

# 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