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INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared pursuant to decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties, which requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff list, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditure report. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.
2. Therefore, the Executive Secretary has prepared this report, which contains a summary of key activities in implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 July to 31 December 2015.

I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

3. In July 2015, the Executive Secretary was invited to the seventh European Botanic Gardens Congress, held under the theme “European Botanic Gardens in the Decade on Biodiversity - Challenges and responsibilities in the countdown towards 2020”, and hosted by the Museum national d’histoire naturelle in Paris, France. He delivered a keynote presentation on “Enhancing implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation – The role of botanic gardens”, where he highlighted among others opportunities to enhance implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, the adoption of the Nagoya Protocol in 2010 and its relevance to the botanic gardens community, and the importance of their engagement at the CBD COP 13, which will focus on mainstreaming biodiversity into productive sectors, and in the preparatory meetings for the conference. While in Paris, a meeting was held with the Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences of UNESCO.
4. In August 2015, the Executive Secretary was in Orillia, Ontario to attend the 84th Annual Couchiching Summer Conference. Organized under the theme “Are We Failing The Future?: Time for a new deal between generations”, the conference explored this theme from a financial, environmental and institutional perspective. The Executive Secretary was one of the keynote speakers in the panel on “The Environmental Transfer”, with a focus on environmental sustainability including conservation of biological diversity and preservation of ecosystem functions and services. After the conference, a meeting was held in Toronto with the Environment Minister of Ontario, and a visit to the Niagara Escarpment Commission was also organized. He was also invited to make opening remarks at the 6th International Barcode Conference held on 18-21 August 2015, which gave him an opportunity to brief participants on the work of the CBD, including its partnership with the International Barcode of Life Project to organize a training course on the application of DNA barcoding in detection and monitoring of priority invasive alien species, pests and zoonotic disease vectors. He underscored the importance of scientific data and information for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and a clear need to further develop next generation DNA barcoding and enrich the data set in the Barcode of Life Database to expand the coverage of identified species. He encourages all to continue making progress in this aspect, and to also strengthen strategic partnerships between the countries, regional and global partners for advances to be made toward achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals.
5. Also in August, the Executive Secretary was in Manchester, U.K. to participate in the 6th World Conference on Ecological Restoration, as a plenary speaker during the panel on “From Commitment to action: Successful implementation of global landscape restoration initiatives”. He also moderated the symposium session on “Large-scale forest restoration and conservation: Progress and perspectives”.
6. The Executive Secretary was in Durban, South Africa in September to participate in the XIV World Forestry Congress, where he delivered a keynote speech during the panel session on investments that will help build a resilient future. As vice-chair of the CPF, he participated in the High-level CPF dialogue: Towards a vision on forests in the post-2015 era, which discussed ways to operationalize the forest-related

contributions of the CPF and its individual members to the post-2015 agenda and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. He also opened the first Wildlife Forum, organized by the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management, where he chaired and guided discussions of the event. He participated in the sub-thematic dialogue session on integrating forests and other land uses, focusing on feeding the world: land-use options and the role of forests and trees, where he emphasized the important contribution of forests and trees in sustainable land management to the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and food security, while taking note of the challenges in this respect brought on by climate change. He attended the “High Level Dialogue on the Global Forest Agenda: Forests are vital for implementing the post-2015 development agenda”, which explored how the kinds of investments in forests, forestry and forest communities could contribute to the implementation of SDGs; he also invited to take part in the side event on better outcomes for people and forests: the importance of locally-tailored solutions, long-term commitments and working in partnership”, hosted by Birdlife International, ITTO and FAO. In the margins of the World Forestry Congress, he also took part in meetings with the CPF and the CPW, and the launch of the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2015 and the launch of CPW fact sheets; and had a working lunch with the head of UNEP-ROLAC.

7. A meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG) was held on 16 September 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland, and was chaired by the Ramsar Convention. Items discussed included: review of recent and upcoming meetings under the Conventions and other external meetings, specifically those of strategic importance to the BLG; Party-led process concerning cooperation among the biodiversity-related Conventions; IPBES; synergies in the development of reporting systems; contributions to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets; outreach and communication; status of CBD COP decision XII/30 on the financial mechanism to the CBD; and briefings on bilateral programmes/work plans between BLG members. The IPBES Secretary also participated in the meeting and contributed to the agenda item on IPBES, where she made a presentation on: progress in the implementation of IPBES 2014-2018 work programme; opportunities for the BLG to contribute to IPBES, and; preparations for the upcoming IPBES Plenary in February 2016. The next physical meeting of the BLG is scheduled to be held in the second semester of 2016. The group also agreed to meet during the week of the Geneva workshop on cooperation and synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions, and to organize a teleconference meeting on the Sustainable Development Goals. While in Geneva, meetings were held with: the Director of UNEP Regional Office for Europe to discuss possible cooperation; the Deputy Head of the Global Policy Unit of IUCN regarding SDGs and World Conservation Congress; the Chief, Post-Conflict and Disasters Management Branch of UNEP; and the TEEB Coordinator.

8. In September, the Executive Secretary attended the IV Congresso Brasileiro de Unidades de Conservacao (Brazilian Congress on Protected Areas) in Curitiba, Brazil, where delivered a presentation on “Implementing Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12 in Latin America, the Caribbean and in Brazil”, during one of the plenary sessions, in which he provided an overview of the Convention, its programme of work on protected areas, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12 and explored options for the way forward. In the margins of the meeting, he met with: the Chair of the IUCN/WCPA Specialist Group on Privately Protected Areas and nature Stewardship; senior staff from the LIFE Institute and from the Brazilian Confederation of Private Reserves of Natural Heritage. While in Brazil, an event on “Planetary health: a challenge for public health” was held in Sao Paulo and co-organized by the University of Sao Paulo and CBD. The Executive Secretary had an opportunity to meet with staff from the Environment Secretariat of the Sao Paulo State Government. A Brazilian launch of *Connecting Global Priorities: Biodiversity and Human Health, a State of Knowledge Review* was organized in Rio de Janeiro. A meeting was also held with the Brazilian Foundation for Sustainable Development, where a briefing was made on their work and its support and contribution to the achievement of the targets for the Brazilian INDC.

9. The Executive Secretary was in Ankara, Turkey in October to participate in the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD. He took part in a brunch meeting with partners of the CBD work programme on dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity, which discussed enhanced implementation of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands, how it can contribute to the achievement of the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020 and relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and explore key areas for collaboration. He also attended side events: on leveraging social programmes with socio-economic objectives for the conservation and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems, which showcased the global and country studies on leveraging social programmes for conservation and restoration of ecosystems; and on ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction: experiences at country and regional level, which highlighted successes that have been achieved and discussed ways to strengthen and upscale current efforts.. He was also invited to take part in the ministerial round table on “land-based approach to climate change: resilience through sustainable land management”, which allowed him opportunity to highlight how ecosystem-based and land-based approaches can contribute to land degradation neutrality and Aichi Biodiversity Targets 14 and 15. In the margins of the UNCCD COP 12, a meeting was held with the UNCCD Executive Secretary to discuss how to strengthen UNCCD-CBD collaboration, in particular how the outcomes of the UNCCD COP 12 can be highlighted and can contribute to the CBD COP 13; and he also met with the Deputy Minister of Environmental Affairs of South Africa. He also attended the film launching of “Ethiopia Rising”, a story of the phenomenal environmental transformation of a nation told through the experience of one man.

10. The nineteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was held on 2-5 November 2015. The meeting adopted eight recommendations: further consideration of the implications of the findings of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and related reports, including with respect to mainstreaming of biodiversity across sectors; key scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and related research; tools to evaluate the effectiveness of policy instruments for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020; indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020; work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological advice in the light of the 2014-2018 Work Programme of the Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and relationship with the Subsidiary Body on Implementation; biodiversity and human health; climate-related geoengineering; and forest biodiversity: role of international organizations in supporting the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

11. The ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions was convened on 4-7 November 2015. The meeting resulted in the adoption of five recommendations, which include: voluntary guidelines for the development of mechanisms, legislation or other appropriate initiatives to ensure the [free,] prior informed consent [or approval and involvement] of indigenous peoples and local communities for accessing their knowledge, innovations and practices, the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use and application of such knowledge, innovations and practices relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, and for reporting and preventing unlawful appropriation of traditional knowledge; task 15 of the multi-year programme of work on the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions: best practice guidelines for the repatriation of indigenous and traditional knowledge; a glossary of relevant key terms and concepts to be used within the context of Article 8(j) and related provisions; recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to the Convention on Biological Diversity; and an in-depth dialogue on thematic areas and other cross-cutting issues. The draft decisions contained within the recommendations from SBSTTA 19 and WG8J 9 will be submitted to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity for consideration at its thirteenth meeting.

12. A meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau was held on 1 November, which discussed preparations for the week of SBSTTA 19, including election of officers at the meeting. A meeting of the COP Bureau was also held on 1 November. Items discussed included: preparations for the WG8J 9, COP 13 and SBI 1 meetings.

An update was also given on the functional review of the Secretariat, and Bureau was also briefed on the status of contributions in the BE and BZ trust funds. At a resumed session of the COP Bureau held on 5 November, the following items were considered: note on the functions of the Bureau; the Secretariat's proposal concerning participants for the workshop on synergies among biodiversity conventions; and the term of office of the Executive Secretary. After the COP Bureau meeting, a joint meeting of the COP-SBSTTA Bureaux was held, during which the Chair of the SBSTTA Bureau provided an overview of SBSTTA 19, and the Chair of the COP Bureau provided an overview of WG8J 9. The two Bureaux also discussed the division of tasks among SBSTTA and SBI and received information related to national reporting.

13. Other meetings organized by the Secretariat held prior to SBSTTA 19 and WG8J 9 include: Expert Meeting on alien species in wildlife trade, experiences in the use of biological control agents and development of decision support tools for management of invasive alien species; First meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House; Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism; and the Expert workshop on the contribution of science to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

14. In preparation for COP 13 and with the financial support from the Government of Switzerland, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity convened an International Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Biodiversity, held from 17 to 19 November 2015 in Mexico City. The meeting facilitated a common understanding of "biodiversity mainstreaming" in the context of the CBD, its challenges and opportunities, highlighting the importance of coherent policy frameworks, institutions, incentives and other tools; as well as to brainstorm on how COP 13 and its preparatory processes can further contribute to the mainstreaming of biodiversity. While in Mexico, meetings were held with: the Environment Minister of Mexico; the official mayor SEMARNAT; and other senior officials from SEMARNAT and CONABIO; as well as the head and staff of the COP 13 logistics team. Members of the team were also in Montreal prior to SBSTTA 19 to meet with the Executive Secretary and the CBD's conference team regarding COP 13 preparations.

15. In December, a delegation from the CBD Secretariat, headed by the Executive Secretary, participated in the 21th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, which was held in Paris, France. The Conference provided an opportunity for the Secretariat to participate in various events relevant to the work of the CBD, as well as meet and engage with relevant partner organizations and bodies. The Executive Secretary participated in a number of meetings, which included: the meeting on initiating the work of the CPF on implementing the relevant decisions of the 11th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests; the Oceans Day at COP 21; the Equator Initiative Award Ceremony; the opening ceremony of Solutions COP 21, which aimed to showcase climate solutions in preparation for COP21; the Global Landscapes Forum, where he took part in the discussion session focusing on strengthening policy for integrated landscape management to support the SDGs; the high-level event on the African Resilience Landscape Initiative; breakfast meeting of the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for Environment; and other events. He also attended the opening of the high-level segment of the Conference; and also attended a side event with other current and former executives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, and the Global Environment Facility, along with the Minister of Water and Sanitation of South Africa, which, as an outcome, urged Governments to consider using ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction to provide communities with safety nets in times of climate shocks and natural disasters. In the margins of the UNFCCC COP 21, meetings were also held with: the Environment Minister of the Republic of Korea; the Environment Minister of Afghanistan; the President and CEO of Rare; the Director of UNESCO/WHC, to name a few. A memorandum of understanding between the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the CBD was signed in the margins of the Conference.

16. During the reporting period, the Executive Secretary also participated in: the Montreal Thematic Meeting on Metropolitan Areas – Habitat III in Montreal; the Pan-African conference on Business and

Biodiversity in Accra, Ghana; the second meeting of the Senior Review Group – Global Thematic Report “Healthy Environment, Healthy People” (via teleconference); and the second World Forum on Natural Capital in Edinburgh.

17. The following also visited the Secretariat during the second half of 2015: the High Commissioner of Canada to Kenya; staff from the GEF Secretariat; representatives from Rare; the President of the Brazilian Tourism Promotion Authority; and representatives from the Japan International Cooperation Agency. The CEO of Espace pour la vie also visited the Secretariat and met with the Executive Secretary to discuss enhancing collaboration, including follow up on their discussions at COP 12 and the creation of “Shamengo Village” in Montreal. The Director of the Loyola Sustainability Research Centre of Concordia University also visited and met with the Executive Secretary to discuss cooperation, including the possibility of co-hosting a conference on conflict, environmental degradation and public health. A representative from the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL) also visited and met with Secretariat staff, where he had an opportunity to deliver a presentation on PBL work and possible scenarios for mainstreaming of biodiversity into different sectors. The Co-chair of GPFLR also had an opportunity to meet with staff and make a presentation on the work, objectives of GPFLR and discuss areas of cooperation and future priorities and main contributions to the implementation of relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

MEMORANDA OF COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING

World Health Organization

18. The objective is to collaborate in activities of mutual interest which may include the organization of regional capacity-building workshops, the preparation of relevant publications and awareness raising tools and materials or any other relevant joint activity agreed by both Parties. The Parties also intend to establish a liaison group on human health and biodiversity linkages.

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

19. An agreement for implementing the Nagoya Protocol on ABS (ABS Capacity Development Initiative) was signed in October 2015 between the CBD and GIZ. An agreed Programme Document 2015-2020, as Annex to the agreement, provides information about outcome and output indicators for monitoring the achievement of the objective.

Japan International Cooperation Agency

20. The purpose of the Memorandum of Cooperation is to provide a framework of cooperation and common recognition, and to facilitate collaboration to further shared common objectives, within CBD and JICA’s respective mandates and governing rules and regulations, through agreed set of activities.

University of Guelph, operating as the Biodiversity Institute of Ontario

21. The objective of the agreement is to provide a framework of cooperation and understanding, and to facilitate collaboration between the two Parties, to further their shared objectives in regard to promoting and facilitating capacity-building in species identification and discovery; technical and scientific cooperation; sharing of knowledge data and information on biodiversity; supporting the Convention’s processes with regard to relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets, NBSAPs and national reporting.

United Nations System Staff College

22. The letter of agreement was signed which aims to develop three e-learning modules (on the "Introduction to access and benefit-sharing, on becoming a Party to the Nagoya Protocol, and on the ABS Clearing-House); expanding and maintaining the SCBD customized learning management system (LMS); and relevant training of relevant SCBD staff on how to use the LMS to administer the delivery and evaluation of the modules.

University of Sao Paulo

23. The University of Sao Paulo (USP) became the newest member of the Consortium of Scientific Partnership on Biodiversity, a network of key scientific institutions, established in March 2006 to development and implement training programmes and its potential to support implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020 has been recognized by the Conference of Parties. Recognizing its engagement in various programmes and activities, including its contribution to the Biodiversity Portal of the Brazilian Ministry of Environment, being a key partner to the establishment of the International Pollinator Initiative and of the Brazilian Pollinator Initiative, and its involvement in IPBES activities, among others, USP's work will contribute significantly to the Consortium and its mandate.

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

A. Personnel Arrangements

24. During the period July-December 2015, there were 32.5 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved under the Convention. There was 1 vacant post and 4 professional staff members regularized on posts funded by UNEP with the Programme Support Funds with 1 vacant Professional post.

25. Under the Convention, there were 25 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget and 1 General Service vacant post. Additionally, 12 General Service staff members are regularized on posts funded by UNEP with the Programme Support Funds and there are 3 vacant General Service posts.

26. During the period under review for the Biosafety Protocol, there were 6.5 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved by the COP/MOP. There were 2 vacant posts in the Professional category, 4 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget and no vacant General Service posts.

27. During the period under review for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing there was 1 vacant Professional Staff post.

28. In addition to posts funded under the core budgets of the Convention, the Biosafety Protocol, and the Nagoya Protocol and UNEP Programme support funds, there were a total of 17 Professional Staff and 3 General Service staff that were seconded or appointed through voluntary funds during the period under review and 1 vacant General Service post funded through voluntary funds.

29. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annex II Appendix 1, and Annex III respectively).

B. Financial Arrangements

30. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 December 2015, of the total pledged contributions of US\$13,294,590 for 2015 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust**

Fund), the total contributions received amounts to US\$11,466,492 of which US\$828,841 were received in 2014 and US\$10,637,651 has been received in 2015. Total unpaid pledges for 2015 and prior years to the BY Trust Fund is US\$2,644,014. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

31. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 December 2015, the total pledges for 2015 amounts to US\$3,463,435 of which US\$3,592,687 has been received. In addition, US\$ 240,154 has been received with regards to prior year's pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2015 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$420,951. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.

32. As at 31 December 2015, US\$311,107 has been pledged and received in 2015 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). Total unpaid pledges for prior years to the BZ Trust Fund, amount to US\$61,609. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

33. As at 31 December 2015, US\$191,336 had been contributed to the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention (**VB Trust Fund**). Details of the VB Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

34. As at 31 December 2015, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,777,635 for 2015 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$2,404,556 of which US\$600,524 were received in 2014 and US\$1,804,032 has been received in 2015. In addition, US\$154,357 was received in 2015 with regards to prior year's pledges. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII

35. As at 31 December 2015, three parties have pledged and contributed US\$661,802 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BH Trust Fund**). Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

36. As at 31 December 2015, of the total pledged contributions of US\$292,972 for 2015 to the Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol (**BB Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$244,096 in 2015. Total unpaid pledges for 2015 to the BB Trust Fund, amount to US\$48,876. Details of the BB Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

37. As at 31 December 2015, four parties have pledged US\$603,343 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities (**BX Trust Fund**). From this amount, US\$592,402 was received. Details of the BX Trust Fund are contained in Annex X.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

SCIENTIFIC, ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

Decisions XII/1, XI/3 and X/4: The Global Biodiversity Outlook

38. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared information on the further consideration of the implications of the findings of GBO-4 and its related Reports, Including With Respect to Mainstreaming and the Integration of Biodiversity Across Sectors for consideration by SBSTTA 19.
- (b) Prepared information on modalities of GBO-5 in light of the work of IPBES, particularly the regional assessments and the global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services, for consideration by SBSTTA 19.

- (c) Contributed information for and reviewed draft regional reports as complements to GBO-4 for Africa, West Asia and Asia and Pacific, prepared by UNEP-WCMC in collaboration with the respective UNEP regional offices (ROA, ROWA and ROAP);
- (d) Continued liaising with UNEP-ROLAC regarding the preparation of a regional report as complement to GBO-4 for Latin America and the Caribbean;
- (e) Continued to liaise with the team following up on the Monaco assessment on the biodiversity of Antarctica;
- (f) Provided guidance and support to the Global Youth Biodiversity Network to promote the wider dissemination of key messages from GBO-4;
- (g) Continued liaising with the Forest Peoples Programme on the preparation of a Global Biodiversity Outlook by and for indigenous peoples and local communities;
- (h) Prepared an analysis of the use of information from the fifth national report in GBO-4 with a view to preparing guidelines for the sixth national report

This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Decisions XII/1, XI/3 and X/7: Indicators and monitoring progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan

39. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Undertook preparations for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) of indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. This included substantive matters, such as the preparation of documentation as well as logistical issues;
- (b) Convened the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) of indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 in Geneva Switzerland from 14-17 September 2015;
- (c) Undertook follow up activities related to the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) of indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. This included logistical issues as well as managing the peer review process and finalizing the meeting report for its consideration by SBSTTA 10;
- (d) Continued to review the fifth national reports to the Convention on Biological Diversity in order to update the assessment of progress of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;
- (e) Reviewed the fifth national reports in relation to their use of indicators. This contributed to an assessment of national indicators and approaches used to assess progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
- (f) Developed a methodology for an index, based on information in the fifth national reports, for measuring progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
- (g) Provided inputs and guidance to UNEP-WCMC on the implementation of the “Mind the Gap” project, aimed at filling gaps in the indicator suite and maintaining a global partnership to provide technical support, and participated in the inception meeting for the project;
- (h) Prepared, in collaboration with the UNCCD Secretariat and FAO, an expert meeting on the technical description of a land degradation indicators as a joint indicators for the Rio Conventions;
- (i) Contributed, as part of the Technical Support Team, inputs on an indicative set of indicators for the sustainable development goals to the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals;

- (j) Organized a workshop with Future Earth, and the Quebec Centre for Biodiversity Science on the contribution of science to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- (k) Pursued, as part of the functional review of the Secretariat, coordinated work on a horizontal cluster on monitoring;

Processes have been put in place to better allow Parties and the Secretariat to monitor progress towards the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Further contributions have been made to other international processes to promote common approaches to indicators and monitoring. The information generated through these processes will facilitate the assessment of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

Decision XII/4: Integrating biodiversity into the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and the sustainable development goals

In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- a) continued to provide inputs into UN-Water's lead role in the development of a water SDG and in particular a proposed target (Target 6.6) relating to the role of ecosystems in sustainable water (now adopted);
- b) contributed to the newly established UN-Water task force on monitoring and indicators for SDG Goal 6, including participating in six virtual meetings on the topic;

The result of these actions has been improved understanding by UN Agencies and negotiators from Member States of the role of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets in achieving sustainable water with regards to sustainable development and regarding relevant global indicators for measuring progress towards SDG Target 6.6. .

Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Target 14.

Decisions XII/6, X1/19 and X/33: Biodiversity and forestry and related issues

40. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) With the support of the Japan Biodiversity Fund, initiated a project entitled "Developing capacities on forest governance to implement forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets" to assess how national forest governance frameworks are evolving (or changing) to integrate (or support) country's national biodiversity and sustainable development priorities. The project aims to provide guidance building on existing country cases that demonstrate measures used to minimize risks, for example, due to lack of stakeholder involvement and/or conflict resolution measures;
- (b) Invited parties and relevant organizations to provide information specifically on possible indicators to assess the contribution of reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, conservation of forest carbon stocks, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries to the objectives of the Convention. As of June 2015, the Secretariat received relevant submissions from thirteen Parties and ten organizations. A report will be prepared for SBSTTA 20 summarizing these submissions to inform on the potential of indicators and monitoring mechanisms, considerations to be made in their selection and to highlight relevant cases of best practices;
- (c) Prepared a report for SBSTTA19 which covered issues for the mainstreaming of the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity
- (d) Collaborated in the preparations of the Mexico Workshop, in Mexico City, Mexico in November 2015 in view of the presentations on forests and examples showcasing forest mainstreaming interventions.

- (e) Cooperated with relevant CPF partner organizations to compile information on the ways in which international organizations and secretariats with substantial programmes on forests are assisting in implementing the forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the programme of work on forest biodiversity, through a report that employs surveys and other techniques. The report was presented at SBSTTA19, together with a side event organized with several CPF partners.
- (f) Participated at the XIV session of the WFC in Durban, South Africa, addressing several issues on mainstreaming biodiversity into the forest sector and reinforcing collaborative arrangements with FAO on forest landscape restoration, sustainable wildlife management, FRA reporting for 2020 and criteria and indicator processes for SFM, as well as follow up work related to the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.
- (g) Participated in three CPF meeting (May in NY, September in Durban , and December in Paris) and two CPW meetings (March in Rome and September in Durban) setting strategic actions to enhance collaboration and policy coordination on forest and wildlife related issues.
- (h) In the context of the ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative for Tropical Forest Biodiversity, participated in the Fifty-First Session of the International Tropical Timber Council and Associated Sessions of the Committees in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in November 2015 to provide information about the joint initiative to the Council.

Decisions XII/9, XI/8: Engagement with subnational and local governments

41. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat supported and contributed to China-ASEAN Seminar on Eco-Friendly Cities held from 17 to 18 November 2015, in Beijing, China. The seminar proposed establishment of partnerships among cities in China and ASEAN member states in promoting sustainable urban development.

Decisions XII/15, XI/26 and X/17: Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

42. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Organized a regional workshop for francophone countries on the implementation of the GPSC (Paris, France, 3-4 July 2015);
- (b) Participated in and made a keynote presentation at the European Botanic Gardens Congress (Paris, France, 6-10 July 2015);
- (c) Organized a meeting of the Liaison Group for the GPSC (Paris, France, 8 July 2015) and prepared the report of that meeting;
- (d) Liaised with UNESCO regarding the possibility of proposing to UNGA an International Year on Plants for Sustainable Development in 2019;
- (e) Continued to liaise with the Chair of the Global Partnership on Plant Conservation and Botanic Gardens Conservation International on issues related to the implementation of the GPSC;
- (f) Provided inputs to the Sud Expert Plantes Développement Durable project implemented by IRD and MNHN.

As a result of the actions taken Parties have enhanced their capacities for plant conservation and for mainstreaming the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation into their national planning processes. This is relevant to almost all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Decisions XII/16, XII/17, XI/28 and X/38: Invasive Alien Species

43. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Organized the Expert Meeting on alien species in wildlife trade, experiences in the use of biological control agents and development of decision support tools for management of invasive alien species, which took place in Montreal, Canada from 28 to 30 October 2015. The meeting was convened with the generous financial support from the Governments of Germany and Sweden, and in preparation for the twentieth meeting of the SBSTTA, to be held in April 2016 in Montreal, Canada. The meeting compiled and analysed information submitted by Parties on:
 - (i) Exploration of ways and means to address the risks associated with trade in wildlife introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food (paragraph 4 of decision XII/16);
 - (ii) Methods of alerting suppliers and potential buyers to the risk posed by invasive alien species sold via e-commerce (paragraph 9 (d) of decision XII/17);
 - (iii) Synthesis on information from Parties, scientific institutions, and other relevant organizations, on experiences in the use of biological control agents against invasive alien species, in particular the release in the wild of alien species for this purpose (paragraph 9 (g) of decision XII/17); and
 - (iv) Development of decision-support tools for assessing and evaluating the social, economic and ecological consequences of invasive alien species; cost-benefit analyses for eradication, management and control measures; and tools for examining the impacts of climate change and land-use change on biological invasions (paragraph 9 (c) of decision XII/17).
- (b) Organized, in collaboration with the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO), a side-event during the nineteenth meeting of the SBSTTA that took place in Montreal, Canada from 2 to 6 November, 2015. The side-event, titled “Biological Invasions in Forests: A Global Problem Impacting Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functions”, summarized the work of the biological invasion task force of the IUFRO which aims to synthesize information about biological invasions in forests and packaging this information in a concise way to inform stakeholders and policymakers.
- (c) Organized, in collaboration with the IUCN-Invasive Species Specialist Group and CABI, a side-event during the nineteenth meeting of the SBSTTA that took place in Montreal, Canada from 2 to 6 November, 2015. The side-event, titled “Interim Report on the use of Biological Control Agents against invasive alien species”, offered a summary report from the expert meeting on the use of biological control agents against invasive alien species, in particular release into the environment. The event further exchanged views and comments between the experts and delegates to SBSTTA19 on the topic.
- (d) Discussed and agreed with relevant partners, a change in dates for the Capacity-building workshops for the Small Island Developing States of the Pacific and Indian Ocean, as well as the Caribbean, to support implementation of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) to take place from 2015 to 2016.

The results of these actions have been:

- *Substantive inputs to the pre-session and information documents relevant to invasive alien species to be discussed at the twentieth meeting of the SBSTTA;*
- *Engagement of relevant international organizations for the collaborative future work on invasive alien species within their mandates and priority of the organizations, in particular in the areas of international framework setting and support for developing countries to implement the international guidance related to invasive alien species, including pests and pathogens.*

Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: target 9.

Decisions X11/18 and XI/25: Sustainable use of biodiversity: bushmeat and sustainable wildlife management

44. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:
- (a) Participated and helped organize the first Wildlife Forum held in the margins of the World forestry Congress in Durban, South Africa. The forum addressed challenges and opportunities in sustainable wildlife management, showcasing the experiences of countries, organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities in addressing poverty alleviation and livelihood security issues while safeguarding the world's rich and diverse wildlife. The CPW also launched two facts sheets on: Sustainable Wildlife Management and Animal Health and Sustainable Wildlife Management and Human-wildlife Conflict. The 1st CPW Wildlife Forum involved close to all the 13 partners and produced an outcomes summary that was presented to the Congress.
 - (b) Assessed over 150 national reports and National Biodiversity strategic action plans and conducted an analysis on bushmeat or wild meat issues; sustainable use of wildlife and wildlife management practices, and illegal hunting and poaching-related challenges. This information has been taken into account in the preparation of documentation for the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. A report is being prepared for SBSTTA20 in response to requests from Decision XII/18.
 - (c) Invited parties and relevant organizations to provide information related to sustainable use of biodiversity: bushmeat and sustainable wildlife management. As of July 2015, the secretariat received relevant submissions from seventeen Parties and two organizations and four members from academia. A document will be prepared summarizing these submissions with the aim to inform on potential impacts of subsistence use and the illegal trade and hunting of wildlife. The Secretariat received twenty three submissions whose information has been analyzed and taken into account in the preparation of documentation for the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice; and
 - (d) Participated in the workshop "Sustainable Use and bushmeat trade in Colombia: operationalizing the Legal Framework in Colombia". The workshop was based on the recommendation of CBD Liaison Group on Bushmeat. Recommendations and conclusions of the workshop have been taken into account in the preparation of documentation for the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. A background document building on the Colombian case will be prepared for SBSTTA20.
 - (e) Participated in the first Retreat of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW) which was held at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy. The objectives and expectations of the retreat included: a review the progress of the partnership since its establishment in March 2012 and discuss the 2015-2016 Work Plan; Outcomes were the continuation of the CPW workplan 2015-2016, and identification of key priorities and venues for launching initiatives.
 - (f) In collaboration with relevant partners, launched the Bushmeat E-Sourcebook, an online resource, on the occasion of the second World Wildlife Day, March 3 2015. The sourcebook examines bushmeat's vital contribution to food security, local livelihoods, and other aspects of human well-being in many parts of the world. CPW also disseminated a press release on the occasion of World Wildlife Day;
 - (g) Carrying out activities in preparation for the IUCN World Conservation Congress to be held in September 2016 with the acceptance of a joint IUCN and CBD workshop proposal on trophy hunting, conservation and livelihoods.
 - (h) Follow up work with Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora on Decision 16.149 on the revised bushmeat resolution and Decision 16.17 to 16.25 on livelihoods.

Decisions XII/20, XI/19, XI/20, XI/21 and X/33: Biodiversity and Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

45. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) In collaboration with relevant partners, is compiling the experiences of countries with implementation of ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation (EbA) and disaster risk reduction (eco-DRR), including lessons learned, opportunities and challenges for implementation and an analysis of the major policy issues on , including cost-benefit analyses, trade-offs, protection of the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities and gender. A draft of the synthesis report was made available for peer review by Parties and relevant organizations from 30 November 2015 to 4 January 2016.
- (b) Organized a technical workshop to review the first draft synthesis report and share more knowledge and experiences in Johannesburg, South Africa from 28 September to 2 October 2015. The workshop was funded by the Government of South Africa, the European Union and the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency. The workshop participants agreed key messages that were presented by the Executive Secretary and the Deputy Minister of Environment for South Africa at a side event at UNCCD COP 12. They were also presented by the Executive Secretary and the Minister of Water Affairs for South Africa at a side event at UNFCCC COP 21.
- (c) Has commissioned UNEP-WCMC to prepare an assessment of the current carbon stocks in biomass and soil, with an estimate of the carbon stored in different biomes at global level, and provides an overview of carbon management in different natural ecosystems such as the Tundra, boreal forests, temperate forests, and savannahs and tropical grasslands. This assessment builds on other assessments prepared previously by UNEP-WCMC and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN). A brochure presenting the early outcomes of the report was presented at a side event at UNFCCC COP 21.
- (d) Has commissioned a report that explores possible scenarios that are likely to keep climate change within a 1.5 or 3 degree limit, reduce and ultimately halt biodiversity loss in line with the Vision of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and meet other agreed goals for sustainable development and to examine the feasibility of pathways and response options in line with these scenarios. The report also provides a credible quantified estimate of the contribution of the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and thereby demonstrates the contribution of achievements under the CBD to the objective of the UNFCCC.
- (e) Participated in the 42nd UNFCCC Subsidiary Body meetings, and in the UNFCCC COP 21 meeting. Also participated in the 6th Advisory Board meeting of the Climate Technology Centre and Network of the UNFCCC.
- (f) Took over as Chair of the Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction (PEDRR) and hosted two virtual meetings of the partnership to identify action to follow-up on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction;

Through these actions, there is a better understanding within the climate change community of the role and contribution of the CBD, and work taken under it, to the work of the UNFCCC. Parties have a better understanding of the impacts of climate change on biodiversity, how to integrate climate change and ecosystem-based adaption into NBSAPs, and will have a better overview of available resources supporting them in their efforts to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Targets related to climate change.

These actions: strengthened the awareness of Member States regarding the contribution of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 to disaster risk reduction and opportunities to integrate this into the Sendai Framework for Action on DRR; strengthened cooperation among partners on DRR and increased mainstreaming of ecosystem based solutions for DRR;

Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 10, 14 and 15.

Decisions XII/23, XII/22, XI/18, XI/17 and X/29: Marine and coastal biodiversity

46. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Provided contribution of the CBD Secretariat to Part II of the UN Secretary General's report on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, which will be submitted to the United Nations General Assembly for consideration at its seventieth session. This contribution contained information on the topic of the 16th Meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (the "Informal Consultative Process"), oceans and sustainable development, and was sent to UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea on 6 July 2015;
- (b) Attended the Meeting of the 21st Session of the International Seabed Authority, held from 6 to 24 July 2015, in Kingston, Jamaica, and delivered a statement by the Executive Secretary and organized a side event at this meeting on the CBDs scientific and technical work of relevance to the ISA, including work on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs);
- (c) Organized the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Training of Trainers Workshop from 17 to 21 September 2015 in Yeosu, Republic of Korea;
- (d) Organized the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) National Capacity Development Workshop for Samoa from 28 to 30 September 2015 in Apia, Samoa. Also liaised with various partners on the organization and technical/logistics arrangements of SOI Regional Capacity Building Workshop for the South Pacific;
- (e) Issued notification 2015-113 requesting views and information on practical options to further enhance scientific methodologies and approaches for the description of areas meeting the EBSA criteria on 30 September 2015;
- (f) Organized the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) National Capacity Development Workshop for Namibia from 13 to 16 October 2015 in Swakopmund, Namibia;
- (g) Attended the 21st Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), held from 30 November to 11 December 2015 in Paris, France, and co-organized and provided statements to the Oceans Day at COP 21 and the Oceans and Climate Forum, and participated in the Small-Scale Fisheries Roundtable at COP 21;
- (h) Organized the CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the Seas of East Asia, and Training Session on EBSAs, held from 14 to 18 December 2015 in Xiamen, China;
- (i) Produced a draft desk study on the impacts of offshore mining in the context of marine and coastal biodiversity;
- (j) Prepared draft report on addressing the impacts of marine debris for publication as CBD Technical Series;
- (k) Prepared draft report on addressing the impacts anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity for publication as CBD Technical Series;
- (l) Produced a website/information-sharing mechanism for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative
- (m) Consultations with the International Whaling Commission regarding new areas of collaboration, including regarding anthropogenic underwater noise, marine debris and ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs)

The result of these actions has been:

- *Engaged and enabled a significant number of country Parties in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas through sharing of scientific and technical information, learning exchanges, training on specific tools and guidelines, etc.*
- *Facilitated the description of areas meeting the EBSA criteria in the Seas of East Asia*
- *Engaged various global and regional partners to contribute to long-term capacity development for national implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets*
- *Enhanced understanding on specific pressures on marine and coastal biodiversity and ecosystems*
- *Addressed targeted national-level capacity development to support enhanced implementation and progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets*
- *Provided relevant scientific and technical advice to relevant global and regional processes related to conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity*

Decisions XII/29, XII/2, XI/2, XI/3 and X/10: National Reporting

47. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Received a total of 166 fifth national reports as of the end of December 2015. In addition 8 countries had shared advanced draft reports. To facilitate the finalization and submission of the fifth national reports, the Secretariat sent several reminders including letters to Ministers during this period. The Secretariat also reviewed and provided suggestions on draft reports received;
- (b) Reviewed almost all the fifth national reports received;
- (c) Further developed the online reporting tool as requested in decision XII/29, with due consideration given to suggestions contained in paragraph 4 of decision XII/6 and to recommendations provided by a meeting of the informal advisory committees of the CHM and the ABS-CH held prior to SBSTTA 19 as well as feedback provided by country experts and members of the CHM-IAC that have tested the tool;
- (d) Organized a side event at SBSTTA 19 on the further development of the online reporting tool;
- (e) Discussed, at the margins of SBSTTA 19, options for cross-linking related global, regional and national targets through an API interface between the CHM of the CBD and national and regional clearing houses;
- (f) Prepared draft guidelines for the sixth national report and made these available for peer review;
- (g) Updated most of the country biodiversity profiles and sent them to relevant countries for review.

This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Decisions XII/29, XII/2, XI/2, XI/3 and X/10: Support to the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans

48. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Reviewed a number of draft updated NBSAPs and provided inputs to finalize the updated NBSAPs;
- (b) Worked with UNEP, UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Centre and the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity in providing support to ASEAN member states for updating their NBSAPs;
- (c) Facilitated the finalization and submission of updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans while pushing for the submission of the fifth national reports; and

- (d) Attended the national workshop of the DPR Lao and helped resume national processes to update its updated NBSAP and prepare its fifth national report as well as provided inputs to these two documents.

Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: target 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17.

Decisions XI/23 and X/28: Biological Diversity of Inland Waters

49. In response to these decisions the Secretariat

- (a) Attended the 23rd biannual meeting of UN-Water, Stockholm, 18 – 23 August 2015; and
(b) Participated in five virtual meetings of the working group on the water SDG (adopted now as Goal 6) with particular reference to backstopping proposals related to ecosystems (adopted now as Target 6.6).

The result of these actions has been: further strengthened cooperation in the UN system regarding ecosystems and water.

Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Target 14.

Decision XI/24 – Protected Areas

50. In response to this decision, under paragraph 10, the Secretariat in collaboration with PoWPA Friends and partners is organizing a series of capacity-building workshops to facilitate the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12. From September to December of 2015, three workshops covering Asia, Mesoamerica, South America and the Caribbean regions were conducted with 53 participating countries. These workshops were carried out with the generous financial support from the Government of Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund.

51. Under paragraph 1(b), Parties were invited to, consistent with national circumstances, undertake major efforts, with appropriate support, to achieve all elements of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11. As such country representatives to the workshop have submitted responses to a questionnaire on the data that can be utilized to implement Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12; draft matrices on the status, gaps and opportunities of each element of the targets; and priority actions, arising from the opportunities, for their implementation.

52. In preparation for the workshop and to aid countries in filling out the questionnaire, it should be noted that the Secretariat compiled information that is publicly available from a number of global databases from partner organizations into country data dossiers. In particular, the dossiers contain information from the World Database of Protected Areas, Digital Observatory for Protected Areas, Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas, Alliance for Zero Extinction sites, and the IUCN Red List. The United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre, the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, BirdLife International, the Alliance for Zero Extinction, and IUCN, among others, have kindly granted permission for the use of information from their databases, as contributions to implementing the above decision and as invited under paragraph 7, as well as participated in the workshops. Thus far, 180 dossiers on target 11 and 130 dossiers on target 12 have been compiled and 53 of each has been shared with the participating countries.

Decisions XI/27 and X/34: Agricultural biodiversity

53. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Finalised documents on food systems and agriculture to backstop relevant considerations at SBSTTA-19;

- (b) Liaised with the FAO to provide information to SBSTTA-19 on the contributions of the FAO to Aichi Biodiversity Target 7; and
- (c) Attended the Project Steering Committee of the TEEB for Agriculture and Food, Brussels, 6-9 September 2015.

These actions have strengthened coordination between the CBD and the FAO and helped develop the TEEB Ag-Food in time to inform SBSTTA-20, SBI-1 and COP-13.

Decision X/38: The Global Taxonomy Initiative

54. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Organized, in collaboration with the International Barcode of Life networks, the first round of hands on training course for the trainees selected from the participants of the online course on DNA barcoding methodological approaches and technologies, and that took place in Guelph, Canada from 20 July to 14 August 2015. The selected participants to the first round included representatives from Belarus, Bhutan, Colombia, Dominican Republic, France, Mexico and Nepal.
- (b) Organized, in collaboration with the International Barcode of Life networks, the second round of hands on training course for the trainees selected from the participants of the online course on DNA barcoding methodological approaches and technologies, and that took place in Guelph, Canada from 5 to 30 October 2015. The selected participants to the second round included representatives from Thailand, Botswana, Nigeria and Uruguay.
- (c) Organized a session on capacity development in rapid species identification at the 6th International Barcode of Life Conference, Guelph, Canada on 18 August 2015.

The result of these actions has been:

- *Improved knowledge and skills of participants in DNA barcoding for rapid detection and identification of invasive alien species and other species that are of concern by Parties (e.g. CITES listed species).*
- *Trained trainers who participated in the course joined a forum on spreading knowledge and capacity for rapid species identification through DNA barcoding to continue the work as trainers on the technology in developing countries/regions.*

Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: target 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 19.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Decision XII/2 B.3: Clearing-House Mechanism

55. During the second half of 2015, the main activities related to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) can be summarized as follows:

- (a) The CBD Online Reporting Tool was further developed and a new version was made available for testing at <https://dev-chm.cbd.int> in August 2015. A number of interested Parties as well as members of the CHM Informal Advisory Committee (CHM-IAC) were granted access and provided feedback for improvement. The official version of the tool was made available at <https://chm.cbd.int>. The first version of the online reporting tool allows Parties to report on the progress in achieving national and/or Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The official launch of this tool is planned for the first half of 2016.

- (b) The Secretariat completed an important milestone in the development of the CHM in which all three CBD Clearing-houses (CHM, BCH and ABS-CH) have been unified under one structure. A single login and password can now be used across ABS-CH and CHM systems (BCH is to be integrated at a later stage).
- (c) In addition to the above online reporting tool, the online tool for the financial reporting framework was made available at <https://chm.cbd.int/submit/resourcemobilization> to allow Parties to submit baseline information and report on their contribution to reach the global financial targets under Aichi Biodiversity Target 20.
- (d) A meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM-IAC) took place on 30-31 October 2015 at the margins of SBSTTA 19. The first day of the meeting was held jointly with the last day of the first meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the ABS Clearing-House (ABSCH-IAC). The report of this meeting is available at www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=chmiac-2015-01.
- (e) A preliminary draft of the web strategy (UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2015/1/INF/2) requested by decision XII/2 was prepared through a collaborative process involving CHM-IAC members and relevant Secretariat staff. At its meeting held on 30-31 October 2015, the CHM-IAC provided advice on how to finalize the web strategy for the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 1).
- (f) Further to the advice from the CHM-IAC, the deadline for submission of questionnaires on the CHM Award was extended to 31 December 2015 through notifications 2015-126 issued on 13 November 2015. 30 questionnaires were received by the end of 2015.
- (g) Preparation proceeded for the two regional CHM capacity-building workshops funded by the Japan Biodiversity Fund (JBF). These workshops will take place during the first half of 2016. One will be held in Nadi, Fiji, and will cover the Pacific while the other will be held in Belgrade, Serbia, and will cover Central and Eastern Europe and Western Asia.
- (h) Thanks to the support of the Japan Biodiversity Fund, the first version of a tool to facilitate the establishment of national CHMs was developed and made available at <http://demo.chm-cbd.net>. This tool was demonstrated at the CHM-IAC meeting held on 30-31 October 2015. It was well-received by the CHM-IAC who recommended to further develop it.
- (i) Some progress was made in the implementation of the CBD application programming interface (API) and some preliminary technical documentation was made available at <https://api.cbd.int/developers>.
- (j) The CBD website was updated on an ongoing basis. Among other things, more than 600 web posting requests were handled and more than 80 records were added or updated in the online library. An interactive online version of the SBSTTA 19 recommendations was prepared and made available at www.cbd.int/recommendations. Thanks to support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund, web translation proceeded with translators from the newly-established roster.
- (k) Collaboration continued with the UNEP's MEA Information and Knowledge Management (MEA-IKM) initiative on various topics, including the InforMEA website, thesaurus, and interoperability. Some interoperability endpoints were implemented at <https://api.cbd.int/informeasvc> based on the specifications of the InforMEA application programming interface (API) available at www.informeasvc.org/about/api. The CBD Secretariat also participated in the Sixth MEA Information and Knowledge Management Steering Committee Meeting, held on 15-17 September 2015 in Montreux, Switzerland, and organized by UNEP/DEL/C.
- (l) In collaboration with programme officers, the IT Team further developed several web portals and tools such as the platform for Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSA) and the Sustainable Oceans Initiative website.

Decision XII/3: Resource mobilization

56. In the period under the review, the Secretariat further implemented the work plan on resource mobilization. As requested by the Conference of the Parties in decision XII/3, the Secretariat rolled out its programme of a series of sub-regional workshops on financial reporting and resource mobilization, and preceding webinars, in Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Peru, Senegal, the Philippines and Uganda. It also continued its series of workshops on CBD implementation and financial reporting, held back-to-back with the Expanded Constituency Workshops of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), in cooperation with the GEF secretariat. Detailed information on these meetings can be retrieved under <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/>, using the tags 'financial resources and mechanism', and 'previous meetings.'

57. Through financialreporting@cbd.int, the Secretariat received a significant amount of requests for technical assistance associated with the completion of the Financial Reporting Framework, and provided technical support accordingly, complementing the activities above.

58. The Secretariat participated at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, preceded by GEF needs assessment meeting on 11-16 July 2015 and organized and serviced a side-event on financing for biodiversity.

59. The Secretariat represented the CBD in the 8th meeting of the Working Party on Biodiversity, Water and Ecosystems (WPBWE) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), held in Paris, France, on 21-22 October 2015. The Secretariat briefed the meeting on pertinent SCBD activities and provided substantial input into work under review, with a view to ensure alignment with the CBD work programmes on resource mobilization, incentives, marine and inland biodiversity.

60. Under this item, the Secretariat also embarked on preparations for the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body of Implementation, including the drafting of pertinent documentation.

61. The report of the Dialogue Workshop on Assessment of Collective Action of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Biodiversity Conservation and Resource Mobilization (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/19/INF/21, also in Spanish) was issued on 2 November 2015. The Secretariat also organized a side-event in the margins of SBSTTA-19 to present the report and findings of the Dialogue Workshop.

62. Preparation of the extractions of funding information from national reports as well as from national biodiversity strategies and action plans for the global monitoring report and for the GEF-7 needs assessment expert team.

Decision XII/26: Improving the efficiency of structures and processes of the Convention: Subsidiary Body on Implementation

63. In the period under review, the head of the Technical Support for Implementation division, as the Secretary of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI), initiated planning and administration for the first meeting of the SBI. The provisional agenda was approved by the COP Bureau and published on the SBI website along with the annotations of the provisional agenda.

Decision XII/30: The financial mechanism

64. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Published a webpage for the GEF-7 funding needs assessment under decision XII/30.
- (b) Five experts were selected and approved through the Bureau of the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties
- (c) Two teleconferences were organized on to finalize the questionnaire on Funding Needs for the Implementation of the Convention and its Protocols for the Seventh Replenishment Period (July 2018 -

June 2022) of the Trust Fund of GEF and to review progress on 10 August 2015 and 17 December 2015, respectively.

- (d) An expert team meeting was organized to take stock and discuss ways forward on the GEF-7 funding needs assessment in Montreal, Canada on 30-31 October 2015.
 - (e) Notification 2015-094 was issued on 19 August 2015, inviting Parties to complete the questionnaire on Funding Needs for the Implementation of the Convention and its Protocols for the Seventh Replenishment Period (July 2018 - June 2022) of the Trust Fund of the GEF by 19 October 2015, and a reminder notification was issued 6 November 2015. Furthermore, a list of frequently asked questions and answers on the GEF-7 funding needs assessment was published on the CBD webpage.
65. The Secretariat participated in the 49th GEF Council and CSO consultation in Washington D.C. held on 19-22 October 2015.
66. Organization of the joint CBD-GEF Workshop on CBD implementation and financial reporting in Georgia on 22 June 2015, in Uganda on 19 July 2015, in Jordan on 7 September 2015 and in Belarus on 21 September 2015 and Cook Islands on 7 October 2015.
67. Participation in the bilateral teleconferences with biodiversity-related conventions, and provision of advice on the procedures regarding submission of guidance to the financial mechanism. Web-publication of elements of guidance to the financial mechanism.

IT related activities

68. In response to the introduction of UMOJA and the IPSAS accounting standards, the Secretariat revised and renewed contracts, especially in regards to the Information and Communication Technologies. In collaboration with the administration, the IT team actively participated in the definition of requirements to ensure the continuity of telephone and internet services.

MAINSTREAMING, PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH

Decisions IX/21 (Island biodiversity) and XI/15 (Review of the programme of work on island biodiversity) – Global Islands Partnership (GLISPA)

69. The Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) is an open cooperation platform, launched by island Parties and Parties with islands parallel to CBD COP 8 in Brazil and linked to the implementation of the CBD's Programme of Work on Island Biodiversity. It has been instrumental in mainstreaming biodiversity into the UN's SAMOA Pathway document, where it is acknowledged as an active partnership. The SCBD has been an active member of its Steering and Executive Committees, to ensure coordination of its agenda with the Convention, its programmes, the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan on Biodiversity and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. With the support of the Italian government, GLISPA's Steering and Executive Committees met in Torino, Italy, from 13 to 15 October 2015, to reflect on the last 10 years' activities and identify priorities, strategies and leadership, and to contribute to a refreshed GLISPA 2030 Strategy. The meeting identified the elements, priorities, strategies and leadership for the GLISPA Strategy 2030, confirmed financial commitments to GLISPA's financial sustainability and identified priority outcomes, activities and measures of success for 2015 & 2016. On October 16, 2015, the SCBD contributed to the Third World Forum on Local Economic Development on the lessons learned through GLISPA.
70. Building on the meeting, the SCBD developed a project to the European Community, which was ultimately approved and will be implemented in 2016. This project, additional to the EU's current and long-standing support to the SCBD, allocates 180,000 Euros to cover the core GLISPA team's fees and operational costs in IUCN/Washington DC, and allow for stronger coordination with the SCBD's work.

Decision XII/5: Biodiversity for poverty eradication and sustainable development

71. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared a Concept document “Initiative on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development [2015-2018]” (October 15th, 2015) for the next phase of the Initiative “Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development”; and
- (b) Organized a Roundtable of donors in Brussels on October 28th in cooperation with the European Commission and the Government of France to examine the state-of-the play and current challenges in relation to the biodiversity-poverty nexus and to discuss and build support for a draft initiative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on “Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development”, and to enhance collaboration and partnership among numerous global and regional entities that are currently working on these issues.

Decision XII/7: Mainstreaming Gender Considerations

72. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Coordinated a gender-themed day at the Rio Conventions Pavilion at the 21st meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). This day of discussions brought together 19 partners to discuss issues on a number of topics related to the forward agenda for achievement of Agenda 2030 and the sustainable development goals. A panel discussion on exploring synergies and opportunities for harmonization among the three Rio Conventions and associated institutions closed the day.
- (b) Supported UNEP’s Gender and Social Safeguards Unit by leading the gender training component of a results-based management course for the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC).
- (c) Participated in a drafting session for the third and fourth chapters of UNEP’s first flagship Global Gender and Environment Outlook report (GGEO), in which biodiversity is considered one of the cross-cutting themes.
- (d) Continued to engage closely with UN and partner organizations and networks on gender, including through the development of funding proposals.
- (e) Announced the initiation of an internal Gender Integration Group to support gender mainstreaming across all areas of work carried out by the Secretariat.

Decision XII/10: Business Engagement

73. In response to this decision and other associated duties, the Secretariat:

- (a) Concluded planning of CBD 2015 Business Forum (November 2015) with the host government (Finland) which included the creation of the agenda and selection of speakers and delivery of the event. This also included the fifth Meeting of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity as well as two technical workshops (one on Business Reporting and one on Commodity Impacts). Reports on the meetings are in the process of being prepared;
- (b) Conducted extensive research and consultations on business reporting and completed a draft which is to be circulated for wider comments before being submitted to SBI and COP 13. The consultations were supplemented by the aforementioned technical workshop;
- (c) Worked with consultant and various stakeholders to complete first draft of the Initiative for Biodiversity Impact Indicators for Commodity Production. The consultations were supplemented by the aforementioned technical workshop;
- (d) Secured case studies and began process of drafting the business case for the various Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
- (e) Completed the Business.2020 newsletter (amassing articles, editing, design, etc) and disseminated the 2015 edition online and in various forums;

- (f) Issued three additional editions of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity newsletter for 2015;
- (g) Provided ongoing support to the Global Partnership including the facilitation of meetings, preparation of documents, and providing technical support for the selection of new Executive Committee;
- (h) Provided support to the new working groups of the Global Partnership;
- (i) Undertook final planning, development and delivery of several workshops (India (September 2015), Brazil (September 2015), and the Pan African Business Forum (October 2015)) which took in the second half of 2015. Particularly in the case of the Pan African Forum, this has involved considerable follow-up and support to emerging initiatives;
- (j) Undertook initial planning for the ASEAN Biodiversity Conference;
- (k) Undertook initial planning for the IUCN World Conservation Congress (initial preparation and submission of documents which included extensive consultations with partners);
- (l) Participation in the National Forum on Biological Diversity and Green Development: Sub-forum of the 2015 Annual Conference of Eco Forum Global in Guiyang, China (which included participation in panel discussions and delivery of a presentation);
- (m) Participation in the Second International Forum Biodiversity and Business in Lima, Peru (which included participation in panel discussions and delivery of a presentation);
- (n) Participation in the World Forum on Natural Capital (Edinburgh, UK---November 2015) which included participation in panel discussions and delivery of a presentation and additional meetings in London and Cambridge;
- (o) Ongoing updating of business website, particularly with respect to project mandates, business events, and the Global Partnership pages; and
- (p) Pre-planning for COP 13 and Business Forum and initial preparation of drafts for SBI.

Decision XII/11: Biodiversity and Tourism Development

74. In response to this decision, the Secretariat contributed to the International Workshop “Economic Impacts Of Tourism In Protected Areas“, 21-25 Sept 2015 in the Wadden Sea National Park, Germany, in which proposals for standardized systems for the evaluation and monitoring the economic effects of tourism in protected areas, and to coordinate activities between UNWTO, UNEP, SCBD, IUCN and other international agencies towards CBD COP 13 were produced.

Decision XII/12: Article 8(j) and related provisions

75. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

Workshops, expert meetings and other inter-sessional activities:

- Prepared documentation, planned, organized and serviced the Ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, 4 - 7 November 2015, Montreal, Canada.
- Organized and facilitated the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the Ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and in the Nineteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
- Prepared, organized and facilitated in collaboration with partners the Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for the Caribbean which took place from 13 to 18 December 2015 in Saint John’s, Antigua and Barbuda.

Participation in meetings and workshops organized by relevant organizations and partners:

- Participated in the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems Steering Committee (GIAHS, FAO), Rome, 14-16 December, 2015, Rome.

- Participated in “The protection of indigenous and traditional knowledge as a crosscutting issue of Land, Rights and Biodiversity”, 18-20 November 2015, Villa de Leyva, Colombia, organized by Humboldt Institute and Ministerio del Interior-Dirección de Etnias
- Participated in the “National Workshop on traditional knowledge” under the CBD, 22-23 September 2015, Guatemala City, Guatemala. Organized by Sotzil and Consejo Nacional de Areas Protegidas (CONAP) of the Guatemala Government.
- Participated in the Third meeting of the Task Force on Indigenous and Local Knowledge Systems of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, 7-11 September 2015, Paris, France.

Notifications issued:

- Invitation to submit nominations for the Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for the Caribbean Region on Traditional Knowledge and Customary sustainable use under the CBD, 14–18 December 2015, Saint John’s, Antigua and Barbuda (4 November 2015)
- Invitation to submit nominations for the Regional Training Capacity-Building Workshop for the African Region on Community Protocols, Indicators on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use of Biodiversity under the CBD, 25 - 29 January 2016, Nairobi, Kenya (18 November 2015)
- Invitation to submit information on the Progress on Implementation of the Programme of Work for Article 8(j) and related provisions: Request for contributions to the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (20 November 2015)

Report on outreach activities

International Day for Biological Diversity

76. In honor of the Year’s International Day for Biological Diversity the Secretariat is pleased to report that the following countries participated in the Day by hosting a variety of activities under the designated theme “Biodiversity for Sustainable Development”. Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, European Union, France, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Macedonia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, and Venezuela.

77. In addition, several organizations took advantage of the Day by hosting special events complete details can be found on our dedicated web page at: <https://www.cbd.int/idb/2015/celebrations/>

78. As you are aware the theme was chosen to reflect the importance of efforts made at all levels to establish a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of the United Nations Post-2015 Development Agenda for the period of 2015-2030 and the relevance of biodiversity for the achievement of sustainable development.

79. The selection of the theme also underlined the adoption of the Gangwon Declaration, by ministers and participants to the High-level Segment of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The Gangwon Declaration welcomed the importance given to biodiversity in the outcome document of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and called for the further integration and mainstreaming of biodiversity in the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Rio Conventions Pavilion (RCP)

80. Launched during the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010, the Rio Conventions Pavilion is a platform for raising awareness and sharing information about the latest practices and scientific findings on the co-benefits that can be realized through implementation of the three Rio Conventions. It has since convened at the COPs to the three Rio Conventions between 2010 - 2015, in addition to a special programme at Rio+20 commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Rio Conventions.

81. Held at the margins of the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification which was held in Ankara, Turkey from 12-22 October 2015, delegates joined in the conversation on synergistic approaches to achieving a land-degradation neutral world and supporting sustainable livelihoods. The Information Officer facilitated the sessions and provided other support as needed. The summary of the proceedings can be viewed at: <http://www.riopavilion.org/unccd-cop12-events/>

82. The conversation continued during the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 21) which was held in Paris, France, from 30 November to 12 December 2015.

83. Each day at the RCP organizations provided a focus on a different theme relevant to climate change, sustainable land management and biodiversity in the context of sustainable development. Themes included: exploring land's role in mitigating climate change; the role of biodiversity in combating climate change; recognizing the successes of indigenous peoples and local communities' initiatives in building climate resilience; the impact of climate change on our oceans; the role of business in addressing climate change; the potential of forests in climate change mitigation; climate-informed development; the benefits of gender-sensitive approaches in adaptation and mitigation efforts. The RCP activities also inspired, educated and offered networking opportunities to encourage delegates to work together to reach a universal agreement on climate and cap global warming below a 2 degree Celsius rise.

84. The summary of the proceedings can be viewed at: <http://www.iisd.ca/climate/cop21/cbd-rcp/about.html>.

Communication with the Biodiversity Liaison Group (BLG)

85. A teleconference was held with the communications focal points of the Biodiversity Liaison Group on 2 September 2015 from the following organizations: International Plant Protection Convention, the Ramsar Convention Secretariat, the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement, the UNESCO World Heritage Convention's Common Circuit Unit and the Cites Secretariat.

86. Work is on-going with members of the BLG to maximize opportunities for common messaging on United Nations International Days and Years. The Group will continue to hold teleconferences on a regular basis and work together to synchronize common messaging. More details is provided below under the outcomes of the meeting of the Aichi Biodiversity Task Force.

Aichi Biodiversity Targets Task Force

87. A technical meeting of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets Task Force (ABTTF) took place in Montreal, Canada on 4 November 2016 held at the margins of the nineteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity and chaired by the Executive Secretary of the CBD.

88. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Bioersivity International, Birdlife International, Conservation International, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Treaty on Plant and Genetic Resources on Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Rare Conservation, World Wildlife Fund (WWF), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP/WCMC) and the CBD Alliance as observer.

89. The Information Officer provided a briefing on ongoing work related to communications and Target 1. With regard unified messaging, he noted that in response to COP 12 decision XII/2, work is being conducted to develop a global communication strategy to be implemented over the second half of the United Nations Decade to serve as a flexible framework for Parties and relevant organizations. The strategy will engage with all partners, including members of the BLG and ABTTF so that overall messaging is common. It would provide a global platform but provide each organization opportunity to highlight its unique contribution.

90. The Executive Secretary called for members to share information on their tools on communication, and any ideas on how to best move forward with achieving Target 1, following which the Secretariat would propose further steps for discussion.

United Nations Decade on Biodiversity

91. The Secretariat is continuing its efforts in promoting the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity and Continuing to build on the momentum of the Decade. The Secretariat is continuing its working on a new strategy to enhance communication under the UNDB which will be presented to the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-1) before submission to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 13).

JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND

92. During the reporting period, the Secretariat carried out the following activities through the Japan Biodiversity Fund:

ITEM I - NBSAP SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Analysis of contents of the revised Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs):

The JBF team has developed an ongoing internal analysis of the revised (post-2010) national biodiversity strategies and action plans submitted to the Secretariat. The analysis is based on 67 NBSAPs that were received by 31 December 2015, and considering the following categories: (a) basic information; (b) revision process; (c) mainstreaming; and (d) different components of the NBSAP.

Develop a methodology for voluntary peer review of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) preparation and implementation:

At its 12th meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in its decision XII/29, para 3: “Takes note of the documents prepared by the Executive Secretary on a proposed pilot voluntary peer-review process for the NBSAP, and requests the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to develop a methodology for a voluntary peer-review process and to report to the May 2016 meeting of the CBD Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI), for its consideration;”.

The specific objectives of the VPR according to the draft methodology are: 1) To assess national progress toward the current CBD Strategic Plan and produce specific recommendations for the Parties under review; 2) To provide opportunities for peer learning; and 3) To create greater transparency and accountability to the public and other Parties.

The SCBD JBF team convened the Inception Meeting of the Working Group for the development of a methodology for Voluntary Peer-Review in Tbilisi, Georgia from 11 to 13 February 2015 with attendance of 17 experts nominated by Parties.

Ethiopia and India have volunteered to be “test countries” for the voluntary peer review process, in order to further develop the methodology.

A review team has implemented a test review of the methodology, including in-country visit to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 28 to 30 July 2015. SCBD JBF team provided technical and logistical support to reviewers from India, Norway and Switzerland before, during and after the country visit.

The second review of India was delayed by lack of availability of reviewers and only started in November 2015. The desk study was implemented through studying the revised Indian National Biodiversity Action Plan (NBAP) submitted to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biodiversity (SCBD) in 2014, the Indian 5th National Report to the Convention, and a significant number of other documents and videos identified and listed by the Secretariat. This desk study, combined with the scoping document prepared by India, provided the basis for this in-country visit which took place from 18 to 22 January 2016 in Chennai and New Delhi, India.

Technical support:

Technical support and advice continued to be provided to Parties and regional partners on their national biodiversity strategies and actions plans (NBSAPs). Substantive input and guidance was also provided to partners on developing capacity building materials and initiatives relating to NBSAPs. This support continued to be provided either directly to the Parties or through the NBSAP Forum (www.nbsapforum.net) a partnership between SCBD, UNDP and UNEP-WCMC established in early 2013 to support countries with their activities related to NBSAP revision. In this connection, the SCBD hosted and chaired the First Project Steering Committee Meeting to the project entitled: “Support to GEF Eligible Countries for achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 17 through a globally guided NBSAPs update process” on 5 November 2015. Participants from SCBD, IUCN, BirdLife International, Rare, WWF International, UNEP-DELCO, UNEP-DEPI, UNDP and UNEP-WCMC attended this meeting. SCBD JBF team also participated, jointly with UNDP and UNEP-WCMC, in a three day 2016 activity planning workshop for the above project.

CBD NBSAP Webpages:

During this reporting period, 20 post-Nagoya NBSAPs were received from Austria, Belarus, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Latvia, Mongolia, Nigeria, Niue, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Seychelles, Slovakia, Sudan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Uganda, Viet Nam and Zambia bringing the total received to date to 67. These NBSAPs are consolidated at the Latest NBSAPs webpage at <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/about/latest/default.shtml>, accompanied by a summary and a link to the Party’s national targets reflected at <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/targets/default.shtml>, with indication given when these targets have been mapped to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets by the Party concerned. In addition, the Secretariat has further updated country biodiversity profiles at <https://www.cbd.int/countries/>, based primarily on information contained in post-Nagoya NBSAPs and fifth national reports.

Pilot projects:

The Japan Fund team initiated a series of pilot projects on 1) the use of spatial data for biodiversity management and planning; 2) the use of socio-economic data for biodiversity conservation; and/or 3) biodiversity mainstreaming in selected developing countries with the aim of supporting these countries directly in their NBSAP revision and implementation and deriving lessons learned to use for capacity building of other Parties. The selected countries can, but do not necessarily have to, combine the three topics in a pilot. Pilot projects were initiated in Ecuador and Sri Lanka and proposals from several other countries are being evaluated and improved. Lessons learned will be shared, amongst others, during COP13 in Mexico, in December 2016.

Documentation of NBSAP Development and Revision Processes:

The Japan Fund Team has decided to extend this pilot project into a second phase whereby a new group of 5-10 countries will document and analyze the process of their NBSAP revision. The results of this

second phase will be combined with those of the first phase, managed by IUCN. To date one country - Ecuador - has been engaged in this pilot project. Additional pilot countries are being identified.

Cooperation between the CBD and the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI):

The SCBD initiated contact with the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) to update the document “Auditing Biodiversity: Guidance for Supreme Audit Institutions” and to bring it better in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the global Aichi Targets. This document has been used to produce a number of different national audits on various aspects of biodiversity in different countries. Also other avenues for collaboration between SCBD and INTOSAI could be included.

ITEM II - JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND SUPPORT TO THE CBD THEMATIC ACTIVITIES

Capacity building programs supported by the Japan Biodiversity Fund:

The JBF has been supporting various capacity building programs, including on resource mobilization, Clearing House Mechanisms, gender mainstreaming, youth, communication, Sustainable Ocean Initiative, Protected Areas, Invasive Alien Species, taxonomy, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, ABS, and Biosafety.

The capacity building workshops supported by the JBF in this period are as follows:

- Eastern African Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting (19 July 2015, Uganda)
- Hands on Training on DNA barcoding (20 July - 14 August 2015, Guelph, Canada)
- Middle East and North Africa Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting (7 September 2015, Jordan)
- Capacity-building Workshop for East Asia and Southeast Asia on achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12 (15 - 18 September 2015, Yanji, China)
- Sub-regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for South Asia (16 - 18 September 2015, New Delhi, India)
- Central Asian and Eastern European Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting (21 September 2015, Belarus)
- A National Workshop with the objective of sharing and discussing with national organizations the outcomes of the International Training Workshop on Community-based Monitoring, Indicators on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use and Community Protocols held in Guatemala in June 2015 (21-22 September 2015, Guatemala City, Guatemala)
- Capacity-building Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12 (28 September - 1 October 2015, Curitiba, Brazil)
- Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for the Pacific Region (5 - 6 October 2015, Avarua, Cook Islands)
- Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for Spanish-speaking Central American and Caribbean Countries (26 - 27 October 2015, San José, Costa Rica)
- A Meeting of the Team of Experts on GEF-7 funding needs (30-31 October 2015, Montreal, Canada)
- The Pan African Forum on Business and Biodiversity (9-10 November 2015, Akosombo, Ghana)

- Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for South America (12 - 13 November 2015, Lima, Peru)
- The workshop on ‘Embedding mutually supportive implementation of the Plant Treaty and the Nagoya Protocol in the context of broader national policy goals’(16 - 20 November 2015, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)
- Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for English Speaking African Countries (24 - 25 November 2015, Entebbe, Uganda)
- Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for Southeast Asia (30 November - 1 December 2015, Manila, Philippines)
- Seed Conservation Training Course (30 November - 3 December 2015, Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for French Speaking African Countries (1 - 2 December 2015, Dakar, Senegal)
- Capacity-building workshop for South, Central and West Asia on achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12 (7 - 10 December 2015, New Delhi, India)
- CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the Seas of East Asia, and Training Session on EBSAs (13 - 18 December 2015, Xiamen, China)
- Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for the Caribbean Region on Traditional Knowledge and Customary sustainable use under the Convention on Biological Diversity (14 - 18 December 2015, Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda)

IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOLS

NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING
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Decisions of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization

93. In light of the decisions adopted by COP-MOP 1, relevant developments and activities carried out by the Secretariat during this period (July to December 2015) include the following:

Status of Ratification

- Eight countries – Croatia, Cuba, Djibouti, Liberia, Mauritania, Pakistan, the Philippines and Slovakia ratified or acceded to the Nagoya Protocol during this period.

Progress towards achieving Aichi Target 16

94. With a view to assess progress in the implementation of Aichi Target 16:

- Information provided by Parties related to ABS through NBSAPs and national reports was gathered and compiled;
- Notifications 2015-142 dated 2 December 2015 and 2015-141 dated 2 December 2015 were sent out respectively to Parties and non-Parties to the Nagoya Protocol in order to gather information for the “Assessment of Progress in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 on the

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization”.

Capacity-building activities

95. Thanks to the support provided by the JBF:

- The development of two e-learning modules to promote ratification of the Nagoya Protocol and increase understanding of the basic concepts of access and benefit-sharing was initiated.
- With the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO) the development of 8 e-learning modules to assist Parties in the development of national ABS legal frameworks for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol was also initiated.

The ABS Clearing-House

96. The period between July and November 2015 focused on the development of new features and technical improvements to the ABS Clearing-House (ABS-CH), including:

- Development of an ABS measures table to display information on the different components of the measures submitted.
- Improvement of the search filters
- Update of the layout throughout all the pages of the website,
- Implementation of the interim national report format
- Development and implementation of common formats for the submission of model contractual clauses, codes of conduct, guidelines, and best practices and/or standards; community protocols, and customary laws and procedures
- Development of common formats for the submission of
 - capacity-building and development initiatives (activity/project/programme);
 - capacity-building and development resources (Virtual Library)
- Improvements to existing common formats for reference and national records,
- Improvement of online help tools, including automated guided tours, and frequently asked questions
- Provision of timely technical assistance, through Skype and via e-mail,

97. Thanks to financial support provided by the Japan Biodiversity Fund and the European Union, a new phase of outreach and engagement activities was initiated in November to support the use of the ABS-CH platform by Parties and non-Parties and the publication of their national information on ABS, as well as the designation of their ABS National Focal Points and publishing authorities. Activities included phone surveys, webinars, the development of step-by-step guides, e-learning modules and other support materials for the publication of ABS information for Parties and non-Parties on the ABS CH.

Workshops, expert meetings and other inter-sessional activities organized by the Secretariat:

- The first meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) on Capacity-Building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol was held on 15 - 17 September 2015, in Montreal, Canada.
- The first meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House was held on 28 - 30 October 2015, in Montreal, Canada and online discussions continued after the meeting with a view to receiving further feedback

Participation in meetings and workshops organized by relevant organizations and partners:

- Participated in a Workshop on Access and Benefit Sharing: Benefit Sharing from Academic Research, organised by DFG which took place from 2-3 July, 2015 in Bonn, Germany

- Participated in the 9th European Conference on Marine Natural Products and 3rd meeting of the Advisory Panel of Policy and Legal Experts to the PharmaSea project which took place from 2 to 3 September 2015 in Glasgow, UK
- Participated in the Conference organised by the ICC entitled: International Chamber of Commerce “Working out ABS”, which took place 28 to 29 September 2015 in Paris, France
- Participated in the National Workshops on Implementing Nagoya Protocol on ABS which took place between 27 September and 2 October 2015 in Vietnam and Lao PDR
- Participated in the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing and the Sixth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture which took place from 2 to 9 October 2015 in Paris, France
- Participated in the Embedding mutually supportive implementation of the Plant Treaty and the Nagoya Protocol in the context of broader national policy goals – A workshop for national teams of policy actors which took place from 13 to 21 November 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Participated in the GIAHS FAO Steering and Scientific Committee which took place from 12 to 16 December 2015 in Rome, Italy.

Notifications issued:

- Composition of the first meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol (6 July 2015)
- Change of venue of the COP 13 to the Convention on Biological Diversity, COP-MOP 8 to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and COP-MOP 2 to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (10 July 2015)
- Nominations to an Expert Meeting on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (25 September 2015)
- REMINDER: Nominations to an Expert Meeting on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (2 November 2015)
- REMINDER: Submission of views in preparation for the first meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Nagoya Protocol (18 November 2015)
- Assessment of Progress in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 on the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (2 December 2015)
- Composition of the Expert Meeting on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (10 December 2015)
- Invitation to complete a survey to evaluate the effectiveness of capacity-building activities supported and facilitated by the Secretariat (15 December 2015).

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BS-V/13: Public Awareness, Education and Participation (Article 23)

98. The Secretariat continued to implement the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms (LMOs) (2011-2015). In particular:

- (a) A checklist of key measures for the ratifying and implementing of the Almaty Amendment of the Aarhus Convention and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety with regards to its Article 23 in the context of genetically modified organisms (GMOs)/LMOs. The checklist is available at http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art23/pa_main.shtml;

- (b) Two self-directed e-learning modules on access to biosafety information and public participation regarding LMOs, including case studies, exercises, scenarios, checklists and other resources, including: template forms, social media guidelines, publishing tips, tools and methods, and sample national action plans. A link to a customized learning management system support facility for the CBD to make available the e-learning modules will also be provided shortly on the CBD website; and
- (c) The Protocol brand and social media guidelines (e.g., used for the Biosafety Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/UN.Biosafety>) were incorporated into a CBD corporate communication strategy.

BS-VI/3: Capacity-building (Article 22)

99. The Secretariat, in line with decision BS-V/16, BS-VII/5 (paragraph 10) and BS-VII/9, initiated a pilot project on “Capacity-building to promote integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Convention on Biological Diversity at the national level” in October 2015. With generous support from the Government of Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, the project aims at strengthening capacity in pilot countries to develop and test practical actions to promote integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and the Convention. Responses were received from 27 developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition. Taking into consideration the criteria set out in the notification and the need for an equitable geographical balance among the recipients, 10 pilot countries were selected to receive financial assistance to participate in the project: Belarus, Burkina Faso, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Republic of Moldova and Uganda. Each of the ten selected countries will be expected to carry out following activities:

- Conduct a desk study to analyze how and the extent to which biosafety is integrated into existing national policies, strategies and activities across various Ministries and sectors and identify the challenges, capacity needs, opportunities, good practices and lessons learned;
- Organize a national roundtable to review the results of the study and to identify and discuss appropriate actions and modalities for promoting integrated implementation of the CBD and the Protocol;
- Organize a seminar to increase awareness of key policy and decision makers and media about the importance of biosafety with a view to securing the necessary political support for biosafety; and
- Document the above processes and their outcomes as well as the experience gained and submit a report to the Secretariat.

100. Drawing on the results of the activities in the pilot countries, the Secretariat, in cooperation with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and other organizations, will assess the national capacity needs and skill gaps, develop training and guidance materials on mainstreaming biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans and organize a training workshop for CBD and CPB national focal points to learn and share experiences and lessons learned in the integration of biosafety into NBSAPs and integrated implementation of the Convention and the Protocol.

101. Activities at the national level are expected to be concluded by May 2016 to allow sufficient time for the Secretariat to organize a global workshop for all participating countries and prepare a report before the eight meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol (COP-MOP 8).

BS-VII/3: Assessment and Review of the Effectiveness of the Protocol (Article 35)

102. As at 31 December 2015, 105 Parties had submitted their third national reports which will serve as the primary source of information for the combined third assessment and review of the Cartagena Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol for the period 2011-2020.

103. During the reporting period, preparations were underway to organize the thirteenth meeting of the Compliance Committee, which was requested to provide input into the third assessment and review of the

Cartagena Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan in the form of an evaluation of the status of implementation of the Cartagena Protocol in meeting its objectives. The thirteenth the Compliance Committee is scheduled to be held from 24 to 26 February 2015 in Montreal, Canada.

BS-VII/4: Contained Use of Living Modified Organisms

104. During the reporting period, the Secretariat continued to receive information, tools, practical experience and guidance related to their existing mechanisms and requirements regarding the contained use of living modified organisms, including any specific requirement relating to the type and level of containment as per paragraph 1 of decision BS-VII/4, from Parties and other Governments. The text of this general notification is available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2014/ntf-2014-131-bs-en.pdf>. The deadline for the submissions is 30 April 2016.

BS-VII/10: Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Article 17)

105. As of 31 December 2015, the Secretariat had received from 13 Parties and other Governments, through the BCH, information on actual cases of unintentional transboundary movement and case studies related to their existing mechanisms for emergency measures in case of unintentional transboundary movements of living modified organisms that are likely to have significant adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health, including information on existing rapid alert mechanisms and monitoring systems; and views on what constitutes unintentional transboundary movements in contrast with illegal transboundary movements and the type of information that should be exchanged through the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH).

106. As requested in decision BS-VII/10 (paragraph 5), the Executive Secretary has compiled and synthesized the information submitted for consideration by the Compliance Committee at its thirteenth meeting on the distinction of illegal and unintentional transboundary movements.

107. At the Workshop of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms, held from 9-11 June 2015, participants recommended the development of a thorough and comprehensive training manual on unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures. The Secretariat has initiated the drafting of training material as recommended at the workshop.

108. During the reporting period, preparations were far advanced for the organization of the Central and Eastern European workshop on the detection and identification of living modified organisms. With the generous support of the Government of Japan, the workshop is scheduled to be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia from 7-11 March 2016. The objective of the workshop is aimed at providing both theoretical and hands-on training on:

- (a) Sampling, detection and identification of in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;
- (b) Laboratory methodologies used for the analysis of samples; and
- (c) Sharing experiences and assessing national needs and gaps for the effective implementation of the relevant outcomes under the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol.

BS-VII/11: Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress

109. One additional Party deposited its instrument of accession to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress in the reporting period (Liberia), bringing the total number of ratifications, acceptances, approvals or accessions to 33. The Supplementary Protocol will enter into force on the 90th day after the date of deposit of the 40th instrument of ratification, accession, acceptance or approval by the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol. The status of signature, and ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Supplementary Protocol is available at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>.

BS-VII/12: Risk Assessment and Risk Management (Articles 15, 16)

110. A series of online discussions were held for members of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Risk Assessment and Risk Management sub-group in preparation for the face-to-face meeting of the AHTEG. The meeting was held in Brasilia, Brazil from 16 to 20 November 2015 and was attended by 26 participants, including 20 Parties, three other Governments, and representatives from three organizations. The report of the meeting is available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/bs/bsrarm-ahteg-2015-01/official/bsrarm-ahteg-2015-01-04-en.pdf>.

111. During the reporting period, the Secretariat issued a notification inviting Parties to submit information on their needs and priorities for further guidance on specific topics of risk assessment of living modified organisms and existing guidance on specific topics of risk assessment of living modified organisms. All submissions will be posted on the BCH. The deadline for the submissions is 31 May 2016.

COP decision XII/24: New and Emerging Issues: Synthetic Biology

112. The Secretariat convened a series of moderated online discussions in preparation for the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Synthetic Biology from April to July 2015. The face-to-face meeting of the AHTEG was held in Montreal, Canada, from 21 to 25 September 2015 and was attended by 40 participants, including 29 Parties, one other Government, and representatives from 10 organizations. The report of the meeting is available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SYNBIOAHTEG-2015-01>.

113. During the reporting period, the Secretariat issued a notification inviting Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous people and local communities to peer review the following reports:

- Updated report and synthesis of views in response to paragraph 7(b) of decision XII/24 on new and emerging issues: synthetic biology; and
- Report of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology.

Submissions will be accepted until 31 January 2016.

114. The Secretariat will submit for consideration by the 20th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a report synthesizing the comments received through the peer-review process.

BS-VII/14: Monitoring and Reporting (Article 33)

115. The Secretariat reminded Parties again during the reporting period to submit their third national reports through the BCH, using the revised format, and gave an extension of the deadline until 30 November 2015. Submissions are to be compiled, analyzed and presented to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) in May 2016 for its consideration. The SBI is expected to submit its findings and recommendations to the COP-MOP at its eighth meeting.

116. Following a request made by the Compliance Committee, the Secretariat has made available a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) webpage on the BCH, intended to facilitate Parties in their completion of their third national reports. Parties can direct any questions to the Secretariat for any clarification.

117. As of 31 December 2015, the Secretariat had received 105 third national reports, representing approximately 62 per cent of countries obligated to submit their national reports by the reporting date.

Status of Ratification or Accession to the Cartagena Protocol

118. As of 31 December 2015, 170 countries had ratified or acceded to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The list of Parties to the Protocol is available on the Protocol's website at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>.

ANNEXES

ANNEX I

Status of Implementation of the Agreed Administrative Arrangements

I. Personnel Arrangements

1. In summary, during the reporting period, the Secretariat had 39 regularized Professional staff members and 29 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 4 Professional vacant posts for which recruitment/selection is in progress and 1 vacant General Service post. Additionally, 22 professional posts and 18 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigrams (Appendix 1 and Annex III respectively).

II. Contributions and Funds

2. During the second half of 2015, 17 pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. Korea pledged KRW 120million towards a workshop for the 5th National reports of seven parties in East Asia. Finland has pledged EUR 200,000 for the 2015/2016 project – Geneva meeting in February 2016. France has pledged EUR 40,000 as part of the 2014-2017 Memorandum of Understanding on Sustainable Oceans Initiative. Germany has pledged EUR 255,000 for the Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and COP 12 outcomes. Mexico has pledged USD 1,006,581 for the 13th Conference of the parties to the CBD. Norway has pledged NOK 150,000 to develop and test a peer review mechanism under the CBD, NOK 100,000 towards an expert meeting on synthetic biology and an additional NOK 150,000 for a workshop on COP 12 on different issues. Sweden has pledged SEK 144,000 for a technical workshop on ecosystem approach to climate change. Switzerland has pledged USD 55,000 for the Friends of the CBD meeting that took place in Mexico in 2015 and CHF 50,000 for the voluntary peer review. United Kingdom has pledged GBP 18,950 for AHTEG on indicators. The Center for Internal Forest Research (CIFOR), the FAO, WCMC, UNDP, Global Environment Fund and the International Coastal Ocean Organization pledged respectively USD 4,000, USD 5,000, USD 2,500, USD 25,000, USD 30,000 and USD 25,000 for the Rio Convention pavilion at UNFCCC COP-21.

3. The Government of Japan has through its Japan Biodiversity Fund contributed a total of US\$50,000,000 to the BE Trust Fund for use over the period 2010-2016 for support to the implementation of the Aichi-Nagoya Outcomes.

4. As at 31 December 2015, a total of US\$3,643,435 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund in 2015 of which 98.6% has been collected. Additionally, USD 240,154 has been collected in 2015 for prior year pledges. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex III.

5. As at 31 December 2015, the total amount pledged for the **BY Trust Fund** in 2015 is US\$13,294,590. A total of US\$11,466,492 has been received for the 2015 pledges. Of this amount, a total of US\$828,641 was received as advance payments in 2014 and a total of US\$10,637,651 has been received in 2015. The total amount received of US\$11,466,492 represents 86.2% of the total pledges for 2015. Additionally, US\$ 1,470,069 has been received in 2015 for prior year pledges and US\$1,451,424 was received in 2015 for future years. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

6. As at 31 December 2015, Finland, Germany, Mexico and Norway have respectively pledged and paid Euros 10,000, Euro 80,000, US\$169,500 and NOK 350,000 for 2015 as additional voluntary contribution to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). Total

pledges of US\$61,609 for prior years still remain outstanding. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

7. As at 31 December 2015, Australia (AUD\$20,000), Germany (Euros 51,100), Finland (Euros 10,000), Mexico (USD 67,800), New Zealand (NZ\$15,000) and Norway (NOK 250,000), have all contributed funding amounting to US\$191,336 towards the participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the activities of the Convention (**VB Trust Fund**). Details of the pledges and contributions to the VB Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

8. As at 31 December 2015, the total amount pledged for the **BG Trust Fund** in 2015 is US\$2,777,635. A total of US\$2,404,556 has been received for 2015 pledges. Of this amount, US\$600,524 was received as advance payments in 2014 and US\$1,804,032 has been received in 2015. The total amount received of US\$2,404,556 represents 86.6% of the total pledges for 2015. Additionally, US\$154,357 has also been collected in 2015 for prior years' pledges and a total of US\$591,574 collected in 2015 for future years. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

9. As at 31 December 2015, Republic of Korea, Mexico and Norway have respectively pledged and paid US\$140,000, US\$ 503,291 and NOK 150,000 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BH Trust Fund**) in 2015. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

10. As at 31 December 2015, the total amount pledged for the Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol (**BB Trust Fund**) in 2015 is US\$292,972. A total of US\$244,096 or 83.3% has been received for 2015 pledges and US\$907 has been received as advance payment for future years. Details of the BB Trust Fund are contained in Annex X.

11. As at 31 December 2015, Belgium, Mexico, Norway and Switzerland have respectively pledged Euro 10,000, US\$503,290, NOK 150,000 and US\$ 70,600 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities (**BX Trust Fund**) in 2015. From this amount, 98.2% has been received. Details of the pledge and contribution to the BX Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IX.

III. Accounting and Reporting

Status of Expenditure

12. COP-12 approved a budget of US\$14,472,500 for the BY Trust Fund for 2015. As at 30 June 2015, a total of US\$6,149,451 was spent or committed. This represents 42.5% of the approved amount.

13. COP/MOP-7 approved a budget of US\$3,243,500 for the BG Trust Fund for 2015. As at 30 June 2015, a total of US\$926,169 was spent or committed. This represents 28.6% of the approved amount. The under-expenditure for the Biosafety budget is largely a result of 3 vacant posts during the first half of the year.

14. COP/MOP-1 approved a budget of US\$290,200 for the BB Trust Fund for 2015. There are no commitments or expenditures recorded as at 30 June 2015.

Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

15. The following nineteen (19) posts are funded by UNEP from the Programme Support funds (PSC): Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (P-5); Budget and Finance Officer (P-4); Administrative Officer (P-3); two (2) Finance and Budget Officers (P-3); Senior Finance Assistant (G-7); two (2) Finance Assistants (G-5); Finance Assistant (G-4); Personnel Assistant (G-6); Personnel Assistant (G-5); Documents Assistant (G-6); three (3) Administrative Assistants (G-6); two (2) Travel Assistants (G-6); Programme Assistant (G6) and Administrative Clerk (G-4).

Impact of Umoja

16. Effective 1 June 2015, UNEP changed its operating system (ERP) from the previous Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) to Umoja – a SAP based system.

17. This change of systems has had a wide-ranging effect on the operations of the Secretariat which has resulted in the slowing down of operations and in some cases the postponement or cancellation of planned activities.

18. Some of the problems that are being encountered relate to a number of issues in Umoja's application. Some of these belong in the category of 'inevitable transition problems with any new ERP', some are due to the lack of training (UNEP was unable to provide it in advance and since the launch of Umoja), others relate to errors that occurred in data migration from IMIS to Umoja and finally there are some systemic challenges with the business processes which have emerged.

19. Of greatest concern to the Secretariat has been the delays in preparations for upcoming meetings as a result of, for example, changes in the way translators and interpreters contracts are issued and problems in registering funded participants to enable their tickets to be purchased and their DSA to be paid – this also affects the costs of the tickets as they are often issued at the last minute. Additionally problems have arisen due to unacceptable delays in the payment of vendors leading to threats of refusal of services. Finally the general centralization of functions in UNEP and UNON which were formerly performed autonomously and independently by the Secretariat has given rise to unnecessary delays and frustration.

20. It is expected that with time and the additional training of staff (both at the Secretariat and at UNEP and UNON) the situation will improve and the benefits of Umoja will be clear for all to see. However in the interim, while the ramp-up is on-going there will inevitably be delays and sometimes cancellations of planned activities.

21. Finally, it should be noted that the UN Secretariat in New York will go-live in Umoja on 1 November 2015, which will have a negative roll-on effect in the short-term on the activities of UNON and UNEP and inevitably on the Secretariat.

Appendix I

Staffing table of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

July to December 2015

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. B. Ferreira de Souza Dias
1102	D1	Principal Officer (OES)	Mr. D. Cooper
1103	D1	Principal Officer (SAM)	Vacant
BGL 1101	D1	Principal Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. C. Gbedemah
1105	D1	Principal Officer (TSI)	Mr. R. Sharma
1106	P5	Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish (Post funded by UNEP)
	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (RMCS)	Ms. M. Christin (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (TSI)	Mr. Y. Xiang
1108	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (OES)	Mr. W. Yifru
1109	P4	Economist (TSI)	Mr. M. Lehmann
1110	P4	PO, Conservation Ecology (SAM)	Ms. C. Santamaria
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (TSI)	Mr. O. De Munck
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (MPO)	Mr. J. Scott
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (MPO)	Mr. N. Pratt
1117	P3	PO Knowledge Management Officer (TSI)	Ms. K. Koppel
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. Paulo Tagliari
1119	P4	Information Officer (MPO)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (TSI)	Mr. F. Vogel
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (SAM)	Ms. J. Lee
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (TSI)	Mr. A. Rafalovitch
1123	P4	Finance and Budget Officer (RMCS)	Mr. I. Ahmed (Post funded by UNEP)
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Ms. Jacinta Mukui (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1126/BYL	P4	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety/MPO)	Mr. E. Tamale
BGL 1103	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. P. Duepmann
1128	P3	Computer Systems Officer (TSI)	Mr. Q. Nguyen
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (SAM)	Mr. D. Coates

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1132	P4	PO, Scientific/Tech. Assessments (SAM)	Mr. R. Hoft
1133	P5	SPO, Access & Benefit Sharing (MPO)	Ms. V. Normand
BGL 1134	P4	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety)	Vacant
1134	P2	Assoc. Information Technology Officer (RMCS)	Mr. Randy Houlahan
1135	P4	Editor (OES)	Mr. Orestes Plasencia
1136	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (RMCS)	Post vacant (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (SAM)	Ms. J. Shimura
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (SAM)	Ms. S. Koketso
1142	P3	PO, Reports (TSI)	Mr. L. Cai
1143	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (MPO)	Mr. O. Hillel
BGL 1102	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
BGL 1105	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Ms. M. Pessoa de Miranda
1145	P3	Special Assistant to the ES (OES)	Ms. A. Rego
1146	D1	Principal Officer (MPO)	Ms. A. Fraenkel
1147	P2	Associate Information Officer (MPO)	Mr. J. Hedlund
BGL 1151	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (Biosafety)	Mr. P. LeBlond
1148	P4	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation (SAM)	Mr. V. Gidda
BGL 1104	P2	Assoc. Public Information Officer (BS)	Ms. U. Nilsson
BGL 1146	P2	Assoc. Systems Information Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. S. Bilodeau
1155	P3	PO, Access and Benefit Sharing (NP)	Ms. K. Garforth
1156	P2	Assoc. Programme Officer - Indigenous Knowledge (MPO)	Ms. V. Figueroa
BBL 1101	P3	Programme Officer – Capacity building – ABS/NP	Vacant
1301	G7	Senior Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. R. Alum (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G6	Senior Staff Assistant to the Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. F. Blot
1303	G5	Staff Assistant (MPO)	Mrs. D. Ibragimova
1304	G6	Programme Assistant - (SAM)	Ms. A. Cung
1305	G6	Programme Assistant - (SAM)	Ms. J. Grekin
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (TSI)	Ms. S. Meehan

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BGL 1301	G5	Staff Assistant - (BS)	Ms. M. Willey
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (TSI)	Ms. M. Chiasson
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (MPO)	Mr. D. Monnier
1310	G6	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Vacant (Post funded by UNEP) (recruitment in progress)
1311	G7	Conference Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. N. Ibrahim
1358	G6	Programme Assistant (SAM)	Ms. L. Janishevski
1312	G6	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. G. del Carpio (Post funded by UNEP) on loan from ICAO
1313	G5	Staff Assistant - (SAM)	Ms. V. Allain
1314	G5	Staff Assistant - (TSI)	Ms. L. Zemke
1315	G6	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (TSI)	Mr. V. Gopez
1318	G6	Programme Assistant (MPO)	Mr. M. Banski
1319	G6	Programme Assistant, (NP)	Ms. J. Huppé
BGL 1302	G6	Programme Assistant (Biosafety)	Ms. P. Scarone
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (TSI)	Ms. X. Liang
1331	G6	Programme Assistant (TSI)	Ms. G. Dosen
1332	G4	Information Assistant - (CS/TSI)	Ms. L. Allain
	G5	Finance Assistant - (RMCS)	Mr. N. Diallo (Post funded by UNEP)
1334	G4	Administrative Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik (Post funded by UNEP)
1335	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. L. Piscopo (Post funded by UNEP)
1336	G4	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Vacant (Post funded by UNEP)
1322	G5	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. X. H. Yan (Post funded by UNEP)
1321	G5	Human Resources Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. G. Alexandre (post Funded by UNEP)
1337	G6	Conference Assistant – (OES)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by UNEP)
	G6	Programme Assistant – Japan Fund	Ms. C. Paguaga (post Funded by UNEP)
1338	G6	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. N. Al Saheb (Post funded by UNEP)
1339	G6	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. G. Sabatini (Post funded by UNEP)
1350	G6	Programme Assistant – (SAM)	Ms. J. Martinez
1351	G6	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. M. Crespo
1352	G6	Programme Assistant – (MPO)	Ms. F. D'Amico

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1353	G6	Programme Assistant – (NP)	Vacant
BGL 1353	G6	Programme Assistant – (BS)	Mr. A. Bowers
1354*	G6	Programme Assistant – Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (MPO)	Ms. C. Robichaud
1355	G7	Editorial Assistant (OES)	Ms. V. Lefebvre
1356	G7	Programme Assistant (TSI)	Mr. K. Noonan-Mooney
1357	G6	Meeting Services Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. L. Pedicelli
1359	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS/OES)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1304*	G6	Programme Assistant Risk Assess. (BS)	Ms. D. Abdelhakim
	G3	Team Assistant (RMCS)	Vacant (Post funded by UNEP) (recruitment in progress)

* Post reclassified to P2

Temporary Staff

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1125	P4	Programme Officer (OES)	Mr. Y. Lee

Staff funded under the Japan Fund

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
BEL 1101	D1	Global Coordinator - OES	Mr. A. Yoshinaka
BEL 1102	P5	Senior Programme Officer - OES	Mr. D. Duthie
BEL 1103	P4	Programme Officer - OES	Mr. N. Van Der Werf
BEL 1104	P4	Programme Officer - OES	Ms. N. Saad
BEL 1301	G6	Programme Assistant - OES	Ms. G. Talamas
BEL 1302	G6	Programme Assistant - OES	Post vacant
BEL1303	G6	Programme Assistant - OES	Mr. M. Abi Chahine

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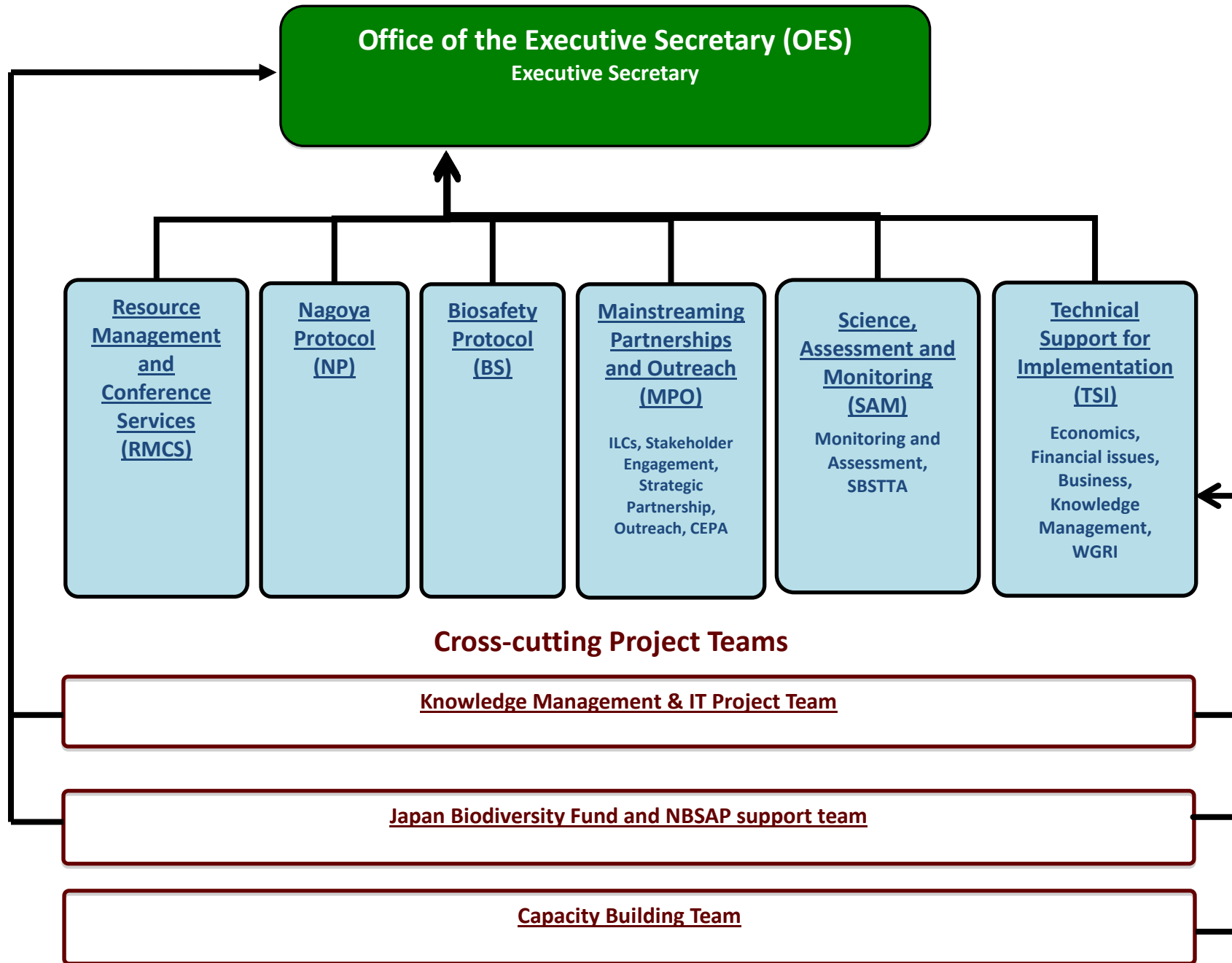
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Arnaud Comolet	France	Government of France	01.12.14
Charles Besancon	USA	Government of Germany	28.07.12
Simone Schiele	Germany	Government of Germany	05.10.12
Ji-Youn Kim	Republic of Korea	Government of Korea	01.12.14

Kristina Neumann	Germany	Government of Germany	24.09.13
Matthew Dias	Canada	European Union	01.12.13
Joseph Appiott	United States	Government of Japan	27.12.13
Blaise Fonseca	India	Japan/Switzerland	10.03.14
Seishu Okuda	Japan	Government of Japan	23.04.14
David Steuerman	Canada	CNI-Brazil	17.06.14
Tanya McGregor	Canada	Government of Finland	16.04.15
Christine Estrada	Honduras	Japan Fund	05.01.15

Interns working at SCBD during the period of July to December 2015

Name	Nationality	University	Programme Area Worked on	Entry Date	Departure Date
Farah Kashaf	Egyptian	Concordia University	Media and Communications	21.04.15	20.07.15
Lisa Andrews	Canadian	McGill University	Poverty Eradication	27.04.15	24.07.15
Rosine Faucher	Canadian/French	McGill University	Protected Areas	01.05.15	05.09.15
Amanda Arella	Canadian	Concordia University	Media and Communications	04.05.15	03.08.15
Lowine Hill	French	McGill University	Marine and Coastal Biodiversity	04.05.15	03.08.15
Alice-Anne Simard	Canadian	Université de Laval	Protected Areas	04.05.15	03.09.15
Manuela Gervasi	Italian	United Nations University	Ecosystem Approach in Cities	20.05.15	20.11.15
Enni Kallio	Finnish	Yale University	Poverty Eradication	08.06.15	07.09.15
Ali Gianni Zia	Canadian /Italian	Université de Laval	National Reports	11.06.15	10.09.15
Hedy Man	Canadian/Chinese	University of London - London School of Economics and Political Science	Leveraging Integrated Approached for Forests	15.06.15	14.09.15
Charlotte Flechet	Belgium	University of Edinburgh	Naional Reports	02.07.15	13.11.15
Sarah Pawlow	Australian	University of Western Australia	Sustainable Wildlife Management	27.07.15	29.01.16
Nour Nader	Lebanon	Concordia University	National Reports / Media	24.08.15	07.03.16
Ana Heureux	United States	University of Oxford	National Reports	28.09.15	29.01.16
Susanne Bergsten	Swedish	Universiteit Maastricht	LifeWeb	05.10.15	22.12.15
Vasilike Geropapas	Canadian	McGill University	Gender Mainstreaming	09.11.15	08.03.16
Alexandra Smofsky	Canadian	University of Western Ontario	Business and Biodiversity - Programme Support	01.12.15	29.02.16
Catherine Boyd Michaud	Canadian	Università IUAV di Venezia	Protected Areas	01.12.15	18.03.16
Marc Attalah	Canadian/Egypt/Greece	The University of Manchester	Protected Areas	01.12.15	31.05.16

ANNEX II
Organizational Chart of the CBD Secretariat
OVERALL STRUCTURE



Legend:

Core /OTL budget posts

Project funded posts

Dual reporting with KM/IT (*)



Dual reporting with TSI (**)



Dual reporting with MPO (***)



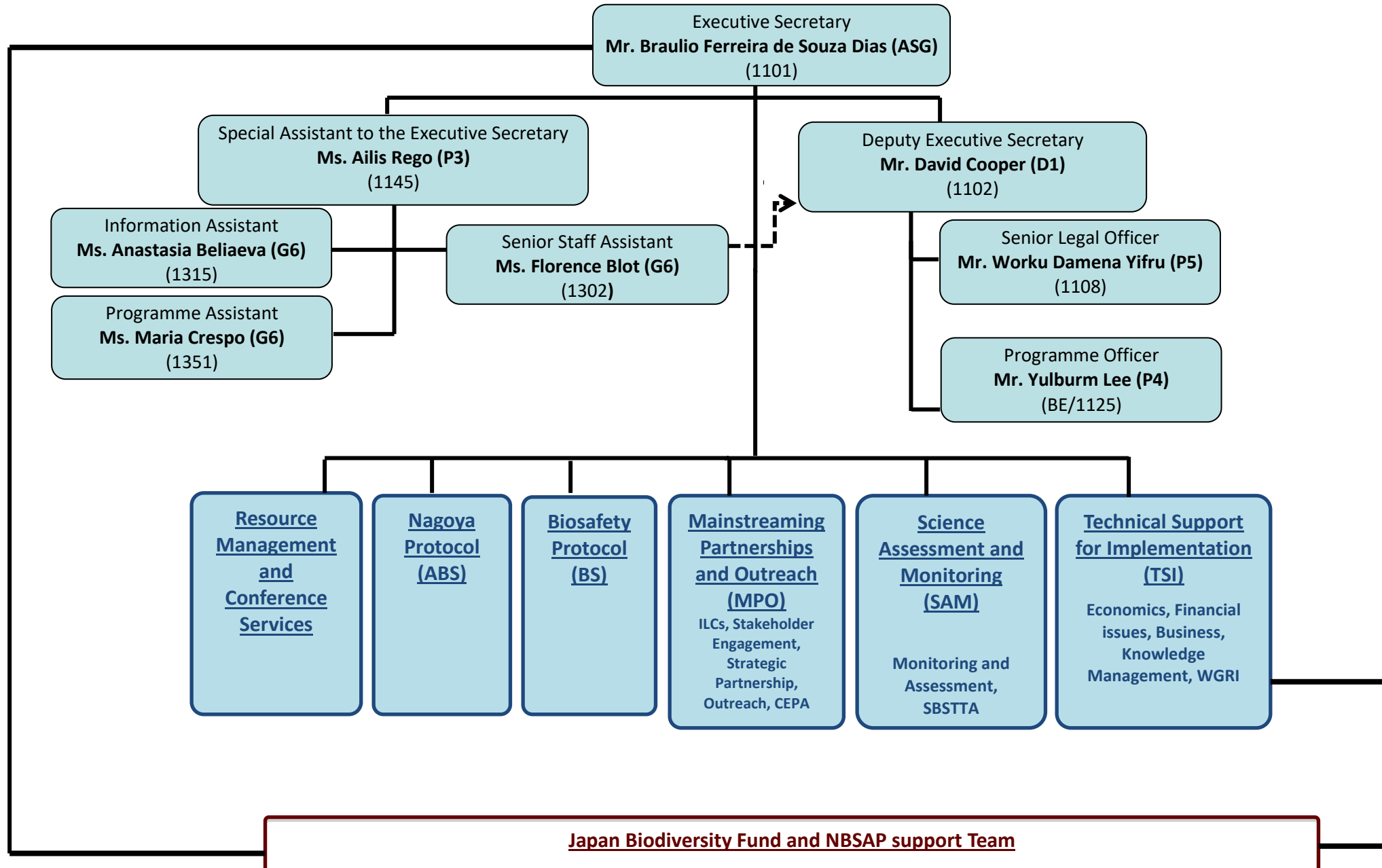
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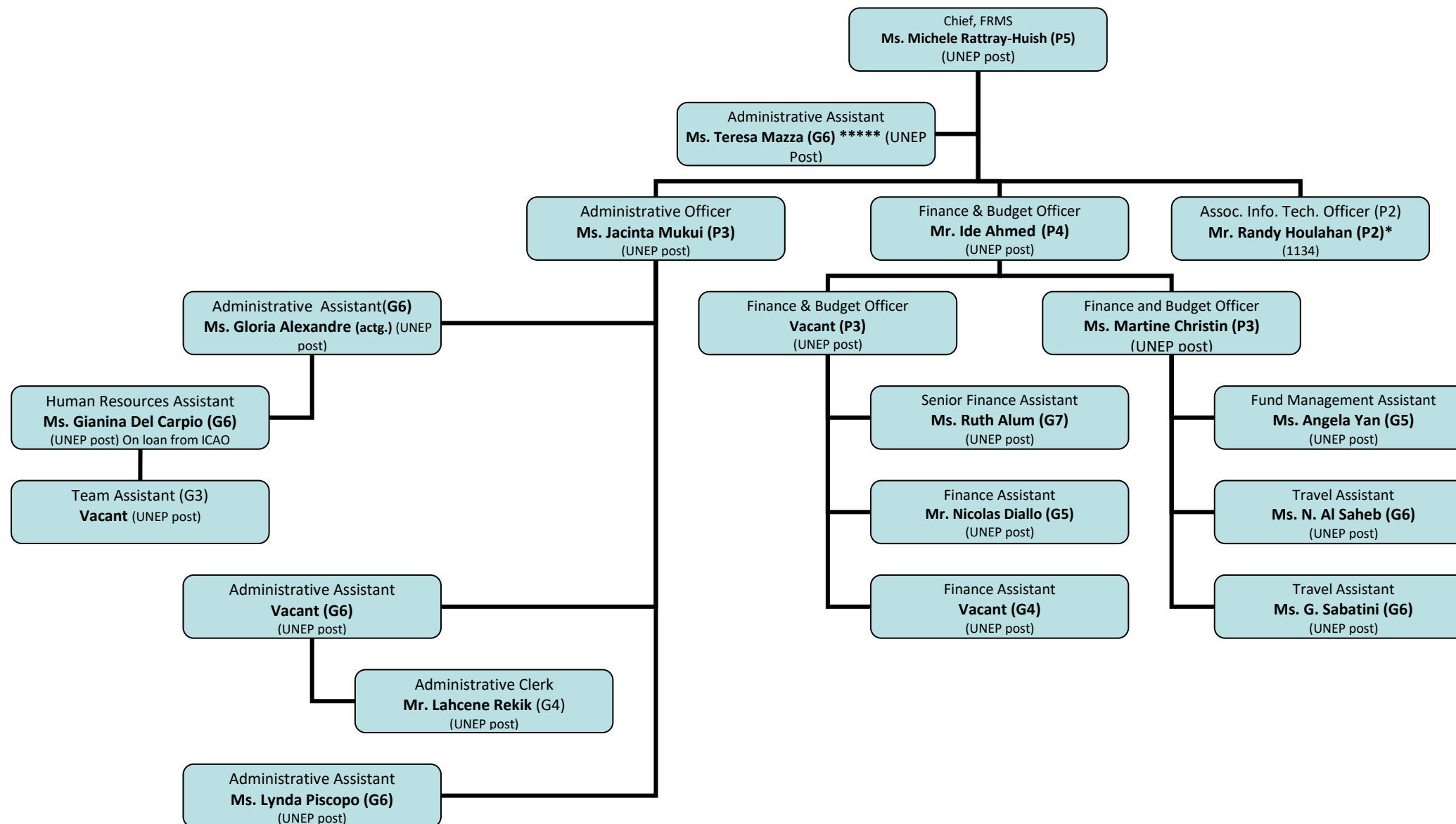
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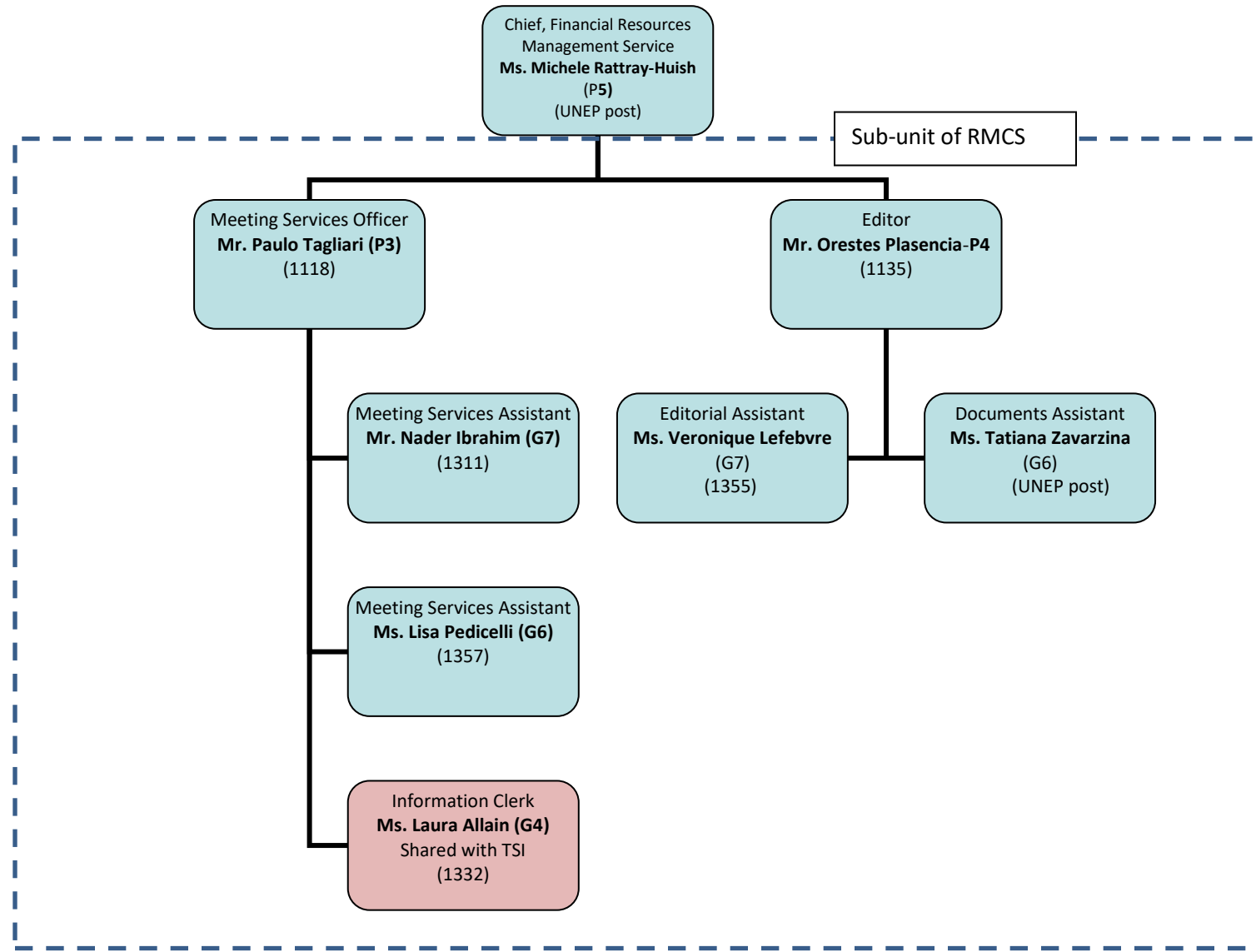
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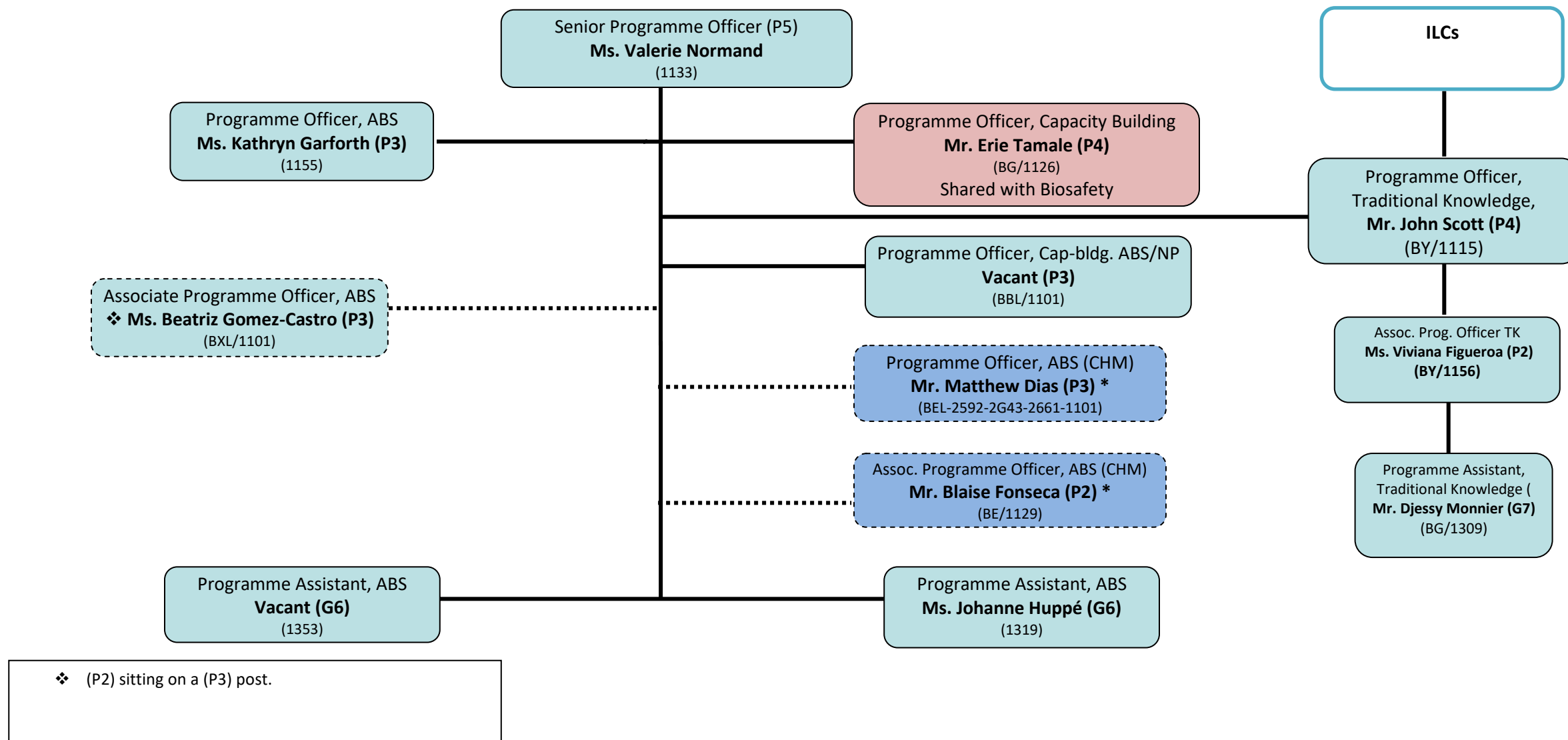
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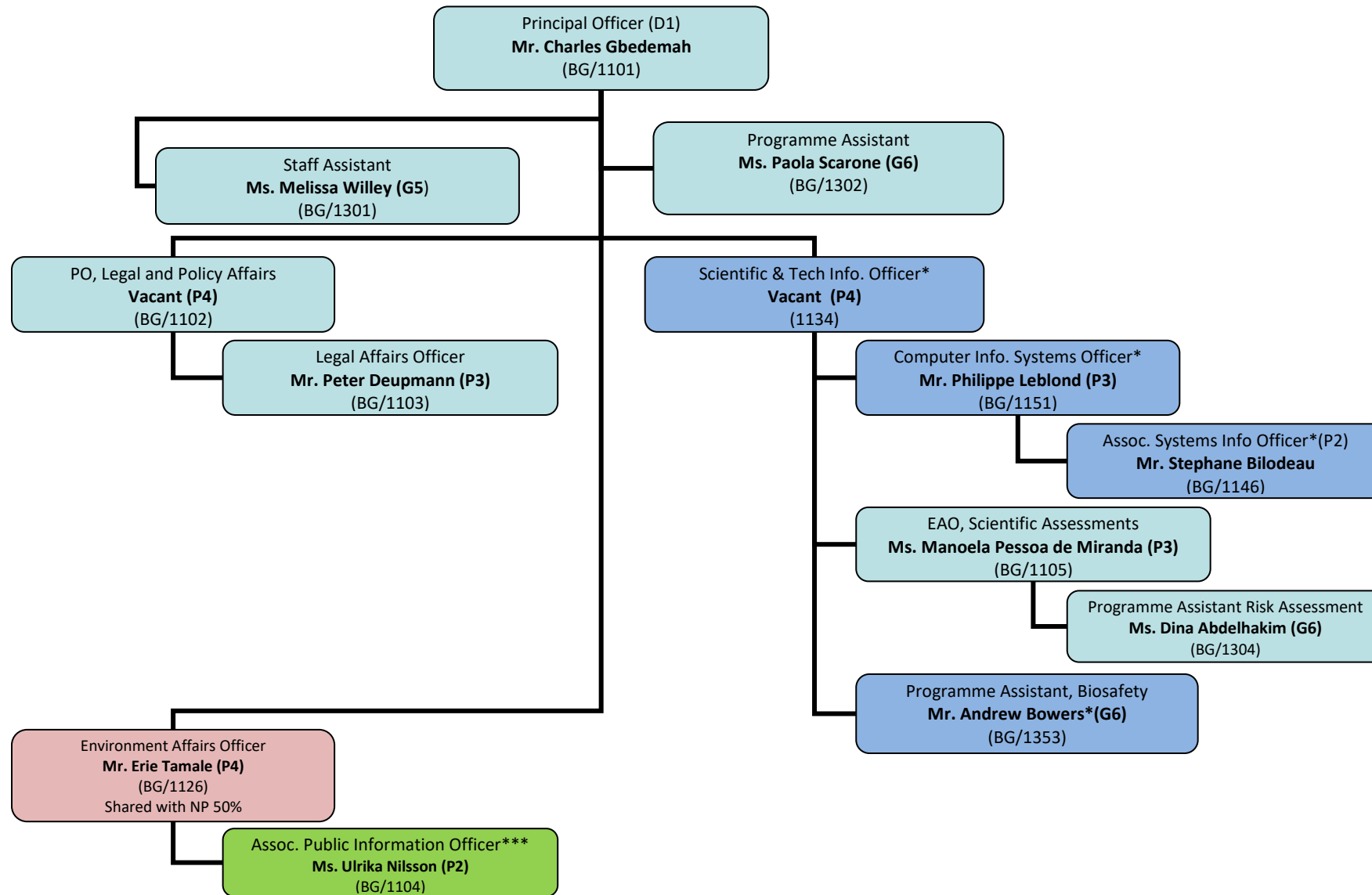


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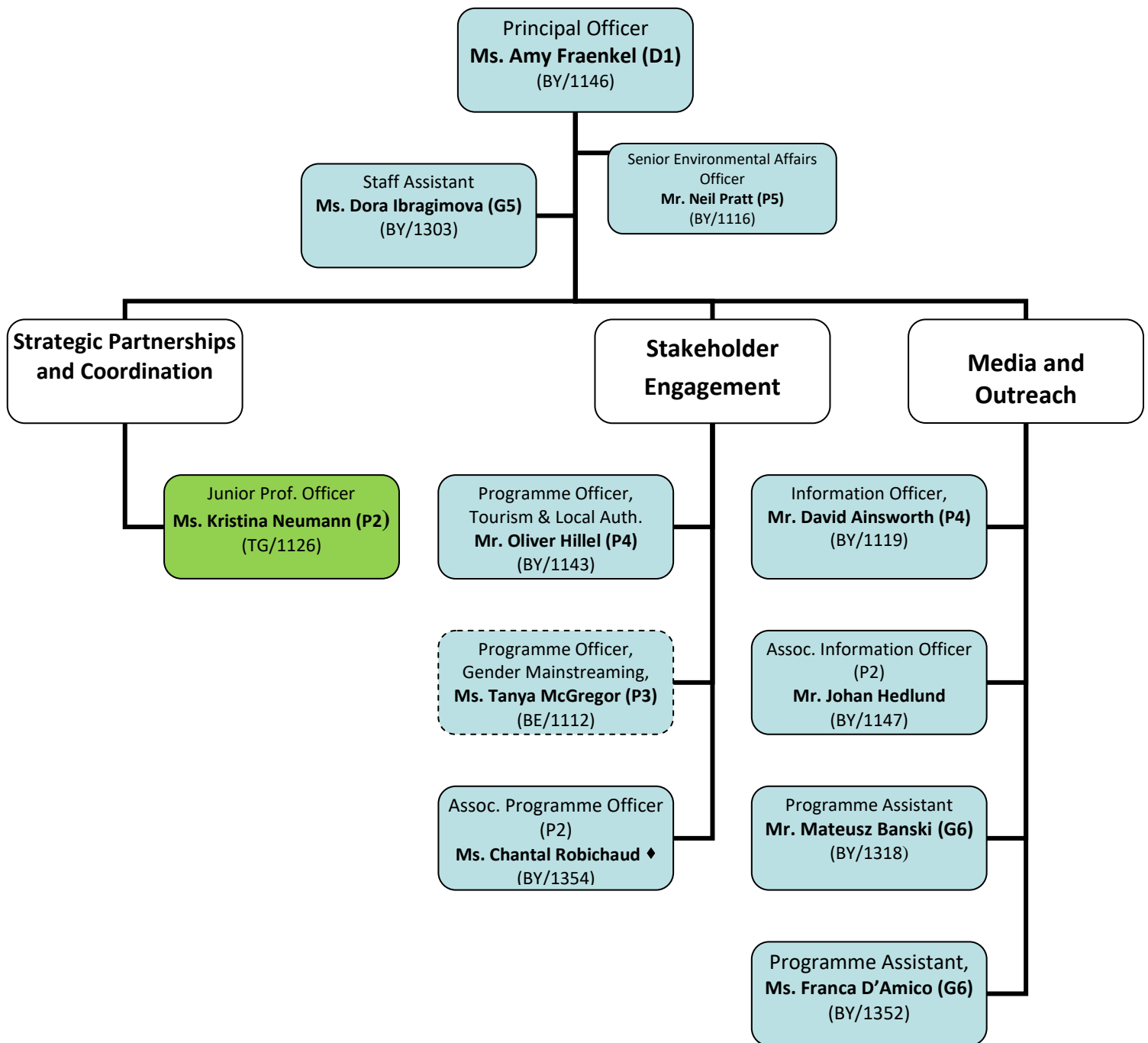


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BIOSAFETY PROTOCOL (BS)



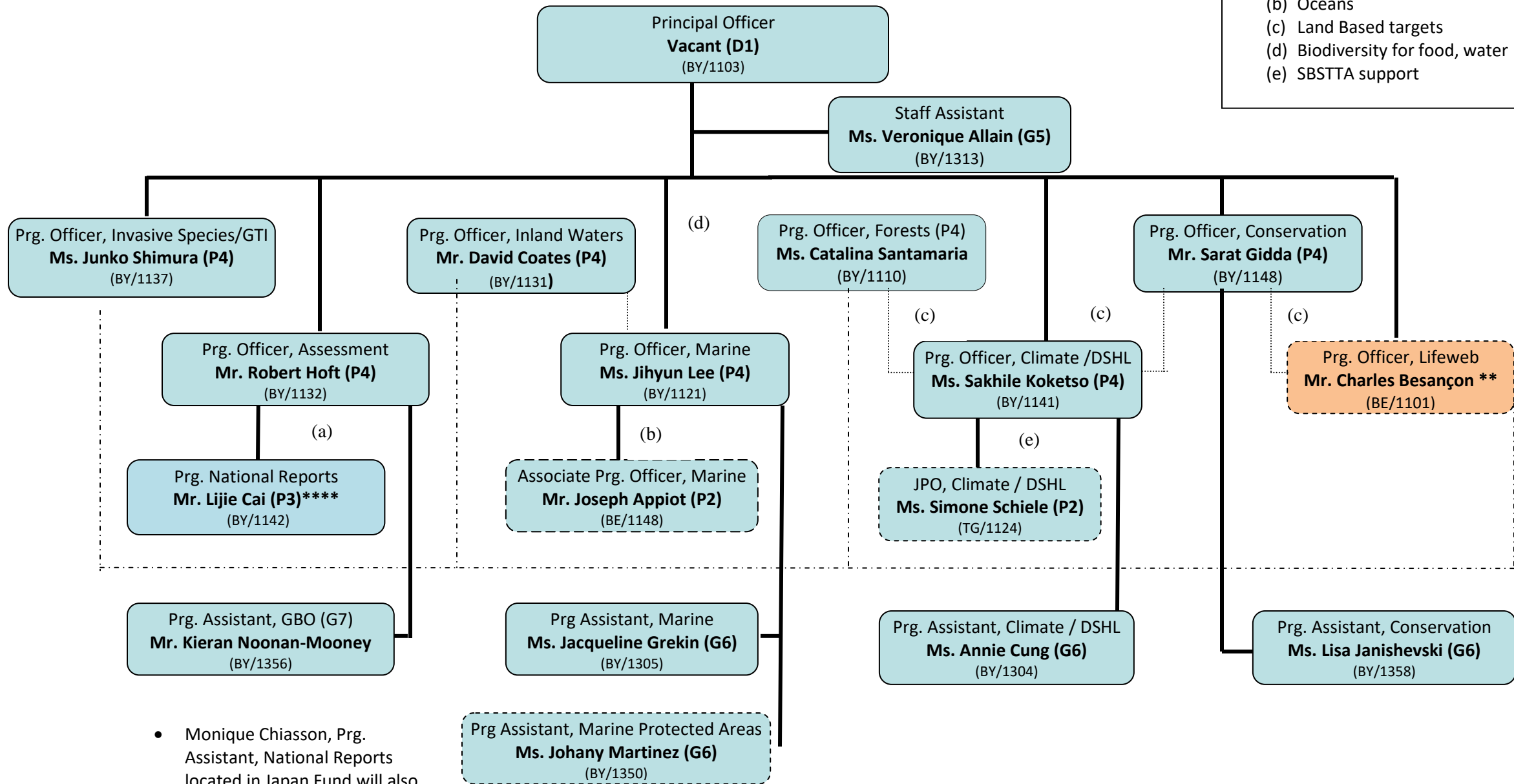
MAINSTREAMING, PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH (MPO)



♦ (G6) sitting on a (P2) post.

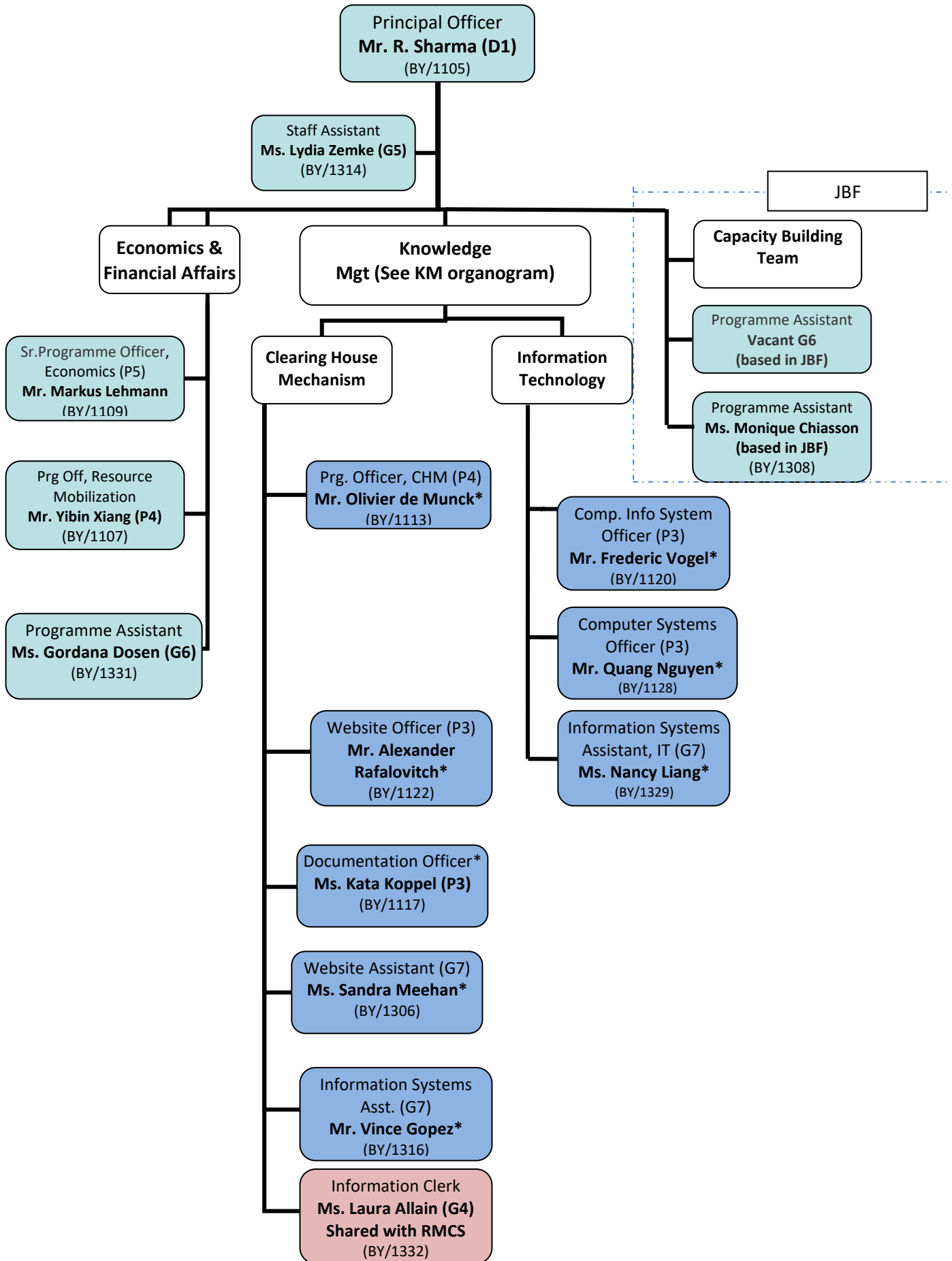
SCIENCE, ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING (SAM)

Coordination
 (a) Assessment and monitoring
 (b) Oceans
 (c) Land Based targets
 (d) Biodiversity for food, water
 (e) SBSTTA support

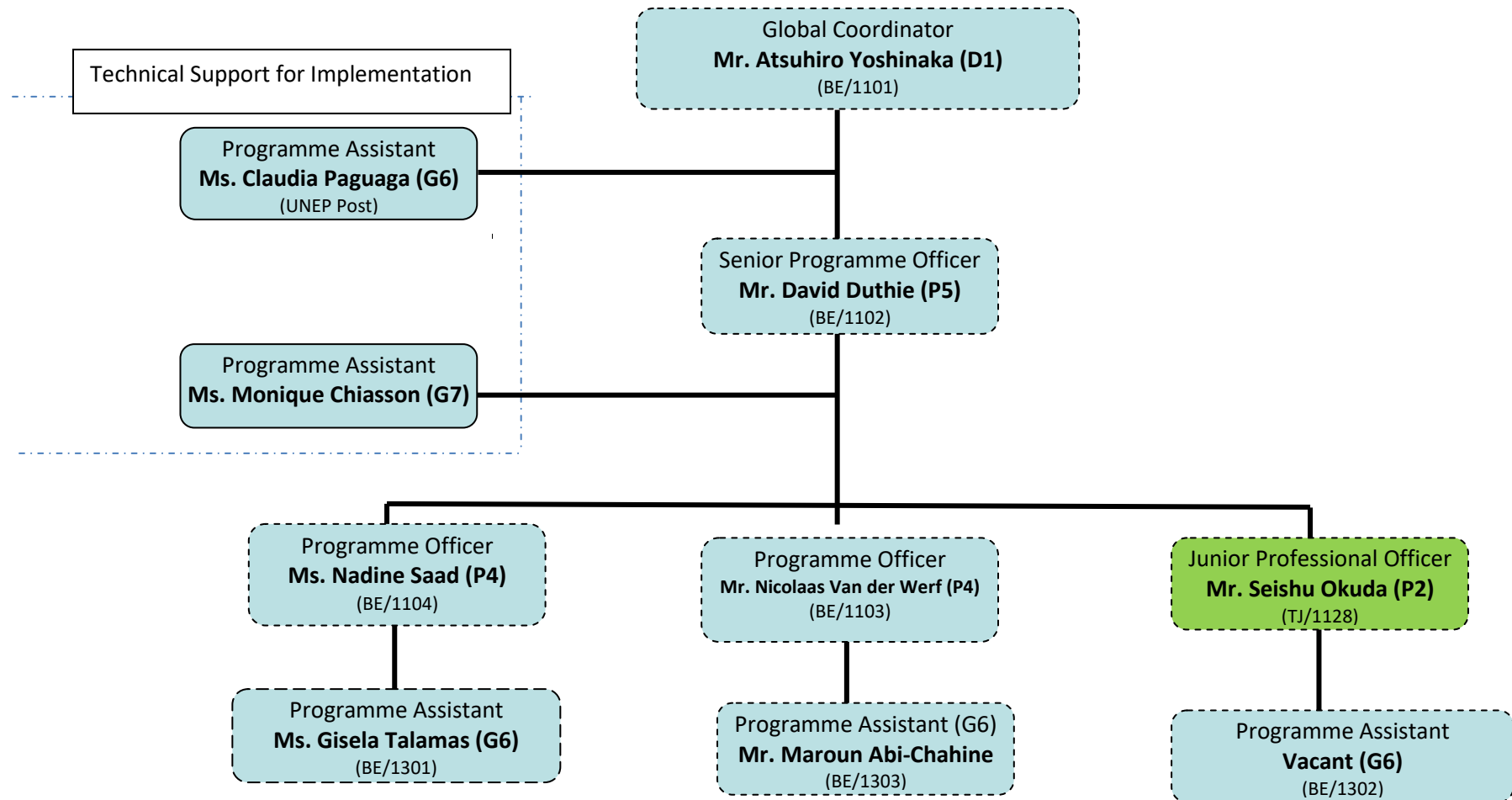


- Monique Chiasson, Prg. Assistant, National Reports located in Japan Fund will also provide support to this unit

TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION (TSI)



JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND AND NBSAP TEAM



ANNEX III

General Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities under the Convention on Biological Diversity (BE)
Status of Contribution as at 31 December 2015 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid pledges as at 31.12.14	Pledges for 2015		Collections in 2015 for prior years US\$	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Unpaid pledges for 2015 & prior years US\$
Canada	1,300	-	1/	-	-	1,300
Canada	308,258	-	2/	142,962	-	165,296
Center for Internal Forest Research (CIFOR)	-	4,000	27/	-	-	4,000
COMIFAC	15,872	-	3/	-	-	15,872
FAO	20,078	-	5/	20,078	-	-
FAO	-	5,000	28/	-	5,000	-
Finland	-	211,080	20/	-	211,080	-
France	27,473	-	4/	-	-	27,473
France	67,114	44,248	7/	67,114	-	44,248
Germany	-	275,592	22/	-	275,592	-
Global Environment Forum (GEF)	10,000	-	9/	10,000	-	-
Global Environment Forum (GEF)	-	30,000	31/	-	30,000	-
Global Mechanism	5,000	-	6/	-	-	5,000
India	105,807	-	8/	-	-	105,807
International Coastal Ocean Organization	-	25,000	26/	-	25,000	-
Korea	-	283,726	13/	-	283,726	-
Korea	-	453,449	14/	-	453,449	-
Korea	-	271,388	16/	-	271,388	-
Korea	-	512,018	17/	-	512,018	-

COUNTRIES	Unpaid pledges as at 31.12.14	Pledges for 2015		Collections in 2015 for prior years US\$	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Unpaid pledges for 2015 & prior years US\$
Korea	-	101,351	34/	-	101,351	-
Mexico	-	1,006,581	33/	-	1,006,581	-
Norway	-	18,512	23/	-	18,512	-
Norway	-	12,341	24/	-	12,341	-
Norway	-	18,512	25/	-	18,512	-
Sweden	-	16,561	21/	-	16,561	-
Switzerland	4,343	-	10/	-	-	4,343
Switzerland	-	81,702	15/	-	81,702	-
Switzerland	-	107,817	18/	-	107,817	-
Switzerland	-	55,000	32/	-	55,000	-
Switzerland	-	53,247	35/	-	53,247	-
UK	41,118	-	11/	-	-	41,118
UK	6,494	-	12/	-	-	6,494
UK	-	28,812	19/	-	28,812	-
UNDP	-	25,000	30/	-	25,000	-
WCMC	-	2,500	29/	-	-	-
Total	612,858	3,643,435		240,154	3,592,687	420,951

1/Canada pledge CAD 47,000 - Expert Meeting on Marine Biodiversity. Paid CAD 44,650 (US\$ 42,218.23) on 25 November 2009

2/Canada pledge CAD 525,000 - CAD 175,000 annually to 2015 allocated as CAD 473,310 to BE Trust Fund & CAD 51,690 to BZ Trust Fund.

Changed to CAD 451,098 for BE Trust Fund & CAD 73,902 to BZ Trust Fund per MR email dated 22 April 2015

3/COMIFAC pledge EUR 25,000 - Implementation of CBD in Central Africa

4/France pledge EUR 20,000 - Expert Workshop on Marine Protected Areas

5/FAO pledge US\$ 20,078 - Capacity building workshop

6/Global Mechanism pledge US\$ 5,000 - Eco-pavilion

7/France pledge EUR 200,000 - MOU (2014-2017) on Sustainable Oceans Initiative. 2014 - EUR 60K; 2015 EUR 40K; 2016 EUR 40K; 2017 EUR 60K

8/India pledge US\$ 286,443 - ICNP-2

9/GEF pledge US\$ 10,000 towards the support to the participation of journalists to COP 12

10/Switzerland pledge CHF 4,000 - Launch of UN decade

COUNTRIES	Unpaid pledges as at 31.12.14	Pledges for 2015		Collections in 2015 for prior years US\$	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Unpaid pledges for 2015 & prior years US\$
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- 11/UK pledge GBP 25,000 - Geo-engineering
- 12/UK pledge GBP 4,000 - Production of a Report on Climate-related Geo-engineering
- 13/ Korea pledge KRW 330,000,000 - Implementation of Yeosu project - paid by Korea Maritime Institute
- 14/ Korea pledge US\$ 453,449 - SCBD Forest Ecosystem restoration initiative - paid by Korea Forest Services
- 15/Switzerland pledge CHF 80,000 - AHTEG on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity.
- 16/Korea pledge KRW 300,000,000 - Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative (PBDI) - 2015-BEL-2592-2797-2661.
- 170/Korea pledge KRW 566,000,000 - Bio-Bridge Initiative - BEL-2592-2797-2661.
- 18/Switzerland pledge CHF 100,000 - Informal Advisory Group Workshops
- 19/UK pledge GBP 18,950 - AHTEG on Indicators
- 20/Finland pledge EUR 200,000 - 2015-2016 project. Geneva meeting in February 2016
- 21/Sweden pledge SEK 144,000 - Technical w/s on Ecosystem approach to Climate Change
- 22/Germany pledge EUR 255,000 - Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and Cop 12 outcomes
- 23/Norway pledge NOK 150,000 - Develop and test a peer review mechanism under the CBD
- 24/Norway pledge NOK 100,000 - Expert meeting on Synthetic Biology under CBD
- 25/Norway pledge NOK 150,000 - Workshop on COP 12 on different issues
- 26/International Coastal Ocean Organization pledge US\$ 25,000 - Rio Convention Pavilion at UNFCCC COP-21
- 27/Center for Internal Forest Research (CIFOR) pledge US\$ 4,000 - Rio Convention Pavilion at UNFCCC COP-21
- 28/FAO pledge US\$5,000 - Rio Convention Pavilion at UNFCCC COP-21
- 29/WCMC pledge US\$2,500 - Rio Convention Pavilion at UNFCCC COP-21
- 30/UNDP pledge US\$2,500 - Rio Convention Pavilion at UNFCCC COP-21
- 31/GEF pledge US\$30,000 - Rio Convention Pavilion at UNFCCC COP-21
- 32/Switzerland pledge US\$ 55,000 - Friends of the CBD meeting (Mexico 29 Sept. - 1st Oct. 2015)
- 33/Mexico pledge US\$1,006,581 - 13th Conference of the parties to the CBD
- 34/Korea pledge KRW 120,000,000 - Workshop for the 5th National reports of seven parties in East Asia
- 35/Switzerland pledge CHF 50,000 - Voluntary peer review

ANNEX IV

General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (BY)
as at 31 December 2015

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections during 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
	US \$	US \$	US \$		US \$			US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	-	766	-	-	-	766	-	-	-	-
Albania	-	1,532	-	-	-	1,532	1,587	-	-	-
Algeria	38,466	20,990	-	-	38,466	20,990	-	-	-	-
Angola	3,546	1,225	-	-	3,546	1,225	1,269	-	-	-
Antigua & Barbuda	601	306	-	-	-	-	-	601	306	907
Argentina	-	66,186	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,186	66,186
Armenia	-	1,072	-	-	-	1,072	-	-	-	-
Australia	-	317,756	-	-	-	317,756	329,176	-	-	-
Austria	-	122,261	-	-	-	122,261	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	-	6,128	-	-	-	6,128	221	-	-	-
Bahamas	2,769	2,605	-	-	2,769	2,605	2,698	-	-	-
Bahrain	5,998	5,975	-	-	5,998	5,975	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh	1,230	1,225	-	-	1,230	-	-	-	1,225	1,225
Barbados	-	1,226	-	-	-	1,226	-	-	-	-
Belarus	16,453	8,580	-	-	16,453	8,580	-	-	-	-
Belgium	-	152,903	-	-	-	152,903	-	-	-	-
Belize	244	153	-	-	-	-	-	244	153	397
Benin	1,353	460	-	-	-	-	-	1,353	460	1,813
Bhutan	-	153	-	-	-	153	159	-	-	-
Bolivia	3,072	1,379	-	-	-	-	-	3,072	1,379	4,451
Bosnia & Herzegovina	-	2,605	-	-	-	2,605	-	-	-	-
Botswana	-	2,605	-	-	-	2,605	2,698	-	-	-
Brazil	196	449,516	-	-	-	-	-	196	449,516	449,712
Brunei Darussalam	-	3,983	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,983	3,983

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections during 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Bulgaria	-	7,201	-	-	-	7,201	7,460	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	1,311	460	-	-	-	-	-	1,311	460	1,771
Burundi	588	153	-	-	-	-	-	588	153	741
Cambodia	1,270	613	-	-	-	-	-	1,270	613	1,883
Cameroon	2,554	1,839	-	-	-	-	-	2,554	1,839	4,393
Canada	-	457,177	457,177	-	-	-	437,607	-	-	-
Cape Verde	316	153	-	-	-	-	-	316	153	469
Central African Rep.	1,079	153	-	-	-	-	-	1,079	153	1,232
Chad	1,173	306	-	-	-	-	-	1,173	306	1,479
Chile	-	51,172	-	-	-	51,172	-	-	-	-
China	-	788,722	-	-	-	529,727	-	-	258,995	258,995
Colombia	-	39,681	-	-	-	39,681	-	-	-	-
Comoros	3,972	153	-	-	-	-	-	3,972	153	4,125
Congo	2,263	766	-	-	-	-	-	2,263	766	3,029
Congo Dem. Rep	8,709	460	-	-	-	-	-	8,709	460	9,169
Cook Islands	-	153	-	-	-	153	159	-	-	-
Costa Rica	2,181	5,822	-	-	2,181	3,213	-	-	2,609	2,609
Cote d'Ivoire	10,446	1,685	-	-	10,446	1,685	1,746	(0)	-	(0)
Croatia	-	19,304	-	-	-	19,304	-	-	-	-
Cuba	90,182	10,571	-	-	-	-	-	90,182	10,571	100,753
Cyprus	-	7,201	-	-	-	7,201	-	-	-	-
Czech Republic	-	59,139	59,139	-	-	-	61,264	-	-	-
Denmark	-	103,416	-	-	-	103,416	-	-	-	-
Djibouti	281	153	-	-	-	-	-	281	153	434
Dominica	-	153	-	-	-	-	-	-	153	153
Dominica Rep.	23,131	6,894	-	-	-	-	-	23,131	6,894	30,025
Ecuador	-	6,741	-	100	-	6,741	-	-	-	-
EEC	-	306,340	-	-	-	306,340	-	-	-	-
Egypt	-	20,530	-	-	-	20,530	21,268	-	-	-
El Salvador	11,149	2,451	-	-	-	-	-	11,149	2,451	13,600
Equatorial Guinea	5,855	1,225	-	-	-	-	-	5,855	1,225	7,080

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Eritrea	-	153	-	-	-	153	159	-	-	-
Estonia	-	6,128	-	-	-	6,128	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	-	1,225	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,225	1,225
Fiji	-	460	346	-	-	-	-	-	114	114
Finland	-	79,516	-	-	-	79,516	-	-	-	-
France	-	856,900	-	-	-	856,900	-	-	-	-
Gabon	-	3,064	3,064	7,949	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gambia	-	153	-	-	-	-	-	-	153	153
Georgia	-	1,072	-	-	-	1,072	-	-	-	-
Germany	-	1,094,069	-	-	-	1,094,069	-	-	-	-
Ghana	3,521	2,145	-	-	3,521	2,145	2,222	-	-	-
Greece	106,280	97,748	-	-	-	-	-	106,280	97,748	204,028
Grenada	858	153	-	-	858	-	-	-	153	153
Guatemala	28,378	4,137	-	-	28,378	-	-	-	4,137	4,137
Guinea	-	306	-	-	-	-	-	-	306	306
Guinea-Bissau	3,493	153	-	-	-	-	-	3,493	153	3,646
Guyana	-	153	1	-	-	-	-	-	152	152
Haiti	-	460	-	-	-	460	456	-	-	-
Honduras	2,435	1,226	-	-	1,360	-	-	1,075	1,226	2,301
Hungary	-	40,754	-	-	-	40,754	-	-	-	-
Iceland	-	4,137	-	-	-	4,137	4,225	-	-	-
India	-	102,037	-	-	-	102,037	-	-	-	-
Indonesia	-	53,010	-	-	-	53,010	-	-	-	-
Iran	185,798	54,543	-	-	-	-	-	185,798	54,543	240,341
Iraq	-	10,418	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,418	10,418
Ireland	-	64,042	64,042	-	-	-	66,343	-	-	-
Israel	-	60,671	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,671	60,671
Italy	-	681,476	-	-	-	681,476	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	4,232	1,685	-	-	4,232	1,685	1,771	-	-	-
Japan	-	1,659,718	-	-	-	1,659,718	-	-	-	-
Jordan	-	3,371	-	-	-	3,371	-	-	-	-

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Kazakhstan	-	18,538	-	-	-	18,538	19,230	-	-	-
Kenya	3,607	1,992	-	-	-	-	-	3,607	1,992	5,599
Kiribati	-	153	-	-	-	-	-	-	153	153
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	1,077	919	-	-	-	-	-	1,077	919	1,996
Korea, Rep. of	228,602	305,500	-	-	228,602	305,500	122,478	-	-	-
Kuwait	-	41,826	-	-	-	41,826	-	-	-	-
Kyrgyzstan	-	306	-	-	-	-	-	-	306	306
Lao PDR	-	306	-	-	-	306	317	-	-	-
Latvia	-	7,201	7,201	-	-	-	7,460	-	-	-
Lebanon	30,526	6,435	-	-	5,076	6,435	-	25,450	-	25,450
Lesotho	-	153	-	-	-	153	159	-	-	-
Liberia	858	153	-	-	-	-	-	858	153	1,011
Libya	87,555	21,756	-	-	-	-	-	87,555	21,756	109,311
Liechtenstein	104	1,379	-	-	104	1,379	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	-	11,184	-	-	-	11,184	-	-	-	-
Luxembourg	-	12,410	3,770	-	-	8,640	13,843	-	(0)	(0)
Macedonia, TFYR of	4,812	1,226	-	-	-	-	-	4,812	1,226	6,038
Madagascar	760	460	-	-	-	-	-	760	460	1,220
Malawi	858	306	-	-	-	-	-	858	306	1,164
Malaysia	-	43,052	43,052	-	-	-	44,599	-	-	-
Maldives	-	153	-	-	-	153	159	-	-	-
Mali	2,012	613	-	-	-	-	-	2,012	613	2,625
Malta	-	2,451	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,451	2,451
Marshall Islands	971	153	-	-	-	-	-	971	153	1,124
Mauritania	2,803	306	-	-	-	-	-	2,803	306	3,109
Mauritius	-	1,992	-	-	-	1,992	2,063	-	-	-
Mexico	-	282,212	-	-	-	282,212	-	-	-	-
Micronesia, Fed. States	1,073	153	-	-	-	-	-	1,073	153	1,226
Moldova, Rep. of	-	460	-	-	-	460	476	-	-	-
Monaco	-	1,839	-	-	-	1,839	-	-	-	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections during 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Mongolia	-	460	-	-	-	460	475	-	-	-
Montenegro	20	766	-	-	20	725	-	-	41	41
Morocco	-	9,499	610	-	-	8,806	-	-	83	83
Mozambique	-	460	460	441	-	-	-	-	-	-
Myanmar	1,829	1,225	-	-	-	-	-	1,829	1,225	3,054
Namibia	-	1,532	-	-	-	1,532	1,587	-	-	-
Nauru	613	153	-	-	-	-	-	613	153	766
Nepal	33	919	-	-	-	-	-	33	919	952
Netherlands	-	253,408	-	-	-	253,408	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	-	38,762	38,762	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nicaragua	-	460	-	-	-	460	476	-	-	-
Niger	4,413	306	-	-	-	-	-	4,413	306	4,719
Nigeria	-	13,789	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,789	13,789
Niue	-	153	-	-	-	-	-	-	153	153
Norway	0	130,381	-	-	-	130,381	-	-	-	-
Oman	-	15,627	-	-	-	15,627	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	22,962	13,023	-	-	4,458	-	-	18,503	13,023	31,526
Palau	866	153	-	-	-	-	-	866	153	1,019
Panama	-	3,983	-	-	-	3,983	-	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	619	613	-	-	619	613	635	-	-	-
Paraguay	76	1,532	-	-	-	-	-	76	1,532	1,608
Peru	1,168	17,926	-	-	1,168	10,130	-	-	7,796	7,796
Philippines	-	23,594	-	-	-	14,952	-	-	8,642	8,642
Poland	-	141,106	141,106	-	-	-	146,177	-	-	-
Portugal	153,565	72,621	-	-	147,591	-	-	5,974	72,621	78,595
Qatar	-	32,021	-	-	-	32,021	-	-	-	-
Romania	-	34,625	-	-	-	34,625	-	-	-	-
Russian Federation	-	373,525	-	-	-	373,525	-	-	-	-
Rwanda	25	306	-	-	-	-	-	25	306	331
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	3,143	153	-	-	-	-	-	3,143	153	3,296

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections during 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Samoa	-	153	-	-	-	153	-	-	-	-
San Marino	-	460	-	-	-	460	-	-	-	-
Sao Tome Principe	1,645	153	-	-	-	-	-	1,645	153	1,798
Saudi Arabia	-	132,373	-	-	-	132,373	-	-	-	-
Senegal	2,179	919	-	-	2,179	919	898	-	-	-
Serbia	-	6,128	-	-	-	6,128	-	-	-	-
Seychelles	-	153	-	-	-	153	159	-	-	-
Sierra Leone	-	153	-	-	-	-	-	-	153	153
Singapore	-	58,832	-	-	-	58,832	60,947	-	-	-
Slovak	-	26,199	-	-	-	26,199	27,140	-	-	-
Slovenia	15,842	15,321	-	-	15,842	15,321	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	-	153	-	-	-	-	-	-	153	153
Somalia	737	153	-	-	-	-	-	737	153	890
South Africa	-	56,994	-	-	-	56,994	59,042	-	-	-
South Sudan	-	613	-	-	-	-	-	-	613	613
Spain	-	455,492	-	-	-	455,492	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	-	3,830	-	-	-	3,830	-	-	-	-
St. Lucia	19	153	-	-	19	153	140	-	-	-
St. Kitts & Nevis	40	153	-	-	-	-	-	40	153	193
Sudan	2,747	1,225	-	-	-	-	-	2,747	1,225	3,972
Suriname	544	613	-	-	-	-	-	544	613	1,157
Swaziland	-	460	-	-	-	460	476	-	-	-
Sweden	-	147,081	-	-	-	147,081	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	-	160,410	-	-	-	160,410	-	-	-	-
Syria	14,731	5,516	-	-	-	-	-	14,731	5,516	20,247
Tajikistan	1,006	460	-	-	-	-	-	1,006	460	1,466
Thailand	4,107	36,617	-	-	4,107	29,730	-	-	6,887	6,887
Timor - L'este	-	306	-	-	-	-	-	-	306	306
Togo	25	153	-	-	-	-	-	25	153	178
Tonga	868	153	-	-	610	-	-	258	153	411
Trinidad & Tobago	-	6,741	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,741	6,741

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections during 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Tunisia	-	5,516	-	-	-	5,516	-	-	-	-
Turkey	-	203,462	-	-	-	-	-	-	203,462	203,462
Turkmenistan	7,814	2,911	-	-	-	-	-	7,814	2,911	10,725
Tuvalu	301	153	-	-	-	-	-	301	153	454
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	-	793,472	-	-	-	793,472	-	-	-	-
Uganda	25	919	-	-	-	-	-	25	919	944
Ukraine	13,381	15,168	-	-	13,381	15,168	-	-	-	-
Un. Rep. of Tanzania	-	1,225	1,225	9,286	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Arab Emirates	-	91,160	-	-	-	91,160	-	-	-	-
Uruguay	-	7,967	7,967	3,919	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uzbekistan	12,216	2,298	-	-	1,538	-	-	10,678	2,298	12,976
Vanuatu	858	153	-	-	-	-	-	858	153	1,011
Venezuela	141,665	96,062	-	-	-	-	-	141,665	96,062	237,727
Viet Nam	-	6,435	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,435	6,435
Yemen	8,686	1,225	-	-	-	-	-	8,686	1,225	9,911
Zambia	-	919	919	952	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	901	306	-	-	-	-	-	901	306	1,207
Sub Total	1,360,668	12,253,599	828,841	22,647	544,752	9,893,246	1,451,424	815,915	1,531,512	2,347,428

Additional Contributions										
Canada	925,316	744,405	-	-	925,316	744,405	-	-	-	-
Quebec	-	296,586	-	-	-	-	-	-	296,586	296,586
Grand Total	2,285,985	13,294,590	828,841	22,647	1,470,069	10,637,651	1,451,424	815,915	1,828,098	2,644,014

ANNEX V

General Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Process of the Convention on Biological Diversity (BZ)
Status as at 31 December 2015 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.14	Adjustments		Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2015 for prior years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Unpaid pledges for 2015 & prior years
Canada	34,533		1/	-	-	-	34,533
Denmark	27,076		2/	-	-	-	27,076
Finland	-		3/	10,886	-	10,886	-
Germany	-		6/	87,527	-	87,527	-
Mexico	-		7/	169,500	-	169,500	-
Norway	-		4/	24,682	-	24,682	-
Norway	-		5/	18,512	-	18,512	-
Total	61,609		-	311,107	-	311,107	61,609

1/Canada pledge CAD 525,000 - CAD 175,000 annually to 2015 allocated as CAD 473,310 to BE Trust Fund & CAD 51,690 to BZ Trust Fund.

Changed to CAD 451,098 for BE Trust Fund & CAD 73,902 to BZ Trust Fund per MR email dated 22 April 2015

2/Denmark pledge DKK 150,000 - SBSTTA-12 and WGRI-2 meetings

3/Finland pledge Euros 10,000 - Art 8(J)-9/ SBSTTA-19

4/Norway pledge NOK 200,000 - SBSTTA 19

5/Norway pledge NOK 150,000 - Working group on indigenous peoples issues (WG8j-9)

6/Germany pledge EUR 80,000 - Travel support for participants of SBSTTA 19 and Art. 8j

7/Mexico pledge US\$ 169,500 - The participation of parties in the process of the CBD

ANNEX VI

General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (VB)

Status as at 30 June 2015 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.14		Adjustments (Exchange difference)		Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2015 for prior years	Collections in 2015 for 2015 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2015 & prior years
Australia	-		-	4/	15,586	-	15,586	-
Germany	-		-	3/	57,351	-	57,351	-
Finland	-		-	2/	10,886	-	10,886	-
Mexico	-		-	6/	67,800	-	67,800	-
New Zealand	-		-	1/	9,660	-	9,660	-
Norway	-		-	5/	30,053	-	30,053	-
Total	-		-		191,336	-	191,336	-

1/ New Zealand pledge NZD 15,000 to facilitate participation of IPLCs to 9th meeting of Art 8(j)

2/Finland pledge EUR 10,000 - Participation of ODA countries in 9th meeting of Art 8(j) and SBSTTA 19

3/ Germany pledge EUR 51,100 - Participation of IPLCs in SBSTTA 19 and 9th meeting of ART 8(j)

4/Australia pledge AUD 20,000 - Art 8(j)-9 participation costs of ILCs

5/ Norway pledge NOK 250,000 - Refill to the indigenous peoples trust fund 2015

6/ Mexico pledge US\$ 67,800 - Participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the convention

ANNEX VII

General Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BG)
as at 31 December 2015

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
	US\$	US\$	US\$		US\$			US\$	US\$	US\$
Afghanistan	-	187	-	-	-	187	-	-	-	-
Albania	362	374	-	-	362	374	391	-	-	-
Algeria	-	5,127	-	-	-	5,127	-	-	-	-
Angola	257	263	-	-	-	-	-	257	263	520
Antigua and Barbuda	-	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	75	75
Armenia	-	262	-	-	-	262	-	-	-	-
Austria	-	29,864	-	-	-	29,864	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	-	1,497	-	-	-	1,497	-	-	-	-
Bahamas	9	636	-	-	9	636	666	-	-	-
Bahrain	1,413	1,460	-	-	1,413	-	-	-	1,460	1,460
Bangladesh	-	263	-	-	-	263	275	-	-	-
Barbados	576	299	-	-	576	299	-	-	-	-
Belarus	-	2,096	-	-	-	2,096	-	-	-	-
Belgium	-	37,349	-	-	-	37,324	-	-	25	25
Belize	36	37	-	-	-	-	-	36	37	73
Benin	323	112	-	-	-	-	-	323	112	435
Bhutan	-	37	-	-	-	37	39	-	-	-
Bolivia	-	337	-	-	-	337	-	-	-	-
Bosnia Herzegovina	-	636	-	-	-	-	-	-	636	636
Botswana	-	636	-	-	-	636	666	-	-	-
Brazil	90,624	109,801	-	-	-	-	-	90,624	109,801	200,425
Bulgaria	-	1,759	-	-	-	1,759	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	175	112	-	-	-	-	-	175	112	287
Burundi	198	37	-	-	-	-	-	198	37	235

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Cambodia	406	150	-	-	-	-	-	406	150	556
Cameroon	947	449	-	-	-	-	-	947	449	1,396
Cape Verde	87	37	-	-	-	-	-	87	37	124
Central African Republic	194	37	-	-	-	-	-	194	37	231
Chad	-	75	-	-	-	75	78	-	-	-
China	-	192,656	-	-	-	124,781	-	-	67,875	67,875
Colombia	-	9,693	-	-	-	9,693	-	-	-	-
Comoros	169	37	-	-	-	-	-	169	37	206
Congo, P.R.	553	187	-	-	-	-	-	553	187	740
Costa Rica	-	1,422	-	-	-	1,422	-	-	-	-
Cote d'Ivoire	-	230	-	-	-	-	-	-	230	230
Croatia	-	4,715	-	-	-	4,715	-	-	-	-
Cuba	18,301	2,582	-	-	-	-	-	18,301	2,582	20,883
Cyprus	-	1,759	-	-	-	1,759	-	-	-	-
Czech Republic	-	14,445	14,445	10	-	-	15,101	-	-	-
Democratic Republic Of Congo	527	112	-	-	-	-	-	527	112	639
Denmark	386	25,261	-	-	386	25,261	-	-	-	-
Djibouti	136	37	-	-	-	-	-	136	37	173
Dominica	322	37	-	-	-	-	-	322	37	359
Dominican Republic	-	1,684	221	-	-	1,463	5,308	-	-	-
Ecuador	-	1,647	179	-	-	1,468	100	-	-	-
Egypt	3,406	5,015	-	-	3,406	5,015	5,246	-	-	-
El Salvador	1,366	599	-	-	-	-	-	1,366	599	1,965
Eritrea	-	37	-	-	-	37	151	-	-	-
Estonia	-	1,497	-	-	-	1,497	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	-	263	263	929	-	-	-	-	-	-
European Community	-	65,753	-	-	-	65,753	-	-	-	-
Fiji	320	112	-	-	320	112	82	-	-	-
Finland	-	19,423	-	-	-	19,423	-	-	-	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
France	-	209,310	-	-	-	209,310	-	-	-	-
Gabon	488	748	-	-	-	-	-	488	748	1,236
Gambia	-	37	-	-	-	37	39	-	-	-
Georgia	-	262	-	-	-	262	-	-	-	-
Germany	-	267,241	267,241	-	-	-	279,556	-	-	-
Ghana	811	524	-	-	-	-	-	811	524	1,335
Greece	25,035	23,876	-	-	-	-	-	25,035	23,876	48,911
Grenada	322	37	-	-	322	-	-	-	37	37
Guatemala	3,008	1,010	-	-	3,008	-	-	-	1,010	1,010
Guinea	72	37	-	-	-	-	-	72	37	109
Guinea Bissau	149	37	-	-	-	-	-	149	37	186
Guyana	-	37	-	-	-	37	39	-	-	-
Honduras	174	299	-	-	174	299	150	-	-	-
Hungary	-	9,955	-	-	-	9,955	-	-	-	-
India	38,468	24,924	-	-	38,468	24,824	-	-	100	100
Indonesia	-	12,949	-	-	-	12,949	-	-	-	-
Iran	25,027	13,323	-	-	8,250	-	-	16,777	13,323	30,100
Iraq	-	2,545	-	-	-	2,545	-	-	-	-
Ireland	-	15,643	-	-	-	15,643	-	-	-	-
Italy	-	166,460	-	-	-	166,460	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	-	412	-	-	-	-	-	-	412	412
Japan	-	405,409	-	-	-	347,493	-	-	57,916	57,916
Jordan	-	823	-	-	-	823	19	-	-	-
Kazakhstan	25	4,528	-	-	25	4,503	-	-	25	25
Kenya	435	487	-	-	435	487	-	-	-	-
Kiribati	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	37
Korea, Democratic Republic	182	225	-	-	-	-	-	182	225	407
Korea, Republic of	-	74,623	74,623	-	-	-	75,885	-	-	-

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Kyrgyzstan	-	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	75	75
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	-	75	-	-	-	75	78	-	-	-
Latvia	-	1,759	-	-	-	1,759	1,840	-	-	-
Lebanon	1,966	1,572	-	-	1,966	-	-	-	1,572	1,572
Lesotho	36	37	-	-	36	37	39	-	-	-
Liberia	92	37	-	-	-	-	-	92	37	129
Libya	28,767	5,314	-	-	-	-	-	28,767	5,314	34,081
Lithuania	-	2,732	-	-	-	2,732	-	-	-	-
Luxembourg	-	3,031	-	-	-	3,031	-	-	-	-
Macedonia, TFYR of	1,253	299	-	-	-	-	-	1,253	299	1,552
Madagascar	-	112	112	474	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malawi	187	75	-	-	-	-	-	187	75	262
Malaysia	-	10,516	10,516	-	-	-	11,001	-	-	-
Maldives	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	37
Mali	104	150	-	-	-	-	-	104	150	254
Malta	1,826	599	-	-	1,826	-	-	-	599	599
Marshall Islands	322	37	-	-	-	-	-	322	37	359
Mauritania	293	75	-	-	-	-	-	293	75	368
Mauritius	-	487	-	-	-	487	509	-	-	-
Mexico	-	68,934	-	-	-	68,934	72,111	-	-	-
Mongolia	15	112	-	-	15	97	-	-	15	15
Montenegro	-	187	-	-	-	187	196	-	-	-
Morocco	-	2,320	-	-	-	2,298	-	-	22	22
Mozambique	-	112	-	-	-	-	-	-	112	112
Myanmar	465	263	-	-	-	-	-	465	263	728
Namibia	-	374	-	-	-	374	391	-	-	-
Nauru	322	37	-	-	-	-	-	322	37	359
Netherlands	-	61,899	-	-	-	61,899	48,000	-	-	-
New Zealand	-	9,468	-	-	-	9,468	-	-	-	-
Nicaragua	-	112	-	-	-	112	117	-	-	-

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Niger	456	75	-	-	-	-	-	456	75	531
Nigeria	2,826	3,368	-	-	-	-	-	2,826	3,368	6,194
Niue	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	37
Norway	-	31,847	-	-	-	31,847	-	-	-	-
Oman	-	3,817	-	-	-	3,817	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	14,088	3,181	-	-	-	-	-	14,088	3,181	17,269
Palau	322	37	-	-	-	-	-	322	37	359
Panama	-	973	-	-	-	973	-	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	67	150	-	-	-	-	-	67	150	217
Paraguay	671	374	-	-	-	-	-	671	374	1,045
Peru	-	4,379	4,379	1,026	-	-	2,663	-	-	-
Philippines	-	5,763	-	-	-	3,526	-	-	2,237	2,237
Poland	-	34,467	34,467	-	-	-	36,055	-	-	-
Portugal	36,759	17,739	-	-	36,759	17,739	-	-	-	-
Qatar	-	7,822	-	-	-	7,822	-	-	-	-
Republic of Moldova	-	112	-	-	-	112	117	-	-	-
Romania	-	8,458	-	-	-	8,458	8,847	-	-	-
Rwanda	61	75	-	-	-	-	-	61	75	136
Saint Kitts and Nevis	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	37
Saint Lucia	-	37	-	-	-	37	39	-	-	-
Saint Vincent & Gren.	322	37	-	-	-	-	-	322	37	359
Samoa	-	37	-	-	-	37	39	-	-	-
Saudi Arabia	30,071	32,334	-	-	30,071	-	-	-	32,334	32,334
Senegal	854	225	-	-	-	-	-	854	225	1,079
Serbia	-	1,497	-	-	-	1,497	-	-	-	-
Seychelles	-	37	-	-	-	37	39	-	-	-
Slovakia	-	6,399	-	-	-	6,399	6,694	-	-	-
Slovenia	-	3,742	-	-	-	3,742	3,915	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	108	37	-	-	-	-	-	108	37	145
Somalia	142	37	-	-	-	-	-	142	37	179

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South Africa	-	13,922	-	-	-	13,922	14,563	-	-	-
Spain	-	111,260	-	-	-	111,260	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	2,041	936	-	-	2,041	936	-	-	-	-
Sudan	2,009	374	-	-	-	-	-	2,009	374	2,383
Suriname	317	150	-	-	-	-	-	317	150	467
Swaziland	109	112	-	-	109	112	117	-	-	-
Sweden	-	35,927	-	-	-	35,927	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	-	39,182	-	-	-	39,182	-	-	-	-
Syria	3,905	1,347	-	-	-	-	-	3,905	1,347	5,252
Tajikistan	292	112	-	-	-	-	-	292	112	404
Thailand	19,476	8,944	-	-	19,476	-	-	-	8,944	8,944
Togo	72	37	-	-	-	-	-	72	37	109
Tonga	-	37	37	2,650	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	-	1,647	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,647	1,647
Tunisia	6	1,347	-	-	-	1,347	-	6	-	6
Turkey	-	49,698	-	-	-	49,698	-	-	-	-
Turkmenistan	2,052	711	-	-	-	-	-	2,052	711	2,763
Uganda	-	225	225	2,732	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukraine	3,152	3,705	-	-	3,152	3,705	-	-	-	-
Uruguay	978	1,946	-	-	978	1,946	-	-	-	-
United Arab Emirates	774	22,267	-	-	774	22,267	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	-	193,816	193,816	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
United Republic of Tanzania	926	263	-	-	-	-	-	926	263	1,189
Venezuela	48,010	23,465	-	-	-	-	-	48,010	23,465	71,475
Viet Nam	-	1,572	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,572	1,572
Yemen	1,204	263	-	-	-	-	-	1,204	263	1,467
Zambia	-	225	-	-	-	225	235	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	-	75	-	-	-	75	78	-	-	-
Sub Total	423,005	2,630,537	600,524	7,821	154,357	1,656,934	591,474	268,648	373,079	641,727
Additional Contributions										
Canada		147,098	-	-	-	147,098	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	423,005	2,777,635	600,524	7,821	154,357	1,804,032	591,474	268,648	373,079	641,727

ANNEX VIII**Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BH)**

Status as at 31 December 2015 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.14	Adjustments	Pledges for 2015		Collections in 2015 for prior years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Unpaid pledges for 2015 & prior years
Republic of Korea			140,000	1/		140,000	0
Mexico			503,291	3/		503,291	0
Norway			18,512	2/		18,512	0
Total	0	0	661,802		0	661,802	0

1/Korea, Republic of, pledge US\$ 140,000 - Implementation of the Ministry of Trade and Energy (MOTIE) project

2/Norway pledge NOK 150,000 - Expert group Cartagena Protocol – Socioeconomic aspects

3/Mexico pledge US\$ 503,290.50 - 2nd meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the parties to the Nagoya Protocol on ABS

ANNEX IX

General Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol (BB)
Status as at 31 December 2015 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections in 2015 for future years	Unpaid pledges for 2015
Albania	300	300	-	-
Belarus	1,680	1,680	-	-
Benin	29	-	-	29
Bhutan	30	-	-	30
Botswana	510	510	510	-
Burkina Faso	29	-	-	29
Burundi	30	-	-	30
Comoros	30	-	-	30
Cote d'Ivoire	330	330	-	-
Denmark	20,245	20,245	-	-
Egypt	4,019	-	-	4,019
Ethiopia	29	-	-	29
European Union	7,255	7,255	-	-
Fiji	90	-	-	90
Gabon	600	-	-	600
Gambia	30	30	-	-
Guatemala	810	-	-	810
Guinea	-	-	-	-
Guinea-Bissau	30	-	-	30
Guyana	30	30	97	-
Honduras	240	-	-	240
Hungary	7,978	7,978	-	-
India	19,975	-	-	19,975
Indonesia	10,378	10,378	-	-
Jordan	660	660	-	-
Kenya	390	-	-	390

COUNTRIES	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections in 2015 for future years	Unpaid pledges for 2015
Lao People's Democratic Republic	29	29	-	-
Madagascar	29	-	-	29
Malawi	29	-	-	29
Mauritius	390	390	-	-
Mexico	55,248	55,248	-	-
Micronesia	30	-	-	30
Mongolia	90	90	-	-
Mozambique	29	-	-	29
Myanmar	29	-	-	29
Namibia	300	300	300	-
Niger	29	-	-	29
Norway	25,524	25,524	-	-
Panama	780	-	-	780
Peru	3,509	-	-	3,509
Rwanda	29	-	-	29
Samoa	30	-	-	30
Seychelles	30	30	-	-
South Africa	11,157	-	-	11,157
Spain	63,840	63,840	-	-
Sudan	29	-	-	29
Switzerland	31,403	31,403	-	-
Syrian Arab Republic	1,080	-	-	1,080
Tajikistan	90	-	-	90
Uganda	29	-	-	29
United Arab Emirates	17,846	17,846	-	-
Uruguay	1,560	-	-	1,560
Vanuatu	30	-	-	30
Viet Nam	1,260	-	-	1,260
Sub -Total	290,185	244,096	907	46,089

COUNTRIES	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections in 2015 for future years	Unpaid pledges for 2015
Additional Parties				
Cambodia	20	-	-	20
Congo	58	-	-	58
Congo Democratic Republic	19	-	-	19
Croatia	312	-	-	312
Cuba	89	-	-	89
Dominican Republic	1,194	-	-	1,194
Kazakhstan	1,010	-	-	1,010
Kyrgyzstan	18	-	-	18
Lesotho	27	-	-	27
Liberia	4	-	-	4
Marshall Islands	29	-	-	29
Mauritania	7	-	-	7
Sub -Total	2,787	-	-	2,787
Grand Total	292,972	244,096	907	48,876

ANNEX X

**Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Nagoya Protocol on
Access and Benefit-Sharing of Genetic Resources (BX)**

Status of Contributions as at 31 December 2015 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.14		Adjustments	Pledges for 2015		Collections in 2015 for prior years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Unpaid pledges for 2015 & prior years	
Belgium				10,941	3/		-	10,941	
Mexico				503,291	4/		503,291	-	
Norway				18,512	2/		18,512	-	
Switzerland				70,600	1/		70,600	-	
								-	
Total	-		-	603,343			-	592,402	10,941

1/Switzerland pledge USD 70,600 for half of salary costs for P2 ABS - CH

2/Norway pledge NOK 150,000 - Workshop under the Nagoya Protocol

3/Belgium pledge EUR 10,000 - Expert meeting on article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS - February 2016

4/Mexico pledge US\$ 503,290.50 - 8th meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biodiversity

ANNEX XI

List of meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
(as at 31 December 2015)

February 2015	
23 - 27 February Lima, Peru	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-building Workshop for South America
16 February Windhoek, Namibia	Southern African Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting
11 - 13 February Tbilisi, Georgia	Inception Meeting of the Working Group for the development of a methodology for Voluntary Peer-Review of the Convention on Biological Diversity Implementation
9 - 13 February Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	Asia Regional Capacity-building Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Resource Mobilization
March 2015	
22 - 27 March Colombo, Sri Lanka	CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the North-East Indian Ocean region, and Training Session on EBSAs
16 March Colombo, Sri Lanka	Asian Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting
9 - 13 March St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda	Caribbean Sub-regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Resource Mobilization
2 March Managua, Nicaragua	Central American Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting
April 2015	
20 April - Cabo Verde	Western African Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting
19 - 25 April Dubai, United Arab Emirates	CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the North-West Indian Ocean and Adjacent Gulf Areas, and Training Session on EBSAs
13 April Asunción, Paraguay	South American Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting
May 2015	
27 - 28 May Guatemala City, Guatemala	Pacific Central American Expert Workshop for Marine Conservation and Sustainability
22 May Multiple Venues	International Day for Biological Diversity 2015
18 - 21 May St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda	Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on Resource Mobilization for CARICOM member States
18 May - Libreville, Gabon	Western African Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting
13 - 15 May Montreal, Canada	Twelfth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
5 - 7 May Mexico City, Mexico	International technical expert workshop on identifying, accessing, compiling and aggregating domestic and international biodiversity-related investments and impacts
4 - 7 May Accra, Ghana	West Africa Regional Workshop of the UN-Water Initiative "Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies"
June 2015	
22 June - Georgia	Eastern European Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting
14 - 15 June Panajachel, Guatemala	Expert Meeting on the Repatriation of Traditional Knowledge Relevant to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity
11 - 13 June Panajachel, Guatemala	Dialogue Workshop on Assessment of Collective Action of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Biodiversity Conservation and Resource Mobilization

9 - 11 June Ispra, Italy	Workshop of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms
8 - 10 June Panajachel, Guatemala	International Training Workshop on Community-based Monitoring, Indicators on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use and Community Protocols, within the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
July 2015	
8 July 2015 - Paris, France	Fifth meeting of the Liaison Group on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
September 2015	
28 September - 2 October 2015 Sandton, Johannesburg, South Africa	Technical workshop on ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction
28 September - 1 October Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil	Capacity-building Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12
28 - 30 September Apia, Samoa	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) National Capacity Development Workshop for Samoa
21 - 25 September Montreal, Canada	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology
16 - 18 September New Delhi, India	Subregional Capacity-Building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for South Asia
15 - 17 September Montreal, Canada	Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
15 - 18 September Yanji, Jilin Province, China	Capacity-building Workshop for East Asia and Southeast Asia on achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12
14 - 17 September Geneva, Switzerland	Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
11 - 15 September Yeosu, Republic of Korea	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Training of Trainers Workshop
October 2015	
31 October Montreal, Canada	Expert workshop on the contribution of science to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity
30 - 31 October Montreal, Canada	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism
28 - 30 October Montreal, Canada	First meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House
28 - 30 October Montreal, Canada	Expert Meeting on alien species in wildlife trade, experiences in the use of biological control agents and development of decision support tools for management of invasive alien species
26 - 27 October San José, Costa Rica	Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for Spanish-speaking Central American and Caribbean Countries
13 - 16 October Swakopmund, Namibia	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) National Capacity Development Workshop for Namibia
5 - 9 October Accra, Ghana	Capacity-building workshop for West Africa on ecosystem restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Target
5 - 6 October Avarua, Cook Islands	Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for the
November 2015	
30 November - 1 December Manila, Philippines	Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for Southeast Asia
24 - 25 November Entebbe, Uganda	Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for English Speaking African Countries
17 - 19 November Mexico City, Mexico	International Expert Workshop on Biodiversity Mainstreaming
16 - 20 November Brasilia, Brazil	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management
12 - 13 November Lima, Peru	Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for South America

11 - 12 November Helsinki, Finland	CBD Business and Biodiversity Forum 2015
4 - 7 November Montreal, Canada	Ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity
2 - 5 November Montreal, Canada	Nineteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

December 2015

14 - 18 December Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda	Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for the Caribbean Region on Traditional Knowledge and Customary sustainable use under the Convention on Biological Diversity
13 - 18 December Xiamen, China	CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the Seas of East Asia, and Training Session on EBSAs
7 - 10 December New Delhi, India	Capacity-building workshop for South, Central and West Asia on achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12
1 - 2 December Dakar, Senegal	Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for French Speaking African Countries
