

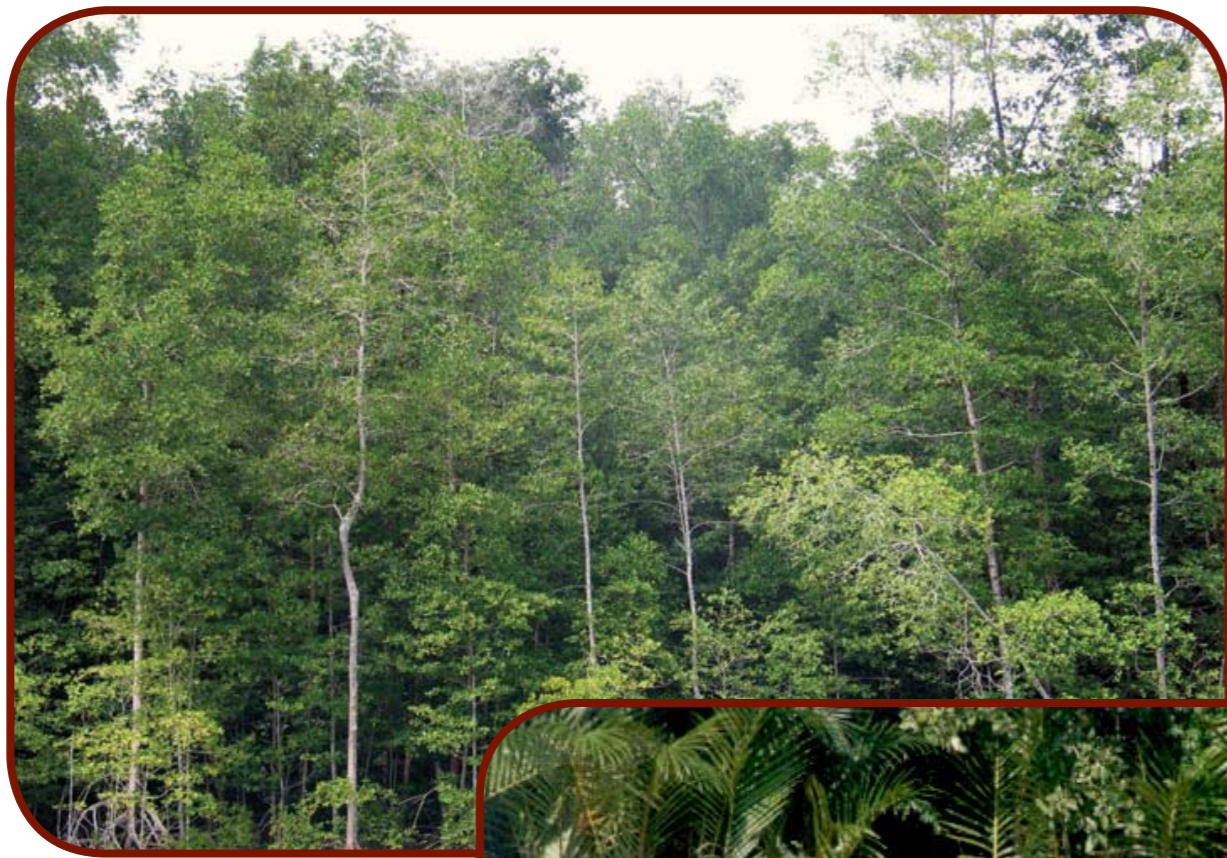


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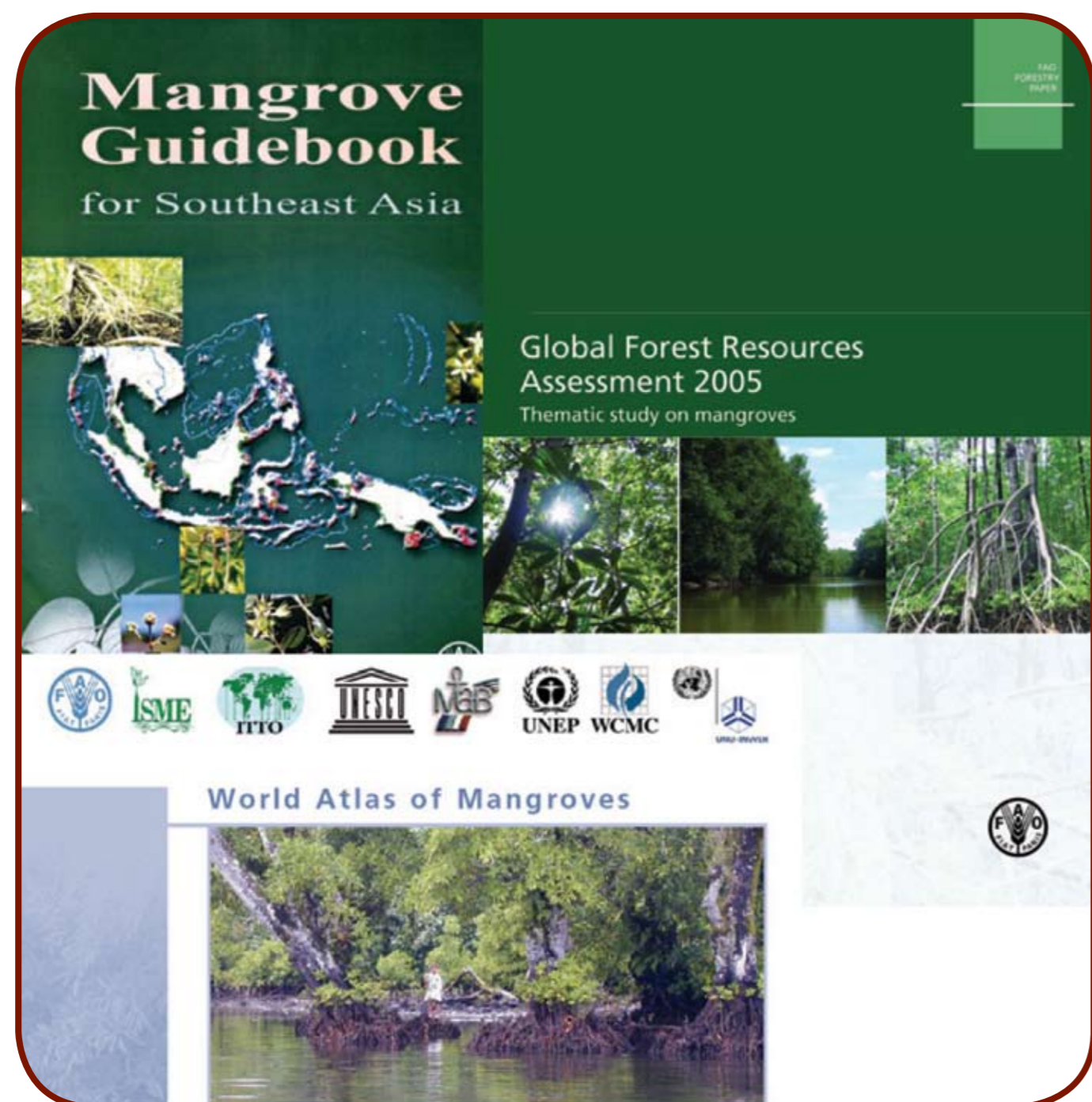
Mangrove Ecosystems Network

Forestry in Development  
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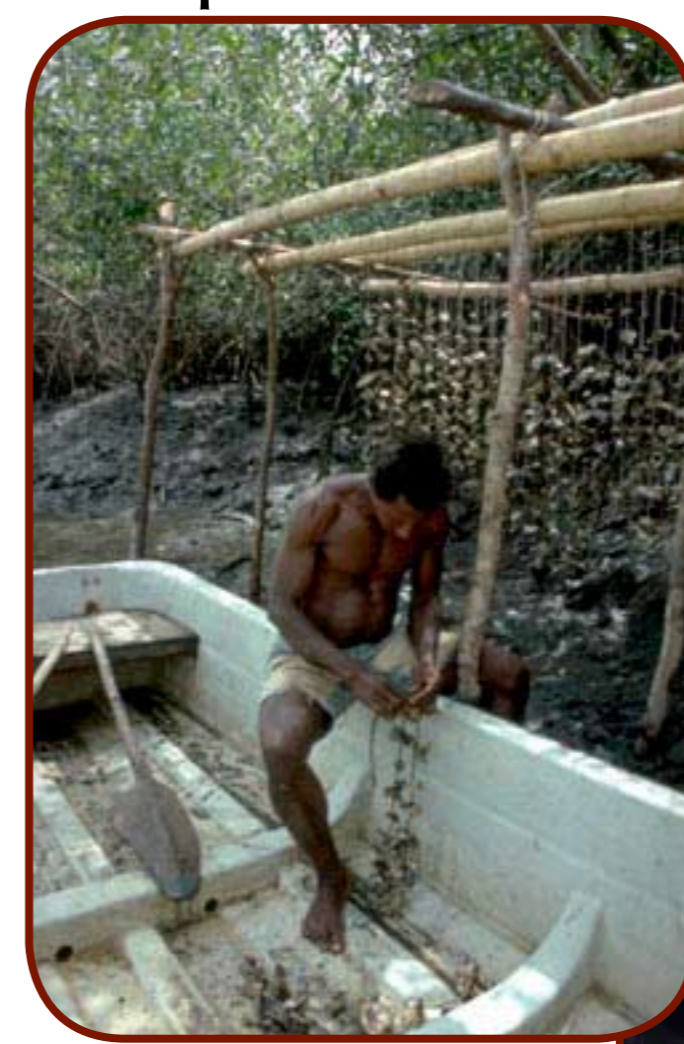
## Approach

- Exchange of information, collaboration and dialogue with more than 100 national experts/focal points
- Partnerships with international organizations, including inter alia, ISME, ITTO, UNESCO-MAB, UNEP-WCMC, UNU-UNWEH
- Support to countries for the preparation of management plans and strategies (e.g. Egypt and Cameroon)



## Scope

- Assess the current status and trends of mangroves worldwide (124 countries)
- Highlight gaps of information
- Facilitate access to comprehensive quantitative and qualitative data
- prepare tools for decision-makers and management planners, including strategies and action plans
- Initiate participatory multi-stakeholder dialogue at national and local level (e.g. forestry, fisheries, mines, coastal development)



## Weaving knowledge into development

- Preparation and distribution of publications (e.g. Status and trends in the extent of mangroves, World Atlas of Mangroves, Mangrove Guidebook)
- Provision of guidance on the development of ecotourism and other sustainable livelihood activities (wood, fuelwood, non-wood forest products) to protect mangrove forests and financially support rural communities