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SBSTTA 14



Spencer Thomas, SBSTTA
Chair.



Thomas Lovejoy, Biodiversity
Chair, The Heinz Center.

The fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice was held on 10-21 May 2010, at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. Gathering more than 700 delegates, the meeting was opened by the SBSTTA-14 Chair Dr. Spencer Thomas,

followed by statements by Mr. Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director, and Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, CBD Executive Secretary. Professor Thomas Lovejoy, Biodiversity Chair at The Heinz Center, addressed the delegates and presented the key findings of the GBO-3.

The meeting adopted a total of 18 recommendations that will be submitted to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD, to be held from 18-29 October 2010, in Nagoya, Japan. The recommendations address: in-depth reviews of implementation of the programmes of work on mountain biodiversity, inland waters biodiversity, marine and coastal biodiversity, protected areas, biodiversity and climate change, and Article 10 (sustainable use); agricultural biodiversity, including biofuels; biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands; forest biodiversity; invasive alien species; outcome-oriented goals and targets for the period beyond 2010; incentive measures; the Global Taxonomy Initiative; the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation; consideration of the



Jo Mulongoy, CBD, (centre) with the SBSTTA Bureau members (Photo credits: IISD/ENB).

GBO 3 messages and implications; new and emerging issues; and ways and means to improve SBSTTA effectiveness.

WGRI 3



Ahmed Djoghlafl, CBD-ES, with Angela Cropper, UNEP Deputy Executive Director, and Jochen Flasbarth, on behalf of the COP President (Photo credits: IISD/ENB).

The third meeting of the ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation (WGRI 3) of the Convention on Biological Diversity was held on 24-28 May 2010, back-to-back with the SBSTTA 14 meeting.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Jochen Flasbarth, on behalf of the COP President. Opening remarks were also made by Ms. Angela Cropper, UNEP Deputy Executive Director, and Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, CBD Executive Secretary.

The meeting adopted 12 recommendations on the following: implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan; the multi-year programme of work of the Convention for the period 2011-2020 (MYPOW 2011-2020) and periodicity of meetings and organization of work of the COP; updating and revising of the Strategic Plan for the post-2010 period; concrete activities and initiatives including measurable targets and/or indicators to achieve the strategic goals contained in the strategy for resource mobilization and on indicators to monitor the implementation of the strategy; review of guidance to the financial mechanism; and policy options concerning innovative financial mechanisms.



WGRI plenary. (Photo credits: IISD/ENB)

GBO-3 Launched



On 10 May 2010, the third edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-3) was launched in a number of cities around the world, including Alexandria, Bonn, Brasilia, Chamonix, Geneva, London, Manama, Montreal, New York, Nairobi, Panama, and Tokyo. This much anticipated flagship publication of the CBD is the product of close collaboration between the Secretariat of the CBD and the UNEP-WCMC. The report is based on scientific assessments, national reports submitted by governments and a study on future scenarios for biodiversity. Subject to an extensive independent scientific review process, publication of GBO-3 is one of the principal milestones of the United Nations International Year of Biodiversity. The GBO-3 will be a key input into discussions by world leaders and heads of state at a special high level segment of the U.N. General Assembly on 22 September. Its conclusions will also be central to the negotiations by world governments at the Nagoya Biodiversity Summit in October. The GBO-3 is available in all United Nations languages as well as Portuguese and the full report and related products can be accessed from <http://gbo3.cbd.int/>.



GBO-3 Launch in Nairobi.

For pictures of the GBO-3 launches around the world, go to **page 2**.

Highlights of the International Day for Biological Diversity



UNEP Ask Today's Expert: 21 May
David Ainsworth
Topic: Biodiversity, development and poverty alleviation
 To view the questions and answers on this session, please visit: <http://www.unep.org/experts/>



SINGAPORE - National Development Minister Mah Bow Tan launched the 'BiodiverCity' photography exhibition at the Mandarin Gallery



CBD kiosk at the "*Rendez-vous horticole*" at the Montreal Botanical Garden during the IBD week



GERMANY - IBD celebrations at the Botanical Garden of Bonn, a day long event called "UN Day on Biological Diversity: The Botanical Gardens - a treasury!"



PHILIPPINES - Biodiversity Photo Exhibit and Video Showing at SM Mall of Asia, the biggest mall in Southeast Asia



Masayoshi Mizuno, Japan, planting a tree during the IBD celebrations in UNEP



BHUTAN - Dr. Tashi Yangzom, Programme Director of Bhutan's National Biodiversity Centre of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, addressing the IBD event

For information on the International Day for Biological Diversity 2010 celebrations and activities, please visit: www.cbd.int/idb

GBO 3 LAUNCH AROUND THE WORLD



TOKYO



BAHRAIN



CAIRO



MONTREAL



NEW YORK



BONN

Visitors this month

A coordination meeting was held at the CBD office on 13 May with representatives of the CBD Secretariat, Sedna Foundation, Quebec Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN), and The National Coalition of regional councils of the environment (RNCREQ).



On 18 May, the Secretariat welcomed the visit of Mr. Pavan Sukhdev, TEEB Study Leader & Special Advisor & Head, Green Economy. Mr. Sukhdev had an opportunity to address the staff and deliver a presentation on the TEEB report. The final TEEB synthesis report is expected to be released at the CBD COP10 meeting in Nagoya, Japan.

Highlights of *The Green Wave* celebrations

Jean Lemire Appointed Ambassador to *The Green Wave* for Biodiversity



Photo scene from the documentary "Last Continent" directed by Jean Lemire.

Mr. Jean Lemire, the biologist, explorer and film-maker from Quebec, Canada, has been appointed as ambassador of *The Green Wave*. In 2007, Mr. Lemire was appointed Officer of the Order of Canada for his contributions to raising public awareness of key environmental issues.

In 2006, he completed a 15-month voyage to the Antarctic on the *Sedna IV*, a unique 51 metre full-rigged yacht with high-precision scientific and filming equipment. The voyage was documented in his film *The Last Continent*. Students in hundreds of schools followed the expedition through satellite and internet links to learn about the vulnerability of marine and polar ecosystems. His next multi-year voyage on *Sedna IV*, planned to begin in the fall of 2010, will focus on biodiversity and involve schools and communities taking part in *The Green Wave*. This year, Mr. Lemire helped get the International Year of Biodiversity off to a flying start in Montreal with the stage production *Paradis Perdu* that he co-produced with Dominic Champagne and Daniel Bélanger, and that ran for 21 nights.

On 21 May 2010 in Montreal, in celebration of the International Day for Biodiversity and *The Green Wave*, in the presence of the city Mayor, director of Museums Nature, and representatives of the Quebec Network of alternative public schools (REPAQ), Mr. Lemire joined over 4000 children and parents to throw 'balls of life' to flourish and color the path between the Insectarium and the *Biodôme*.



From L-R: Charles-Mathieu Brunelle, Muséums nature de Montréal; Alan de Sousa, Montreal Executive Committee; Valérie Desbiens, REPAQ, *The Green Wave* ambassador Jean Lemire and Montreal Mayor Gerald Tremblay at the press conference of the first symbolic action to launch the Life District organized by Muséums nature de Montréal (Photo: Muséums nature de Montréal).

The Green Wave celebrations

The Green Wave celebrations 2010 were a splashing success with the participation of over 1000 groups from over 60 countries! Children and youth, along with their parents and teachers, worked hard during the whole school year to learn about and raise awareness on biodiversity. A variety of creative activities took place before and during the International Day for Biodiversity, such as tree and flower planting, cleaning, recycling, workshops, bioblitz and nature walks. On 21 and 22 May, at 10 a.m. groups celebrated by planting or watering a tree, and taking photos of the events. Photos and stories were uploaded on the web site and, at 20:10 local time on 22 May, a virtual green wave appeared on the map! Have a look at the map on which you can learn more about *The Green Wave* participants: http://greenwave.cbd.int/en/map_2010 and read the Communiqué: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2010/pr-2010-06-05-greenwave-en.pdf>. Congratulations to all!



The 2010 Green Wave moving across time zones, from New Zealand to Hawaii.



Korea



Georgia



Brazil



Words on a Wing - New Zealand



Indonesia



Bahrain



Iceland



Argentina



Canada



Huakailani School, Kailua Town, Hawaii

Highlights of the International Year of Biodiversity in May

Postage stamps issued for the International Year of Biodiversity



United Nations Postal Administration: Geneva and Vienna



Belarus



Trinidad and Tobago

SAMOA - International Year of Biodiversity national celebration. In photo, Hon. Minister Faumuina Tiatia Liuga delivering keynote address at the opening ceremony.



La Settimana della Biodiversità

To mark the occasion of the International Year of Biodiversity, Biodiversity International – in collaboration with the Comune di Roma – celebrated La Settimana della Biodiversità to highlight the need to enhance the role of biodiversity in agriculture, one of the most precious resources available to humankind.



Montreal City Hall

The city of Montreal features a floral arrangement in the shape of the IYB logo in front of its City Hall.



Flower Clock



Geneva has decorated its famous flower clock with the IYB theme and IYB logo. The city has replaced the usual colourful flowers with some 50 native perennial species.

BioBlitz UK 2010

The week of 17-25 May featured a wide range of activities in appreciation of biodiversity. Highlights include walking with wolves, participating in a BioBlitz to survey local wildlife, go on a Scottish Highland safari, visit woodland, moorland, seashore and grassland, and learn how to turn your garden into a wildlife paradise.



Biodiversity up in 2010 Science Camp



Selected high school students have just experienced an extraordinary week exploring the country's rich biodiversity at the 2010 Science Camp organized by the Science Education Institute (SEI) of the Department of Science and Technology. Fifty-two students and teachers from 13 schools across Metro Manila were invited by the DoST-SEI to attend the event.

The event was designed to generate interest among high school students in the study and research on the Philippines' rich natural resources. SEI hoped such interest would encourage them to pursue careers in science. This year's camp was celebrated under the theme, "Celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity: Learning about Coastal and Marine Environment".

Spotlight on Biodiversity

The Redpath Museum is proud to be taking part in the International Year of Biodiversity. A series of films will be shown this summer that will focus on the creatures of our earth and seas, the local and international issues that threaten their (and our) survival, and what people are doing to help. The Museum, one of Canada's oldest free-standing museums, functions as a unique interdisciplinary unit within the Faculty of Science at the McGill University in Montreal.

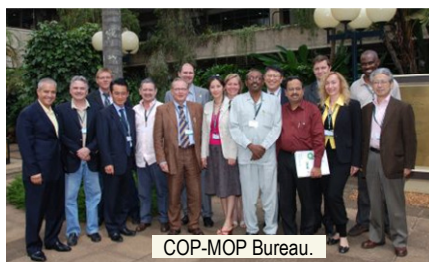
For a **full report** of the International Year of Biodiversity celebrations and activities for **May 2010**, please visit:
www.cbd.int/iyb/doc/prints/iyb-report-2010-05-en.pdf

Bureau meetings in Nairobi

The SBSTTA Bureau met on 9 May, to discuss the organization of the SBSTTA 14 meeting, GBO 3, joint work programme between the Rio Conventions, relationship between SBSTTA and IPBES, among other matters.

The COP Bureau held its eleventh meeting on 23 May in Nairobi, Kenya, prior to the WGRI-3 meeting. Items discussed included: preparations for WGRI 3, briefing by the ABS Co-Chairs on the resumed ABS 9, UNGA high level event on biodiversity and the Nagoya meetings, among other matters. The next Bureau meeting is scheduled to take on 9 July in Montreal. Immediately after the Bureau meeting, a joint meeting of the COP and SBSTTA Bureaux was held to discuss the SBSTTA 14 results and the Draft Strategic Plan of the CBD 2011 - 2020

The COP-MOP 4 Bureau also convened a meeting on 23 May in Nairobi. The meeting discussed the Status of the consultative process on Draft Strategic Plan (2011-2020) of the Protocol and preparations for the COP-MOP 5 meeting.



COP-MOP Bureau.

South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity

Second Expert Meeting for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development

On May 29 and 30, 2010, immediately after WGRI-3, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) and the chair and Secretariat of the Group of 77, with financial support from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), convened the Second Expert Meeting for South-South Cooperation (SSC) on Biodiversity for Development at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. The main objective of the meeting, chaired by Mr. Awsan Al-Aud representing Yemen and the Chairman of the G-77, was to review



Participants at the meeting.

and adopt the draft Multi-Year Plan of Action (MYPA) for SSC to be submitted to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) in Nagoya, Japan, in October 2010. Presentations on regional South-South and triangular experiences were made by Mr. Jimmy Blas (Philippines) on cooperation and biodiversity issues in the ASEAN region, as well as by Benin, Cuba, Grenada, Guinea Bissau, Kiribati, Malawi, Saint Lucia, Thailand, Uganda, UNDP's Special Unit for SSC and Yemen. The meeting was also attended by participants representing Antigua and Barbuda, Egypt, Haiti, Mexico, South Africa, and Sudan, as well as by staff of the SCBD. Participants reviewed the draft MYPA and provided insightful comments and feedback regarding its overall structure, its vision and mission statements, its implementation, coordination and funding, as well as the development of partnerships in SSC.

The roadmap of the MYPA was also discussed, outlining the next important steps, namely: (1) its mention by the Ministers of the G-77 at a high-level special event to be held in September in New York, in conjunction with the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly; (2) its showcase at the South-South Cooperation Forum on Biodiversity for Development to be held on 18 October 2010, in Aichi/Nagoya, Japan just prior to the opening of COP 10; and (3) the submission to COP 10 of the Plan of Action and a report by the Executive Secretary of the CBD, Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, as defined in decision IX/25.

Side-event: South-South and Triangular Cooperation in the CBD

At the margins of WGRI-3, a side-event on South-South and triangular cooperation was organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity with the collaboration of the Group of 77 on May 27, at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, to update participants on progress achieved in preparing a Multi-Year Plan of Action on SSC and the mechanism for its submission to COP-10. Introductory remarks were made by Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the CBD and Mr. Awsan Al-Aud, representative of the Chair of the G-77 in New York and delegate of the Permanent Mission of Yemen to the United Nations. Contributions on experiences in South-South and triangular cooperation were made by SBSTTA chair Spencer Thomas, COP Bureau member Prof. James Seyani, Mr. Bráulio Diaz (Brazil), Ms. Nenenteiti Teariki-Ruatu (Kiribati), Mr. Suhel Al-Janabi (GTZ), Mr. Jimmy Blas, (Philippines) and Mr. Kazuaki Hoshino (Japan), who announced that part of the

Japanese funds targeted towards the implementation of COP 10 will be devoted to South-South Cooperation. In total, 40 participants attended this side event.

Regional Workshop on the Fourth National Report

The Regional Workshop for African Countries on the Fourth National Report was held from 31 May to 2 June 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya, at UNEP Headquarters. A total of 8 countries attended this workshop. All of them were of the view that this workshop was very useful to their preparation and finalization of the report. Most participating countries indicated that with this workshop, they could finalize and submit their reports before mid-July 2010. Participants also expressed appreciation to support provided by Japan and UNON, hoping that such a useful training workshop could be organized earlier for preparing the next national report.



Participants at the meeting.

GTI Coordination Mechanism Nairobi, Kenya

The 9th meeting of the GTI Coordination Mechanism was held on 16 May 2010 in the afternoon at UNON, Nairobi, Kenya. Prior to the meeting, the GTI Symposium: "Taking stock of the renaissance in taxonomy: Post-2010 capacity building for the Convention on Biological Diversity" took place at the same venue, organized by GTI Coordination Mechanism members and the Secretariat. The Coordination Mechanism members collected, through the symposium, information relevant to (i) innovative technologies to facilitate the implementation of the programme of work for the GTI, (ii) progress of regional collaborations in taxonomy, (iii) maximizing the use of outcome oriented deliverables for the GTI and (iv) promotion of biodiversity research in context with ongoing negotiation of the international regime on ABS under the Convention, in order to consider the post-2010 GTI goals taking into account the recommendations adopted on 14 May 2010 by SBSTTA14. The GTI meeting further elaborated goals and targets for the Strategic Plan beyond 2010 and submitted to WGRI3 as UNEP/CBD/WGRI/3/INF15.

Consultations on draft Strategic Plan of the Biosafety Protocol / IYB event at the Redpath Museum in Montreal

As recommended by the COP-MOP Bureau, an Expert Group meeting and an informal Open-ended Consultation were held on 19 May and 20 May 2010, respectively, in Nairobi, Kenya at the margin of the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-14), to provide further inputs to the draft Strategic Plan of the Cartagena Protocol (2011-2020).

An exhibition highlighting the International Year on Biodiversity was organised, in collaboration with The Redpath Museum, on 30 May at McGill University as part of the Montréal Museums Day. The event, which was attended by more than 4300 visitors, aimed raising awareness of the Green Wave, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Cities and Biodiversity programme. It also aimed to increase participation of academia in biodiversity and biosafety activities.



Ingrid Birker (left) of the Redpath Museum with Ulrika Nilsson of CBD.

Fifth Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands: Ensuring Survival, Preserving Life, Improving Governance Paris, France



Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES, addressing the meeting. (Photo credits: IISD/ENB)

The CBD Executive Secretary attended and delivered a keynote address at the 5th Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands: Ensuring Survival, Preserving Life, Improving Governance. Hosted by UNESCO and the Government of France, the conference provided major opportunity for all sectors of the global oceans community to address levels and to make progress in advancing the global oceans agenda. A panel on "Preserving Life: Marine Biodiversity, Networks of MPAs, and Celebrating The 2010 International Year of Biodiversity" was organized. The Secretariat served in the International Program Committee of the Oceans conference to provide guidance on all aspects of the meeting.

Second International School Congress: Natural Resources, Sustainability and Humanity Braga, Portugal



Participants at the meeting.

The Second International School Congress: Natural Resources, Sustainability and Humanity was organized by Angela Mendonça, Lamaças School Cluster in partnership with Gualtar School Cluster on 5-8 May 2010. The congress covered

a range of interesting topics, going from environmental history, environmental education and philosophy, to water issues, psychology and Mozambique's Gorongosa National Park (a wonderful success story), to name only a few. The Portuguese Commission for UNESCO has formed the National IYB Committee for Portugal, and has launched the website

www.portugalbiodiversidade.org. TAP airlines in-flight magazine (April issue) also promotes the International Year of Biodiversity and is printed in black, white and yellow ink-warning colours - reflecting how we should feel about the planet.

Equator Initiative Board meeting/Prize 2010 New York, U.S.A.

The Secretariat took part in the Equator Initiative Board meeting which was held on 5-7 May 2010 in New York, as well as in the judging of the Equator Initiative contestants for 2010. The Equator Prize award recognizes and celebrates outstanding community efforts to reduce poverty through the conservation of biodiversity. For this year's prize, special recognition will be given in the following categories: one for each region of eligibility (Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean), one to the initiative that best exemplifies Indigenous Peoples' use of Traditional Knowledge, and one to the initiative that best exemplifies ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change. The prize winners will be announced at the General Assembly high level event on biodiversity in September 2010. For more information, please visit: <http://www.equatorinitiative.org>.

Conférence française pour la biodiversité Chamonix, Geneva, Switzerland

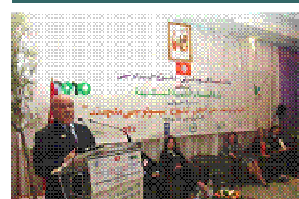


Inauguration by the Secretary of State for Ecology, Chantal Jouanno, of the French Conference for Biodiversity: "Which governance for common success?" (Photo credit: MEEDDM B Suard)

In the heart of the International Year of Biodiversity, the French Conference for Biodiversity, held from 10 to 12 May 2010 in Chamonix-Mont-Blanc, provided the occasion to take stock of the current National Strategy for Biodiversity and questions the governance in respect to biodiversity. The 400 participants (organizations,

local communities, businesses, government services, public institutions, unions, farmers, researchers in the natural and social sciences, etc.) have all been invited to take a fresh and creative look at governance. The anthology of proposals will sustain strategic thought on the National Post-2010 Strategy. This event also enabled the spread of GBO 3 in France on the occasion of its official launch on May 10.

Tunisian IBD and IYB celebrations, and International Year of the Youth



Tunisian Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Nadhir Hamada, at the opening ceremony. Photo: TAP.

The Secretariat was invited to take part in "Active Youth: for a Sustainable use of Biodiversity/ *Jeunesse Active: Garant d'une Biodiversité Durable*, an international forum organized at the initiative of the Tunisian Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development. The forum gathered over 250 participants as well

as speakers from IUCN, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas, German Cooperation, UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan, German Organisation for Technical Cooperation and United Nations Development Programme. A video message prepared by the Executive Secretary was prepared for the occasion: <http://www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=tn>.

Cities, Local Authorities and Biodiversity

Teleconference on 11 May

On 11 May 2010, the Secretariat organized a teleconference of the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity, in which 28 participants took part. The teleconference had updates on the City Biodiversity Index (CBI) and its upcoming Second Expert Workshop in July, as well as other updates on the City Biodiversity Summit 2010, the UNESCO's URBIS initiative and the upcoming URBIO 2010 conference. The participants also discussed their coordination towards the compilation of the twin biodiversity guidebook by ICLEI and UN-HABITAT/SCBD, COP10 side events on cities and biodiversity, the Shanghai EXPO and the Global Partnership exhibition at COP10. Additionally, participants from the City of Montpellier and the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) introduced their activities on cities and biodiversity. Also, during the teleconference, it was reported that the Launch of TEEB-D2 report (for local administrators) will take place in 4 different cities (Cape Town, Curitiba, New Delhi and Ghent) on 9 September.

URBIO2010 conference

From 18 to 22 May, the Urban Biodiversity & Design (URBIO2010) conference was held in Nagoya, Japan, with participation of 460 experts from 30 countries. This scientific conference aims to promote urban biodiversity and implementation of the CBD at the urban level, through a continuing dialogue with the Convention. At the opening ceremony, the video message by Dr. Djoghlaflaf, Executive Secretary of the CBD, was played, and his supportive words to the scientific initiative on urban biodiversity were delivered to the participants. After the five day presentations and

discussions on urban biodiversity and its design, The Nagoya Declaration - URBIO 2010 was adopted by the participants. The conference results will be delivered to the upcoming City Biodiversity Summit 2010 to be held in October 2010, in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan.

Side-event: Cities, Local Authorities and Biodiversity, 26 May 2010

During WGRI-3, UN-HABITAT and the CBD Secretariat organized a side-event on cities, local authorities and biodiversity to discuss the CBD initiative on Cities and Biodiversity, decision IX/28 and the Plan of Action on Cities, Local Authorities and Biodiversity to be submitted to COP 10.



Participants at the meeting.

The meeting was opened by the Cecilia Kinuthia-Njenga of UN-HABITAT and the CBD Executive Secretary. Mayor Kabuye of Entebbe discussed the role of leadership in mobilizing citizens for biodiversity, Mr. Simon Kiarie of the City of Nakuru presented the links between strategic planning (such as through Local Agenda 21 processes) and biodiversity conservation and Mr. Patrick Muraguri of the Kenyan Wetlands Forum discussed the Implementation of the Kenyan national wetlands policy. Interventions from the floor included Ramsar Secretary General Anada Tiega (who announced the adoption, in line with CBD decision IX/28, of a Ramsar recommendation on Wetlands and Urbanization – X/27 – see <http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-documents-cops-cop10-resolutions->

of-10th/main/ramsar/1-31-58-127%5E21247_4000_0_) and Wetlands International. 30 participants attended the meeting, including representatives from Mexico, Canada, Japan, Thailand, Kenya, Brazil and Singapore. More information can be found on the website <http://www.cbd.int/authorities/importantevents/>.

Parliamentarians and Biodiversity

Side-event: The Role of Parliamentarians in the CBD, 24 May 2010

Globe International and the CBD Secretariat organized a side event on the margins of WGRI-3, on the Role of Parliamentarians in the CBD in which high-level speakers discussed the preparations of the "Parliamentarians and Biodiversity Forum" in Nagoya; the role of parliaments in implementing NBSAPs and monitoring the new CBD Strategic Plan; the need to integrate natural capital into economic decisionmaking through green national accounts; and the work of GLOBE International. Speakers included Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaflaf, CBD, Hon Barry Gardiner MP, UK, Mr. Kazuaki Takahashi, Japan, Dr. Bráulio Ferreira Dias, Brazil, and Mr. Jochen Flasbarth, Germany. As a result of the side event, Parties included reference to the contributions of Parliamentarians in the revised WGRI-3 version of the CBD 2011-2020 Strategic Plan (paragraphs 15, 17 and 23 of item V – Implementation, Monitoring, Review and Evaluation).



Participants at the meeting.

CBD and AZE partnership

In the margins of the SBSTTA-14 meeting in Nairobi, a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the CBD Secretariat and the Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE). The objective of the agreement is to establish a collaborative framework with a view to promote greater implementation of the Convention, specifically with regard to preventing species extinctions and maintaining ecosystems and habitats at key sites for endangered species. The Alliance for Zero Extinction is a global initiative of biodiversity conservation organizations that aims to prevent extinctions by identifying and safeguarding key sites where species are in imminent danger of disappearing. For more information on AZE, please visit: <http://www.zeroextinction.org/>.



Ahmed Djoghlaflaf, CBD-ES, and Benjamin Skolnik AZE Coordinator.

New addition to the CBD Museum: Donation from Cambodia



On 3 May, the Secretariat received a Buddha head jade statue from His Excellency Dr. Mok Mareth, Senior Minister, Minister of Environment, The Royal Government of Cambodia. The statue was officially presented to the Secretariat in the margins of the Biosafety meetings held in Siem Reap, Cambodia in February 2010.

Other meetings:

Participate in the BIO International Convention and private roundtable meeting with BIO member companies, 3-4 May, Chicago

Recording of Podcast for distribution to Bio Congress participants, 3 May, Chicago

Attend the Bio Congress, 3 May, Chicago

Partnering for Global Health event, 3 May, Chicago

Attend the Leadership Summit: The Role of Biotechnology Innovation in Addressing Climate Change, 3 May, Chicago

Take part in the private roundtable meeting with BIO member companies, 3 May 2010, Chicago

Keynote luncheon with President Bush and President Clinton, 4 May, Chicago

Deliver a statement on behalf of the Executive Secretary and organize a side event at the sixteenth session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, 3-5 May 2010, Geneva, Switzerland

Meeting with officials from MINAM-Peru, 5-7 May, Lima, Peru

Breakfast meeting to discuss Global Forum initiative for "Nagoya Ocean Mandate", 6 May, Paris

Meeting with CITES, Secretary-General, John Scanlon, 6 May, Geneva

Press Briefing on IYB and CBD, 7 May, Geneva

Radio interview in French and English with UN Radio, 7 May, Geneva

Meeting with UNEP ETB, Director, Steven Stone, 7 May, Geneva

Working lunch to discuss the Pan European Biodiversity and Landscape Diversity Strategy, 7 May, Geneva

Meeting with officials from the Government of Bolivia at national and regional levels within ACTO and/or Andean Community, 9-16 May, La Paz/Cochabamba, Bolivia

Meetings with: UNEP Executive Director & Director, UNEP-DELC, 9 May, Nairobi

Meeting with Thomas Lovejoy; Spencer Thomas (Grenada); Nicola Breier, Germany, 10 May, Nairobi

Press Conference on GBO-3 launch, 10 May, Nairobi

Side Event: The Satoyama Initiative, 10 May, Nairobi

Interview with Radio Canada, 10 May, Nairobi

Meetings held with: Marina von Weissenberg, Finland; Mr. Torii, Japan; Mr. Surendra Shrestha, UNEP; Rolf Hogan, WWF; and Joerg Weich, UNON/HRMS, 11 May, Nairobi

Meetings via teleconference with: H.E. John Michuki, MoE, Kenya; Felix Dodds; Ambassador of Algeria in Ottawa on 11 May, Nairobi

Briefing to the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UNEP, 11 May, Nairobi

Side Event: New CBD POWPA Web Portal and E-Curriculum, 11 May, Nairobi

Meeting with Director, UNEP-DELC and other UNEP staff; Ibrahim Thiaw, UNEP-DEPI; 12 May, Nairobi

Meeting via teleconference with: Walter Erdelen, UNESCO; Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya; Nicola Breier, Germany; Patrick Pedia, Cote d'Ivoire, 12 May, Nairobi

Side event on the LifeWeb Initiative and financing implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, 12 May, Nairobi

Interview with Voice of America - in French, 12 May, Nairobi

Meetings with: Mark Zimsky, GEF; Rudy Van Dijk, UNON; Mr. Torii, Japan; Mr. Satinder Bindra, UNEP-DCPI; Rolf Hogan and Gunter Mitlacher, 13 May, Nairobi

Side Event: Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition in a Changing Climate, 13 May, Nairobi

Meeting via teleconference with Embassy of Tunisia, Ottawa, 13 May, Nairobi

Meetings with: the delegation of Costa Rica; Serge-Michel Garcia and Despina Symons-Pirovolidou, representatives of the European Bureau for Cooperation and Development; Zahia Raab, ILC, 14 May, Nairobi

Working lunch with Ms. Angela Cropper, DED, UNEP, 14 May, Nairobi

Consultation with the ABS Co-Chairs and the UNEP Executive Director, 14 May 2010, New York, U.S.A.

Meeting with Kai Woschield, CIC Markhor Award; 15 May, Nairobi

Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) Symposium: "Taking Stock of the Renaissance in Taxonomy: Post 2010 Capacity Building in taxonomy for the Convention on Biological Diversity", 15 May, Nairobi

Training Seminar how to use key messages from GBO-3 to reach out to decision-makers and public actors, 15 May, Nairobi

Telephone interview with Radio Canada, 15 May, Nairobi

IPBES-3 ICG - face to face meeting & conference call, 15 May

Meeting with staff from KfW, BMZ and BMU, 16-21 May, Frankfurt, Germany

Side Event: The Satoyama Initiative Part 2, 17 May, Nairobi

Meetings with: Marina von Weissenberg, Finland; Peter Bos, The Netherlands; Mr. Nabil Hamada, Tunisia, 18 May, Nairobi

Meetings with: Mr. Masayoshi Mizuno, MoFA, Japan; Mamadou Kane, DELC; Chinese Delegation; Nancy Hamzawi, Canada; Mr. Jose Equinas, Spain; Mr. Ali, Kuwait & Leina Al-Awadhi; Sara Oldfield, BCGI; Mr. Laurent Some, WWF Africa and Madagascar Programme, 19 May, Nairobi

Interview with Mr. Steve Zwick, Editor Ecosystem Marketplace, 19 May, Nairobi

Interview with Sunday Express, 19 May, Nairobi

Side Event: Launch of the Catalogue of Life 2010 Special Edition in support of the GTI19 May, Nairobi

Meetings with: Kelly Milton, USA; Belgian Delegation; Jane Smart and Sonia Pena Moreno, IUCN; Sally Simpson, GISP; Members of the Indigenous Forum, 20 May, Nairobi

Public Lecture: Integrating Biodiversity and Development, 20 May, Nairobi

Participate in the "Colloque internationale "Jeunesse active: Garant d'une biodiversité durable", Tunis, Tunisia

Made a presentation on the negotiations of the International Regime on Access and Benefit-sharing at an expert panel entitled "Advancing the Frontiers of International Treaties for Sustainability" organized by the Center for International Sustainable Development Law at the McGill University Faculty Club, on 21 May 2010, in Montreal, Canada

Meetings with: Mr. Kazuaki Hoshino, Japan; Peter Bos, Netherlands; Mr. Abdelbagi Ali Ghanim, Sudan; Delegate from Colombia, 21 May, Nairobi

Celebration of IBD at the National Museum of Kenya, 22 May, Nairobi

IBD Celebration at Gigiri 22 May, Nairobi

Meeting with Wolfgang Koehler, COP MOP President, 23 May, Nairobi

Working lunch with ABS Co-Chairs, UNEP, COP 9 and COP 10 presidencies, 23 May, Nairobi

Side Event: The Satoyama Initiative Part 3, 24 May, Nairobi

Side event: Biodiversity in the UN System: A UN System-wide Contribution to the post-2010 Biodiversity Agenda, 24 May, Nairobi

Meetings with: Kimo Goree, IISD; Sra. Marta Garcia Perez, Spain, 25 May, Nairobi

UNEP Committee of Permanent Representatives on ABS briefing, 25 May, Nairobi

Working Lunch in honour of COP9 and COP 10 Presidents & ABS Co-Chairs, 25 May, Nairobi

Meetings with: Jochen Flasbarth, COP 9 president; Tony Gross; Mr. Abdul-Hakim Aulaiah, Yemen; Monica Ruiz Bustos, Spain, 26 May, Nairobi

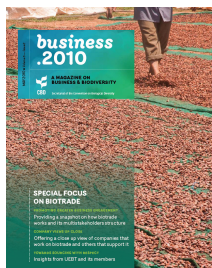
Interview with Nature, 26 May, Nairobi

COP Bureau meeting, 26/27 May, Nairobi

Meetings with: Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Director, DEPI; Mr. Antonio, EU Presidency, Spain 27 May, Nairobi

Working Lunch in honour of Quartet Presidency, 27 May, Nairobi

Address the Conference on Nature Conservation Beyond 2010 to celebrate 100th anniversary of the establishment of the first protected areas in Estonia, 27-29 May 2010, Tallinn, Estonia



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