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Workshop Presentation: Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity

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Abstract

Rich biodiversity can exist in cities. It contributes to the quality of life and the overall sustainability of cities. We cannot manage what we cannot measure. In collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity, Singapore led the development of a self-assessment tool to help cities evaluate and monitor their biodiversity conservation efforts in an urban context. This presentation will provide an overview of the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity (SI), its potential applications and an example of its use in Singapore

Biography

Cheo Pei Rong is a Manager (Biodiversity) of the Coastal and Marine Branch at the National Biodiversity Centre, National Parks Board (NParks). Pei Rong received her BSc in Life Sciences from the National University of Singapore. She has worked on the ecology of sea cucumbers, dolphin behaviour and camouflage in ghost crabs.

At NParks, Pei Rong and her team focus on the management and conservation of biodiversity of Singapore's coastal and marine environment. She has recently developed Intertidal Monitoring Singapore (iTideSG), a citizen science programme to collect biodiversity data for the management of Singapore's coastal areas.



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