

PORTFOLIO/PROJECT BRIEFS IN THE RBAP REGIONAL PROGRAMME

Accelerating the Way for an Integrated Approach to Contribute to the SDGs & Green Recovery through Access and Benefit Sharing

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Healthy Planet

Prosperity for All

Effective Governance

Gender Equality

Sustainable Finance

Fair and equitable access and benefit-sharing (ABS) of genetic resources across Asia-Pacific

Overview

The Global ABS project supported five Asia-Pacific countries (Bhutan, Cambodia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand) to strengthen Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) systems aligned with the Nagoya Protocol and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. With financial support from the Government of the Republic of Korea and collaboration with its National Institute of Biological Resources (NIBR), the project advanced regional coordination, inclusive governance, and technical readiness for ABS implementation.

It established a strong foundation for a results-oriented and regionally coordinated ABS approach, producing outputs that function not only as knowledge products but as practical tools to guide donor engagement, institutional planning, and multi-stakeholder cooperation.

Donor: Republic of Korea, Ministry of Environment

Budget: US\$37,257 **Duration:** Jan 2025 – May 2025

Target Countries

Bhutan, Cambodia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand

Partners

National Institute of Biological Resources (NIBR)

Key Achievements

- Completed a comprehensive analysis of ABS-related policies, legislation, and institutional frameworks across the five participating countries.
- Produced a regional policy brief on emerging priorities, gender and IPLC inclusion, and governance gaps.
- Convened a multi-country regional workshop that validated assessment findings, shared best practices and identified gaps and capacity needs.
- Developed a regional project proposal titled “Strengthening Inclusive ABS Implementation and Regional Cooperation in Asia-Pacific” to NIBR to support next phase programming.

Key Results

40-50 stakeholders were directly engaged through interviews, consultations, and workshop activities

30 participants attended the regional workshop

5 countries were engaged through research, consultations, and a regional workshop



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