

## MONTHLY BULLETIN OF ACTIVITIES OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

### FEBRUARY 2010

#### Sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity



From L-R: Peter-Johan Schei, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Erik Solheim, Norway Minister of the Environment and International Development, Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary, Rita Ottervik, Trondheim Mayor, Knut Fagerbakke, Trondheim Deputy Mayor, and Birthe Ivars, Deputy Director, Ministry of the Environment.

The sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity was held on 1-5 February 2010, and was hosted by the Norwegian Ministry of the Environment in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), and organized by the Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management. Opening statements were delivered by: the Mayor of Trondheim, the Norwegian Minister of the Environment and International Development, the UNEP

Deputy Executive Director, the CBD Executive Secretary, the Parliamentary Secretary of State of the German Federal Environment Ministry, and the Director of the Global Biodiversity Strategy Office of the Japanese Ministry of Environment. Keynote speakers included: the Study Leader of The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity project, the Chief Scientific Advisor of DEFRA-UK, the President of IUCN and the Director of Stockholm Resilience Centre. The meeting discussed the status of, and lessons learned from, the 2010 target to reduce significantly the current rate of biodiversity loss, and challenges for setting post-2010 targets. The Chairmen's Report (short version) is available at: <http://www.trondheimconference.org/attachment.ap?id=12070>. The Trondheim Conference website is accessible at: <http://www.trondheimconference.org/>. Daily coverage by ENB, with a summary report of the meeting, is accessible at: <http://www.iisd.ca/yimb/biodiv/tcb6/>.

The Trondheim Conference provided an opportunity for H.E. Erik Solheim, Norway Minister of the Environment and International Development to present to the CBD Executive Secretary a painting by Ørnulf Opdahl, one of Norway's distinguished landscape painters, for inclusion to the CBD Museum of Nature and Culture.



Presentation of painting by H.E. Erik Solheim, Minister of the Environment and International Development, to Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary. (Photo credits: IISD/ENB)

#### Meeting with the UN Secretary General



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On 11 February, Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary, met with the United Nations Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon, in the margins of the North America

launch of the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB). Items discussed included: a briefing on IYB, including the closing ceremony to be held in Kanazawa, and the high level event on biodiversity at the 65th session of the UNGA in September 2010, among other issues.

#### UNEP Governing Council Bali, Indonesia



On 22 February, the CBD Executive Secretary participated and addressed the UNEP workshop on journalism and the environment in Bali, Indonesia, in which he stressed that one of the reasons for the failure to reach the 2010 biodiversity target is because the value of biodiversity remains widely unappreciated among the general public and policy makers. The process for revising and updating the Convention's Strategic Plan and the linkages between biodiversity loss and climate change were also highlighted.

The CBD Executive Secretary also addressed the Green Economy roundtable on 25 February, held in the margins of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Forum, in which he highlighted that a green economy requires the full implementation of the three-fold objective of the Convention on Biological Diversity. He also brought to the attention of the participants the results of the third global meeting on business and biodiversity, which adopted the Jakarta Charter on Business and Biodiversity and comments for a Strategy to Advance the 2020 Business and Biodiversity Agenda.

## Highlights of the International Year of Biodiversity in February



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North American IYB launch



Le Conseil des Relations Internationales de Montréal (CORIM):  
"Déjeuner-causerie" on IYB

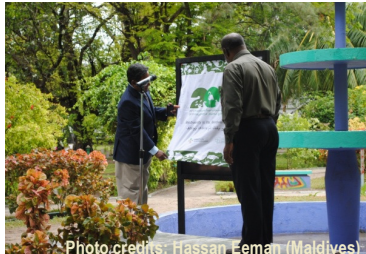


Photo credits: Hassan Leman (Maldives)  
IYB launch in Maldives



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Australia's Environment Minister Peter Garrett at the launch of the Bush Blitz



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Inauguration of a biodiversity park and bird sanctuary on IYB launch in Sri Lanka



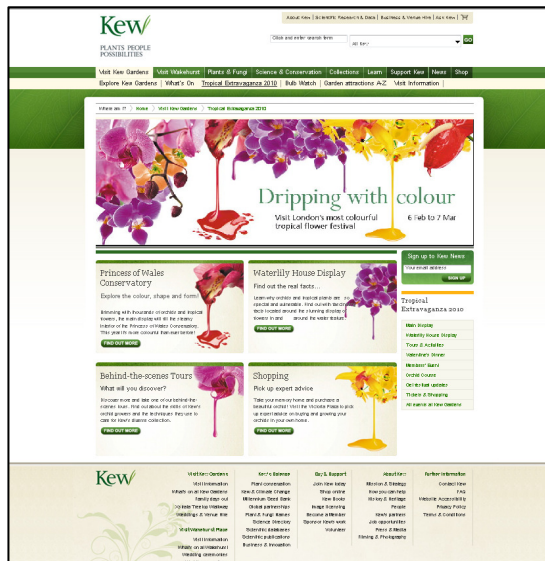
Photo credits: Curtin University, WA  
Official launch of support to IYB of the Western Australian scientific community



Photo credits: NOTIMEX  
Inauguration of a genomic laboratory by Mexico City Mayor, Marcelo Ebrard, as part of the IYB celebrations



Photo credits: Gen. Directorate of Environment and Wildlife Protection, Bahrain  
Inauguration of a national park within Arad Bay Marine Protected Area, as part of the IYB celebrations in Bahrain



Kew kicks off a year of celebrations for the International Year of Biodiversity with a riot of colour at its Tropical Extravaganza 2010. For more information, please visit: <http://www.kew.org>



Ministère de l'écologie, de l'énergie, du développement durable et de la mer of France launched its IYB site: [www.biodiversite2010.fr](http://www.biodiversite2010.fr)

## Highlights of the International Year of Biodiversity in February




The United Nations Environment Programme launched its new web page highlighting the International Year of Biodiversity. For more information, please visit: <http://www.unep.org/iyb>

For a full report of the International Year of Biodiversity celebrations and activities for February 2010, please visit:  
**WWW.CBD.INT/IYB/DOC/PRINTS/IYB-REPORT-2010-02-EN.PDF**



**UNEP Ask Today's Expert: 5 February**  
**Ahmed Djoghla**  
**Topic: Convention on Biological Diversity Activities to mark International Year of Biodiversity**  
To view the questions and answers on this session, please visit: <http://www.unep.org/experts/>



**Wildscreen patron Sir David Attenborough unveiled ARKive's 'Most Wanted' 2010 challenge - to track down films and photos of 17,000 of the world's most endangered plants and animals. With the help of the world's best filmmakers, photographers and scientists, ARKive has already profiled 6,000 of the world's species, including many of our most charismatic and familiar animals: gorillas, lions, tigers and elephants. For more information, please visit: <http://www.arkive.org/>**





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Green Church website:  
[www.greenchurchproject.org](http://www.greenchurchproject.org)



**2010**  
**Philippine Biodiversity Conservation**  
**Logo-making Contest**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Protected Area and Wildlife Bureau (DENR-PAWB) has launched the Philippine Biodiversity Conservation logo-making contest to coincide with the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity. For more information, please visit:  
<http://www.pawb.gov.ph/>

### IR3S University of Tokyo Symposium on "Biodiversity and Sustainability"



On 27 February, the CBD Executive Secretary attended the University of Tokyo Integrated Research Systems

for Sustainability Science (IR3S). Gathering more than 600 participants, the symposium, under the theme "Biodiversity and Sustainability", provided an opportunity to explore ways to link the building of a sustainable society in harmony with nature with the scientific assessment of ecosystem services. The symposium was opened by Mr. Junichi Hamada, President and IR3S Executive Director, with introductory remarks by Mr. Keisuke Hanaki, IR3S Adjunct Professor. A number of guests delivered statements, including: Mr. Carl Folke, Stockholm University, Ms. Jane Smart, IUCN, Mr. Kazuhiko Takeuchi, IR3S Deputy Executive Director/



UNU Vice Rector, and the CBD Executive Secretary. A panel discussion followed which was moderated by Mr. Takeuchi. While in Tokyo, he took part in the first meeting of the steering committee of the Japan International Award on Biodiversity

which is chaired by the President of AEON Cie. The award ceremony will take place in conjunction with the high level segment of COP 10, followed by a symposium on the Japan Prize. A meeting was also held with Japanese business community, including: Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Japan Civil Society Network for CBD, Chamber of Industry and Commerce of Nagoya, among others.



## Latin American and Caribbean Indigenous and Local Community Capacity-building Workshop on the CBD including issues relevant to Article 8(j), Traditional Knowledge and Access and Benefit-Sharing Buenos Aires, Argentina

The meeting was the third workshop of a series to be held in the Latin American and the Caribbean region. It took place in the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina on 4-6 February 2010, at the Faculty of Law, University of Buenos Aires. 27 representatives of indigenous and local communities (20 women and 7 men) of the countries of the Southern Cone region (Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay) participated in the workshop. The workshop strengthened capacities of participants in understanding the processes of the Convention, preparing documents for proposals, and suggestions to improve future workshops. It also allowed the exchange of relevant national and regional experiences within the Southern Cone subregion countries. At the end of the workshop, participants expressed that they felt better prepared to work with other members of their respective indigenous and local communities on these topics and more knowledgeable about the process of the Convention and how to participate effectively to influence the results, and a better understanding of the agenda and the issues currently being addressed in the processes towards the COP 10.

## Access and Benefit-Sharing Regional Consultations for the Pacific Region Auckland, New Zealand

The Access and Benefit-Sharing Regional Consultation for the Pacific regional countries was organized from 15 to 16 February 2010 in Auckland with the financial support of UNEP, through the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP), in close collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing. The meeting, organized pursuant to decision IX/12 on Access and Benefit-sharing, paragraph 17, provided an opportunity for the negotiators from the region to consult and exchange views on the components of the International Regime during the intersessional period with a view to finalizing the negotiations of the International Regime at the ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing.



View of the meeting in Auckland through video link-up. Inset picture: Lyle Glowka and John Scott linked to the meeting from CBD office in Montreal.

## Regional Consultation for Central and Eastern European Countries in support of the Finalization of the International Regime on Access and Benefit-Sharing Isle of Vilm, Germany

Pursuant to decision IX/12 of the Conference of the Parties, the Access and Benefit-Sharing Regional Consultation for Central and Eastern Europe was organized from 9 to 10 February 2010 at the International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm, Germany, with the active support of UNEP and the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation Germany in close collaboration with the CBD Secretariat, and in consultation with the Co-Chairs of WG-ABS. The consultation provided an opportunity for negotiators from the region to consult and exchange views on the components of the International Regime during the intersessional period with a view to finalizing the negotiations of the International Regime at the ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing.

## Second meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability and Redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The Second Meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability and Redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was held from 8 to 12 February 2010 at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Group further negotiated international rules and procedures on liability and redress for damage resulting from transboundary movements of living modified organisms based on the draft text for a supplementary protocol on liability and redress to the Biosafety Protocol as contained in the report of its first meeting. The Group agreed to hold a third meeting in Montreal from 17 to 19 June 2010, subject to the availability of funds and an offer to host.



Co-Chairs Jimena Nieto and René Lefebvre with Kathryn Garforth and Worku Yifru, CBD Secretariat. (Photo credits: IISD/ENB).

## Sixth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities and the Seventh Meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety Siem Reap, Cambodia

The sixth coordination meeting for Governments and organizations implementing and/or funding biosafety capacity-building activities was held 1-3 February 2010 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. A total of 35 participants from 17 Governments and 10 organizations attended. The meeting was hosted by the Government of Cambodia, through the Ministry of Environment. Funding for the participation of developing countries was provided by the Government of Norway. The meeting, for example, made recommendations to COP-MOP regarding enhancing cooperation

in identifying capacity-building needs among Parties for research and information exchange on socio-economic considerations and facilitating further consideration of Article 26 of the Protocol. A number of recommendations were also made with respect to capacity-building for promoting public awareness, education and participation, including specific proposals for inclusion in the draft programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms. The meeting also reviewed and provided comments on the draft strategic plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020).



From L-R: H.E. Sang Riha, Vice Governor of Siem Reap Province, H.E. Dr. Mok Mareth, Senior Minister for the Environment and Mr. Charles Gbedemah, CBD Secretariat.

The seventh meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety was held 4-5 February 2010, in Siem Reap, Cambodia. It was attended by 21 participants from 15 countries and 4 organizations. The meeting reviewed and proposed a number of revisions to the draft Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020), the draft framework for the second assessment and review of the Protocol and the draft programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms.

### Third International Meeting of Academic Institutions and other Organizations involved in Biosafety Education and Training Tsukuba, Japan

The third international meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations Involved in Biosafety Education and Training was held 15-17 February 2010 in Tsukuba, Japan. It was organized and hosted by the Government of Japan through an organizing committee coordinated by the University of Tsukuba. The participants shared information and experiences about their programmes and reviewed the progress made in implementing recommendations of the previous two meetings. They also made a number recommendations to further improve biosafety educa-

tion and training programmes, including guidance on the development and delivery of categories of academic programmes, i.e. (a) short-term general biosafety courses, (b) short-term specialised certificate courses on specific biosafety topics and (c) formal degree and diploma programmes.

### Second Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management February 2010

Four Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms were held through the Biosafety-Clearing House in February 2010 for the regions Africa, WEOG and CEE, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean. The Real-time Online Conferences aimed at gathering feedback from the participants of the Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management on draft guidance documents prepared by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management, as well as on the identification of possible modalities for cooperation in identifying living modified organisms or specific traits that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health. The four Real-time Online Conferences were attended by a total of 64 participants. For more information, including the transcripts of the Second Real-time Online Conferences, please visit:

[http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/realtime\\_ra.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/realtime_ra.shtml).

### CPF meetings in Rome / Meeting with German officials in Bonn

Staff from CBD Secretariat participated in the CPF Strategy meeting on 15-17 February, as well as the FAO CPF Meeting on “Defining Forest Degradation” on 17 February. Issues discussed include: linkages between sustainable forest management and CBD provisions, as well as an update on IYB and COP 10, stock-taking of the results of the UNFCCC COP-15. The CBD staff then travelled to Bonn to meet with German officials from the Federal Ministry of the Environment (BMU) to discuss preparations for joint activities in 2010, including a possible workshop on the implementation of the forest programme of work in support of climate change mitigation and adaptation. A meeting was also held with officials from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to discuss UNFF/CBD joint activities.



Participants at the Tsukuba meeting.

## WTO Committee on Trade and Environment in Regular Session Geneva, Switzerland

The meeting of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment in Regular Session took place on the afternoon of 17 October 2010. It was preceded by an information session on product carbon footprint and labelling schemes. The Secretariat briefed the Committee on recent development under the Convention, making reference to the international year of biodiversity and the special high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, and then focussing on the state of play in the negotiations of the international regime on access and benefit sharing. The Secretariat also liaised with colleagues from the WTO secretariat on the state of play in the WTO negotiations of relevance to the CBD.

## Women of the Earth Awards: Yves Rocher Foundation

On 24 February, staff of the CBD Secretariat attended the ceremony held in Montreal for the Canadian winners of the Yves Rocher Foundation's Women of the Earth Contest. CBD staff met the award winners, staff of Yves Rocher, and guests, to inform them of the work of the CBD and the International Year of Biodiversity, and promote collaboration. Follow-up meetings with the award winners and the Foundation will be held in order to further explore possibilities. The award winners were Carole Robert (1st prize and Special Mention for Plant Biodiversity at the international level for her work in training African entrepreneurs to grow and harvest medicinal plants), Karen Campbell (2nd prize for her "Farmers in the Schools" programme in On-

tario, Canada) and Karen McKendry (3rd prize for her work with the Young Naturalists Club of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada). For more information, please visit: [www.yvesrocherpromo.ca/fondation/2010/Press\\_Release\\_en\\_100224.pdf](http://www.yvesrocherpromo.ca/fondation/2010/Press_Release_en_100224.pdf).

## MEA Working Group on Information and Knowledge Management Geneva, Switzerland

The MEA Working Group discussed how to exchange key information between MEAs and analyze specific information types (decisions, meetings) for the implementation of a proof-of-concept project by June 2010. The meeting was tasked to: determine how to exchange key information between MEAs; define common data formats to exchange for a proof-of-concept project; and discuss the overall MEA IKM strategy and possible next steps.

## Sub-regional Workshop on CHM Implementation in African Partner Countries Grand Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire

Participants of the CHM workshop made presentations on CHM implementation in their countries and made recommendations on how to improve such implementation. The last day was devoted to a training session on the European CHM Portal Toolkit. Participants had an opportunity to: share experiences on CHM implementation in the sub-region; raise awareness on the IYB and discuss how national CHM can contribute to its success; formulate recommendations to improve national CHM; and learn new features of the European CHM portal toolkit.

## Visitors this month



H.E. Ms. Line Beauchamp, Quebec Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, 4 February



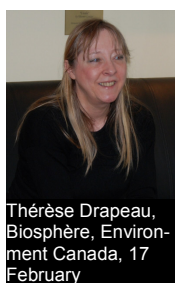
Mohamed Abdelhalim, UN Radio, 5 February



University students, 5 February



Representatives from Bombardier, 5 February



Thérèse Drapeau, Biosphère, Environment Canada, 17 February



Lorraine Rouissé, Fondation SEDNA, and Héléne Lauzon, CEPQ, 18 February

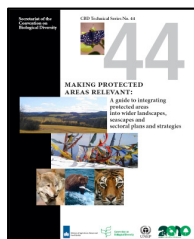


Conservation International delegation, 12 February

## Other meetings:

- Attend the McMaster World Congress, 1 February 2010, McMaster University, Ontario, Canada
- Participate in the Ad hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction, 1-5 February 2010, New York, U.S.A.
- Teleconference on IPBES, 2 February 2010
- Attend the seminar: Financial Sustainability and New Tool to use in Protected Areas in Amazonian Countries, 3-5 February 2010, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Interview with Radio Canada, 4 February
- Visit of staff from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada, 4 February 2010
- Interview with Le Devoir newspaper, 4 February
- Interview with La Presse newspaper, 4 February
- Meet with the representatives of the Montreal Economic Forum 5 February
- Meet with IUCN-WCPA, 5 February
- Attend a meeting with UNEP on IBD celebrations, 7-8 February 2010, Nairobi, Kenya
- Meet with Montreal International staff, 8 February
- Take part in the Third Partners Workshop of the Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory, 8- 10 February 2010, Arles, France
- Onsite visit to Cali in preparation for the WGABS-9 meeting, 9-10 February 2010, Cali, Colombia
- Take part in the press conference on IYB in collaboration with the Resort Municipality of Whistler, IOC and VANOC, 12 February 2010, Whistler, B.C., Canada
- Participate in a JPO training with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 14-20 February 2010, Oslo, Norway
- Take part in the Workshop on consideration of socio-economic issues in biosafety risk assessment, 15-18 February 2010, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Visit of the Chairman and Founder, International Economic Forum of the Americas, 16 February 2010
- Visit of the Vice President, Conservation International/ Executive Director, Indigenous & Traditional Peoples Program, 17 February 2010
- Participate in the inception Workshop of the UNEP-DEPI-IISD project on the ecosystem-based management as part of the UNEP-DEPI ecosystems capacity building initiative, 17-- 19 February 2010, Geneva, Switzerland
- Interview with the Times, UK, 18 February 2010
- Attend the Jeanne Sauvé Address on “Youth Engagement in the 21st Century: Inspiring change in an Era of Globalization”, 18 February 2010, McGill University, Montreal, Canada
- Attend and deliver a speech at the inauguration of the International Year of Biodiversity, 18 February 2010, Université de Laval, Quebec, Canada
- Teleconference call with Executive Secretary of UNCCD, 18 February 2010
- Attend the Meeting of the UN Heads of Youth Programme, 18-19 February 2010, Paris, France
- Participate in the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel mid-term workshops, 19-26 February 2010, Gland, Switzerland
- Meet with officials from CIDA, Natural Resource Canada, Environment Canada and Parks Canada, 22 February 2010, Ottawa, Canada
- Attend the Second Expert Workshop on a Green Development Mechanism, 22-23 February 2010, Bali, Indonesia
- Take part in the Simultaneous Extraordinary Meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, 22-24 February 2010, Bali, Indonesia
- Take part in the GEO-BON Implementation Plan Working Group Meeting, 22- 25 February 2010, Monterey, U.S.A.
- Participate in the CBD OECD meeting on biodiversity in development cooperation, 24 February 2010, Paris, France

## New publications:



**CBD Technical Series 44**  
Making Protected Areas Relevant: A guide to integrating protected areas into wider landscapes, seascapes and sectoral plans and strategies  
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-44-en.pdf>



**REDD-plus and Biodiversity e-Newsletter**  
February 2010 issue  
<http://www.cbd.int/forest/newsletters/redd-newsletter-vol-8.pdf>



<http://greenwave.cbd.int/>



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