

COMBINED WORKSHOP ON

**REGIONAL CO-OPERATION ON CONSERVATION OF BIO-DIVERSITY
HOTSPOTS OF THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT AND TAXONOMIC
DATABASES FOR CONSERVATION**

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A combined workshop on '**Regional cooperation on conservation of biodiversity hotspots of the Indian subcontinent and Taxonomic databases for conservation**' would be held during 23–25 August 2004. The two main themes of the workshop are:

1. Conservation of hotspots of the Indian subcontinent

India is uniquely endowed with, and shares with its neighbouring countries, two of the global hotspots of biological diversity, viz. Western Ghats and Eastern Himalayas. Obviously it has a greater responsibility in bringing together all the countries that harbour these hotspots to a common platform to work towards conservation and sustainable utilization of resources in the hotspots. Hence, the workshop plans to involve scientists from the neighbouring countries of the Indian subcontinent and aims to discuss research areas, collaborative conservation efforts and utilization opportunities of the resources.

2. Taxonomic databases for conservation

Realizing the significance of information technologies and their role in biodiversity conservation, several programs in the area of taxonomic databases have been initiated in the country. Hence this session plans to: (1) Assess the potential and future prospects of Internet taxonomic initiatives in the country, (2) Review the emerging trends and methods in taxonomy research using databases, (3) Formulate new programs through networking of scientists and utilizing new techniques in information technology.

The workshop is aimed at students and researchers involved in biodiversity conservation and taxonomic databases. There will be lectures on conceptual issues and cutting-edge research in these areas by experts. Those who wish to participate in the workshop may contact:

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