



Sustainable Management of Peatland Forests in Southeast Asia

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# **Progress Report of Sustainable Management of Peatland Forests in Southeast Asia (Dec 2013 – April 2014)**

**Global Environment Centre**

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**Organization:** Global Environment Centre (GEC), Malaysia

**Main target groups:** Multistakeholder

**Main area of work:**

- 1) Pilot sites for BMP and incentives environmental)
- 2) Capacity building for APMS implementation

**Location:** Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam (regional and pilot activities); Brunei Darussalam and Singapore (regional activities)



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# Associated Partners



**ASEAN Secretariat**



**Cambodia** – Department of Wetlands and Coastal Zones, Ministry of Environment



**Indonesia** – Ministry of Environment/Riau Province



**Lao PDR** – Water Resources and Environment Administration



**Malaysia** – Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia,/Selangor



**Myanmar** – National Commission for Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Forestry



**Philippines** – Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources



**Thailand** – Department of National Parks, Wildlife & Plant Conservation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment



**Viet Nam** – Viet Nam Environment Administration, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources

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# Main Outputs of the Project

1. Coordinated development and implementation of National Action Plans on Peatlands (NAPs) focusing on peatland forest management in selected ASEAN countries.
2. Pilot Projects established at local level to test incentives and promote best practices to reduce peatland deforestation and degradation.
3. Enhanced regional collaboration to identify fire prone peatlands and develop a fire prediction and warning system to reduce the rate of peatland deforestation and degradation.
4. Regional priorities for peatland forest conservation heightened and incentive mechanisms for conservation and sustainable management promoted.
5. Guidelines for integrated management of peatland forests and plantations on peatlands developed and promoted.

# Highlights of Project Implementation

**(December 2013 – April 2014)**

# Regional Updates

- Adoption of the **Revised ASEAN peatland management strategy (APMS) in COP-9 & COM-9. Revised version being printed**
- Adoption of a long term programme on peatlands 2014-2020 and establishment of an ASEAN Task Force on Peatlands
- Guidelines on Integrated Management Planning for Peatland Forests in Southeast Asia - to be printed in May 2014
- Proceedings of workshop on Peatland Forestry – in print



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# Regional Updates

- The **Southeast Asia Peat Network (SPN) database** has been established, targeting peatland sites and peat experts working in the ASEAN region.
- Currently in the midst of getting all the relevant datasheet and compiling from all the ASEAN country.
- A few countries had yet to submit their peatlands datasheet although assessment had been carried out-namely Cambodia and Lao PDR. Myanmar had submitted 2 datasheet but will asked them to submit more for other assessed area.
- Awaiting datasheet on Philippines new peat area.
- Awaiting on update information from Malaysia and Thailand.

COUNTRY	LOCATION	AREA (Ha)
Myanmar	Inlay	9105.94
	Heho	1625.7
	<b>Total Area</b>	<b>10,731.64</b>
Cambodia	<b>Koh Kong</b>	<b>1003.9</b>
Thailand	Narathiwat	30969.5
	Nakhon Si Thammarat	18946.0
	Songkla	4828.5
	Choomphorn	3285.0
	Phatthalong	2767.5
	Surat Tani	1589.5
	Pattani	1205.0
	Yala	190.0
	Trang	85.56
	Phuket	62.5
	Krabit	47.04
	Trat	452.5
	Rayong	120.0
	<b>Total Area</b>	<b>64,548.6</b>
Vietnam	U Minh Ha National Park	8,286
	U Minh Thuong National Park	8,509
	<b>Total Area</b>	<b>16,795</b>



# Regional Updates – cont'

- **Partnership with LEAF** (Lowering Emission of Asia Forest)- feasibility study of the carbon project for NSPSF.
- A training on peatland hydrology was organized by GEC/LEAF in December 2013 a partnership with Selangor Forestry Department.
- A total of 38 dip-wells were installed in 6 locations at North Selangor Peat Swamp Forest. Based on the data from water table monitoring for 2 months (Dec and Jan)
- a “Tentative assessment of carbon loss from the peat stock for the North Selangor Peat Swamp Forest” has been prepared. Water table monitoring had been continued in February-April.
- The report on Rapid assessment of potential of North Selangor Peat Rewetting project”



# Support for Country components

- Participation in National Workshop in Myanmar 30 Jan 2014
- Technical expert (Dr Quoi) for survey of peatlands in Myanmar (15-28 February 2014)
- Support for fire prevention and control Selangor, Malaysia



# Communication/Visibility of the project

- **ASEAN Peatland Media Award** closed. Received articles from Indonesia, Malaysia , Myanmar and Thailand
- ASEANpeat.net updated weekly, especially news and publications (downloadable).
  - Regional haze map embedded to aseanpeat homepage (<http://www.aseanpeat.net/>)
  - News and events continue to be updated weekly.
- **Newsletter** – a newsletter was produced for 2013 and Q1 2014



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## ASEAN PEATLAND MEDIA AWARD

**DEADLINE MARCH 2014**

Interested in environmental issues and had **writings or coverage (related to peatland) published in any form of media (eg. electronic, print and broadcast)** that are accessible to public from **1<sup>ST</sup> JAN - 31<sup>ST</sup> DEC 2013**.

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An investigative or explanatory feature on peatland related topic.

**Eligibility:** reports, newspaper, magazines, books or any other paper-based publications.

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Peatland feature or commentary.

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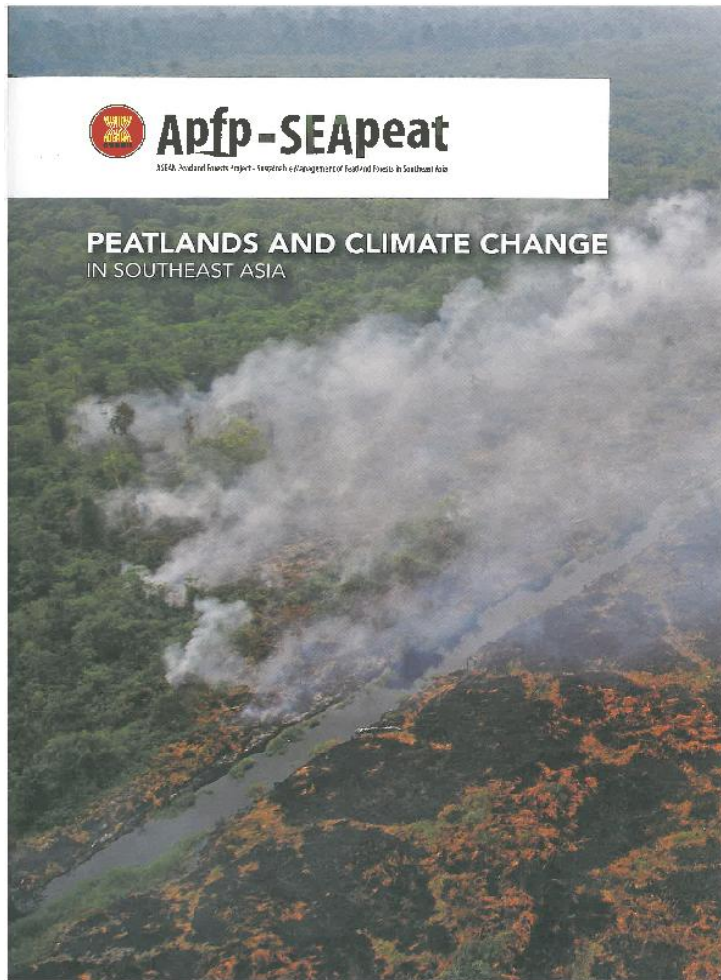
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# Project coordination and management

- Interim report 2013 submitted to EU in January 2014
- 2013 accounts finalised in March 2014 and being audited
- Quarterly updates of each country January-March 2014 being compiled.



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