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Dr. Theresa Mundita S. Lim is currently the Executive Director of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) where she leads the Centre in facilitating regional cooperation among the ten Member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on biodiversity conservation and mainstreaming. She is a veterinarian by profession, specializing on wild animal disease and management. She was Director of the Philippines' Biodiversity Management Bureau for 15 years and was the national technical focal point for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and also national focal point for other biodiversity-related Multilateral Environmental



Agreements, such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, and Convention of Migratory Species (CMS), until she moved to the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity in 2018. Among her notable international roles include Chair of the 21st and 22nd Convention on Biological Diversity Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (CBD-SBSTTA 21 & 22), Member of the 9th and 10th CBD-SBSTTA Bureau (representing the Asia and the Pacific Region) and led the development of the Program of Work on Island Biodiversity as chairperson of Working Group 1 during the 10th SBSTTA. She was also Chairperson, of the 3rd Meeting on the International Cooperation on Migratory Sharks under the UNEP- Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), in Manila, Philippines, and was a Party member to the Informal Advisory Group on Mainstreaming Biodiversity of the CBD. At the Regional level, she was Chair of various ASEAN Working Groups under the Socio-cultural pillar, in particular, on coastal and marine environment, nature conservation and biodiversity, and under the Economic pillar, on CITES and Wildlife Enforcement. Her core competencies and extensive experience and expertise are in local, regional, and international governance, policy development, implementation, and innovation, partnership-building, science and policy linkages, and advocacy, specifically in the fields of biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, mainstreaming biodiversity and on wildlife management.

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