EAP-ILTER: Regional Effort for Ecosystem Research and Management under Climate Change

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International Long Term Ecological Research Network (ILTER)

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Goals of ILTER

- Foster collaboration and coordination among ecological research networks at local, regional and global scales;
- 2) Improve comparability of long-term ecological data from sites around the world, and facilitate exchange and presentation of these data;
- Deliver scientific information to scientists, policymakers and the public to me the needs of decision makers at multiple levels;
- 4) Facilitate education of the next generation of longterm scientists.

The key issues of ILTER at Present

- 1) Climate change;
- 2) Sustainable development;
- 3) Biodiversity and its sustainable use;
- 4) Sustainable use of resources and ecosystem management (including water resource management);
- 5) Environmental hazards and disasters.

East Asia and Pacific Regional Network of ILTER (EAP-ILTER)

- 6 official member networks in Australia, China (CERN and TERN), Japan, Mongolia and Thailand, including 76 sites, dealing with terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems;
- Philippines and Malaysia are preparing to join it now;
- It is the most active one in the regional networks.

Australian LTER Network

4 sites

-Cape Tribulation -Central Highland -Tumut

-Warra



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JaLTER site network (April 2008)



Forest zones of Korean Peninsula and location of KLTER sites

- GEF: Gwangneung Experiment Forest
- GBS: Mt. Gyebangsan
- GMS: Mt. Geumsan
 - SCK: Samchuk
 - JJI: Jejudo Island

Mongolian Long Term Ecological Research (MLTER) Network

1 site: Hovsgol national lake

(potential sites could include steppe grassland and desert sites)



Taiwan Ecological Research Network (TERN)

5 Sites:

- Fushan Forest
- Guan-dau-shi Forest
- Nan-jen-shan Forest
- Ta-ta-chia Forest
- Yuan-yang Lake



Thailand LTER: 10 sites



Goals and key issues of EAP-ILTER

- Implementing the goals and key issues;
- Capacity building at national level;
- Especially, developing regional IMS;
- Find raising and develop a core program.

Key issues of CERN

- Effects of climate change to the pattern of ecosystems
- Effects of climate change to the biogeochemical cycles
- Effects of climate change to biodiversity
- Responses and adaptation of ecosystem to climate change







Chinese Terrestrial Ecosystem Flux Network (ChinaFlux)



Changbai Mountain Station



Grassland in Inner Mongolia



Haibei Grassland Station



Alpine shrub

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Dangxiong at Tibetan Plateau



ChinaFlux has been registered in FLUXNET





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FLUXNET - A global network of micrometeorological tower sites that use eddy covariance methods to measure the exchanges of carbon dioxide (CO_2) , water vapor, and energy between terrestrial ecosystem and atmosphere. At present, over 200 tower sites are operating on a long-term and continuous basis. Researchers also collect data on site vegetation, soil, hydrologic, and

Network





























Treatment layout for every block

Notes:

X: block#, X = 1, 2, 3,, 9; Fn: to be burned every n yr, n = C (0), 1, 2, 4, 6; Nm: N addition rate at m N g m-2 yr-1; m = C(0), 5 (5.25), 17 (17.5), 28 (28.0); M/: Mowing frequency, l =control (C), mowing once every year(10), 1 yr mowing + 1 yr rest(11), Mowing 3 yr + 1 yr rest(31).

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Achievements of transect study in China

- Database development (vegetation, soil, climate, organisms etc.);
- Experiments of environment factors and management practices ;
- Models at various scales;
- Scenarios of ecosystems and biodiversities to global change;
- Papers.



8 = Siberia West Transect

15 = North-South Transect of Eastern China (NSTEC)

Proposal: transit study on effects of climate change to ecosystem and biodiversity cross the bioms from N. -- S. at regional level



Key issues of transit study on response and adaptation of ecosystems to climate change in East-Asia Region in current stage

- Biodiversity: species composition and distribution
- Ecosystems

 Spatial pattern
 Ecosystem services:
 Productivity
 Water
 Carbon
 Nitrogen
- Best use of data from both site- and space -based observation

News from Dr. T. Parr

- ILTER has applied to become a Participating Organization in GEO.
- As part of GEOSS, we have been beginning to work with GEO and Diversitas on a plan to establish a Global Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO-BON). This would cover both ecosystems and biodiversity.
- He attened a meeting on GEO-BON in Berlin on 8th April.
- Related to IPCC, we are also working with UNEP to try and establish a "Global Climate Change Adaptation Network" using ILTER sites as a framework for this.

ILTER Information Management Workshop on Ontology/EML Integration

- Time: April 7-12, 2008
- Location: Lake Taihu Field Station, China
- Participants: 15 experts from Austria, China, Denmark, Israel, Japan, Netherlands and U.S.A.
- Outputs:

1) Best practices/recommendations document to ILTER networks, regarding what information management approach to take when developing an IMS;

2) Proposal outline;

3) A paper defining the most urgent research questions related to the management of ecological data.





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