

## ***Election of Executive Members***

The Executive Committee of ISME consists of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer and an Executive Secretary. All positions are honorary. Election of the Executive Members of ISME, except the position of the Executive Secretary, is held once in every three years coinciding with the General Assembly. The following members have been nominated by the present Committee, to serve for the term of 2011 to 2014, if there is no objection from members of ISME:

**President:**

**Prof. Sanit Aksornkoae (Thailand),**  
President of Thailand Environment Institute;  
Professor Emeritus of Kasetsart University

**Vice-Presidents:**

**H.E. Noboru Nakahira (Japan),**  
Former Ambassador to United Arab Emirates,  
Malaysia and Canada

**Prof. Francois Blasco (France),**  
Former Director, Laboratoire d'Ecologie  
Terrestre, France

**Assoc. Prof. Norman C. Duke (Australia),**  
Centre for Marine Studies, University of  
Queensland, Australia

**Treasurer:**

**Dr. Chan Hung Tuck (Malaysia),**  
Former Director, Research Management  
Division, Forest Research Institute Malaysia

If there is no objection from members of ISME, the nominated members will serve the Executive Committee for the term of September 2011 to September 2014 without voting.

**Objection, if there is any, please write to  
ISME Secretariat by 15 February 2011**

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## ***Next General Assembly: Sabah, Malaysia, 12-15 Sept. 2011***

ISME holds its General Assembly once in every three years. The last Assembly was in Bangkok, Thailand in August 2008. The next Assembly will be held in Sandakan, Sabah, Malaysia, from 12-15 September 2011. It will be jointly organized by Sabah Forestry Department and ISME. The Eighth General Assembly will report and review the activities implemented by ISME for the period of the past three years, and will discuss the programme and budget for the coming three years. Details will be announced in the next issue.

## ***New Project***

### **ISME/SFD Mangrove Rehabilitation Project**

Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. in Japan has kindly agreed to sponsor the project. The first phase of the project will be for three years from 2011 to 2014. The project will be implemented by Sabah Forestry Department (SFD) in collaboration with ISME. Prof. Baba, Dr. Chan and Ms. Oshiro visited SFD in Sandakan from 11-12 July 2010 and



Trial area besides Sungai Lalasun for initial planting of *Rhizophora mucronata*

had a meeting with staff of SFD chaired by the Director. To formalise the collaborative effort, SFD and ISME jointly signed a MOU on 10 November 2010 in Kota Kinabalu. Officials of Tokio Marine Nichido also attended the signing ceremony. Initial planting has been carried out in a trial area of 3 ha besides Sungai Lalasun near Sandakan to work out the planting technique and estimated cost. It is envisaged that a total area of 50 ha will be planted each year.

## ISME/ITTO Small Project

ISME has secured funding from ITTO to implement a small project on *Production of an Educational Book Series on Mangroves for Sustainable Management and Utilization of Mangrove Ecosystems* [ITTO/ISME SPD 564/09 Rev.1 (F)]. Dr. H.T. Chan has been appointed the Project Coordinator (PC). Book 1: *Introduction to Mangrove Ecosystems* will be a coffee table book for general reading by the public. The book will be less technical and more illustrative. Book 2: *Structure, Function and Management of Mangrove Forests*. It is more technical as it will serve as a reference book for college and university students. Book 3: *Useful Products from Mangrove Plants* would be of interest to the private sector. Technical experts identified as Lead Authors are Dr. B. Clough (Australia), Prof. J.E. Ong (Malaysia) and Prof. S. Baba (Japan), respectively. The Executive Committee of ISME functions as the Project Technical Committee (PTC) for the above project and the official starting date of the project is July 2010. With the appointment of the PC and Lead Authors, efforts to draft the book chapters have commenced. The Workshop for Target Users has been scheduled to coincide with ISME's Eighth General Assembly which will be held in Sandakan, Sabah, Malaysia from 12-15 September 2011. The printing of the books for distribution would mark the final activity of the project.

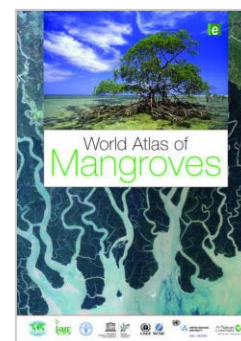
## New Publication

### World Atlas of Mangroves

The English version of the *World Atlas of Mangroves* (ISBN: 978-1-84407-657-4) has been published in July 2010. This full colour atlas provides the first truly global assessment of the state of the world's mangroves. Written by Mark Spalding, Mami Kainuma and Lorna Collins, the atlas contains 60 full-page maps showing locations of all the world's mangroves, hundreds of photographs and illustrations and comprehensive country-by-country assessments

of mangroves. The detailed maps and new mangrove area statistics are derived from recent satellite imagery, comprising the most comprehensive study ever undertaken of these important ecosystems.

The atlas is the result of a project implemented by ISME since 2005 as a joint initiative of ITTO, ISME, FAO, UNEP-WCMC, UNESCO-MAB, UNU-INWEH and The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Major funding was provided by ITTO through a Japanese Government project grant. For further information on the atlas, please contact ISME or visit Earthscan at <http://www.earthscan.co.uk/isbn/9781844076574>.



The Atlas Launch was held at the Forest Biodiversity side event of CBD COP10 (Nagoya, Japan) on 21 October 2010 organized by ITTO, FAO and ISME. A copy of the Atlas was presented to Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of CBD by Prof. Shigeyuki Baba, Executive Secretary of ISME, on behalf of all the project partners.



Prof. Baba presenting the *World Atlas of Mangroves* to Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of CBD.  
Photo by CBD Secretariat.

## Training Course Participants enjoyed Discussion with Students

The training course on sustainable utilization of mangrove ecosystems has been implemented by ISME, organized and financed by JICA, since 1995. The number of participants this year was seven, from Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico, Myanmar (2), Sri Lanka and Vietnam. The 12-week training consisted of lectures and field surveys on Iriomote Island and other islands. In the final weeks, participants formulated

action plans and proposals for presentation. Their presentation was made at University of the Ryukyus, and participated by over 30 students, the QA session was held in a lively atmosphere.



Course participants and university students after the presentation.

## ***New Members*** (up to April 2010)

### **- FRANCE -**

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#### ***Dear Members:***

ISME has been sending its Newsletter to its members through postal services. However, in order to save printing time, paper, and postage, ISME would like to start disseminating electronic copies (PDF) of the Newsletter, as a replacement to the printed copies. If you wish to receive ISME Newsletter electronically, please e-mail the following details to the Secretariat (isme@mangrove.or.jp): Your name, e-mail address and ISME member number. Thank you.



## ISME/GLOMIS Electronic Journal

**Vol. 8, No. 1 (January 2010).** Antioxidant properties of coastal and inland populations of *Hibiscus tiliaceus* by S.K. Wong & E.W.C. Chan

**Vol. 8, No. 2 (February 2010).** Coastal rehabilitation project in the Maldives by S. Baba, S. Yamagami & Y. Nakao

**Vol. 8, No. 3 (March 2010).** Chemistry of lignin in *Sonneratia apetala* (Keora) wood of Bangladesh by M.S. Jahan, A. Al-Maruf & D.A.N. Chowdhury

**Vol. 8, No. 4 (April 2010).** Sacrificial leaf hypothesis of mangroves by L.J. Gray, K. Shubin, H. Cummins, H., D. McCollum, T. Bruns & E. Comiskey

**Vol. 8, No. 5 (May 2010).** Unique features of mangrove ecosystems in India by K. Kathiresan

**Vol. 8, No. 6 (June 2010).** Shoreline changes of the Sundarbans mangrove (1973–2006) by M.M. Rahman

**Vol. 8, No. 7 (July 2010).** About the mangroves of Banc d'Arguin, Mauritania by F. Blasco

*ISME/GLOMIS Electronic Journal* is a peer reviewed on-line journal dedicated to inform mangrove scientists and the general public on scientific knowledge and issues related to mangrove ecosystems. The journal welcomes manuscripts with scientific merit reporting original fundamental or applied research on mangrove biology, ecology, physiology, hydrology, chemistry, forestry, fisheries, management, conservation, rehabilitation and utilization. Manuscripts on mangrove-related environmental issues, e.g. climate change, sea-level rise, erosion, pollution and sedimentation, are also welcomed. To view the articles, please visit GLOMIS at <http://www.glomis.com>.

### *Membership of ISME*

**Individual membership:**

JPY2,000 (approx. US\$22) annually;

**Life membership:**

JPY20,000 (approx. US\$220);

**Institutional membership:**

JPY25,000 (approx. US\$270) annually.

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### *News from your country*

If you have any news from your country or your work concerning mangrove ecosystems that you wish to see published in the ISME newsletter, please forward it to ISME Secretariat.

### *Send articles/publications of mangrove to ISME Secretariat*

ISME is organizing GLOMIS. Please send articles/publications concerning mangroves and mangrove ecosystems to ISME Secretariat.

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