

EAST ASIA BOTANIC GARDENS NETWORK (EABGN)

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WHY IMPORTANT?

East Asia represents one of the richest plant diversity in the world. Its unique flora is often seen crossing political borders of this region. Conservation and sustainable use of this region's plant diversity, which is facing a serious threat today, can not be longer only the national issue.

Throughout this region, there are over 250 botanic gardens, of which a majority are small with limited resources, but have been already playing an important role of the local and national plant conservation.

WHO ARE THE MEMBERS?

Botanic Gardens from;

- PR China
- Hong Kong, SAR
- Macao, SAR
- Taiwan
- South Korea
- North Korea
- Japan
- Mongolia
- Far East part of Russia

WHEN STARTED?

EABGN was formally established at its first meeting in August 2006 with the support of BGCI, followed by the agreed recommendation of the representatives made at its initial meeting held in 2005.

WHAT OBJECTIVES?

- to encourage and enhance information exchange and cooperation to improve education, research and conservation in botanic gardens
- to assist in the interpretation and implementation of the 2010 Targets and the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC)
- to assist efforts for East Asia plant conservation through training and staff exchange



1st EABGN Meeting
2006, Kunming, China

WHAT ACTIONS?

- By working together with BGCI, the network and members to be promoted, globally, regionally, and nationally (eg. *BGjournal*, vol.3 no2 translated into the region's main languages, Global Congress)
- GSPC in Korean language to be published
- Homepage to be developed, including the translation of 2010 targets into the region's main languages
- Identify priorities of plant conservation need of the region
- Further issue and efforts in regional plant conservation- climate change and plant conservation etc.

And more.....