



## *International Society for Mangrove Ecosystems*

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ISME

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is a pleasure for me to invite you to the International Conference on Sustainable Management of Mangrove Ecosystems, to be held from 18-21 April 2017 in Bali, a famous island of Indonesia which is renowned for its enchanting beauty and culture.

The International Conference on Sustainable Management of Mangrove Ecosystems is jointly organized by International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF) of Indonesia, and the International Society for Mangrove Ecosystems (ISME), in collaboration with the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), the Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation (APFNet), the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO), other partners, and private sectors in Indonesia.

The Conference will serve as a platform for active participation of various stakeholders including policy makers, scientists, private sectors, etc. from different parts of the world to:

- Identify appropriate policies, legal frameworks and institutional arrangements for the effective sustainable management of mangrove ecosystems
- Increase the contributions of mangrove ecosystems towards climate change mitigation and adaptation including the conservation and restoration of mangrove forests and related ecosystems
- Enhance the linkage of mangrove resource management and ecosystem services to sustainable livelihoods of mangrove- dependent local communities while strengthening good governance and law enforcement
- Strengthen the cooperation among bilateral, regional and multilateral mangrove-related initiatives such as International Union for Conservation of Nature, Wetlands International, Mangroves for the Future and Pacific Mangroves Initiatives, with a view to further advance sustainable mangrove management at local, national and international levels.

In line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular with SDGs No. 14 (Life Below Water), and No. 15 (Life on Land), the Conference shall make timely and significant contributions to the lives of the present and future generations, by refining and strengthening efforts towards sustainable management and utilization of mangrove ecosystems.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I would like to extend my personal invitation for you and your colleagues to attend this Conference in Bali. I do believe that this Conference will be a good opportunity for us to learn and share our experiences and lessons learnt from the many mangrove-related projects implemented. Such knowledge is crucial for the further advancement of conservation, and sustainable management and utilization of mangrove ecosystems, regionally and worldwide.

Please come and join us in Bali,

Prof. Sanit Aksornkoae  
President of ISME &  
Senator of Thailand