MANAGING COASTAL BIODIVERSITY UNDER URBANISATION PRESSURES

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**SINGAPORE ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE**

**Singapore Cooperation Programme**

Singapore has provided technical assistance to other developing countries since the 1960s. As a country whose only resource is its people, Singapore believes that human resource development is vital for economic and social progress. Singapore itself has benefited from training provided by other countries and international organisations.

In 1992, the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) was established to bring together under one framework the various technical assistance programmes offered by Singapore. Through the SCP, the range and number of training programmes were increased to share Singapore’s development experience with other developing countries.

To date, over 134,000 officials from more than 170 countries and territories have participated in our courses and study visits. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore.

**Singapore Environment Institute**

The Singapore Environment Institute (SEI) is the training and knowledge division of the National Environment Agency (NEA) of Singapore. It is responsible for the delivery of in-house technical training and building of environmental knowledge among staff to build a relevant, resourceful and resilient NEA workplace.

Through its industry programmes with institutes of higher learning, SEI also supports capability building and Continuing Education and Training (CET) needs within the local environmental services industry. In addition, the Institute actively supports the capacity building needs of identified countries via training programmes and workshops.

**Climate Action Package**

This course is part of Singapore’s Climate Action Package, a suite of courses launched in 2018 to support the efforts of other developing countries in building climate resilience and achieving their climate pledges.

**Course Objectives**

This course shares Singapore’s approach to protect and manage coastal biodiversity in the face of intense urbanisation. It will also discuss the impact of climate change on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals from the aspect of coastal ecosystem services.

**Synopsis**

Topics to be covered include:

* Climate Change and Singapore;
* Singapore Green Plan 2030;
* Ecosystem services and benefits;
* Response to urbanisation and climate change impact;
* Enhancing biodiversity of the urbanised coastal environment; and
* Management approaches relevant to urbanisation, climate change adaptation and mitigation.

**Methodology**

This course will be delivered through ***synchronous e-Learning*** (‘live’ e-learning sessions). There will be Q&A sessions and facilitated group discussions during the ‘live’ sessions.

**Duration**

**The course will be held over 5 days from 5 to 9 July 2021, 1400h to 1730h (Singapore time; UTC+08:00) each day. [Note: Session timings may be subject to change.] Participants will receive the detailed programme schedule once it is finalised.**

Prior to course commencement, SEI would conduct a compulsory onboarding session to brief all participants on the rules of engagement (break time, attendance, punctuality, recording, Q&A).

**Application Information**

Applicants should be:

* Mid- to senior-level government officials involved in policymaking for coastal management, sustainability and environmental excellence or related fields;
* Able to attend **all** the synchronous e-learning sessions. They will require an internet-enabled device with Zoom installed, webcam, microphone and audio; and
* Proficient in written and spoken English.

**Terms of Award**

The course is sponsored by the Government of Singapore under the Singapore Cooperation Programme Training Award.

**Regulations**

Participants are required to comply with the following:

* Strictly observe course schedules and not miss training sessions, and;
* Carry out instructions and abide by conditions as may be stipulated by the nominating Authority or Government and the Government of Singapore and its appointed trainer, with respect to the course.

**Application Procedure**

(Closing date for nomination: **24 May 2021**)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance (NFP) to nominate **one** suitable applicant. Selection of candidates will be based on merit. Should there be more applicants than training places, the Government of Singapore seeks the understanding of the respective NFP in the event that its nominee(s) is not selected.

All nominees are to submit their applications online **at** [**https://go.gov.sg/coastalbiodiversity2021**](https://go.gov.sg/coastalbiodiversity2021)by **24 May 2021**.

NFPs are also required to endorse nominees via email links. Instructions and FAQs for Applicants and NFPs can be found at the links below:

* Applicants: <https://go.gov.sg/start-guide>
* NFPs: <https://go.gov.sg/start-nfp>

**Note:**

* Participants who complete all course assignments and attend at least 66% of ‘live’ e-learning sessions, will receive a certificate of completion from the SCP.
* Applicants should refrain from making telephone and email inquiries on the status of their applications.
* The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore** will inform all applicants of the outcome of their applications. The NFP will also be informed directly.

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