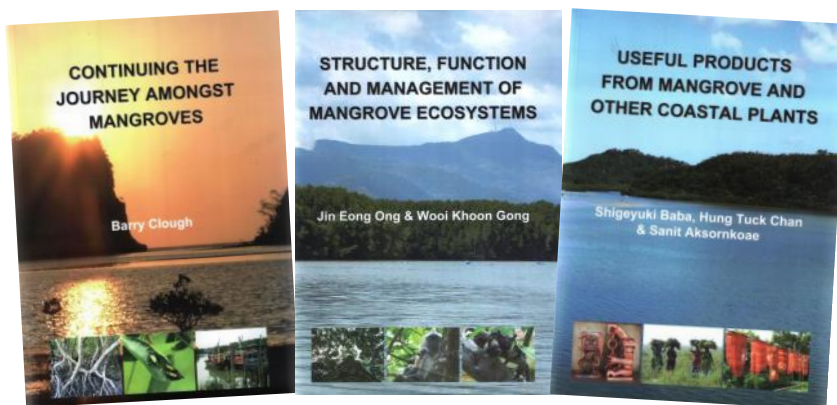


## *Mangrove Educational Books*

ISME has recently published three mangrove educational books. They are *Continuing the Journey Amongst Mangroves* by Barry Clough; *Structure, Function & Management of Mangrove Ecosystems* by J.E. Ong & W.K. Gong; and *Useful Products from Mangrove & other Coastal Plants* by S. Baba, H.T. Chan & S. Aksornkoae.



These books were outputs of the ITTO/ISME Small Project entitled Production of an Educational Book Series on Mangroves for Sustainable Management and Utilization of Mangrove Ecosystems [ITTO/ISME SPD 564/09 Rev. 1 (F)], funded by ITTO and the Government of Japan. The trilogy was written and published in commemoration of Prof. Shigeyuki Baba (Executive Director of ISME), who retired from University of the Ryukyus in March 2013.

The three mangrove books were launched by ISME and ITTO in Sabah. Hosted by the Sabah Forestry Department (SFD), the launching ceremony was held at the Rainforest Discovery Centre (RDC) in Sepilok, Sandakan, on 12 March 2013. In attendance were Datuk Sam Mannan (Director of SFD), Prof. Sanit Aksornkoae (President of ISME), Prof. Shigeyuki Baba (Executive Director of ISME) and Dr. Steve Johnson (Representative of ITTO).

The launching ceremony started with the signing of books by authors and key officials from ISME and ITTO.



Signing of Book 3 by the authors L-R: Dr. Chan, Prof. Baba and Prof. Sanit)

Twenty five copies of each book were sent to ITTO for distribution to all member countries. Signed copies were presented to the following persons or organizations:

- Princess Maha Sirindhorn of Thailand
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan
- Chief Executive Officer of ITTO
- The Honourable Chief Minister of Sabah
- Datuk Sam Mannan (Director of SFD)

At the same time, the books were launched on the ISME and GLOMIS websites, and are currently indexed in the database of Google Scholar. Free PDF copies of the books can be downloaded from these websites (ISME: <http://www.mangrove.or.jp/> GLOMIS: <http://www.glomis.com/>). In conjunction with the launching was a special event commemorating the retirement of Prof. Baba from University of the Ryukyus in March 2013. The event was publicized by Borneo Post and See Hua Daily, two local newspapers in Sabah.



One of several souvenirs presented to Prof. Baba in Sabah

## ISME-ITTO Mangrove Seminar

Following the launching ceremony, a seminar for target users was convened. Chaired by Prof. Sanit Aksornkoe, the authors presented highlights of their books. Some 60 participants from Japan, Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia attended the seminar.



Participants of the ISME-ITTO Mangrove Seminar (seated L-R: Tuan Fidelis Bajau, Prof. Sanit Aksornkoe, Datuk Sam Mannan, Dr. Steve Johnson and Prof. Baba)

## Mangrove Ecosystems Occasional Papers No. 4

The ISME Mangrove Ecosystems Occasional Papers No. 4 have been published. The issue has two papers. They are:

- a. Environmental Characteristics of Mangroves for Restoration in the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico by Prof. Toyohiko Miyagi of Tohoku Gakuin University
- b. Silviculture Manual for Mangrove Restoration in the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico by Mr. Koichi Tsuruda of Action for Mangrove Reforestation (ACTMANG)



## International Workshop on Mangrove Conservation

Organised by the Gujarat Ecology Commission (GEC) in association with the Ministry of State, Forest and Environment Government of Gujarat, World Bank, Mangrove Society of India (MSI) and ISME, the International Workshop on Mangrove Conservation was held at Mahatma Mandir Seminar Hall, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India from 26–27 July 2013.

Among the speeches delivered during the Inauguration were the welcome address by Dr. A.K. Verma (Member Secretary, Gujarat Ecology Commission), and addresses by Prof. Sanit Aksornkoe (President of ISME), Dr. S.T. Paul (Task Team Leader, ICZM Project of World Bank), and by representatives from the Ministry of State, Forest and Environment Government of Gujarat.

The inauguration was accompanied by a lighting of lamp ceremony to celebrate 26 July as the International Mangrove Day. Some 20 participants from overseas and 200 participants from India attended the workshop with some 30 papers presented.



Prof. Sanit (President of ISME) addressing the International Workshop on Mangrove Conservation in India

## ISME Executive Committee Meeting

The 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ISME Executive Committee (EC), chaired by Prof. Sanit Aksornkoe (the President), was held in Fortune Inn Haveli, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India on 28 July 2013. Among the agenda were report by the Executive Director (Prof. S. Baba), status of completed projects, status of on-going projects and activities, report on financial status 2011 and 2012, and presentation of program and budget 2013 and 2014. The next EC meeting and the 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will be held in August 2015 with Krabi or Nakhon Si Thammarat as likely venues.

## stories of SUCCESS



Assist. Prof. Eric W.C. Chan has published four papers in the ISME/GLOMIS E-Journal. Currently, he lectures chemistry at the Faculty of Applied Sciences, UCSI University, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He is a Scientific Advisory Board Member of the Journal of Intercultural Ethnopharmacology since 2012. In 2010, he was a recipient of the Prestige Top 40 under 40 Award, which honours 40 young men and women with outstanding talent in Malaysia each year. He is listed in Marquis Who's Who in the World 2014, the source for biography on the world's most distinguished individuals.



Dr. Tomomi Inoue is a Senior Researcher at the Center for Environmental Biology and Ecosystem Studies, National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), Tsukuba, Japan. She has published a paper entitled, 'Butterflies and mangrove branches' in the ISME/GLOMIS E-Journal. She is currently an Editorial Board Member of Global Environmental Research (GER), a journal of the Association of International Research Initiatives for Environmental Studies.



Mr. P. Ragavan is a Research Scholar at the Department of Ocean Studies and Marine Biology, Pondicherry University, Port Blair, India. He has published a paper entitled "Preliminary study on natural hybrids of genus *Rhizophora* in India" in the ISME/GLOMIS E-Journal.

Recently, he received the Best Poster Award at the International Workshop on Mangrove Conservation in India held at Gujarat in July 2013.



Author of two papers in the ISME/GLOMIS E-Journal, Dr. Joseph Tangah obtained his Ph.D. degree from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) in 2012. His thesis is entitled 'The ecology and behaviour of proboscis monkey (*Nasalis larvatus*) in mangrove habitat of Labuk

Bay, Sabah'. Currently, he is the Head of Forest Conservation at the Forest Research Centre (FRC) of the Sabah Forestry Department (SFD), a Honorary Institutional Member of ISME.



Author of two papers in the ISME/GLOMIS E-Journal, Dr. Jane S.K. Wong has recently obtained her Ph.D. degree from Monash University Sunway, Malaysia. Her thesis is entitled 'Bioactivities and chemical constituents of leaves of selected Apocynaceae species in Peninsular Malaysia'.

### *New Members*

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Butterflies and mangrove branches by S. Baba, T. Inoue, T. Kadoya & K. Fukuda

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Cluster planting of mangroves along Sungai Garama, Beaufort, Sabah, Malaysia by J. Tangah, S. Baba & H.T. Chan

### Volume 10, No. 7 (October 2012)

Antioxidant and anti-tyrosinase properties of wood vinegar from Matang Mangroves, Malaysia by Eric W.C. Chan, Y.P. Tan, S.J. Chin & L.Y. Gan

### Volume 10, No. 8 (November 2012)

*Avicennia marina* foliage as a salt enrichment nutrient for New Zealand dairy cattle by G.S. Maxwell & C. Lai



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