

Guidebooks for biodiversity management:

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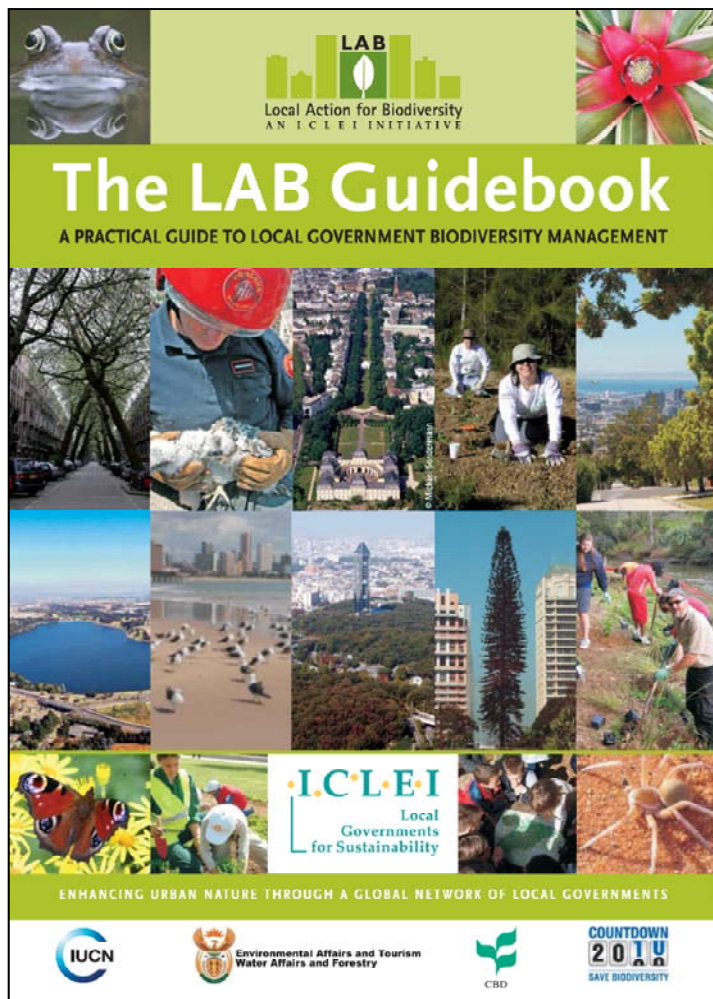
The need for guidebooks at the local level



- Practitioners often not capacitated in biodiversity specifics
- Biodiversity training often not available
- Need for support through training



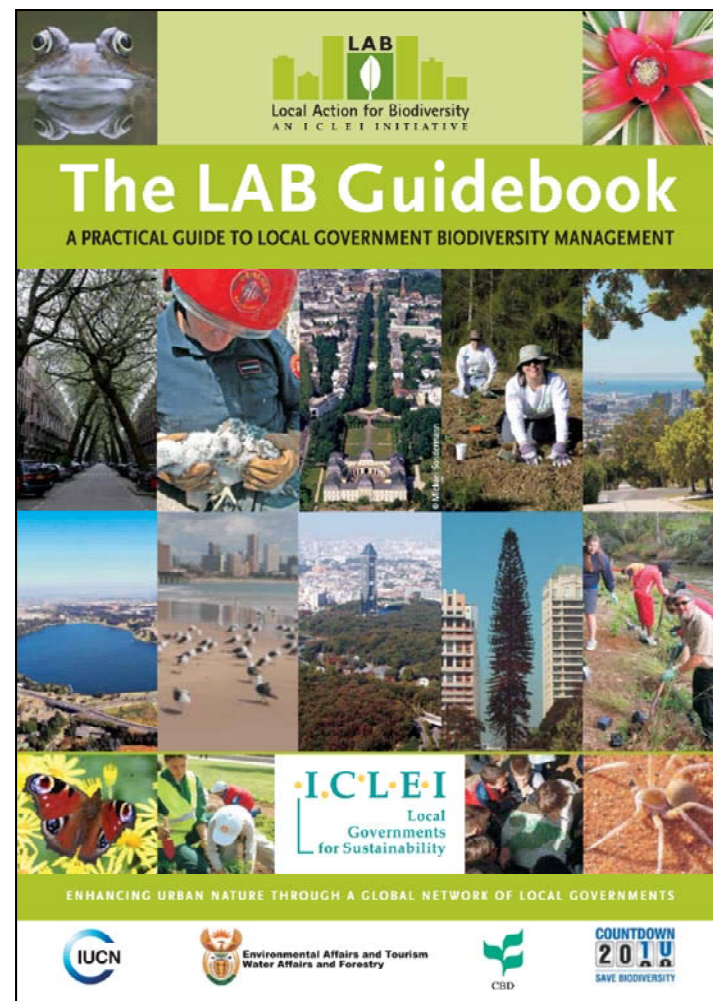
ICLEI's Local Government Biodiversity Management *Guidebook*



- **First resource of its kind for local governments**
- **Partnership with SCBD with support from DEAT and IUCN**
- **“How to” guide**
- **Case examples**
- **Authored by the LAB Coordination Team with support from the LAB Steering Committee**
- **Main source of information: 21 LAB Pioneers**

LAB Guidebook: *topics covered*

- Biodiversity, climate change and sustainability
- Mainstreaming biodiversity throughout local government sectors
- Partnerships
- Biodiversity assessment
- Biodiversity planning
- Biodiversity management
- Biodiversity in legislation and policy
- Business management tools for financing biodiversity conservation
- Communication and participation biodiversity





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The relevance



- **Importance of local governance of biodiversity, and the gradual decentralization of some biodiversity-related mandates**
- **More and more Parties' involvement**
- **Decision IX/28 and The Draft Aichi-Nagoya Strategic Plan of Action on Cities and Biodiversity**
- **Need for exchanges of best practices, lessons learned and guidelines**





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The feature



- **The first-ever guidance for the CBD Parties on how to support their local governments**
- **Partnership with ICLEI/LAB (twin publication), UN-HABITAT, UNEP and UNESCO**
- **Based on actual case studies**
- **Analysis of questionnaires from local governments**
- **Analysis of cases from Parties/regional groups**

Consultations with

- UK
- EU
- Nordic countries
- Spain
- Japan
- South Africa
- Etc.



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The contents



Chapter 1: Introduction

- **Local governments as a critical partner to Parties in biodiversity management**
- **Decision IX/28, the Cities and Biodiversity Initiative, and the draft Aichi-Nagoya Strategic Plan of Action on Cities and Biodiversity**

Chapter 2: Case studies

- **Case studies from leading Parties/ regional groups**

Chapter 3: Conclusion

- **Recommendations: activities, guidelines and indicative policy tools**

The Twin Publications: *launch date*

Launch: ICLEI/SCBD publication at COP10/City Biodiversity Summit in Nagoya, October 2010



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