

## ► Biodiversity Needs More Actions

Biodiversity is valuable to our life, therefore everyone should show consideration for it, and take part in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. Actions such as respect and preserve knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and promote their wider application with the approval and involvement of the holders of such knowledge, as depicted in Article 8 (j) of the CBD, and promoting integration and partnerships among government agencies at all levels, NGOs, NPOs, academic institutions and private sectors to take parts in biodiversity works are all important steps for reaching the goals of the CBD.

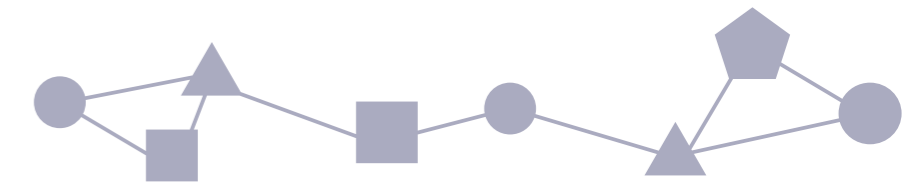
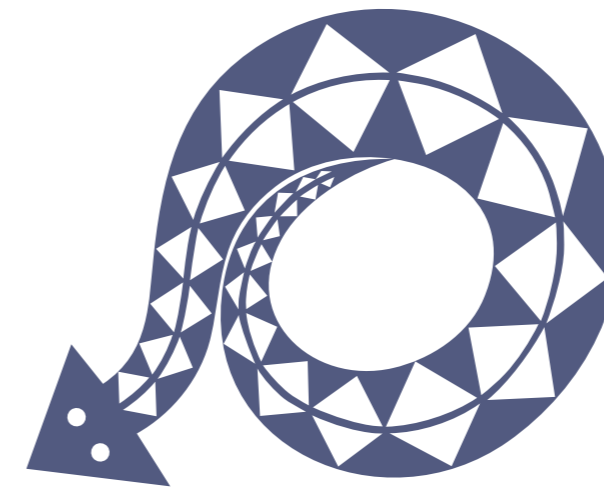
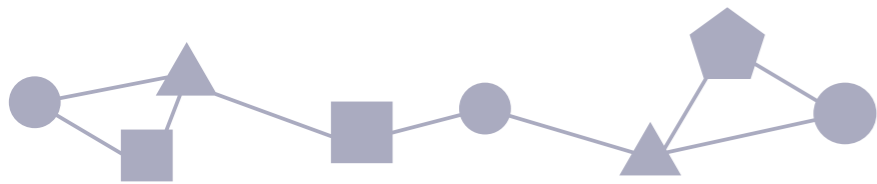
## ► Traditional Knowledge

To preserve traditional knowledge relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, the Council of Indigenous Peoples initiated a four-year project on “Documentation of Ethnobiology” since 2003 and has collected information and set up databases for 79 literatures of ethnozoology, 57 literatures of ethnobotany, 382 old literatures, 3,783 records of animal species and 4,930 records of plant species used by indigenous peoples. The number of plant and animal species documented was 110. The Council also held a conference and published proceedings on traditional knowledge relevant to biodiversity in 2006.

To formulate a common mechanism for joint management of natural resources by the government and indigenous peoples, conservation of biodiversity, preservation of traditional knowledge, and protection of indigenous peoples’ rights against any potential biopiracy, the Council also drafted “the Indigenous Peoples Resources Joint Management Act” and “the Protection Act for the Traditional Biodiversity Knowledge of Indigenous Peoples”. On December 18, 2007, the Council of Indigenous Peoples, the Council of Agriculture, the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, and the Veterans Affairs Commission of the Executive Yuan jointly promulgated “the Joint Management Act”. “The Protection Act for the Traditional Biodiversity Knowledge” is under review by the Legislative Yuan.

## ► New Partnerships

The Council of Agriculture initiated a “Biodiversity Partnership” program so that County Governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and schools are coordinated to promote and support local and national strategies that help conserve biodiversity in Taiwan. The “Community Forestry” program of the Forest Bureau expanded the participation of local communities in the management of national forest. The Ministry of Education, recognizing the important role of education and communication in biodiversity conservation, set guidance for project to build partnership for environmental education. This project encourages public sectors, universities, NGOs, private foundations working together to host environmental education activities. The Central Personnel Administration has been offering training courses on sustainable development, including biodiversity, to civil officers of all levels. In addition, the e-learning program provided by the Central Personnel Administration assures that all government personnel receive the same training on conservation, sustainable use and equitable sharing of biodiversity.



Any individual can take steps to make biodiversity a welcome part of everyday life. The Townscape Renaissance Project, initiated by Construction Administration since 1999, aims to reconstruct townscape through social, economic and environmental reform. Care for the environment is one of the key spirits of the project. In 2006, under the advice of the National Council of Sustainable Development, the Construction Administration launched a "Model Eco-community" project to give out grant to those who can consolidate ecological design, sustainable cultivation, and alternative energy to build an ecologically sustainable community.

Other activities included providing aids to local communities, NGOs, private sectors to encourage partnership in implementation of biodiversity work; holding hundreds of workshops, training courses and conferences to promote capacity building, education, and raise of public awareness; supporting international conservation projects to assist implementation of biodiversity work by NGOs and developing countries in the region and around the world.



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