

ONE DAY USER WORKSHOP ON ISBEID

4TH September 2008

Forest Conference Hall Gangtok

The workshop on ISBEID was held on the 4th of September at Forest Conference hall; Forest Department where experts from MoEF and NIC New Delhi and participants from the north eastern states that is Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Jharkhand, and Orissa participated. The line departments from the respective departments were also present; this was definitely the first time in the history of such workshop conducted by ENVIS centers that the line departments were present.

Experts from New Delhi Dr. Dababrata De (Research Officer, ENVIS, MoEF); Mr. Sanjay S Gahlout (Sr. Technical Director, NIC); Mr. Ajay Kr Pathak (Scientist 'D', NIC); Mr. Anil Kumar (Scientist 'D' & Network Coordinator, NIC) were present for educating the participants on the ISBEID workshop.

The workshop started with a welcome address by the Mr. C. Lachungpa, Programme Coordinator, ENVIS Sikkim, to the guest of honor HFM, experts from New Delhi and the participants along with the traditional style of garlanding them with the khadas. This was followed by the inauguration of the workshop by the HFM Shri S.B.Subedi and the address by the PCCF-cum-Secretary Mr. S.T.Lachungpa.

HFM expressed his gratitude to the ministry for choosing Sikkim as one of the state for carrying out such a workshop as well as thanking them for supporting ENVIS centre Sikkim in carrying out its activities on status of Environment & its related issues.

The PCCF-cum-Secretary too expressed his keen interest in the workshop. CCF Mr. R. C. Minra, Additional PCCF Mr. Manjit Singh too showed their interest in this workshop.

This brought an end to the inaugural session followed by a short break.

The technical session began with GIS (Geographical Information System) for ISBEID project overview & demonstration by Mr. Sanjay Gahlout, regarding the entering of data into the ISBEID software and the future prospects of the non-spatial data being available to the general public, the advantages it would serve not only for official purposes but for planners, policy makers as well. MIS (Management Information System) for ISBEID was demonstrated by Mr. Amit Bhandari, programmer, ENVIS, MoEF. Software Presentation to GIS for ISBEID was done by Mr. Ajay Kumar regarding the availability of non-spatial and helping in its location in its spatial form. He further discussed the advantages of the availability of spatial data through GIS in helping locate the different places especially the industries, forest area and for monitoring and evaluation of various places. The technical session ended with the presentation by the experts breaking for lunch. Thereafter hands-on training in ISBEID software with GIS interface by Mr. Ajay Kumar & Mr. Anil Kumar, NIC, New Delhi was

demonstrated in order to make the participants understand the method of feeding data into the ISBEID software.

Followed by the hands-on training was the progress report by the state ENVIS centres namely Assam, Tripura, Orissa, Manipur, Jharkhand and Sikkim. The progress reports of feeding data into the ISBEID software were cross checked; most important of all was the bottlenecks discussed in feeding data. The main problems were the data availability being made mandatory into the software. Main issue were that India consisting of its varied geographical ; different regions have different crops , varied natural resources for which data availability is there but one cannot feed data into the software since one doesn't have the option to feed data into it. Solutions of having a optional data entry on the software was finalized; a provision for flexibility is the need for various geographical regions. Certain flaws in the software such as, Tourism module not accepting any data and like-wise were detected and certain amendments that were needed to the software for making it more user friendly were discussed.

The workshop ended on a positive note.

SNAPSHOTS



From Left: (Sanjay S. Gahlout, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, New Delhi), (Manjit Singh, Addl. PCCF), (S.B.Subedi, Hon'ble Forest Minister), (S.T.Lachungpa, PCCF), (Anil Mainra, CCF)



Participants from North-Eastern ENVIS Centres