

# Local Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (LBSAPs): Guidelines underway



# NBSAPs

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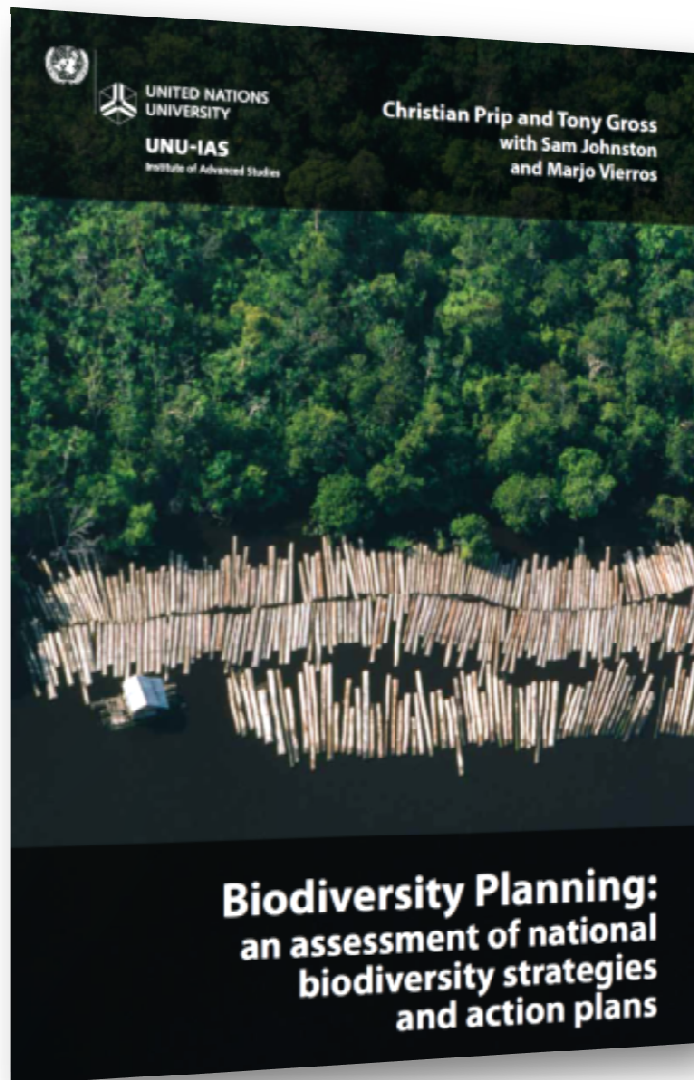
- Principle tool for achieving the objectives of the CBD
- ... and CBD Strategic Plan 2011-2020 & Aichi Targets
- Most Parties have compiled NBSAPs; many revised
- SCBD with Japan MoE funding is supporting revision
- Local representation at NBSAP review workshops

# What is an LBSAP?

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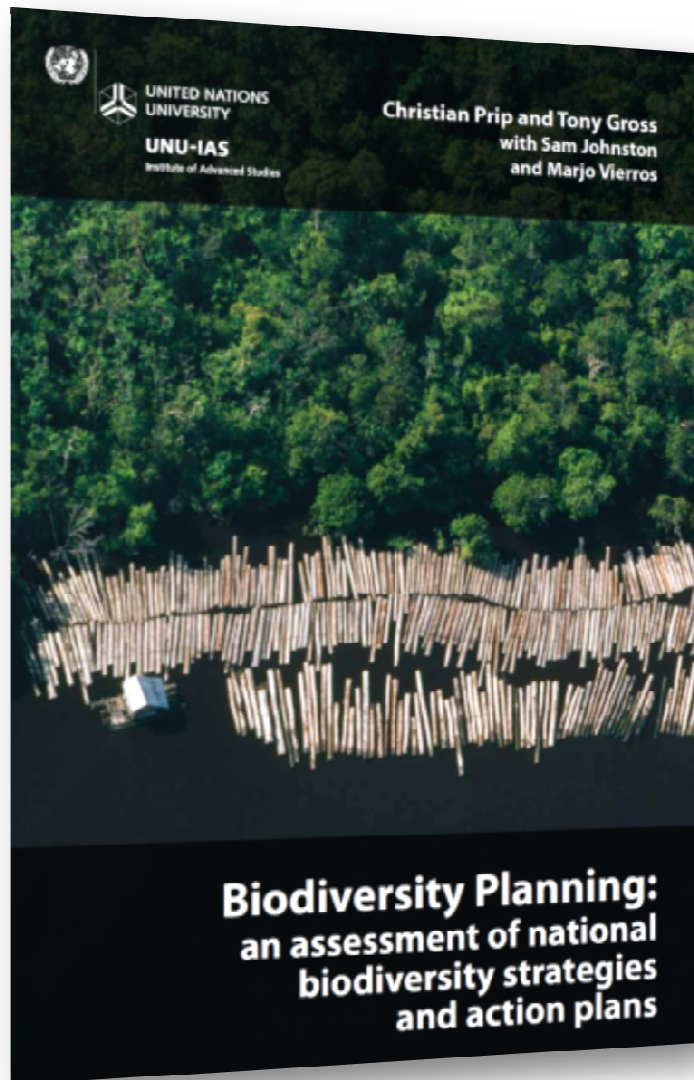
- **Vision – Strategy/strategic goals – actions (as for NBSAPs)**
- **Difference: specificity & action**
- **Alignment is important**
- **→ LBSAPs and their outcomes complement NBSAPs and national objectives**

# Why “LBSAPs”?



- **Coordination structures** (for mainstreaming biodiversity across sectors) may exist, but often with ...**limited ownership** at the sub-national level”
- “Most NBSAPs place a strong emphasis on planning at the national level, and only a **minority explicitly acknowledge the benefits of sub-national BSAPs.**”
- “...communication of the NBSAP to sub-national authorities and the empowerment of these to act has often been unsuccessful due to **weak local institutional capacity**”
- BUT: “**Second generation NBSAPs** have typically been prepared through a **broader, longer and more structured preparatory process**, often including provincial and local levels.”

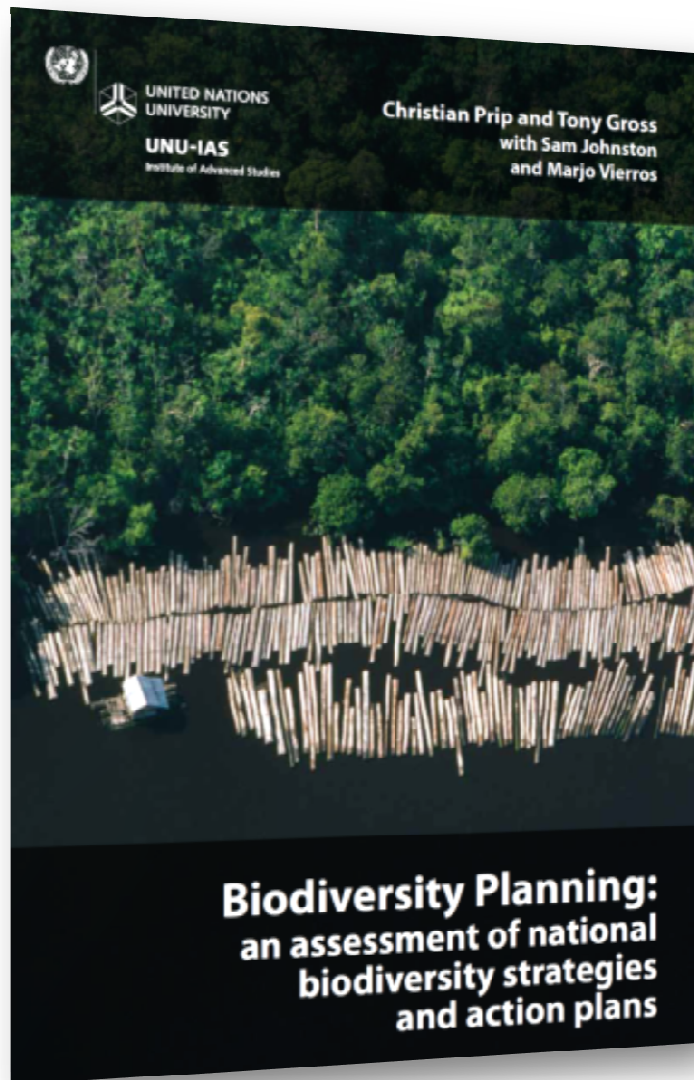
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- 6. “...Most NBSAPs have been prepared through stakeholder involvement, but **...sub-national authorities have not been engaged**”  
  
“(there is a) need in many cases to identify and involve sub-national stakeholders in the national process”
- 11. **Decisions and actions that affect biodiversity are often taken at the local level, and the overall NBSAP will only be implemented if corresponding strategies and action plans are also developed and implemented at the relevant sub-national level(s).** Decentralisation of biodiversity planning to sub-national levels has been largely neglected in existing NBSAPs and this is one of the main causes of poor NBSAP implementation.”



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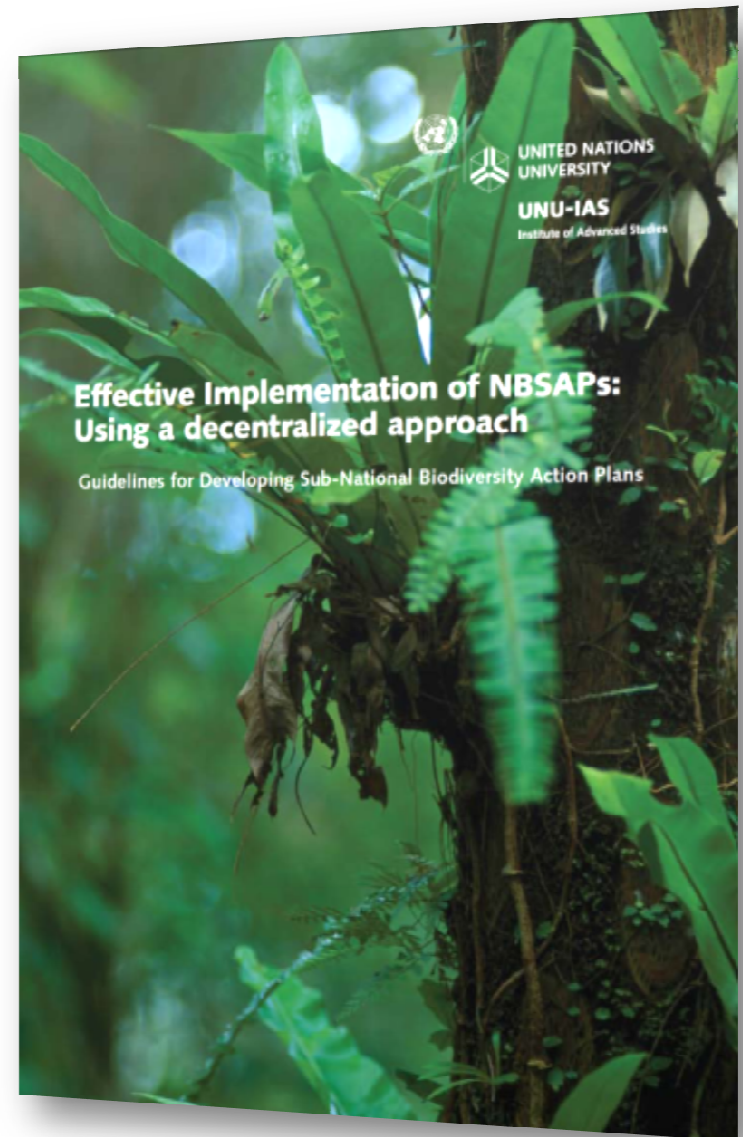


- **18.** “...because the links between the national and local levels have often been missing in NBSAP preparation and implementation, the benefits of **community management** of biodiversity have not been demonstrated. As a consequence, inappropriate policies determined at the national level are often ineffective or ignored at the local level. A wider use of sub-national BSAPs would help address this issue.”
- **20.** “...in biodiversity planning... locally-determined and implemented activities are often more **cost-effective** and lead to better outcomes than nationally-determined and managed projects.”
- **22.** “There needs to be increased support for capacity development and this should be targeted to strengthening national implementation capacities especially with regard to mainstreaming biodiversity into broader plans and policies and to **sub-national implementation**”.

# Why “LBSAPs”?

So...

- LBSAPs are important
- Local  $\leftrightarrow$  national cooperation is important
- Two publications acknowledge this: CBD NBSAP module; UNU-  
IAS publication (2007)
- But so far no detailed, practical  
guidelines for *local governments*
- Hence ICLEI/UNU-IAS/SCD  
partnership
- We would appreciate your input



# ICLEI/UNU-IAS/CBD Guidelines for LBSAPs

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1. Introduction & motivation
2. Preparing to compile and LBSAP
3. Compiling and LBSAP
4. (possibly) How to use an LBSAP



# Section 3

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- **Overarching Vision**
- **Principles to consider**
- **Overarching strategic goals**
- **Actions to achieve strategic goals**

# Proposed Strategic Goals

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- ***Strategic Goal 1: Assess and monitor the state of biodiversity and ecosystem services***
- ***Strategic Goal 2: Raise awareness of the importance of conserving biodiversity and ecosystem services***
- ***Strategic Goal 3: Use or improve policy to favor biodiversity and ecosystem services***
- ***Strategic Goal 4: Ensure participation and consultation of a broad group of stakeholders***
- ***Strategic Goal 5: Directly maintain and improve biodiversity and ecosystem services***
- ***Strategic Goal 6: Integrate a consideration of biodiversity and ES in all activities that impact on them***

# Format for Actions

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- Action: Establish a public accessible biodiversity database with regular updates
- Outline:
- Benefits:
- Example:
- Direct contribution to Aichi Biodiversity Targets: **1 19**

# Questions

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- Are the strategic goals logically ordered and comprehensive?
- Is the “actions” format suitable?
- What actions *must* be included?