

Integrating the Singapore Biodiversity
Index to policy in Montréal

Implementation of the CBI in Montréal

- Field work outside of Parks and Ecoterritories
 - Land based habitat mapping
 - Wetland water bodies inventories and mapping
 - Availability of species inventories
- Established further inventories and studies needed to implement the CBI
- Established the level of costs and efforts required
- Some very preliminary testing of indicators, leading to comments and suggestions for improvements
- Promotion of the CBI locally and integrating it within policy development actually underway

The context - CBI as a tool in Montréal's new Biodiversity & Greening Strategy

- The Protection and Enhancement of Natural Habitat Policy (2004) under review
- Moving from 3% to 6% conservation & spent 32 M\$ so far
- Very successful but:
 - More expected in the central boroughs
 - Limits of objectives stated in %
 - Difficulty in financing sound ecological management practices for new conservation areas
 - Need to develop programs that deal with a wider spectrum of issues related to biodiversity rather than focusing mostly on conservation projects and enlargement of parks

CBI as a tool in Montréal's new Biodiversity & Greening Strategy

- Setting meaningful targets that:
 - Recognizes many levels of programs & achievements:
 - From city wide initiatives to private backyard management practices
 - From caring for large parks on the urban fringe to greening buildings & structures in central core
 - Provide, if possible, a scientific base for setting objectives & measurable results without being too labour intensive
 - More importantly targets should be easily understandable and contribute to creating a broad base of potential supporters
 - Provide a benchmarking scheme that helps compare our performance with other cities but focuses primarily on creating incentives for achieving our own "Biodiversity Potential"

CBI as a tool in Montréal's new Biodiversity & Greening Strategy

- CBI as a key component of an outreach program:
 - Establishment and updates of The CBI is expected to be the central core of web based information exchange platform
 - A major event was held this spring and many groups signed on to this approach
 - We are now in the process of getting funding for a long term commitment
 - Hope we will be able to report more progress in Nagoya in October





Slowly but Surely