fisheries and aquaculture (with Mr Vitaya, Ranong Aquaculture Research Station); and education and ecotourism (Don/Maeve). ▪ A seminar session on the group’s findings will be arranged at the Tinidee Hotel in the afternoon (15.00-17.00hrs approx.).
	Overnight at the Tinidee Hotel in Ranong
DAY 7: Tuesday, 20 August 2013	
Morning	<p>Debriefing and course assessment at the Hotel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A course review and evaluation will be held in the hotel (09.00-10.00hrs approx.), before departure for Bangkok
Afternoon	Travel to Bangkok - Overnight in Bangkok
DEPARTURE: Wednesday, 21 August 2013	
	Departure of all Participants

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