

SEMINAR 8

Leveraging Local and Indigenous Knowledge to Enhance Adaptive Capacity: Examples from Southeast Asian coastal communities

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Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities have long relied on their own knowledge to overcome crises, and they continue to do so today. As they face multiple stressors—including climate change and increased disaster risk—challenges to their adaptive capacities remain. In this seminar, I share some knowledge and practices used by coastal communities in Southeast Asia that have enabled them to adapt to various changes. I will then address questions such as: How can these communities continue to adapt to these myriad stressors in an uncertain future? How can we support adaptations in ways that do not reinforce existing vulnerabilities or create new ones? How we respond to these questions will be crucial to ensure that such knowledge continues to thrive, enabling equitable adaptation.

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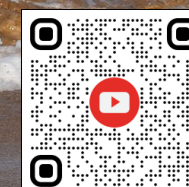
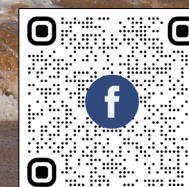
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