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**Discussion on
Strategy Paper for Future Direction of Soil and Vegetation Monitoring of EANET**

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I. Background

1. The Strategy Paper for Future Direction of Soil and Vegetation Monitoring of EANET was endorsed by the Scientific Advisory Committee at its Second Session (SAC2) in November 2002 in Bangkok, Thailand, with a few modifications for the final draft developed by the Task Force on Soil and Vegetation Monitoring.
2. The Strategy Paper described that the following four items would be implemented as the milestones, which are reflected to the specific work plan for coming five years:
 - Joint Workshop by ICP Forests and EANET: 2002
 - Implementation of the next monitoring: 2002-2005
 - Start of case studies in selected reference catchments: 2006
 - Preparation of sub-manual on forest monitoring: 2005 (*actually completed in 2006*)
3. Task Force has been promoting the above activities in line with the Strategy Paper, and the Network Center for EANET (NC) has been supporting their activities as the secretariat of the Task Force. The milestones above have mostly been implemented with relevant activities in line with the Strategy Paper, although the schedules were a little behind and some more still remained to be done.
4. Review and revision of the Strategy Paper were planned in 2006, but the schedule was behind. As the last item of the milestones, the Sub-Manual on Forest Vegetation Monitoring in EANET has just endorsed by the Scientific Advisory Committee at its 6th Session in October 2006. Therefore, it is time for starting discussion on review and revision of the Strategy Paper.

II. Points to be discussed in the reviewing process of the Strategy Paper

5. The Strategy on EANET Development (2006-2010) was adopted by the Intergovernmental Meeting at its 8th Session in November 2006, as the overall strategy of EANET activities. The Strategy on EANET Development included several activities related to ecological impacts. In the reviewing process of the Strategy Paper, such activities should be taken into account.

6. The following activities described in the Strategy on EANET Development are directly connected to the Strategy Paper:
- Review of Strategy Paper for future directions of soil and vegetation monitoring: Activity No. (8)
 - Promotion of the future catchment monitoring in line with the Strategy Paper: No. (7)
 - Evaluation of monitoring data with application of approach for assessment of impact (e.g. critical load analysis, catchment analysis, etc): No. (8)
7. Additionally, the following activities described in the Strategy on EANET Development may be related to future directions on assessments of ecological impacts:
- Discussion on promotion of modeling activities and emission inventory: No. (23)
 - Establishment of the framework for reviewing substances to be monitored including other air pollutants and monitoring parameters: No. (25)
 - Investigation on environmental/human effects of priority substances and their monitoring requirements such as monitoring equipment, sampling and analytical methods: No. (26)
- Promotion of modeling activities and effects of other air pollutants such as ozone on vegetation should be discussed in the reviewing process.
8. The current Strategy Paper described historical descriptions and information on the monitoring activities including the site name, in addition to future activities. Some descriptions overlapped with other documents. Moreover, the Strategy on EANET Development has described the basic policies and overall strategy of EANET activities. Therefore, the revised Strategy Paper should be simplified with minimized introduction and clear descriptions on future directions.

III. Revision of the Strategy Paper

9. The Network Center (NC) as the Secretariat of the Task Force will draft the revised Strategy Paper by the end of 2007, taking discussion points above into account. The draft will be circulated among the Task Force members as well as the SAC members.
10. The final draft will be presented hopefully in the 8th Session of SAC in autumn of 2008.