

# ASEAN CENTRE FOR BIODIVERSITY

## TERMS OF REFERENCE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ACB-SAC)

### Functions and Responsibilities:

The ACB-SAC shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- 1) Provide scientific advice and technical support to ACB in its programmes and projects covering various biodiversity thematic areas
  - a. Provide technical review of proposals being supported under various projects of ACB
  - b. Provide scientific and technical advice in the development of common positions and joint position papers on international negotiation processes (e.g. SBSTTA, ASEAN Pre-COP Meetings, etc.)
  - c. Provide support in developing strategies to influence leaders to use science as basis for policy and decision-making
  - d. Provide guidance and support in the monitoring and evaluation of ACB programmes and projects; and serve as resource speakers in ACB-organized workshops, conferences and capacity building initiatives.
- 2) Support the technical requirements of the ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHP) Programme
  - a. Provide technical inputs in the development of management standards for ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHPs)
  - b. Contribute to the review of AHP nomination criteria
  - c. Conduct reviews of the AHP regional action plan as necessary
  - d. Conduct reviews of AHP management plans as may be requested
- 3) Provide technical expertise on the content and presentation of biodiversity data and knowledge products made available through the ASEAN Clearing House Mechanism and related ACB websites, such as, but not limited to:
  - a. E-library
  - b. Species Database
  - c. Protected Areas Database
  - d. Species in Protected Areas
  - e. Contributing ideas towards the development of applications (apps) useful for biodiversity conservation
- 4) Serve as peer reviewers of ACB publications (e.g. ASEAN Biodiversity Outlook, Technical Reports and Proceedings, etc.).
- 5) Support the functions of the AHP Committee, the ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB) and the ACB Governing Board, through ACB. The ACB shall serve as the Secretariat of the ACB-SAC.
- 6) Contribute to the development and content population of the Roster of ASEAN Biodiversity Experts (RABE ([rabe.aseanbiodiversity.org](http://rabe.aseanbiodiversity.org))). The RABE will serve as a key resources for the ACB SAC for expertise that will complement the SAC membership.

**Composition:**

The ACB SAC will be composed of a roster of experts agreed upon by the AMS through the ACB GB. The roster of experts shall be composed of

- Experts on natural sciences, economic or social sciences of relevance to ACB work.
- Selected among recognised and respected scientists in the ASEAN region or in the AMS where they have been nominated
- Those nominated by AMS to internationally and regionally recognized bodies and platforms such as the CBD and IPBES.
- Experts endorsed and or nominated by relevant ASEAN working groups or bodies such as AWGCME, AWGNCB, AWGEE and the CITESWE

**Meetings**

ACB SAC members will meet as necessary to perform the above functions.

The ACB SAC will also work remotely through emails. The members of the SAC will receive the documents to be reviewed and will be requested to give their contribution within agreed deadlines.