



Civil Society Forum on Social Forestry in ASEAN

ICCAs in the ASEAN: Issues, Tools, Experiences

TENURE AND ACCESS RIGHTS
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OBJECTIVES



- Introduce ICCAs
- Share country experiences on ICCA initiatives
- Increase capacity on ICCA mapping and documentation




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An Overview of ICCAs particularly in the Southeast Asia context

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Territories and Areas Conserved by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (ICCA)



- Successful examples of collective decision-making about nature
- The oldest form of 'conservation' on earth
- Closely related to peoples' livelihoods, culture and identity
- Found everywhere
- Have thousands of local names
- Extremely diverse



Territories and Areas Conserved by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (ICCA)



IUCN (2004): "...natural and modified ecosystems including significant biodiversity, ecological services and cultural values **voluntarily** conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities through customary laws or other effective means..."



Essential characteristics that define an ICCA



1. IP or local community has a close connection to the area
2. They are the major decision-maker and have the capacity to develop and enforce regulations
3. Their decision and efforts lead to conservation of biodiversity, ecological functions and cultural values

Governance is about "who makes decisions" and "how decisions are made".



ICCAs can be strict preservation, sustainable use, and/or restoration

Is your community an ICCA?
or
Do you work with communities
with an ICCA?

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Yes

No

ICCAs conserve nature and secure livelihoods

- they encompass a huge range of ecosystems, habitats, species and genetic resources, maintain ecosystem functions and provide biodiversity connectivity in the landscape/seascape
- they secure energy, food, water, fodder and income for millions of people
- their coverage has been estimated as comparable to government protected areas (12% of terrestrial surface)



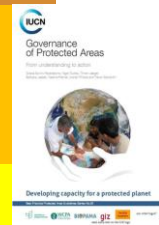
International Recognition for ICCAs

- UN Convention on Biological Diversity recognizes ICCAs as “other effective area-based conservation measures”
- IUCN has passed several resolutions recognizing indigenous peoples’ rights, including where ICCAs overlap with protected areas
- ICCA Registry at UNEP WCMC



International Recognition for ICCAs

The IUCN guidance on governance of protected areas devotes extensive sections to ICCAs as one of the four main recognised “governance types”



Many international studies have shown that areas managed by communities are better conserved than strict protected areas managed by government.

Does your government officially recognize ICCAs?

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Yes

No

The ICCA Consortium


- international association with 121 members which are organizations and federations of indigenous peoples’ and local communities, and civil society groups that work closely with them
- 275 honorary individual members



The ICCA Consortium



MISSION

To promote the appropriate recognition of ICCAs, and give appropriate support to them



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- rooted in the movements that promoted equity in conservation, and the international policy recognition of ICCAs
- pushes for international recognition of ICCAs as an effective conservation system

Is your organization a member of the ICCA Consortium?



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Yes

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No

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The ICCA Consortium

How can it help?



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Assist in finding partners and developing initiatives to:

- restore and reaffirm governance rights and management capacity over ICCAs
- get recognition for ICCAs at national and international level (exchanges, alerts, national federations, project proposals, training, advocacy for policy & legislation, etc.)



Technical Publications of the ICCA Consortium



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The ICCA Consortium

SEAsia Regional Learning Network



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a collaboration started in 2015 that provides avenues for mutual learning and exchanges towards enhanced awareness and capacities to recognize and support ICCAs



The ICCA Consortium

Indonesia SEAsia Regional Learning Network



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WGII: Working Group on ICCAs in Indonesia

- Started at an ICCA symposium hosted by NTFP-EP in October 2011 and organized by several partners including ICCA Consortium; now composed of 9 members
- BRWA (Ancestral Domain Registration Agency) has recorded 4.2M has of mapped community territories
- 21 ICCAs documented
- WGII has been pushing for revisions to relevant laws to include recognition and protection of IP rights






Philippines

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- 1st ICCA Conference in 2012 resulted in the Manila Declaration
- Bukluran, Inc. (the Philippine ICCA Consortium) was established in 2013
- Government project on ICCA now on phase 2 has documented 18 ICCAs with a total of 86,000 has
- Currently lobbying for an ICCA Bill





Malaysia

SEAsia Regional Learning Network



- ICCA Consortium members and partners have been supporting communities with their tenure rights and resource management
- PACOS Trust is leading the implementation of a UNDP SGP project to document 28 ICCAs and conduct a legal review





Vietnam

SEAsia Regional Learning Network



- Vietnam Learning Group on ICCAs formed in 2015 with 5 organizations
- Legal review has been conducted, and support from different agencies sought
- Assessment of status of ICCAs in the country ongoing, from which the group plans to identify 10 pilot sites





Myanmar

SEAsia Regional Learning Network



- First national workshop on ICCAs held in June 2016
- Policy brief submitted to the Forestry Department
- Study visit to the Philippines
- Currently establishing a national network





Plans for the Future

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- Strengthen regional and national networks for mutual learning and support among ICCA communities and support groups
- Establish national networks in countries where they do not yet exist
- Give support to establishment of national registries and to communities who want to register with the UNEP-WCMC
- Write a Southeast Asia publication on ICCAs in the region





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Thank you!
Gyi tzoo tin bah deh!
Terima kasih!
Cam on!
Au kun!
Salamat!

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