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GUIDELINES FOR THE THIRD NATIONAL REPORT

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The objective of national reporting, as specified in the Article 26 of the Convention, is to provide information to the Conference of the Parties on measures taken by the Contracting Parties for the implementation of the provisions of the Convention and their effectiveness in meeting the objectives of the Convention.
2. The present note and its annex were prepared by the Executive Secretary following the request contained in paragraph 3 of decision VI/25, as well as recommendations from the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-year Programme of Work and the London Meeting on 2010-The Global Biodiversity Challenge.
3. Section II of this note recalls decisions and recommendations emanating from various meetings that constitute the legal basis for the designing of the draft format for the third national report; section III addresses, in two parts, the general characteristics of the draft included in the annex, and the series of developments in chronological order that lead to such draft; section IV contains the conclusions; finally, section V provides draft elements of a decision on the third national report that the Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt. The annex contains the draft guidelines and the draft format for the third national report.

II. BACKGROUND

4. At its fifth meeting, the Conference of the Parties (Nairobi, 15-26 May 2000) considered and endorsed, in decision V/19, the guidelines for national reports developed by the Secretariat through a pilot project carried out in collaboration with a number of Parties. The objective of the project was to propose a methodology for assessing the status of the implementation of the Convention. The desired

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methodology required: (i) the identification of the obligations deriving from the provisions of the Convention and from the decisions of the Conference of the Parties; and (ii) the formulation of these as questions designed to elicit responses that would reveal the level of implementation, relative priorities, constraints encountered and issues not yet addressed.

5. The Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Strategic Plan, National Reports and the Implementation of the Convention held in Montreal, from 19 to 21 November 2001, provided Parties with their first opportunity to review the guidelines adopted at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the parties. The report (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/5) was presented to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its sixth meeting.

A. Guidance from the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

6. At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties considered the recommendations made at the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Strategic Plan, and, as a result, adopted decision VI/25. Paragraph 3 of that decision requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a draft format for the third national reports for consideration at its seventh meeting that:

- (a) Builds on the methodology and format used for the second national reports;
- (b) Includes questions on strategic goals and objectives established under the Strategic Plan;
- (c) Takes into account these conclusions and other available information on the experience of the process of national reporting;
- (d) Focuses on allowing the Party to provide information on the experience of implementing its national biodiversity strategy and action plan and, in particular, the priority actions;
- (e) Frames questions in a direct way, such that the format is not overly complex and promotes the consultative processes involving all relevant stakeholders recommended in decision V/19;
- (f) Facilitates the identification of obstacles and impediments to implementation encountered by the Party;
- (g) Requests Parties to provide information on financial resources they have made available to other Parties for the purposes of implementing the Convention, where relevant, and on financial resources they have received from other Parties and financial institutions, where relevant.

B. Recommendations of the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work

7. The Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work considered, among others, the information for future evaluation of the progress in implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan (UNEP/CBD/MYPOW/3). In this regard, the Inter-Sessional Meeting provided further guidance concerning the formulation of the guidelines for the third national report, which can be found in the report of the Inter-Sessional Meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/5). Specifically, the Inter-Sessional Meeting requested the Executive Secretary to revise the existing national reporting format to make them more concise and better targeted to reduce the reporting burden placed on Parties, and to better contribute to the assessment of progress towards achieving the mission of the Strategic Plan and the identification of obstacles to implementation. The revision of the reporting format should address matters contained in decision VI/25, paragraph 3, and:

- (a) The need to include reporting on all the four goals of the Strategic Plan;
- (b) The need to allow Parties to incorporate the results of indicators (where available) to enable Parties to provide substantive assessment of progress;
- (c) The need to include available factual data on the outcomes and impacts of measures taken to achieve the objectives of the Convention (including status and trends of biodiversity).

C. Recommendations from the London Meeting on 2010-The Global Biodiversity Challenge

8. The high-level segment of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties adopted the Ministerial Declaration in which Parties committed themselves to achieve by 2010 a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional, sub-regional and national levels by the year 2010. The World Summit on Sustainable Development endorsed this commitment and called for the provision of new and additional technical and financial resources to developing countries for this purpose. In response to this, “2010-The Global Biodiversity Challenge” was co-organized by the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-WCMC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in London, from 21 to 23 May 2003. One of the agenda items of the meeting was to address how to report on the progress towards the 2010 target. The recommendations from the meeting in this regard are highlighted below:

(a) It is essential that any new reporting approach adds value and builds on what is being done, considering that there is already a large number of national reporting obligations;

(b) There are three complementary approaches to reporting on the 2010 target, all of which need to be taken into account: (i) reports based on the ten key indicators (as proposed for future development at the London Meeting); (ii) understanding how existing national reporting approaches could contribute to the reporting process for the 2010 target (noting that this goes beyond the existing reporting obligations under the Convention on Biological Diversity alone to include other conventions and reporting processes); (iii) exploring further how existing monitoring and assessment initiatives that generate periodic reports (such as the Global Biodiversity Outlook, the Global Environment Outlook, the Millennium Assessment and reports of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), UNEP-WCMC among others) could expand the scope and level of biodiversity reporting in order to provide additional contributions to the reporting for the 2010 target;

(c) Two levels of reporting were recommended on the basis of the above:

(i) **At the national level** the primary responsibility for reporting on progress towards the achievement of the 2010 target should be vested with the National Focal Points of the Convention on Biological Diversity, supported by a national committee and/or task force involving relevant Government entities, civil society, academia and relevant research institutions to ensure proper cross-sectoral involvement. It was further recommended that reporting should be: (i) underpinned by a sound scientific approach to allow for comparability over time; (ii) aligned with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and other relevant reporting mechanisms;

(ii) The national reporting process and its outputs, together with the available relevant national, regional and global level assessments, datasets and indicators would then feed into the preparation of a **global report** on progress towards the 2010 target. The global report would be prepared, under commission from the Secretariat, by an independent body working in collaboration/partnership with a wide range of stakeholders. The roles the independent body preparing the report would include: (i) aggregating national information; (ii) collecting global datasets; (iii) analysing data and identifying global trends;

(d) The audience for the report(s) above should be carefully identified, and the reporting process structured to respond to the needs of this audience in order to raise awareness among key stakeholders/actors and focus on decision and action. Potential users should be involved in the identification of what to report and how. Key audiences would include: (i) international institutions (such as the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), the World Trade Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, the Global Environment Facility (GEF), multilateral and bilateral donors); (ii) national Governments; (iii) business (through the World Business Council); and (iv) civil society;

(e) The frequency of reporting will depend on need and level. As a guideline, national-level analysis and reporting should take place every two years, perhaps linked to the Convention reporting obligations. At the international level, global trend analyses and reporting should be carried out on a 4 to 5 year cycle;

(f) In order for reporting to be effective, the reasons for and benefits from reporting on the progress towards the 2010 target should be well articulated to the identified audience. In addition, the communication of these reasons and benefits should endeavor to incorporate the possible range of uses of the information to be generated by the reporting process. Some examples of potential use include: (i) early warning systems to detect unsustainable development trends and their economic impacts; (ii) better national management of biodiversity and natural resources; (iii) helping to raise public awareness about the importance of biodiversity; (iv) providing information which facilitates access to capacity-building resources;

(g) It is also worth exploring the possibility of using reporting compliance incentives that help ensure more prompt (and more complete) reporting. This might include: (i) publishing lists of delayed reports; (ii) making allocation to funding support contingent on regular reporting; (iii) applying restrictions for those unable to meet their reporting obligation;

(h) The format for the third national reports should incorporate specific questions on the broad range of activities undertaken (including national targets, status and trends) by all relevant sectors of Government and civil society to achieve the 2010 target as well as the incorporation of this target and biodiversity concerns into the work of governmental sectoral programmes and strategies. This would allow for Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to share experiences in setting national targets and baselines, in implementing appropriate monitoring and assessment programmes or meeting the 2010 target, and in setting clearly defined intermediate targets and/or milestones;

(i) National reporting processes should be strengthened, particularly in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and in particular the GEF should be approached to provide necessary capacity-building support.

III. PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR THE THIRD NATIONAL REPORT

A. Development of the draft format for the third national report

9. As a first step to prepare the format for the third national report, a review was undertaken of the guidelines for the second national report, which had been endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in its decision V/19. At this stage, some questions were removed as they had been developed on the basis of decisions or elements of decisions that were retired in accordance with decision VI/27 B and its annexed table. Another set of questions, particularly those requesting case-studies, was deleted because they were either outdated or constituted a one-time request.

10. Once the questionnaire was purged of questions that were no longer relevant, the second step consisted essentially in modifying existing questions or drafting new ones in response to various directives:

(a) A new set of questions was developed to incorporate the requirements contained subparagraph (d), items (iii), (iv), (v), (vi) and (vii), of paragraph 3 of decision VI/25. For the same reason, substantive changes were made to questions relating to Articles 10, 18, 20 and 21, as well as to the programmes of work on marine and coastal biodiversity, inland water biodiversity and dryland and sub-humid biodiversity. Indeed, only limited useful information could be obtained from these sections in the second national reports;

(b) A new set of questions was developed to incorporate decisions of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, taking into consideration the requirements contained in paragraph 3 of decision VI/25;

(c) A number of questions were consolidated by cross-examining the old and new sets of questions to make sure that overlaps and duplications were avoided. In addition, questions concerning priority levels and resources availability, which were repeated at the beginning of each section, were converted into two consolidated tables and placed at the beginning of the questionnaire. Furthermore, some questions that were considered overcomplex were made more concise;

(d) Additional space was provided at the end of each section for Parties to submit information concerning the impediments and constraints they experienced in the implementation of the Convention;

(e) In the special case of forest biodiversity, paragraph 22 of decision VI/22 requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a section on the implementation of the programme of work on forests in the third and subsequent national reports, while paragraph 27 of the same decision requested that a voluntary report on forest biodiversity be developed. These simultaneous requests required harmonization of the voluntary report and the relevant section of the third national report to avoid duplication. Accordingly, the section on forest biodiversity in the third national report covers only (i) the elements of decision VI/22 that address the Parties; and (ii) the goals set under each programme element contained in the annex to decision VI/22. The questionnaire in the voluntary report was developed around 27 objectives in the expanded programme of work;

(f) In the special case of agricultural biodiversity, it should be noted that the section on this programme covers a relatively large number of questions as it serves as the thematic report on the same issue in accordance with paragraph 4 of decision VI/5.

11. To assess how Parties are implementing the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan of the Convention a box was included at the end of each section.

12. The third step involved some major innovations as compared with the second national report:

(a) All questions became optional, in compliance with repeated requests from a number of Parties. Indeed, whereas national reports are mandatory per Article 26 of the Convention, it was deemed necessary to take into consideration relevant reasons for not responding to certain questions. Reasons comprise: (i) the responding Party has already provided the same information in the second national report and/or in the relevant thematic report, and no new information is available; (ii) the responding Party does not have the financial/technical resources to respond to the question; (iii) the issue at stake is not applicable to the responding Party; and (iv) the issue at stake is not a priority to the responding Party. For statistical and analytical purposes, however, Parties are required to explain why they chose not to respond to a specific question, which will greatly assist in the designing of future reports;

(b) A particular focus was placed on (i) the status and trends of various components of biological diversity; (ii) factors affecting conservation and sustainable use of various components of biological diversity; and (iii) the progress towards the 2010 target. Boxes addressing these issues were placed at the beginning of the questionnaire;

(c) Finally, an effort was made to move from purely administrative questions (“Was this programme implemented?”) to results questions (“How did the implementation of this programme change biodiversity conservation, its sustainable use or the equitable sharing of the benefits arising from its use?”). In other words, instead of assessing only the formal actions at the administrative and legal levels, the objective became the assessment of the actual status and trends in biodiversity and the impacts of national activities, particularly in terms of (i) achieving priority objectives of the Party’s national biodiversity strategy and action plan (if applicable); (ii) achieving the objectives and goals of the Strategic Plan of the Convention; and (iii) progressing toward the 2010 target. Boxes to this effect were inserted at the end of each section of the questionnaire.

13. Finally, it should be noted that this revision process took into consideration comments contained in the second national reports and recommendations submitted by Parties during the preparation the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-year Programme of Work.

B. Procedure adopted in designing the draft format

14. The draft format for the third national report was circulated on 27 February 2003 to all national focal points for comments. As of 15 April 2003, comments had been received from five Parties and one regional organization (Belgium, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, United Kingdom, and European Community). A summary of these comments and proposals to accommodate them are presented below.

15. Most of the countries that have submitted comments on the draft format were concerned with the length of the questionnaire, and the burden and possible low return rate it may entail. They suggest (i) consolidating questions covered in the second national reports; (ii) removing questions already asked in the thematic reports; (iii) focusing on questions to assess the progress towards the 2010 target, the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan; (iv) allowing Parties to provide information concerning their achievements and obstacles; (v) adding a section on “status and trends” of biodiversity; (vi) adding some “quantitative” questions; (vii) trying to harmonize the questionnaire with those of other biodiversity-related conventions. Some countries stressed that the questionnaire should be designed to assess the effectiveness of the measures taken by the Parties for the implementation of the Convention. While most of the responding countries agreed to continue using the current structure of the format with the improvements recommended above, the EC suggested dividing the format into two parts: the first part would contain a short list of questions addressing the achievements attained and obstacles faced by the Parties towards implementing the objectives of the Convention, particularly the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan and the 2010 target; the second part would contain questions concerning the articles of the Convention and the decisions of the Conference of the Parties. The European Community, Italy and Spain also recommended marking those questions already asked in the second national report or attaching the second national report as an annex to the third national report. This would allow Parties to answer these questions only if they have new information to provide. In addition, the European Community and Belgium also recommended that a short and concise questionnaire and easy and unambiguous language be used.

16. Some general comments were also raised in the submissions mentioned above. The United Kingdom recommended that the questionnaire focus on the essential issues of what impact the activities of the Parties are having on the rate of loss of biodiversity. The United Kingdom also suggested keeping in mind the needs of information and the use of the information contained in the national reports.

17. To accommodate these comments, a new and improved draft format for the third national report was developed along the lines indicated below:

(a) *Structure:* the structure based on Articles and programmes of work was retained, since it was deemed necessary to assess the implementation of the Convention on a continuous and evolutionary basis. Accordingly, the format was divided into 18 sections on Articles (5-21 and 26) and 5 sections on the on-going Programmes of Work. Sections on Articles 23-25 were deleted considering the availability of such information at the Secretariat;

(i) In the sections addressing Articles 5-21 and 26, questions were grouped into two or three clusters, specifically:

- **Cluster I:** contains a list of questions designed to solicit information concerning progress towards achieving the 2010 target, the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan of the Convention as well as national biodiversity strategies and action plans. It should be noted that this cluster was developed only when

applicable since some Articles or Programmes of Work do not have a strong link with the 2010 target and the Strategic Plan;

- **Cluster II:** contains a list of so-called “long-term” questions designed to underscore the need to have such information continuously updated, regardless of the changes that may be introduced to the format now or in the future. It is understood that these provisions constitute an important part of the obligations for the Parties;
 - **Cluster III:** contains a list of questions based on all decisions of the Conference of the Parties. In consolidating the questions based on decisions from the first to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, consideration was given to (i) decisions that may be retired or consolidated at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the parties; (ii) substantive parts of decisions that are addressed to Parties; (iii) formulation of questions in such a way that they retain the wording of decisions as closely as possible. This was done in order to reduce the number of questions and focus the questionnaire on the elements of decisions of the Conference of the Parties that may provide useful information for future assessments.
- (ii) In the sections addressing the on-going Programmes of Work, questions were grouped into two clusters, specifically:
- **Cluster I** contains questions based on all decisions of the Conference of the Parties that require Parties to take action in relation to the programmes of work. In preparing such questions, consideration was given to the same issues as in Cluster III above;
 - **Cluster II** contains a list of questions based on specific key elements of the programmes of work, such as goals, objectives and activities. Balance between the length of the questionnaire, on one hand, and the quantity/quality of the required information, on the other, was a fundamental issue in designing this cluster.
- (b) Specific recommendations for questionnaire development
- (i) To reduce the total number of questions, the draft did not include individual questions requesting case studies. However, a table was developed to pool together requests for submission of case studies and related information and thereby provide an overview of how Parties fulfill such requests;
 - (ii) To the extent possible, questions that could provide quantitative information/responses were developed wherever appropriate, particularly on status and trends as well as on progress towards the achievement of the 2010 target;
 - (iii) Similarly, attempts were made to incorporate some indicators in some of the questions to facilitate comparative and more meaningful analysis of the responses to these questions. However, the choice and use of indicators in the report format will be undertaken only after approval by Parties at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

- (iv) Instead of asking specific questions concerning impediments to implementation, a proper space was provided after each section where Parties are invited to provide relevant information.

18. A new draft format, revised along the lines indicated above, was sent for comments to the members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and of SBSTTA on 26 August 2003. By 5 September 2003, comments had been received from Bureau members from Belgium, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation and Slovenia. In general, these countries expressed concerns about the length of the format and the burden this may place on responding Parties. To reduce the length of the questionnaire, they recommended that questions already covered in the second national reports and some thematic reports be removed or marked to allow Parties not to answer them if they do not have any updated information to submit.

19. Furthermore, according to Belgium, questions should seek concrete data instead of information on administrative procedures. In other words, questions should elicit responses on the outcomes or impacts of implementation activities, particularly in terms of achieving the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan of the Convention and the progress towards the 2010 target. In addition, Belgium suggested the inclusion of questions on the status and trends of biodiversity.

20. The Russian Federation was concerned about the availability of information or data to answer some questions and recommended that Parties should be given the flexibility to skip over those questions to which they cannot obtain information or data to respond.

21. To reflect these comments, the format was revised once more and the final outcome of this process is now included in the annex to this note. In addition to the innovations already mentioned in paragraph 12 above, a further effort was deployed to reduce the length of the questionnaire and make sure that questions were focused on substantive information. To achieve these goals, a considerable number of questions of general or administrative nature were deleted or merged with substantive questions.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

22. The draft format included in the annex is the result of an extensive and intensive redesigning effort, two in-depth revisions, and innumerable smaller changes and amendments carried out during almost two years. It is a work in progress, but it constitutes a large step forward towards the objective of achieving an informative, relatively concise, reliable and structured piece of information on the implementation of the Convention at the national level. It now contains 53 boxes and 247 questions, (as compared to 36 boxes and 377 questions in the second national report). Questions and their multiple choice answers are now better conceived to avoid confusion and ambiguity, redundancies were eliminated and instructions were made as clear as possible. Directives from the Conference of the Parties and other meetings were incorporated, and comments and requests from the Parties were reflected as appropriate.

23. After all these far-reaching corrective efforts, two words of caution are opportune in relation to the overall quality of the third national report and its adequacy as a source of information. First, if Parties systematically decide to skip, in the third and future national reports, questions covered in preceding reports, the absence of such information may affect the continuous monitoring of national implementation. Second, again because of the flexibility to pass over some questions, it is likely that responses from Parties will vary in size and content. Whereas it is recognized that such variations are, in themselves, a useful source of information on the limitations or constraints experienced by the Parties in implementing the Convention or in fulfilling their reporting obligations, the resulting reports, by being less comparable, will pose some difficulty for future analysis.

24. The revised format for the third national report is contained in the annex to this note.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

25. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the following draft elements of a decision on the third national report:

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the recommendations of the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work and the 2010-The Global Biodiversity Challenge meeting;

2. *Endorses* the format for the third national report, as contained in the annex to the present note;

3. *Requests* Parties to submit their third national reports:

- (a) By May 15, 2005;
- (b) In an official language of the United Nations;
- (c) In both hard copy and electronic format;

4. *Encourages* Parties to provide an English translation of their national report when submitting it in any other official language of the United Nations;

5. *Recommends* that Parties prepare their national reports through a consultative process involving all relevant stakeholders, as appropriate, or by drawing upon information developed through other consultative processes;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to further develop this format to incorporate the views expressed by Parties and further questions arising from the decisions of its seventh meeting and to make the revised format available to Parties no later than July 2004;

7. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Prepare an analysis of the information contained in the third national reports for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meetings, and make it available through the clearing-house mechanism;

(b) Keep the format for the national reports under review, taking into consideration the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties;

(c) Coordinate with UNEP and other related conventions on the streamlining and harmonizing of national reporting obligations, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Environment Management Group and the results of the action plan adopted for this purpose;

(d) Invites the Global Environment Facility to continue its efforts to streamline its procedures to facilitate access by the developing countries and countries with economies in transition to the funds for preparing their national reports;

(e) Invites the Implementing Agencies of the Global Environment Facility to facilitate the preparation of the third national reports by the Parties.

Annex I

GUIDELINES FOR THE THIRD NATIONAL REPORT

1. Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity are required to report regularly to the Conference of the Parties in compliance with Article 26 of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The following draft format for the third national report was prepared in accordance with the requirements contained in paragraph 3 of decision VI/25, building on the guidelines for national reports adopted by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 2 of its decision V/19.

2. The present draft format seeks a balance between the need to obtain maximum information on implementation of the Convention, on one side, and, on the other, the imperative to keep the report within reasonable dimensions. As presented below, it is expected that the information provided will help Parties and the Conference of the Parties to review the extent to which the provisions of the Convention are being successfully implemented.

3. It also took into consideration requests from Parties to focus more on the actual outcomes reflecting the implementation of the policies of the Convention on Biological Diversity than just the administrative approach of whether or not one or another policy was implemented.

4. General features of this draft format are:

(a) Questions are based on the Articles and programmes of work of the Convention and on those elements of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties specifically addressed to the Parties;

(b) In response to repeated requests made by the Parties, all questions are now optional. Parties are required, however, to indicate in the table contained in question 247, which questions they chose not to reply and for which reason;

(c) The draft format contains questions that were asked in the second national report or in one of the thematic reports (such repeated questions are marked with). This is to allow for the establishment of historical series on certain issues and thus their trends over time. Other questions are entirely new. As explained in (b) above, both sets of questions, old and new, are optional, and Parties may wish not to answer previously asked questions if they feel they do not have new information to add. As explained in (b) above, they are required to indicate in the table contained in question 247, which questions they chose not to reply and for which reason;

(d) This questionnaire contains 53 boxes, numbered in Roman ordinals, and 247 questions numbered in Arabic ordinals. The boxes require full answers, in written text; the questions require only ticking one or more of the multiple answers provided. The former cannot be analyzed electronically, while the latter will be fed to an electronic analyser when the reports become available to the Secretariat;

(e) The wording of questions follows that of the Articles, programmes of work and decisions as closely as possible. Questions were kept as simple as possible.

5. With regard to specific guidance on using the questionnaire:

(a) As with the second national report, Parties are required to submit the third national report both in electronic and hard copy (paper) formats. The electronic format uses WORD software;

(b) Boxes look small in hard copy but can be made bigger in the electronic format by placing your cursor inside the box and then pushing repeatedly on the < ENTER > key. Increase the length of your boxes as much as you wish to correspond to the space you need, but make sure all information is contained inside the box. If you need to attach further information or provide extensive details on specific answers, please feel free to do so when you submit the hard copy of your report;

(c) Questions contain multiple answers and you are invited to tick the one that best describes the situation of your country. If you feel, or the question requires, that you must tick more than one answer to a specific question, please feel free to do so;

(d) Many questions contain an attached box where you are invited to provide further details to clarify or enrich your answer beyond the mere ticking. Please make sure that the additional information provided in the box is closely related to the preceding question and is as succinct as possible. There is no set limit on length, but it is anticipated that Parties will be able to provide adequate and useful information in a maximum of a page or two at each of these points. To increase the size of these attached boxes, use the same procedure described in section (b) above;

(e) In ticking the cases provided in the multiple answer questions, please simply use an "X" in the appropriate case(s). Do not write or add symbols of any nature, for they will not be recognized during the subsequent electronic analysis;

(f) In addition to the boxes attached to a number of questions, there is also an opportunity, at the end of each article and programme of work, to elaborate on the impacts or outcomes of the actions taken by your country, particularly in terms of achieving the priority objectives of your national biodiversity strategies and/or action plans, if applicable, the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan of the Convention (2002-2010) and the 2010 target adopted at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(g) In addition, Parties are requested to provide information concerning the constraints or impediments they encounter in the implementation of various articles, provisions and programmes of work;

(h) A few questions address developed countries only, and another few address developing countries and countries with economies in transition only. They are clearly identified as such. Please make sure that you answer those questions that are addressed to your country and that you do not answer those questions that address another group. You do not have to explain, in question 247, why you did not answer a question that addresses a group you do not belong to.

6. The Executive Secretary would welcome any comments on the adequacy of the questions and difficulties in completing the questions, and any further recommendations on how these reporting guidelines could be improved. Box LIII at the end of the report is provided for this purpose.

7. It is recommended that Parties involve a wide range of stakeholders in preparing the report, in order to ensure a participatory and transparent approach to its development. Box I, at the beginning of the report, is provided for the identification of the groups involved in the process.

8. The information provided by the Parties will not be used to rank performance or to otherwise compare implementation between individual Parties.

Parties are requested to submit their third national report in this format to the Executive Secretary by 15 May 2005. Parties are requested to submit an original signed copy by post and an electronic copy on diskette or by electronic mail. This format will also be available from the Convention's website at <http://www.biodiv.org>.

Completed national reports and any comments should be sent to:

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Date of submission	

QUESTIONNAIRE

Information on the preparation of the report

Box I - Please provide information on the preparation of this report, including information on stakeholders involved and material used as a basis for the report.

Overviews and priority setting

Box II - Please provide an overview of the status and trends of various components of biological diversity in your country based on the information and data available.

Box III - Please provide an overview of factors affecting conservation and sustainable use of various components of biological diversity in your country, including access to genetic resources and sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.

Box IV - Please provide a general overview of the progress towards the 2010 target adopted at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (please provide detailed information when you come to answer questions 177, 178 and 179).

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1. Please indicate, by marking an "x" in the appropriate column below, the level of priority your country accords to the implementation of various articles, provisions and their associated decisions, and relevant programmes of the work of the Convention.

Article/Provision/Programme of Work	Level of Priority		
	High	Medium	Low
a) Article 5 – Cooperation			
b) Article 6 - General measures for conservation and sustainable use			
c) Article 7 - Identification and monitoring			
d) Article 8 – <i>In-situ</i> conservation			
e) Article 8(h) - Alien species			
f) Article 8(j) - Traditional knowledge and related provisions			
g) Article 9 – <i>Ex-situ</i> conservation			
h) Article 10 - Sustainable use of components of biological diversity			
i) Article 11 - Incentive measures			
j) Article 12 - Research and training			
k) Article 13 - Public education and awareness			
l) Article 14 - Impact assessment and minimizing adverse impacts			
m) Article 15 - Access to genetic resources			
n) Article 16 - Access to and transfer of technology			
o) Article 17 - Exchange of information			
p) Article 18 - Scientific and technical cooperation			
q) Article 19 - Handling of biotechnology and distribution of its benefits			
r) Article 20 - Financial resources			
s) Article 21 - Financial mechanism			
t) Agricultural biodiversity			

u) Forest biodiversity			
v) Inland water biodiversity			
w) Marine and coastal biodiversity			
x) Dryland and subhumid land biodiversity			

2. Please indicate, by marking an "x" in the appropriate column below, the availability of resources required by your country for the implementation of various articles, provisions and their associated decisions, and relevant programmes of work of the Convention.

Article/Provision/Programme of Work	Resources availability			
	Good	Adequate	Limiting	Severely Limiting
a) Article 5 – Cooperation				
b) Article 6 - General measures for conservation and sustainable use				
c) Article 7 - Identification and monitoring				
d) Article 8 – <i>In-situ</i> conservation				
e) Article 8(h) - Alien species				
f) Article 8(j) - Traditional knowledge and related provisions				
g) Article 9 – <i>Ex-situ</i> conservation				
h) Article 10 - Sustainable use of components of biological diversity				
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k) Article 13 - Public education and awareness				

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l) Article 14 - Impact assessment and minimizing adverse impacts				
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t) Agricultural biodiversity				
u) Forest biodiversity				
v) Inland water biodiversity				
w) Marine and coastal biodiversity				
x) Dryland and subhumid land biodiversity				
If applicable, please indicate below articles, provisions and/or programmes of work where resources are most urgently needed for implementation at the national level and put them in order of priority.				

Article 5 – Cooperation

3.  Is your country actively cooperating with other Parties in respect of areas beyond national jurisdiction for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) Yes, bilateral cooperation (please give details below)	
c) Yes, international programmes (please give details below)	
d) Yes, international or regional agreements (please give details below)	
e) Yes, other forms of cooperation (please give details below)	
Further comments on cooperation with other Parties.	

Decision VI/20 - Cooperation with other organizations, initiatives and conventions

4. Is your country taking steps to harmonize national policies and programmes, with a view to optimizing policy coherence, synergies and efficiency in the implementation of various multilateral environment agreements (MEAs) and relevant regional initiatives at the national level?	
a) No	
b) No, but steps are under consideration	
c) Yes, some steps being taken (please specify below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive steps being taken (please specify below)	
Further comments on the harmonization of policies and programmes at the national level.	

5. What priority does your country accord to the conservation and, where applicable, sustainable use, of migratory species in comparison to other biodiversity-related issues? (<i>This question is developed on the basis of decision VI/20 and required by the joint programme of work between CBD and CMS.</i>)	
a) High	
b) Medium	
c) Low	

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6. Are migratory species and their habitats addressed by your country's national biodiversity strategy or action plan (NBSAP)? <i>(This question is developed on the basis of decision VI/20 and required by the joint programme of work between CBD and CMS.)</i>	
a) Yes	
b) No	
If YES, please briefly describe the extent to which it addresses	
a) Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of migratory species	
b) Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of migratory species' habitats, including protected areas	
c) Minimizing or eliminating barriers or obstacles to migration	
d) Research and monitoring for migratory species	
e) Transboundary movement	
If NO, please briefly indicate below	
a) The extent to which your country addresses migratory species at national level	
b) Cooperation with other Range States since 2000	

Decision VI/27 A - Implementation of the Convention, in particular, implementation of priority actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans

7. Is your country working with other Parties to develop regional, subregional or bioregional mechanisms and networks to support implementation of the Convention?	
a) No	
b) No, but consultations are under way	
c) Yes, some mechanisms and networks established (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, existing mechanisms being strengthened (please provide details below)	
Further comments on development of regional, subregional or bioregional mechanisms and networks.	

Box V - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this article, particularly in terms of

- (a) **Achieving priority objectives of your NBSAP (if applicable),**
- (b) **Achieving the objectives and goals of the Strategic Plan of the Convention,**
- (c) **Progressing toward the 2010 target.**

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Box VI - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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Article 6 - General measures for conservation and sustainable use

8.  On Article 6(b): do your national biodiversity strategies and action plans cover the integration of other sectoral activities?	
a) No	
b) Yes, some sectors	
c) Yes, all major sectors	
d) Yes, all sectors	

Decision II/7 and decision III/9- Consideration of Articles 6 and 8

9.  Has your country set measurable targets within its strategies and action plans?	
a) No	
b) No, measurable targets are still in early stages of development	
c) No, but measurable targets are in advanced stages of development	
d) Yes, relevant targets in place (please provide details below)	
e) Yes, reports on implementation of relevant targets available	
Further comments on targets set within strategies and action plans.	

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**Decision III/21 - Relationship of the Convention with the CSD
and biodiversity-related conventions**

10. <input type="checkbox"/> Are the national focal points for the CBD and the competent authorities of the Ramsar Convention, Bonn Convention and CITES cooperating in the implementation of these conventions to avoid duplication?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential coordination mechanisms are being identified	
c) Yes, some coordination mechanisms in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, existing mechanisms being reviewed	
Further information on the coordination between the national focal points of different conventions.	

**Decision VI/27 A - Implementation of the Convention, in particular, implementation of
priority actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans**

11. Has your country identified priority actions in its national biodiversity strategy and action plan?	
a) No	
b) No, but review is under way	
c) Yes, priority actions identified (please specify)	
Further comments on priority actions identified.	

12. Does your country periodically revise its national biodiversity strategy and action plan in light of the experience of implementation?	
a) No	
b) No, but revision is under way	
c) Yes, NBSAP revised (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, a mechanism is in place to review and revise NBSAP periodically (please provide details below)	

Further comments on revision of national biodiversity strategy and action plan.

13. Does your country give priority to integrating the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity as well as benefit sharing into relevant sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies?

a) No

b) Yes, in some sectors (please provide details below)

c) Yes, in major sectors (please provide details below)

d) Yes, in all sectors (please provide details below)

Further information on integration of the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and benefit-sharing into relevant sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies.

Box VII - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this article, particularly in terms of

- (a) Achieving priority objectives of your NBSAP (if applicable),**
- (b) Achieving the objectives and goals of the Strategic Plan of the Convention,**
- (c) Progressing toward the 2010 target.**

Box VIII - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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Article 7 - Identification and monitoring

14. <input type="checkbox"/> On Article 7(a): does your country have an ongoing inventory and/or monitoring programme at the genetic, species, ecosystem level?	
a) No	
b) Yes, at the genetic, species or ecosystem level only (please specify and provide details below)	
c) Yes, at some levels (please specify and provide details below)	
d) Yes, at all levels (please provide details below)	
Further comments on ongoing inventory programmes at the genetic, species and ecosystem level.	

15. <input type="checkbox"/> On Article 7(c): Is your country monitoring these activities with adverse effects on biodiversity?	
a) No	
b) No, programme development is still in early stages	
c) No, but programme development is in advanced stages	
d) Yes, some programmes in place (please provide details)	
e) Yes, comprehensive programmes in place (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the programmes of monitoring these activities with adverse effects on biodiversity	

16. <input type="checkbox"/> On Article 7(d): Does your country coordinate information collection and management at the national level?	
a) No	
b) No, but some mechanisms or systems are being considered	

c) Yes, some mechanisms or systems being established	
d) Yes, some mechanisms or systems in place (please provide details below)	
e) Yes, a relatively complete system in place (please provide details below)	
Further information on the coordination of information collection and management.	

Decision III/10 - Identification, monitoring and assessment

17.  Has your country identified national indicators of biodiversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but identification of potential indicators is under way	
c) Yes, some indicators identified (please describe)	
d) Yes, a relatively complete set of indicators identified (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the indicators identified.	

Decision V/7 - Identification, monitoring and assessment, and indicators

18.  Is your country actively involved in cooperating with other countries in your region in the field of indicators, monitoring and assessment?	
a) No	
b) Yes, limited cooperation	
c) Yes, extensive cooperation on some issues (please specify below)	
d) Yes, extensive cooperation on a wide range of issues (please specify below)	

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Further comments on the issues your country cooperates with other countries in the field of indicators, monitoring and assessment.

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Decision VI/7 - Identification, monitoring, indicators and assessments

19. Is your country applying the guidelines annexed to Decision VI/7?

a) No

b) No, but review is under way for adapting it to national circumstances

c) Yes, some aspects (please specify below)

d) Yes, most aspects (please specify below)

Further comments on the aspects of the guidelines being applied by your country.

Box IX - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this article, particularly in terms of

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Box X - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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Decisions on Taxonomy

Decision IV/1 - Report and recommendations of the third meeting of SBSTTA

20. ◊ Has your country developed a national taxonomic action plan?	
a) No	
b) No, but a plan is in its early stages of development	
c) No, but a plan is in advanced stages of development	
d) Yes, action plan in place (please provide details below)	
e) Yes, reports on implementation available (please provide details below)	
Further information on the national taxonomic action plan of your country.	

21. ◊ Is your country investing on a long-term basis in the development of appropriate infrastructure for your national taxonomic collections?	
a) No	
b) Yes	
Further information on investment on a long-term basis in the development of appropriate infrastructure for your national taxonomic collections.	

22. ◊ Has your country adopted any international agreed level of collection housing?	
a) No	
b) No, but adoption is under consideration	
c) Yes, being implemented by some collections	
d) Yes, being implemented by all major collections	

23. ◊ Has your country provided training programmes in taxonomy, including sending personnel working in this field for an overseas study?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	
Details on training programmes in taxonomy.	

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24. <input type="checkbox"/> Has your country taken steps to ensure that institutions responsible for biological diversity inventories and taxonomic activities are financially and administratively stable?	
a) No	
b) No, but steps are being considered	
c) Yes, for some institutions	
d) Yes, for all major institutions	

**Decision V/9 - Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI):
Implementation and further advance of the Suggestions for Action**

25. <input type="checkbox"/> Has your country worked to increase its capacity in the area of taxonomic research?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the efforts on increase the capacity in the area of taxonomic research.	

Decision VI/8 - Global Taxonomy Initiative

26. Is your country promoting and carrying out the programme of work for the GTI?	
a) No	
b) No, but plans are being developed	
c) Yes, some activities being implemented (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, most activities being implemented (please provide details below)	
Further information on the promotion and implementation of the programme of work for GTI.	

27. Is your country collaborating with the existing regional, subregional and global initiatives, partnerships and institutions in carrying out the programme of work, including assessing regional taxonomic needs and identifying regional-level priorities?	
a) No	
b) No, but collaborative programmes are under development	
c) Yes, collaborative programmes being implemented (please provide details below)	

Further information on the collaboration your country is carrying out to implement the programme of work for the GTI.

Annex to decision VI/8 - Programme of Work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative

28. Has your country made an assessment of taxonomic needs and capacities at the national level for the implementation of the Convention?

a) No

b) Yes, basic assessment made (please provide below a list of needs and capacities identified)

c) Yes, thorough assessment made (please provide below a list of needs and capacities identified)

Further comments on national assessment of taxonomic needs and capacities.

29. Has your country built the human resources systems and infrastructure needed to obtain, collate and curate biological specimens that are the basis for taxonomic knowledge?

a) No

b) No, but related systems are under development

c) Yes (please provide additional information below)

Further comments on development of human resources systems and infrastructure needed to obtain, collate and curate biological specimens.

30. Is your country facilitating an improved and effective infrastructure/system for access to taxonomic information?

a) No

b) No, but programmes are under development

c) Yes, access improved to taxonomic information for some thematic areas and cross-cutting issues under the CBD

d) Yes, access improved to taxonomic information for most of thematic areas and cross-cutting issues under the CBD

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31. Is your country working on regional or global capacity building to support access to, and generation of, taxonomic information in collaboration with other Parties?	
a) No	
b) Yes, relevant programmes under development	
c) Yes, some activities being undertaken for this purpose (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, many activities being undertaken for this purpose (please provide details below)	
Further comments on regional or global capacity-building to support access to, and generation of, taxonomic information in collaboration with other Parties.	

32. Has your country developed taxonomic support for the implementation of the programmes of work under the Convention?	
a) No	
b) Yes, for forest biodiversity	
c) Yes, for marine an coastal biodiversity	
d) Yes, for dry and sub-humid lands	
e) Yes, for inland waters biodiversity	
f) Yes, for mountain biodiversity	

33. Has your country developed taxonomic support for the implementation of the crosscutting issues under the Convention?	
a) No	
b) Yes, for access and benefit-sharing	
c) Yes, for Article 8(j)	
d) Yes, for the ecosystem approach	
e) Yes, for impact assessment, monitoring and indicators	
f) Yes, for protected areas	
g) Yes, for others (please specify below)	
Further comments on the development of support for the implementation of the cross-cutting issues under the Convention.	

Article 8 - *In situ* conservation
[Excluding paragraphs (h) and (j)]

34. ◊ On Article 8(a): has your country established a system of protected areas which aim to conserve biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but a system is being planned	
c) No, but a system is under development	
d) Yes, national protected area systems in place	
e) Yes, system being reviewed and further expansion being planned	

35. ◊ On Article 8(b): has your country adopted the national guidelines for the selection, establishment and management of protected areas?	
a) No	
b) No, under development	
c) Yes (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, guidelines being reviewed and extended	
Further information on the guidelines your country has adopted for the selection, establishment and management of protected areas.	

36. ◊ On Article 8(e): has your country undertaken measures that promote environmentally sound and sustainable development in areas adjacent to protected areas?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, reasonably comprehensive measures in place (please provide details below)	
Further information on the measures that promote environmentally sound and sustainable development in areas adjacent to protected areas.	

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37. ♦ On Article 8(f): has your country undertaken measures to rehabilitate and restore degraded ecosystems and promote the recovery of threatened species?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place (please provide details below)	
Further information on the measures to rehabilitate and restore degraded ecosystems.	

38. ♦ On Article 8(i): has your country endeavored to provide the conditions needed for compatibility between present uses and the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are being identified	
c) Yes, some measures undertaken (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures undertaken (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the measures taken to provide the conditions needed for compatibility between present uses and the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components.	

39. ♦ On Article 8(k): has your country developed or maintained the necessary legislation and/or other regulatory provisions for the protection of threatened species and populations?	
a) No	
b) No, but legislation is in its early stages of development	
c) Yes, advanced stages of development	
d) Yes, legislation or other measures in place (please provide details below)	
Further information on the legislation and/or regulations for the protection of threatened species and populations.	

40.  On Article 8(l): does your country regulate or manage processes and categories of activities identified under Article 7 as having significant adverse effects on biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but processes and categories are being considered	
c) Yes, to a limited extent	
d) Yes, to a significant extent	

Box XI - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this article, particularly in terms of

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- (b) Achieving the objectives and goals of the Strategic Plan of the Convention,**
- (c) Progressing toward the 2010 target.**

Box XII - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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Article 8(h) - Alien species

41. <input type="checkbox"/> Has your country identified alien species introduced into its territory?	
a) No	
b) Yes, but only new or recent introductions of major species of concern	
c) Yes, but only new or recent introductions (of any/all species)	
d) Yes, most or all species	

42. Has your country established a system for tracking the introduction of alien species?	
a) No	
b) Yes, the system tracks new introductions of major species of concern	
c) Yes, the system tracks new introductions of any species	
d) Yes, a comprehensive system has tracked/tracks all introductions	

43. <input type="checkbox"/> Has your country assessed the risks posed to ecosystems, habitats or species by the introduction of these alien species?	
a) No	
b) Yes, but only for some alien species of concern (please provide details below)	
c) Yes, for most alien species (please provide details below)	
Further information on the assessment of the risks posed to ecosystems, habitats or species by the introduction of these alien species.	

44. <input type="checkbox"/> Has your country undertaken measures to prevent the introduction of, control or eradicate, those alien species which threaten ecosystems, habitats or species?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under consideration	
c) Yes, some measures in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place (please provide details below)	

Further information on the measures to prevent the introduction of, control or eradicate those alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species.

Decision V/8 - Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species

45.  In dealing with the issue of invasive species, has your country developed, or involved itself in, mechanisms for international cooperation, including the exchange of best practices?

a) No

b) Yes, bilateral cooperation

c) Yes, regional cooperation

d) Yes, multilateral cooperation

46.  Is your country using the ecosystem approach and precautionary and bio-geographical approaches as appropriate in its work on alien invasive species?

a) No

b) Yes (please elaborate below)

Further comments on the use of the ecosystem approach and precautionary and bio-geographical approaches in work on alien invasive species.

Decision VI/23 - Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species

47. Is your country promoting and implementing the Guiding Principles?

a) No

b) No, but the Guidelines are under review

c) No, but the relevant programmes are under development

d) Yes, some principles being applied (please provide further details below)

e) Yes, most of the principles being applied (please provide further details below)

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Further comments on the promotion and implementation of the Guiding Principles.	

48. Has your country identified national needs and priorities for the implementation of the Guiding Principles?	
a) No	
b) No, but needs and priorities are being identified	
c) Yes, national needs and priorities identified (please provide below a list of needs and priorities identified)	
Further comments on the identification of national needs and priorities.	

49. Has your country created mechanisms to coordinate national programmes for implementing the Guiding Principles?	
a) No	
b) No, but mechanisms are under development	
c) Yes, mechanisms in place (please provide further details below)	
Further comments on the mechanisms created to coordinate national programmes for implementing the Guiding Principles.	

50. Has your country reviewed relevant policies, legislation and institutions in the light of the Guiding Principles, and adjusted or developed policies, legislation and institutions?	
a) No	
b) No, but review is under way	
c) Yes, review completed and adjustment proposed	
d) Yes, adjustment and development ongoing	
e) Yes, some adjustment and development completed (please provide details below)	

Further information on the review, adjustment or development of policies, legislation and institutions in the light of the Guiding Principles.

51. Is your country enhancing cooperation between various sectors in order to improve prevention, early detection, eradication and/or control of invasive alien species?

a) No	
b) No, but potential coordination mechanisms are under consideration	
c) Yes, mechanisms in place (please provide details below)	

Further comments on cooperation between various sectors.

52. Is your country collaborating with trading partners and neighboring countries to address threats of invasive alien species to biodiversity in ecosystems that cross international boundaries?

a) No	
b) No, but collaboration is under consideration	
c) Yes, relevant collaborative programmes under development	
d) Yes, programmes in place (please specify the measures taken for this purpose)	

Further comments on collaboration with trading partners and neighboring countries.

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53. Is your country developing capacity to use risk assessment to address threats of invasive alien species to biodiversity and incorporate such methodologies in EIA and SEA (strategic environmental assessment)?	
a) No	
b) No, but programmes for this purpose are under development	
c) Yes, some activities for developing capacity in this field are being undertaken (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive activities completed (please provide details below)	
Further information on capacity development to address threats of invasive alien species.	

54. Has your country developed financial measures and other policies and tools to promote activities to reduce the threats of invasive species?	
a) No	
b) No, but measures and policies are under development	
c) Yes, some measures, policies and tools in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures and tools in place (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the development of financial measures and other policies and tools for the promotion of activities.	

55. Has your country incorporated invasive alien species consideration into national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as well as into sectoral and cross-sectoral strategies and policies?	
a) No	
b) No, but the issue is under consideration	
c) No, but steps to do so are being taken (please provide details below)	
d) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further information on incorporating invasive alien species consideration into NBSAP and sectoral and cross-sectoral strategies and policies.	

56. Is your country promoting and carrying out the research and assessment on the issues identified in subparagraphs (a) to (j) of paragraph 24 of decision VI/23?	
a) No	
b) Yes, assessment and research undertaken on some issues (please specify)	
c) Yes, assessment and research undertaken on most of the issues (please provide details below)	
Further information on the assessment and research on the issues identified in subparagraphs (a) to (j) of paragraph 24 of decision VI/23.	

57. Has your country developed and made available technical tools and related information to support efforts for the prevention, early detection, monitoring, eradication and/or control of invasive alien species?	
a) No	
b) No, but relevant tools are under development	
b) Yes (please provide a list of tools developed)	
Further comments on technical tools and related information.	

Box XIII - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this article, particularly in terms of

- (a) **Achieving priority objectives of your NBSAP (if applicable),**
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Box XIV - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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Article 8(j) - Traditional knowledge and related provisions

58. ◊ Has your country undertaken measures to ensure that the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity are respected, preserved and maintained?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place (please provide details below)	
Further information on the measures to ensure that traditional knowledge, innovations and practices are respected, preserved and maintained.	

59. ◊ Is your country working to encourage the equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of such knowledge, innovations and practices?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential mechanisms are being identified	
c) Yes, some mechanisms and arrangements in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive mechanisms and arrangements in place (please provide details below)	
Further information on the mechanisms and arrangements for the equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices.	

Decision III/4 and decision IV/9 - Implementation of Article 8(j)

60. ◊ Has your country developed national legislation and corresponding strategies for the implementation of Article 8(j)?	
a) No	
b) No, but legislation is in its early stages of development	
c) Yes, legislation is in advanced stages of development	
d) Yes, legislation or other measures in place (please provide details below)	

Further information on national legislation and strategies for implementing the Article 8(j).

Decision V/16 - Article 8(j) and related provisions

61.  Has your country provided appropriate financial support and technical and human resources for the implementation of the programme of work?

a) No

b) Yes, to a limited extent (please provide details below)

c) Yes, to a significant extent (please provide details below)

Further comments on appropriate financial support and technical and human resources for the implementation of the programme of work.

62.  Has your country supported the development of registers of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities, in collaboration with these communities?

a) No

b) No, but development is under way

c) Yes, register fully developed (please provide details below)

Further information on the register of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices.

Decision VI/10 - Article 8(j) and related provisions

63. Has your country included the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices as part of environmental, social and cultural impact assessment processes?

a) No

b) Yes, traditional knowledge considered and included in assessment of some sectors

c) Yes, traditional knowledge considered and included in assessment of most sectors

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64. Is your country supporting capacity-building aimed at the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the decision-making processes regarding the preservation, maintenance and utilization of traditional knowledge?	
a) No	
b) No, but capacity-building programmes and mechanisms are under development	
c) Yes, some capacity-building programmes developed	
d) Yes, mechanisms put in place (please provide further details below)	
Further comments on the capacity-building aimed at the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the decision making processes regarding the preservation, maintenance and utilization of traditional knowledge.	

65. Has your country taken measures to establish or improve operational links between national governmental intellectual property bodies, national focal points and indigenous and local communities in order to better coordinate and institute measures to protect traditional knowledge?	
a) No	
b) No, but steps are being taken	
c) Yes, links established and mechanisms put in place (please provide details below)	
Further comments on measures taken to establish or improve operational links.	

66. Is your country undertaking any pilot projects which involve indigenous and local communities in the evaluation of the effectiveness of existing intellectual property rights (IPR) regimes, contractual methods and new systems being developed as a means to protect traditional knowledge?	
a) No	
b) No, but projects are under development	
c) Yes, projects being implemented	
d) Yes, results of projects available (please provide details below)	

Further comments on pilot projects undertaken.

67. Does your country encourage the disclosure of the origin of relevant traditional knowledge in applications for intellectual property rights where they concern or make use of traditional knowledge and in the examination of patent application?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide further details below)	
Further information on how your country encourages the disclosure of the origin of relevant traditional knowledge in applications for IPR and in the examination of patent application.	

68. Has your country assessed the implications of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture on the issues under Article 8(j) and related provisions?	
a) No	
b) No, but assessment is under way	
c) Yes, assessment completed (please provide an outline of the results of the assessment)	
Further comments on the assessment of the implications of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture on the issues under Article 8(j) and related provisions.	

69. Has your country assessed the potential impacts of genetic use restriction technologies (GURTs) on indigenous and local communities and farmers' rights?	
a) No	
b) No, but assessment is under way	
c) Yes (please provide details about the assessment)	
Further comments on the assessment of the potential impacts of genetic use restriction technologies on indigenous and local communities and Farmers' Rights.	

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Box XVI - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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Article 9 - *Ex situ* conservation

70. ♦ On Article 9(a): has your country adopted measures for the <i>ex situ</i> conservation of components of biological diversity native to your country and originating outside your country?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place (please provide details below)	
Further information on the measures adopted for the <i>ex situ</i> conservation of components of biodiversity native to your country and originating outside your country.	

71. ♦ On Article 9(b): has your country established and maintained facilities for the <i>ex situ</i> conservation of, and research on, plants, animals and micro-organisms that represent genetic resources native to your country and originating elsewhere?	
a) No	
b) No, but facilities are being established	
c) Yes, some facilities established and maintained	
d) Yes, many facilities established and maintained	

72. ◊ On Article 9(c): has your country adopted measures for the reintroduction of threatened species into their natural habitats under appropriate conditions?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the measures for the reintroduction of threatened species into their natural habitats under appropriate conditions.	

73. ◊ On Article 9(d): has your country taken measures to regulate and manage the collection of biological resources from natural habitats for <i>ex situ</i> conservation purposes so as not to threaten ecosystems and <i>in situ</i> populations of species?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place (please provide details below)	
Further information on the measures to regulate and manage the collection of biological resources from natural habitats for <i>ex situ</i> conservation purposes so as not to threaten ecosystems and <i>in situ</i> populations of species.	

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Decision VI/9 - Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

74. Has your country developed national targets for implementing the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential targets are being identified	
c) No, but targets are under development	
d) Yes, targets developed (please provide details below)	
Further information on the targets developed for implementing the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation.	

75. Has your country incorporated the targets identified in the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation into relevant national plans, programmes and initiatives, including NBSAPs?	
a) No	
b) No, but incorporation of some targets is being reviewed and considered	
c) Yes, some targets incorporated in some plans and programmes (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, most targets incorporated in major plans and programmes (please provide details below)	
Further information on incorporation of targets in the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in national plans, programmes and initiatives.	

76. Has your country developed a monitoring system in order to assess the status and trends of, and threats to, plant conservation and assess the progress in halting the loss of plant diversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but a monitoring system is under development	
c) Yes, some programmes in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, major programmes in place (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the monitoring system, including development of sub-targets, baseline data and indicators.	

77. Is your country collaborating with neighboring countries in implementing the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation?	
a) No	
b) No, but collaborative programmes are being considered	
c) Yes, collaborative programmes under development	
d) Yes, collaborative programmes included in existing cooperation frameworks (please provide details below)	
Further information on bilateral or regional cooperation.	

Box XVII - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this article, particularly in terms of

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Box XVIII - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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Article 10 - Sustainable use of components of biological diversity

78.  On Article 10(a): has your country integrated consideration of the conservation and sustainable use of biological resources into national decision-making?	
a) No	
b) No, but steps are being taken	
c) Yes, in some relevant sectors (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, in most relevant sectors (please provide details below)	

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Further information on integrating consideration of conservation and sustainable use of biological resources into national decision-making.	

79. ◊ On Article 10(b): has your country adopted measures relating to the use of biological resources that avoid or minimize adverse impacts on biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place (please provide details below)	
Further information on the measures adopted relating to the use of biological resources that avoid or minimize adverse impacts on biological diversity.	

80. ◊ On Article 10(c): has your country put in place measures that protect and encourage customary use of biological resources that is compatible with conservation or sustainable use requirements?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place (please provide details below)	
Further information on the measures that protect and encourage customary use of biological resources that is compatible with conservation or sustainable use requirements.	

81. ◊ On Article 10(d): has your country put in place measures that help local populations develop and implement remedial action in degraded areas where biological diversity has been reduced?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place (please provide details below)	

Further information on the measures that help local populations develop and implement remedial action in degraded areas where biodiversity has been reduced.

82.  On Article 10(e): does your country actively encourage cooperation between Government authorities and the private sector in developing methods for sustainable use of biological diversity?

a) No	
b) No, but incentives are under development	
c) Yes, some incentives or policies in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive incentives or policies in place	
e) Yes, review of implementation available	

Decision V/24 - Sustainable use as a cross-cutting issue

83.  Has your country identified indicators and incentive measures for sectors relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity?

a) No	
b) No, but assessment of potential indicators is under way	
c) Yes, indicators identified (please describe below)	

Further comments on the identification of indicators and incentive measures for sectors.

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84.  Has your country implemented sustainable use practices, programmes and policies for the sustainable use of biological diversity, especially in pursuit of poverty alleviation?

a) No	
b) No, but potential practices, programmes and policies are under review	
c) Yes, some policies and programmes in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive policies and programmes in place (please provide details below)	

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Further information on sustainable use programmes and policies.	

85. <input type="checkbox"/> Has your country developed or explored mechanisms to involve the private sector in initiatives on the sustainable use of biodiversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but mechanisms are under development	
c) Yes, mechanisms in place (please describe below)	
Further comments on the development of mechanisms to involve the private sector in initiatives on the sustainable use of biodiversity.	

86. <input type="checkbox"/> Has your country identified areas for conservation that would benefit through the sustainable use of biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide examples or cases below)	
Examples or cases where areas have been identified for conservation that would benefit through the sustainable use of biodiversity.	

Decision V/25 - Biological diversity and tourism

87. <input type="checkbox"/> Has your country based its policies, programmes and activities in the field of sustainable tourism on an assessment of the inter-linkages between tourism and biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please elaborate below)	
Please indicate to which extent your country has based its policies, programmes and activities in the field of sustainable tourism on an assessment of the inter-linkages between tourism and biological diversity.	

88. ◊ Has your country established mechanisms to assess, monitor and measure the impact of tourism on biodiversity?	
a) No	
b) No, mechanisms in early stages of development	
c) No, but mechanisms in advanced stages of development	
d) Yes, mechanisms in place (please specify)	
e) Yes, existing mechanisms under review	
Further comments on the establishment of mechanisms to assess, monitor and measure the impact of tourism on biodiversity.	

89. ◊ Has your country established enabling policies and legal frameworks to complement voluntary efforts for the effective implementation of sustainable tourism?	
a) No	
b) Yes	
Further comments on the extent to which your country has established enabling policies and legal frameworks to complement voluntary efforts for the effective implementation of sustainable tourism.	

90. ◊ Has your country established mechanisms for the participation of indigenous and local communities in the development and management of tourism activities?	
a) No	
b) No, mechanisms in early stages of development	
c) No, but mechanisms in advanced stages of development	
d) Yes, mechanisms in place (please specify below)	
e) Yes, existing mechanisms under review	
Further comments on the establishment of mechanisms for the participation of indigenous and local communities in the development and management of tourism activities.	

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91. ♦ Has your country provided educational and training programmes to the tourism operators so as to increase their awareness of the impacts of tourism on biodiversity and upgrade the technical capacity at the local level to minimize the impacts?	
a) No	
b) No, but programmes are under development	
c) Yes, programmes in place (please describe below)	
Further comments on educational and training programmes provided to tourism operators.	

Box XIX - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this article, particularly in terms of

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Box XX - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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Article 11 - Incentive measures

92. ♦ Has your country established programmes to identify and adopt economically and socially sound measures that act as incentives for the conservation and sustainable use of components of biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) No, programmes are in early stages of development	
c) No, but programmes are in advanced stages of development	
d) Yes, some programmes in place (please provide details)	
e) Yes, comprehensive programmes in place (please provide details)	

Further comments on the programmes to identify and adopt incentives for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity

(a) Decision III/18 - Incentive measures

93.  Has your country developed the mechanisms or approaches to ensure adequate incorporation of both market and non-market values of biological diversity into plans, policies and programmes and other relevant areas?

a) No	
b) No, still in early stages of developing mechanisms	
c) No, but in advanced stages of developing mechanisms	
d) Yes, mechanisms in place (please provide details)	
e) Yes, review of impact of mechanisms available (please provide details)	

Further comments on the mechanism or approaches to incorporate market and non-market values of biodiversity into plans, policies and programmes

94.  Has your country developed training and capacity-building programmes to implement incentive measures and promote private-sector initiatives?

a) No	
b) No, programme is under development	
c) Yes, some programmes in place	
d) Yes, many programmes in place	

95.  Has your country incorporated biological diversity considerations into impact assessments as a step in the design and implementation of incentive measures?

a) No	
b) Yes	

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Decision IV/10 - Measures for implementing the Convention [part]

96. <input type="checkbox"/> Has your country identified threats to biological diversity and underlying causes of biodiversity loss, including the relevant actors, as a stage in designing incentive measures?	
a) No	
b) Yes, some threats identified (please provide details below)	
c) Yes, many threats identified (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, measures designed based on the reviews (please provide details below)	
e) Yes, review of implementation available (please provide details below)	
Further information on incentive measures designed to address threats to biodiversity and underlying causes of biodiversity loss.	

97. <input type="checkbox"/> Does your country take into account economic, social, cultural and ethical valuation of biological diversity when designing incentive measures?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please elaborate below)	
Please inform to which extent your country takes into account economic, social, cultural and ethical valuation of biological diversity when designing incentive measures.	

98. <input type="checkbox"/> Has your country developed legal and policy frameworks for the design and implementation of incentive measures?	
a) No	
b) No, development still in early stages	
c) No, but development in advanced stages	
d) Yes, frameworks in place	
e) Yes, review of implementation available	

99.  Has your country identified and considered neutralizing perverse incentives?	
a) No	
b) No, but identification of programme is under way	
c) No, programme identified but perverse incentives not entirely neutralized (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, perverse incentives identified and neutralized (please provide details below)	
Further information on perverse incentives identified and/or neutralized.	

Decision V/15 - Incentive measures

100.  Has your country explored possible ways and means by which these incentive measures can support the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity in your country?	
a) No	
b) No, but ways and means are being identified	
c) Yes, some ways and means identified (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, a comprehensive set of ways and means identified (please provide details below)	
Further information on ways and means through which the incentive measures can support the objectives of the Convention.	

Decision VI/15 - Incentive measures

101. Is your country taking into consideration proposals for the design and implementation of incentive measures in Annex I to this decision when designing and implementing incentive measures for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	

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Further information on the proposals considered when designing and implementing the incentive measures for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

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102. Has your country provided financial support for the programme of work on incentive measures?

a) No	
b) No, but financial support programme is under development	
c) Yes (please provide details below)	

Further information on the financial support provided for the programme of work on incentive measures.

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Box XXII - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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Article 12 - Research and training

103.  On Article 12(a): has your country established programmes for scientific and technical education and training in measures for the identification, conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and its components?

a) No	
b) No, programmes still in early stages of development	
c) No, but programmes in advanced stages of development	
d) Yes, programmes in place (please provide details below)	

Further information on the programmes for scientific and technical education and training the measures for identification, conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

104.  On Article 12(b): does your country promote and encourage research which contributes to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity?

a) No

b) Yes (please provide details below)

Further information on the research which contributes to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

105.  On Article 12(c): does your country promote and cooperate in the use of scientific advances in biological diversity research in developing methods for conservation and sustainable use of biological resources?

a) No

b) Yes (please provide details below)

Further information on the use of scientific advances in biodiversity research in developing methods for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

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Box XXIV - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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Article 13 - Public education and awareness
(b) Decision IV/10 - Measures for implementing the Convention

106. <input type="checkbox"/> Does your country support initiatives by major groups that foster stakeholder participation and that integrate biological diversity conservation matters in their practice and education programmes?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the initiatives by major groups that foster stakeholder participation and that integrate biodiversity conservation in their practice and education programmes.	

107. <input type="checkbox"/> Has your country illustrated and translated the provisions of the Convention into any local languages to promote public education and awareness of relevant sectors?	
a) No	
b) No, but translation is in progress	
c) Yes (please provide details below)	
d) Not applicable	
Further comments on the initiatives by major groups that foster stakeholder participation and that integrate biodiversity conservation in their practice and education programmes.	

108. <input type="checkbox"/> Is your country supporting local, national, sub-regional and regional education and awareness programmes?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further information on the support provided to local, national, subregional and regional education programmes.	

Decision V/17 - Education and public awareness

109.  Does your country support capacity-building for CEPA as part of the national biodiversity strategy and action plans, including by providing scholarships?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please give details below)	
Further comments on support for capacity-building for education and communication as part of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans.	

Decision VI/19 - Communication, education and public awareness (CEPA)

110. Has your country developed an electronic portal for CEPA and linked it to the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and other environmental education networks/websites of United Nations organizations, IGOs, NGOs, universities, etc.?	
a) No	
b) No, but an electronic portal is currently being developed	
c) Yes, but the electronic portal is not linked to the CHM or other networks and websites	
d) Yes	

111. Does your country promote the communication, education and public awareness of biodiversity at the community level?	
a) No	
b) Yes (provide details below)	
Further information on the efforts to promote the communication, education and public awareness of biodiversity at the community level.	

112. Does your country promote twinning programmes for biodiversity awareness, student and professional exchange programmes, at the national, regional and international levels?	
a) No	
b) Yes (provide details below)	

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Further comments on the promotion of twinning programmes, student and professional exchange programmes, at the national, regional and international levels.

113. Has your country developed awareness programmes for children?	
a) No	
b) Yes, by means of an electronic portal	
c) Yes, through mass media	
d) Yes, through school curricula and after-school programmes	
e) Yes, other (please specify)	
Further comments on awareness programmes developed for children.	

114. Is your country undertaking some CEPA activities for implementation of cross-cutting issues and thematic programmes of work adopted under the Convention?	
a) No (please specify the reasons below)	
b) Yes, some activities undertaken for some issues and thematic areas (please provide details)	
c) Yes, many activities undertaken for most issues and thematic areas (please provide details)	
d) Yes, comprehensive activities undertaken for all issues and thematic areas (please provide details)	
Further comments on the CEPA activities for implementation of cross-cutting issues and thematic programmes of work adopted under the Convention.	

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Box XXVI - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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Article 14 - Impact assessment and minimizing adverse impacts

115.  On Article 14.1(a): has your country developed legislation requiring an environmental impact assessment of proposed projects likely to have adverse effects on biological diversity?

a) No	
b) No, legislation still in early stages of development	
c) No, but legislation in advanced stages of development	
d) Yes, legislation in place (please provide details below)	
e) Yes, review of implementation available (please provide details below)	
Further information on the legislation requiring EIA of proposed projects likely to have adverse effects on biodiversity.	

116.  On Article 14.1(b): has your country developed mechanisms to ensure that due consideration is given to the environmental consequences of national programmes and policies that are likely to have significant adverse impacts on biological diversity?

a) No	
b) No, mechanisms still in early stages of development	
c) No, but mechanisms in advanced stages of development	
d) Yes, mechanisms in place	

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117. ◊ On Article 14.1(c): is your country implementing bilateral, regional and/or multilateral agreements on activities likely to significantly affect biological diversity outside your country's jurisdiction?	
a) No	
b) No, but assessment of options in progress	
c) Yes, some completed, others in progress (please provide details below)	
d) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further information on the bilateral, regional and/or multilateral agreements on activities likely to significantly affect biodiversity outside your country's jurisdiction.	

118. ◊ On Article 14.1(d): has your country put mechanisms in place to prevent or minimize danger or damage originating in your territory to biological diversity in the territory of other Parties or in areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction?	
a) No	
b) No, mechanisms still in early stages of development	
c) No, but mechanisms in advanced stages of development	
d) Yes, a mechanism in place based on current scientific knowledge	

119. ◊ On Article 14.1(e): has your country established national mechanisms for emergency response to activities or events which present a grave and imminent danger to biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) No, mechanism still in early stages of development	
c) No, but mechanism in advanced stages of development	
d) Yes, a mechanism in place	
Further information on national mechanisms for emergency response to the activities or events which present a grave and imminent danger to biodiversity.	

120. ◊ Is your country a participant in any international or regional agreements applicable to liability and redress for damage to biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please specify the agreements)	

Further comments on the international or regional agreements your country has participated applicable to liability and redress for damage to biological diversity.

Decision V/18 - Impact assessment, liability and redress

121.  When carrying out environmental impact assessments, does your country address loss of biological diversity and the interrelated socio-economic, cultural and human-health aspects relevant to biological diversity?

- a) No
- b) Partly
- c) Fully

122.  When developing new legislative and regulatory frameworks, does your country have in place mechanisms to ensure the consideration of biological diversity concerns from the early stages of the drafting process?

- a) No
- b) Yes, in some circumstances (please provide details below)
- c) Yes, in all circumstances (please provide details below)

Further information on the mechanisms to ensure the consideration of biodiversity concerns from the early stages of drafting legislation and regulations.

123.  Does your country ensure the involvement of all interested and affected stakeholders in a participatory approach to all stages of the assessment process?

- a) No
- b) Yes, in some circumstances
- c) Yes, in all cases

124.  Does your country use strategic environmental assessments to assess not only the impact of individual projects, but also their cumulative and global effects, and ensure the results are applied in the decision making and planning processes?

- a) No
- b) Yes

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Decision VI/7 - Identification, monitoring, indicators and assessments

125. Is your country applying the guidelines as contained in the annex to this decision in the context of the implementation of paragraph 1 of Article 14?	
a) No	
b) No, but application of the guidelines is under consideration	
c) Yes, some aspects being applied (please specify)	
d) Yes, major aspects being applied (please specify)	
Further comments on application of guidelines.	

Decision VI/11 - Liability and redress (Article 14, paragraph 2)

126. Does your country have in place national legislative, administrative or policy measures regarding liability and redress for damage to biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please specify the measures)	
Further comments on national legislative, administrative or policy measures regarding liability and redress for damage to biological diversity.	

127. Is your country cooperating with other Parties to strengthen capacities at the national level for the prevention of damages to biodiversity, establishment and implementation of national legislative regimes, policy and administrative measures on liability and redress?	
a) No	
b) No, but cooperation is under consideration	
c) No, but cooperative programmes are under development	
d) Yes, some cooperative activities being undertaken (please provide details below)	
e) Yes, comprehensive cooperative activities being undertaken (please provide details below)	

Further comments on cooperation with other Parties to strengthen capacities.

Box XXVII - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this article, particularly in terms of

- (a) **Achieving priority objectives of your NBSAP (if applicable),**
- (b) **Achieving the objectives and goals of the Strategic Plan of the Convention,**
- (c) **Progressing toward the 2010 target.**

Box XXVIII - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

Article 15 - Access to genetic resources

128.  On Articles 15(2), 15(4) and 15(5): has your country endeavored to facilitate access to genetic resources for environmentally sound uses by other Parties, on the basis of prior informed consent and mutually agreed terms?

a) No

b) Yes (please provide details below)

Further information on the efforts of your country to facilitate access to genetic resources for environmentally sound uses by other Parties, on the basis of prior informed consent and mutually agreed terms.

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129. ◊ On Article 15(6): has your country taken measures to ensure that any scientific research based on genetic resources provided by other Parties is developed and carried out with the full participation of such Parties?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place (please provide details below)	
Further information on the measures to ensure that any scientific research based on genetic resources provided by other Contracting Parties is developed and carried out with the full participation of such Contracting Parties.	

130. ◊ On Article 15(7): has your country taken measures to ensure the fair and equitable sharing of the results of research and development and the benefits arising from the commercial and other use of genetic resources with any Contracting Party providing such resources?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive legislation in place	
e) Yes, comprehensive statutory policy or subsidiary legislation in place	
f) Yes, comprehensive policy and administrative measures in place	

Decision II/11 and decision III/15 - Access to genetic resources

131. ◊ Has your country implemented any capacity-building programmes to promote successful development and implementation of legislative, administrative and policy measures and guidelines on access, including scientific, technical, business, legal and management skills and capacities?	
a) No	
b) Yes, but programmes covering some needs only (please provide details below)	
c) Yes, programmes covering all identified needs (please provide details below)	
Further information on the capacity-building programmes to promote successful development and implementation of legislative, administrative and policy measures and guidelines on access.	

Decision V/26 - Access to genetic resources

132. ◊ Does your country's national biodiversity strategy, and legislative, administrative or policy measures on access and benefit-sharing, contribute to conservation and sustainable use objectives?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further information on the contribution of NBSAP, and legislative, administrative or policy measures on access and benefit-sharing to conservation and sustainable use objectives.	

**The following question (133) is for
PARTIES THAT ARE RECIPIENTS OF GENETIC RESOURCES**

133. ◊ Has your country adopted administrative or policy measures that are supportive of efforts made by provider countries to ensure that access to their genetic resources is subject to Articles 15, 16 and 19 of the Convention?	
a) No	
b) Yes, including other arrangements (please provide details below)	
Further information on administrative or policy measures that support the provider's effort to ensure that access to their genetic resources is subject to Articles 15, 16 and 19 of the Convention	

134. ◊ In developing its legislation on access, has your country taken into account, and allowed for, the development of a multilateral system to facilitate access and benefit-sharing as set out in the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture?	
a) No	
b) Yes	

135. ◊ Has your country provided capacity-building and technology development and transfer for the maintenance and utilization of <i>ex situ</i> collections?	
a) No	
b) Yes	

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Decision VI/24 - Access and benefit-sharing as related to genetic resources

136. Is your country using the Bonn Guidelines when developing and drafting legislative, administrative or policy measures on access and benefit-sharing, contracts and other arrangements under mutually agreed terms for access and benefit-sharing?	
a) No	
b) No, but steps are being taken to do so	
c) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further information on the use of the Bonn Guidelines when developing and drafting legislative, administrative or policy measures on access and benefit-sharing, contracts and other arrangements under mutually agreed terms for access and benefit-sharing.	

137. Has your country reviewed the elements for an action plan for capacity-building for access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing and identified key areas for capacity-building at the national level?	
a) No	
b) No, but review is under way	
c) Yes, some areas for capacity-building identified (please provide details below)	
Further comments on review of elements for action plan and identification of key areas.	

138. Has your country adopted national policies or measures, including legislation, which addresses the issue of intellectual property rights in relation to access and benefit-sharing arrangements?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential policies or measures have been identified	
c) No, but relevant policies or measures are under development	
d) Yes, some policies or measures in place	
e) Yes, comprehensive policies or measures adopted	

139. Does your country encourage the disclosure of the country of origin of genetic resources in applications for intellectual property rights where the subject matter of the application concerns, or makes use of, genetic resources in its development?	
a) No	
b) No, but encouragement to disclose is under consideration	
c) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further comments on encouragement of disclosure of country of origin of genetic resources in applications.	

Box XXIX - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this article, particularly in terms of

- (a) **Achieving priority objectives of your NBSAP (if applicable),**
- (b) **Achieving the objectives and goals of the Strategic Plan of the Convention,**
- (c) **Progressing toward the 2010 target.**

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Box XXX - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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Article 16 - Access to and transfer of technology

140.  On Article 16(1): has your country taken measures to provide or facilitate access for, and transfer to, other Parties of technologies that are relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, or make use of genetic resources and do not cause significant damage to the environment?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place (please provide details below)	

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Further information on the measures to provide or facilitate access for and transfer to other Parties of technologies that are relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity or make sure of genetic resources.

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141.  On Article 16(3): has your country taken measures so that Parties which provide genetic resources are provided access to and transfer of technology which make use of those resources, on mutually agreed terms?

a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive legislation in place	
e) Yes, comprehensive statutory policy or subsidiary legislation in place	
f) Yes, comprehensive policy and administrative arrangements in place	
g) Not applicable	

142.  On Article 16(4): has your country taken measures so that the private sector facilitates access to joint development and transfer of relevant technology for the benefit of Government institutions and the private sector of developing countries?

a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive legislation in place	
e) Yes, comprehensive statutory policy or subsidiary legislation in place	
f) Yes, comprehensive policy and administrative arrangements in place	
g) Not applicable	

Box XXXI - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this article, particularly in terms of

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- (b) Achieving the objectives and goals of the Strategic Plan of the Convention,**
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Box XXXII - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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Article 17 - Exchange of information

143.  On Article 17(1): has your country taken measures to facilitate the exchange of information from publicly available sources?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place	

***The following question (144)
IS FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES***

144.  On Article 17(1): do these measures take into account the special needs of developing countries and include the categories of information listed in Article 17(2), such as technical, scientific and socio-economic research, training and surveying programmes, specialized knowledge, repatriation of information and so on?	
a) No	
b) Yes, but they do not include the categories of information listed in Article 17(2), such as technical, scientific and socio-economic research, training and surveying programmes, specialized knowledge, repatriation of information and so on	
c) Yes, and they include categories of information listed in Article 17 (2), such as technical, scientific and socio-economic research, training and surveying programmes, specialized knowledge, repatriation of information and so on	

Box XXXIII - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this article, particularly in terms of

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Box XXXIV - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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Article 18 - Technical and scientific cooperation

145. ◊ On Article 18(1): has your country taken measures to promote international technical and scientific cooperation in the field of conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place (please provide details below)	
Further information on the measures to promote international technical and scientific cooperation.	

146. ◊ On Article 18(4): has your country encouraged and developed methods of cooperation for the development and use of technologies, including indigenous and traditional technologies, in pursuance of the objectives of this Convention?	
a) No	
b) No, methods are still in early stages of development	
c) Yes, methods are in advanced stages of development	
d) Yes, methods in place	

147. ◊ On Article 18(5): has your country promoted the establishment of joint research programmes and joint ventures for the development of technologies relevant to the objectives of the Convention?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide some examples below)	
Examples for the establishment of joint research programmes and joint ventures for the development of technologies relevant to the objectives of the Convention.	

Decision II/3, decision III/4 and decision IV/2-Clearing-house mechanism

148. ◊ Is your country helping to develop national capabilities through exchanging and disseminating information on experiences and lessons learned in implementing the Convention?	
a) No	
b) Yes	

149. ◊ Is your country providing resources for the development and implementation of the Clearing-house mechanism?	
a) No	
b) Yes, at the national level	
c) Yes, at national and international levels	

150. ◊ Is your Clearing-house mechanism operational?	
a) No	
b) No, but it is under development	
c) Yes (please give details below)	
Further comments on operationalisation of the CHM.	

Decision V/14 - Scientific and technical cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism

151. Has your country established national directories and/or rosters of scientific institutions and experts working on thematic areas of the Convention and made them available through CHM?	
a) No	
b) Yes	

152. Has your country established links to non-governmental organizations and other institutions holding important databases or undertaking significant work on biological diversity through the CHM?	
a) No	
b) No, but coordination with NGOs and other institutions is under way	
c) Yes, links established with NGOs and institutions	

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**The following question (153) is for
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**

153. Has your country further developed the CHM to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition to gain access to information in the field of scientific and technical cooperation?	
a) No	
b) Yes, by using funding opportunities	
c) Yes, by means of access to, and transfer of technology	
d) Yes, by using research cooperation facilities	
e) Yes, by using repatriation of information	
f) Yes, by using training opportunities	
g) Yes, by using promotion of contacts with relevant institutions, organizations and the private sector	
h) Yes, by using other means (please specify)	
Further comments on CHM developments to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition to gain access to information in the field of scientific and technical cooperation.	

154. Has your country identified and established important target audiences for the CHM?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide further details below)	
Further comments on CHM target audiences.	

155. Has your country developed any initiatives to make information available through the CHM more useful for researchers and decision-makers?	
a) No	
b) No, but initiatives are under consideration	
c) Yes (please provide details below)	

Further comments on development of initiatives.

156. Has your country developed, provided and shared services and tools to enhance and facilitate the implementation of the CHM and further improve synergies among biodiversity-related Conventions?

a) No

b) Yes (please specify services and tools)

Further comments on services and tools to enhance and facilitate the implementation of CHM and further improve synergies among biodiversity-related Conventions.

Box XXXV - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this article, particularly in terms of

- (b) Achieving priority objectives of your NBSAP (if applicable),**
- (c) Achieving the objectives and goals of the Strategic Plan of the Convention,**
- (d) Progressing toward the 2010 target.**

Box XXXVI - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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Article 19 - Handling of biotechnology and distribution of its benefits

157. <input type="checkbox"/> On Article 19(1): has your country taken measures to provide for the effective participation in biotechnological research activities by those Contracting Parties which provide the genetic resources for such research?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive legislation in place	
e) Yes, comprehensive statutory policy and subsidiary legislation in place	
f) Yes, comprehensive policy and administrative measures in place	

158. <input type="checkbox"/> On Article 19(2): has your country taken all practicable measures to promote and advance priority access by Parties, on a fair and equitable basis, to the results and benefits arising from biotechnologies based upon genetic resources provided by those Parties?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place	

Box XXXVII - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this article, particularly in terms of

- (a) Achieving priority objectives of your NBSAP (if applicable),**
- (b) Achieving the objectives and goals of the Strategic Plan of the Convention,**
- (c) Progressing toward the 2010 target.**

Box XXXVIII - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

Article 20 – Financial resources

Box XXXIX - Please describe for each of the following items the quantity of financial resources, both internal and external, that have been utilized to implement the Convention on Biological Diversity, on an annual basis, since your country became a Party to the Convention.

a) Budgetary allocations by national and local Governments as well as different sectoral ministries	
b) Extra-budgetary resources	
c) Bilateral assistance by donors	
d) Regional assistance by donors	
e) Multilateral assistance by donors	
f) Private sources by donors	
g) Resources generated through financial instruments, such as charges for use of biodiversity	

Box XL - Please describe in detail below any major financing programmes, such as biodiversity trust funds or specific programmes that have been established in your country.

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159.  On Article 20(1): has your country provided financial support and incentives to those national activities that are intended to achieve the objectives of the Convention?

a) No	
b) Yes, incentives only (please provide a list of such incentives below)	
c) Yes, financial support only	
d) Yes, financial support and incentives (please provide details below)	

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Further comments on financial support and incentives provided.

**The next two questions (160 and 161) are for
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**

160.  On Article 20(2): has your country provided new and additional financial resources to enable developing country Parties to meet the agreed incremental costs to them of implementing measures which fulfill the obligations of the Convention, as agreed between your country and the interim financial mechanism?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please indicate the amount, on an annual basis, of new and additional financial resources your country has provided)	
Further comments on new and additional financial resources provided to enable developing country Parties to meet the agreed incremental costs to them of implementing measures which fulfill the obligations of the Convention, as agreed between your country and the interim financial mechanism.	

161.  On Article 20(3): has your country provided financial resources related to implementation of the Convention through bilateral, regional and other multilateral channels?	
a) No	
b) Yes, by agencies through bilateral channels (please indicate the amount, on an annual basis, of financial resources your country has provided related to the implementation of the Convention)	
c) Yes, by agencies through regional channels (please indicate the amount, on an annual basis, of financial resources your country has provided related to the implementation of the Convention)	
d) Yes, by agencies through multilateral channels (please indicate the amount, on an annual basis, of financial resources your country has provided related to the implementation of the Convention)	
Please indicate the amount, on an annual basis, of financial resources your country has provided related to the implementation of the Convention.	

**The next two questions (162 and 163) are for
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OR COUNTRIES WITH ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION**

162.  On Article 20(2): has your country received new and additional financial resources to enable it to meet the agreed full incremental costs of implementing measures which fulfill the obligations of the Convention?	
a) No	
b) Yes	

163.  Does your country discuss ways and means to support implementation of the objectives of the Convention in its dialogue with funding institutions?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further comments on ways and means to support implementation of the objectives of the Convention in dialogue with funding institutions.	

Decision III/6 - Additional financial resources

164.  Is your country making any efforts to develop standardized information on financial support for the objectives of the Convention?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further comments on existing processes and/or planned efforts to develop standardized information on financial support for the objectives of the Convention.	

Decision V/11 - Additional financial resources

165.  Has your country established a process to monitor financial support to biodiversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but procedures are being established	
c) Yes (please provide details below)	

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Further comments on processes to monitor financial support to biodiversity.	

166. <input type="checkbox"/> Has your country compiled information on the additional financial support provided by the private sector?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further comments on additional financial support provided by the private sector.	

167. <input type="checkbox"/> Has your country considered tax exemptions in national taxation systems for biodiversity-related donations?	
a) No	
b) No, but exemptions are under development (please provide details below)	
c) Yes, exemptions in place (please provide details below)	
Further comments on tax exemptions for biodiversity-related donations.	

Decision VI/16 - Additional financial resources

168. Has your country reviewed national budgets and monetary policies, including the effectiveness of official development assistance allocated to biodiversity, with particular attention paid to positive incentives and their performance as well as perverse incentives and ways and means for their removal or mitigation?	
a) No	
b) No, but review is under way	
c) Yes (please provide results of review)	

Further comments on review of national budgets and monetary policies, including the effectiveness of official development assistance.

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169. Is your country taking concrete actions to review and further integrate biodiversity considerations in the development and implementation of major international development initiatives, as well as in national sustainable development plans and relevant sectoral policies and plans?

a) No	
b) No, but review is under way	
c) Yes, in some initiatives and plans (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, in major initiatives and plans (please provide details below)	

Further comments on review and integration of biodiversity considerations in initiatives, policies and plans.

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Box XLI - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this article, particularly in terms of

- (a) Achieving priority objectives of your NBSAP (if applicable),**
- (b) Achieving the objectives and goals of the Strategic Plan of the Convention,**
- (c) Progressing toward the 2010 target.**

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Box XLII - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this article and associated decisions.

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**The next question (170) is for
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**

170. Please indicate with an "x" in the table below in which area your country has provided financial support to developing countries and/or countries with economies in transition. Please elaborate in the space below if necessary.	
A r e a s	Support provided
a) Undertaking national or regional assessments within the framework of MEA (decision VI/8)	
b) In-situ conservation (decision V/16)	
c) Enhance national capacity to establish and maintain the mechanisms to protect traditional knowledge (decision VI/10)	
d) <i>Ex situ</i> conservation (decision V/26)	
e) Implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (decision VI/9)	
f) Implementation of the Bonn Guidelines (decision VI/24)	
g) Implementation of programme of work on agricultural biodiversity (decision V/5)	
h) Preparation of first report on the State of World's Animal Genetic Resources (decision VI/17)	
i) Support to work of existing regional coordination mechanisms and development of regional and sub regional networks or processes (decision VI/27)	
Further information on financial support provided to developing countries and countries with economies in transition.	

**The next question (171) is for
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES or COUNTRIES WITH ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION**

171. Please indicate with an "x" in the table below in which areas your country has applied for funds from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), from developed countries and/or from other sources. The same area may have more than one source of financial support. Please elaborate in the space below if necessary.			
A r e a s	Applied for funds from		
	GEF	Bilateral	Other
a) Preparation of national biodiversity strategies or action plans			
b) National capacity self-assessment for implementation of Convention (decision VI/27)			

c) Priority actions to implement the Global Taxonomy Initiative (decision V/9)			
d) <i>In-situ</i> conservation (decision V/16)			
e) Development of national strategies or action plans to deal with alien species (decision VI/23)			
f) <i>Ex-situ</i> conservation, establishment and maintenance of <i>ex situ</i> conservation facilities (decision V/26)			
g) Projects that promote measures for implementing Article 13 (Education and Public Awareness) (decision VI/19)			
h) Preparation of national reports (decisions III/9, V/19 and VI/25)			
i) Projects for conservation and sustainable use of inland water biological diversity (decision IV/4)			
j) Activities for conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biological diversity (decision V/5)			
k) Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (decision VI/26)			
Further information on application for financial support.			

Ecosystem Approach

Decision V/6 - Ecosystem approach

172.  Is your country applying the ecosystem approach, taking into account the principles and guidance contained in the annex to decision V/6?	
a) No	
b) No, but application is under consideration	
c) Yes, some aspects are being applied	
d) Yes, substantially implemented	

173.  Is your country developing practical expressions of the ecosystem approach for national policies and legislation and for implementation activities, with adaptation to local, national, and regional conditions?	
a) No	
b) No, but development is under consideration	

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c) Yes, practical expressions developed for applying some principles of the ecosystem approach	
d) Yes, practical expressions developed for applying most principles of the ecosystem approach	

174. Is your country strengthening capacities for implementation of the ecosystem approach, and providing technical and financial support for capacity-building to implement the ecosystem approach?	
a) No	
b) Yes, within the country	
c) Yes, including providing support to other Parties	

175.  Has your country promoted regional cooperation in applying the ecosystem approach across national borders?	
a) No	
b) Yes, informal cooperation (please provide details below)	
c) Yes, formal cooperation (please provide details below)	
Further comments on regional cooperation in applying the ecosystem approach across national borders.	

Decision VI/12 - Ecosystem approach

176. Is your country facilitating the exchange of experiences and regional, national and local capacity-building, and enhancing awareness through provision of technical and financial resources?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the facilitation of exchange of experiences and regional, national and local capacity-building, and enhancing awareness through provision of technical and financial resources.	

Programmes of Work

The following three questions (177, 178 and 179) are designed to cover all programmes of work adopted at the Conference of Parties

177. Has your country identified specific 2010 targets related to agricultural, inland water, marine and coastal, forest, and dry and subhumid land biological diversity in line with the global target of significantly reducing the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010 as agreed at the World Summit on Sustainable Development?	
a) No	
b) No, but identification of targets is under way	
c) Yes, targets identified (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the targets identified.	
178. Has your country developed baseline data and indicators in order to monitor the progress towards achieving the 2010 targets on agricultural, inland water, marine and coastal, forest, and dry and subhumid land biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but development of baseline data and indicators is under way	
c) Yes, baseline data and indicators identified (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the baseline data and indicators identified.	
179. Has your country developed, put in place and implemented monitoring systems to measure the progress made in achieving the targets on agricultural, inland water, marine and coastal, forest, and dry and subhumid land biological diversity by 2010?	
a) No	
b) No, but development of monitoring systems is under way	
c) Yes, monitoring systems in place and being implemented	

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Inland water ecosystems

Decision IV/4 - Status and trends of the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and options for conservation and sustainable use

180. Has your country developed a sectoral plan for the conservation and sustainable use of inland water biodiversity, either as part of the national biodiversity strategy and action plan or as a separate plan?	
a) No	
b) Yes, integrated as a part of NBSAP (please specify elements included)	
c) Yes, a separate sectoral plan developed	
Further comments on a sectoral plan for the conservation and sustainable use of inland water biodiversity.	

181. Is your country promoting synergies between this programme of work and related activities under the Ramsar Convention as well as the implementation of the Joint Work Plan at the national level?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures were identified for synergy and joint implementation	
c) Yes, some measures taken for joint implementation (please specify below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures taken for joint implementation (please specify)	
Further comments on the promotion of synergies between the programme of work and related activities under the Ramsar Convention as well as the implementation of the Joint Work Plan at the national level.	

182. Has your country adopted integrated land and watershed management approaches for the protection, use, planning and management of inland water ecosystems?	
a) No	
b) No, but approaches are under development	
c) Yes, some approaches adopted (please specify)	
d) Yes, comprehensive approaches adopted (please specify)	

Further comments on the adoption of integrated land and watershed management approaches.

183. Has your country developed a set of criteria or indicators for the evaluation of impacts on inland water ecosystems from both physical infrastructure projects and watershed activities?	
a) No	
b) No, but development is under way	
c) Yes (please provide below a list of indicators developed)	
Further comments on development of criteria or indicators.	

184. Is your country supporting the conservation and sustainable use of inland water biodiversity through the establishment and implementation of appropriate legal, administrative and incentive measures?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures were identified	
c) No, but measures are under development	
d) Yes, some measures developed and being implemented (please provide details below)	
e) Yes, comprehensive measures developed and being implemented (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the establishment and implementation of measures.	

185. Does your country require environmental impacts assessment for water development projects and watershed activities?	
a) No	
b) Yes	

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186. Has your country reviewed those incentives and regulations that may adversely affect inland water biodiversity?	
a) No	
b) Yes, review under way	
c) Yes, review completed and potential adjustment proposed (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, adjustment made following review (please provide details below)	
Further information on the review of those incentives and regulations that may adversely affect inland water biodiversity.	

187. Has your country adopted participatory approaches to the management of inland water ecosystems?	
a) No	
b) No, but participatory approaches are under consideration	
c) Yes (please specify)	
Further information on the participatory approaches.	

Box XLIII - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this programme of work, particularly in terms of

- (a) Achieving priority objectives of your NBSAP (if applicable),
- (b) Achieving the objectives and goals of the Strategic Plan of the Convention,
- (c) Progressing toward the 2010 target.

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Box XLIV - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this programme of work and associated decisions.

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Marine and coastal biological diversity
Decision II/10 and decision IV/5 - Conservation and sustainable use
of marine and coastal biological diversity

188. Do your country's strategies and action plans include the following? Please tick all that apply.	
a) Developing new marine and coastal protected areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Improving the management of existing marine and coastal protected areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Building capacity within the country for planning and management of marine and coastal protected areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Instituting improved integrated marine and coastal area management (including catchments management) in order to reduce sediment and nutrient loads into the marine environment	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Improving sewage and other waste treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Controlling excessive fishing and destructive fishing practices	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please list any other priority actions relating to conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity.	

189. Which statement of the following can describe the current status of marine and coastal protected areas? Please tick all that apply.	
a) Marine and coastal protected areas have been declared and gazetted (please indicate below how many)	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Management plans for these marine and coastal protected areas have been developed with involvement of all stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Effective management with enforcement and monitoring has been put in place	<input type="checkbox"/>

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d) Other (please describe below)	
e) Not applicable	
Further comments on the current status of marine and coastal protected areas.	

190. Is your country applying techniques that aim at minimizing adverse impacts of mariculture on marine and coastal biodiversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but use of appropriate techniques is being investigated	
c) Yes, techniques being applied to minimize adverse impacts of mariculture on marine and coastal biodiversity (please provide further details on types of techniques)	
d) Not applicable	
Further comments on techniques that aim at minimizing adverse impacts of mariculture on marine and coastal biodiversity.	

191. Is your country undertaking the following activities to implement the Convention's work plan on coral reefs? Please tick all the applicable.				
Activities	Not implemented nor a priority	Not implemented but a priority	Currently implemented	Not applicable
a) Ecological assessment and monitoring of reefs				
b) Socio-economic assessment and monitoring of communities and stakeholders				

c) Management, particularly through application of integrated coastal management and marine and coastal protected areas in coral reef environment				
d) Identification and implementation of additional and alternative measures for securing livelihoods of people who directly depend on coral reef services				
e) Stakeholder partnerships, community participation programmes and public education campaigns				
f) Provision of training and career opportunities for marine taxonomists and ecologists				
g) Development of early warning systems of coral bleaching				
h) Development of a rapid response capability to document coral bleaching and mortality				
i) Restoration and rehabilitation of degraded coral reef habitats				
j) Others (please specify below)				
Please elaborate on ongoing activities.				

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192. How has the status of the following indicators changed since the last national report of your country? Please tick the corresponding box in each case.

I n d i c a t o r s	I n c r e a s i n g / I m p r o v i n g	N o s i g n i f i c a n t c h a n g e	D e c r e a s i n g / D e c l i n i n g	N o t e n o u g h d a t a t o a s s e s s	N o t a p p l i c a b l e
a) Amount of healthy coastal wetland (mangroves, salt marshes, etc.)					
b) Health of shallow marine habitats, such as sea grasses and coral reefs					
c) Number of new species targeted by fisheries (fish and invertebrates)					
d) Number of traditional fisheries species No longer deemed profitable, or which have become rare					
e) Length/size of commercially caught fish					
f) Number of episodic events, such as fish kills, red tide blooms and coral bleaching					
g) Frequency and severity of invasions by alien species in marine and coastal environment					
h) Number and extent of coastal aquaculture facilities					
i) Amount of EEZ under exploitation by fisheries or other uses					
j) Total area covered by marine and coastal protected areas					
k) Total area under effective integrated marine and coastal area management					

Box XLV - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this programme of work, particularly in terms of

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- (c) Progressing toward the 2010 target.

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Box XLVI - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this programme of work and associated decisions.

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Agricultural biological diversity

Decision III/11 and decision IV/6

Conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity

193.  Has your country identified priorities that need to be addressed at the national level?	
a) No	
b) No, but identification is in progress	
c) Yes (please specify issues and priorities below)	
Further comments on issues and priorities identified.	

194.  Has your country developed national strategies, programmes and plans that ensure the development and successful implementation of policies and actions that lead to the sustainable use of agrobiodiversity components?	
a) No	
b) No, but strategies, programmes and plans are under development	
c) Yes, some strategies, programmes and plans in place (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive strategies, programmes and plans in place (please provide details below)	

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Further comments on national strategies, programmes and plans.

Decision V/5 - Agricultural biological diversity: review of programme of work

195.  Has your country approved field testing and commercial use of products using genetic use restriction technologies?	
a) No	
b) Yes	

196.  Has your country carried out scientific assessments (including risk assessments) on, <i>inter alia</i> , ecological, social and economic effects of genetic use restriction technologies?	
a) No	
b) No, but assessments are under way	
c) Yes, major assessments completed (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the assessments on ecological, social and economic effects of GURTs.	

197.  Has your country identified ways and means to address the potential impacts of genetic use restriction technologies on the <i>in situ</i> and <i>ex situ</i> conservation and sustainable use, including food security, of agricultural biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) No but potential measures are under review	
c) Yes, some measures identified (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures identified (please provide details below)	
Further information on ways and means to address the potential impacts of genetic use restriction technologies on the <i>in situ</i> and <i>ex situ</i> conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity.	

198.  Has your country developed and enforced such regulations taking into account, <i>inter alia</i> , the specific nature of variety-specific and trait-specific GURTs?	
a) No	
b) Yes, developed but not yet applied	
c) Yes, developed and applied (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the development and enforcement of regulations regarding genetic use restriction technologies.	

Annex to decision V/5 - Programme of work on agricultural biodiversity

Programme element 1 – Assessment	
199. Has your country developed methods and techniques for assessing and monitoring the status and trends of agricultural biodiversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but methods and techniques of assessment and monitoring under development	
c) Yes, most methods and techniques developed (please provide below relevant details, taking into consideration the elements (a) to (d) in activity 1.5 annexed to decision V/6)	
Further comments on methods and techniques (e.g. criteria and guidelines; agreed terminology and classification of agro-ecosystems and production systems; data and information exchange on agricultural biodiversity; methodology for analysis of trends and underlying causes).	

200. Has your country undertaken specific assessments of components of agricultural biodiversity such as on plant genetic resources, animal genetic resources, pollinators, pest management and nutrient cycling?	
a) No	
b) Yes, assessments in progress (please specify components below)	
c) Yes, assessment completed (please specify components and results of assessments below)	

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Further comments on specific assessments of components of agricultural biodiversity.	

201. Is your country undertaking assessments of the interactions between agricultural practices and the conservation and sustainable use of the components of biodiversity referred to in Annex I to the Convention (e.g. ecosystems and habitats; species and communities; genomes and genes of social, scientific or economic importance)?	
a) No	
b) Yes, assessments under way	
c) Yes, some assessments completed	
d) Yes, comprehensive assessments completed	
Further comments on assessment of biodiversity components (e.g. ecosystems and habitats; species and communities; genomes and genes of social, scientific or economic importance).	

202. Has your country carried out an assessment of the knowledge, innovations and practices of farmers and indigenous and local communities in sustaining agricultural biodiversity and agro-ecosystem services for food production and food security?	
a) No	
b) Yes, assessment under way	
c) Yes, assessment completed (please specify where information can be retrieved below)	
Further comments on assessment of the knowledge, innovations and practices of farmers and indigenous and local communities.	

203. Has your country been monitoring an overall degradation, status quo or restoration/rehabilitation of agricultural biodiversity since 1993 when the Convention entered into force?	
a) No	
b) Yes, no change found (status quo)	

c) Yes, overall degradation found (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, overall restoration or rehabilitation observed (please provide details below)	
Further comments on observations.	

Programme element 2 - Adaptive management	
204. Has your country identified management practices, technologies and policies that promote the positive, and mitigate the negative, impacts of agriculture on biodiversity, and enhance productivity and the capacity to sustain livelihoods?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential practices, technologies and policies are being identified	
c) Yes, some practices, technologies and policies identified (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, comprehensive practices, technologies and policies identified (please provide details below)	
Further comments on identified management practices, technologies and policies.	

Programme element 3 - Capacity-building	
205. Has your country increased the capacities of farmers, indigenous and local communities, and their organizations and other stakeholders, to manage sustainable agricultural biodiversity and to develop strategies and methodologies for <i>in situ</i> conservation, sustainable use and management of agricultural biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please specify area/component and target groups with increased capacity)	
Further comments on increased capacities of farmers, indigenous and local communities, and their organizations and other stakeholders.	

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206. Has your country put in place operational mechanisms for participation by a wide range of stakeholder groups to develop genuine partnerships contributing to the implementation of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential mechanisms were identified	
c) No, but mechanisms are under development	
d) Yes, mechanisms in place	

207. Has your country improved the policy environment, including benefit-sharing arrangements and incentive measures, to support local-level management of agricultural biodiversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but some measures and arrangements were identified	
c) No, but measures and arrangements are under development	
d) Yes, measures and arrangements being implemented (please specify)	
Further comments on the measures taken to improve the policy environment.	

Programme element 4 – Mainstreaming	
208. Is your country mainstreaming or integrating national plans or strategies for the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity in sectoral and cross-sectoral plans and programmes?	
a) No	
b) No, but review is under way	
c) No, but potential frameworks and mechanisms were identified	
d) Yes, some national plans or strategies mainstreamed and integrated into some sectoral plans and programmes (please specify below)	
e) Yes, some national plans or strategies mainstreamed into major sectoral plans and programmes (please provide details below)	
Further comments on mainstreaming and integrating national plans or strategies in sectoral and cross-sectoral plans and programmes.	

209. Is your country supporting the institutional framework and policy and planning mechanisms for the mainstreaming of agricultural biodiversity in agricultural strategies and action plans, and its integration into wider strategies and action plans for biodiversity?	
a) No	
b) Yes, by supporting institutions in undertaking relevant assessments	
c) Yes, by developing policy and planning guidelines	
d) Yes, by developing training material	
e) Yes, by supporting capacity-building at policy, technical and local levels	
f) Yes, by promoting synergy in the implementation of agreed plans of action and between ongoing assessment and intergovernmental processes.	
Further comments on support for institutional framework and policy and planning mechanisms.	

210. In the case of centers of origin in your country, is your country promoting activities for the conservation, on farm, <i>in situ</i> , and <i>ex situ</i> , of the variability of genetic resources for food and agriculture, including their wild relatives?	
a. No	
b. Yes (please specify below)	
Further comments on of the conservation of the variability of genetic resources for food and agriculture in their center of origin.	

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**Annex II to decision VI/5 - Plan of Action
for the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators**

211. Is your country participating in the implementation of the International Pollinators Initiative (IPI)?	
a) No (please specify below)	
b) Yes	
Further comments on the reason for not participating in IPI.	

Element 1 - Assessment	
212. Is your country monitoring the status and trends of pollinators?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please specify below)	
Further comments on the means and methods of monitoring, and results.	

213. Has your country made an assessment of the state of scientific and indigenous knowledge on pollinator conservation in order to identify gaps in knowledge and opportunities for application of knowledge?	
a) No	
b) No, but assessment is under way	
c) Yes (please specify below)	
Further comments on assessment of the state of scientific and indigenous knowledge on pollinator conservation.	

Element 3 - Capacity-building	
214. Is your country building taxonomic capacity to carry out inventories of pollinator diversity and distribution?	
a) No	
b) No, but programmes are under development	
c) Yes	

Element 4 - Mainstreaming	
215. Has your country integrated considerations of pollinator diversity and related dimensions of agricultural biodiversity into its national biodiversity strategy and action plan, as well as into planning processes in the agricultural sector?	
a) No	
b) No, but integration is under consideration	
c) Yes	

Box XLVII - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this programme of work, particularly in terms of

- (a) **Achieving priority objectives of your NBSAP (if applicable),**
- (b) **Achieving the objectives and goals of the Strategic Plan of the Convention,**
- (c) **Progressing toward the 2010 target.**

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XLVIII - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this programme of work and associated decisions.

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Forest biological diversity

Decision VI/22 - Forest biological diversity

216. Is your country collaborating with other Governments, regional or international organizations in the implementation of the expanded programme of work?	
a) No	
b) No, but collaborative programmes are under development	
c) Yes, activities being undertaken (please specify below the organizations with which your country is collaborating)	

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Further comments on collaboration with regional or international organizations.	

217. Is your country fostering cooperation and synergy between the expanded programme of work under CBD and the multi-year programme of work under UNFF?	
a) No	
b) Yes	
Further comments on cooperation and synergy between the expanded programme of work under CBD and the multi-year programme of work under UNFF.	

Expanded Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity

Programme Element 1 - Conservation, sustainable use and benefit-sharing	
218. Is your country applying the ecosystem approach to the management of all types of forests?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are being identified	
c) Yes, in some types of forests (please specify below measures undertaken)	
d) Yes, in most types of forests (please specify below measures undertaken)	
Further comments on application of the ecosystem approach to management of forests.	

219. Is your country reducing the threats and mitigating the impacts of threatening processes on forest biodiversity?	
a) No	
b) No but potential measures are being identified	
c) No, but measures and practices are under development	

d) Yes, some measures being implemented (please provide below details about these measures)	
e) Yes, comprehensive measures being implemented (please provide below details about these measures)	
Further comments on measures to reduce threats and mitigate the impacts of threatening processes on forest biodiversity.	

220. Is your country taking measures to protect, recover and restore forest biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but potential measures are being identified	
c) No, but measures and practices are under development	
d) Yes, some measures being implemented (please provide below details about these measures)	
e) Yes, comprehensive measures being implemented (please provide below details about these measures)	
Further comments on measures to protect, recover and restore forest biological diversity.	

221. Is your country promoting the sustainable use of forest biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but measures and practices are under development	
c) Yes, some measures being implemented (please provide below details about these measures)	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures being implemented (please provide below details about these measures)	
Further comments on the promotion of the sustainable use of forest biological diversity.	

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222. Is your country promoting access and benefit-sharing of forest genetic resources?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please specify below policies, measures and regulations adopted in this field)	
Further comments on the promotion of access and benefit-sharing of forest genetic resources.	

Programme Element 2 - Institutional and socio-economic enabling environment	
223. Is your country enhancing the institutional enabling environment for the conservation and sustainable use of forest biological diversity, including access and benefit-sharing?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please specify below measures or steps taken in this regard)	
Further comments on the enhancement of the institutional enabling environment for the conservation and sustainable use of forest biological diversity, including access and benefit-sharing.	

224. Is your country addressing socio-economic failures and distortions that lead to decisions that result in loss of forest biological diversity?	
a) No	
b) No, but review of socio-economic failures and distortions is under way	
c) Yes, some problems identified and some measures being taken (please specify below the results of review and measures taken)	
d) Yes, complete review completed and some measures being taken (please specify below the results of review and measures taken)	
Further comments on review of socio-economic failures and distortions that lead to decisions that result in loss of forest biological diversity.	

Programme Element 3 - Knowledge, assessment and monitoring

225. Has your country developed a general classification of forests on various scales in order to improve the assessment of the status and trends of forest biological diversity?

a) No

b) Yes

226. Is your country improving knowledge on, and methods for, the assessment of the status and trends of forest biological diversity?

a) No

b) Yes (please provide details below)

Further comments on improvement of knowledge on and methods for the assessment of the status and trends.

227. Is your country improving understanding of the role of forest biodiversity and ecosystem functioning?

a) No

b) Yes (please provide details below)

Further comments on the improvement of the understanding of the role of forest biodiversity and ecosystem functioning.

228. Is your country improving the infrastructure for data and information management for accurate assessment and monitoring of global forest biodiversity?

a) No

b) Yes (please provide details below)

Further comments on the improvement of the infrastructure for data and information management.

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Box XLIX - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this programme of work, particularly in terms of

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Box L - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this programme of work and associated decisions.

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Biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands

Decision V/23 and decision VI/4 - Implementation of Programme of Work

229. Is your country supporting scientifically, technically and financially, at the national and regional levels, the activities identified in the programme of work?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further comments on scientific, technical and financial support, at the national and regional levels, to the activities identified in the programme of work.	

230. Has your country integrated actions under the programme of work of dry and sub-humid lands into its national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAP) of the CBD or the National Action Programme (NAP) of the UNCCD?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further comments on actions under the programme of work of dry and sub-humid lands integrated into national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAP) of the CBD or the National Action Programme (NAP) of the UNCCD.	

231. Has your country undertaken measures to ensure synergistic/collaborative implementation of the programme of work between the national UNCCD process and other processes under related environmental conventions?	
a) No	
b) Yes, some linkages made (please provide details below)	
c) Yes, extensive linkages made (please give details below)	
Further comments on the measures to ensure the synergistic/collaborative implementation of the programme of work between the national UNCCD processes and other processes under related environmental conventions.	

232. Has your country assessed and analyzed information of the state of dryland biological diversity and the pressures on it, to disseminate existing knowledge and best practices, and to fill knowledge gaps in order to determine adequate activities?	
a) No	
b) No, but assessment is ongoing	
c) Yes, some assessments made	
d) Yes, a comprehensive assessment undertaken	
Further comments on the relevant information on assessments of the status and trends, e.g. participation in relevant global, regional, national assessments; webpage addresses of relevant documentation.	

233. Has your country identified specific areas within dry and sub-humid lands of particular value for biological diversity and/or under particular threat?	
a) No	
b) Yes, some areas identified and protective measures are being planned	
c) Yes, some areas identified and protective measures in place	
d) Yes, many areas identified and protective measures are being planned	
e) Yes, many areas identified and protective measures in place	

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234. Has your country set specific targets for the protection of such areas of particular value for each ecosystem under consideration?	
a) No	
b) Yes, some targets developed and relevant measures being planned (please provide details below)	
c) Yes, many targets set and protective measures in place (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the identification of areas of particular value and/or under threat and targets developed and implemented.	

235. Has your country developed explicit indicators for use in the assessment of status and trends of biological diversity in dry and sub-humid lands?	
a) No	
b) Yes, indicators developed and being tested (please provide details below)	
c) Yes, a comprehensive set of indicators being applied in the systematic assessment of status and trends (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the development of indicators for use in the assessment of status and trends of biological diversity in dry and sub-humid lands.	

236. Are specific studies/projects being undertaken to help build knowledge on ecological, physical and social processes that affect the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands?	
a) No	
b) No, but studies/projects are under way or planned	
c) Yes, well developed national research framework in place and information systematically gathered (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the studies/projects undertaken to help build the knowledge on ecological, physical and social processes that affect the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands.	

237. Is your country undertaking some studies/projects that aim to identify local and global benefits of biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands, including the interrelationship between biodiversity, the loss thereof and poverty?	
a) No	
b) No, but studies/projects under way or planned	
c) Yes, comprehensive information on these issues available (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the studies/projects that aim to identify local and global benefits of biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands (including information on contact addresses of relevant institutions undertaking such studies/projects, lists of publications and web page addresses of relevant documentation).	

238. Is your country identifying and evaluating best-management practices systematically and disseminating this information more widely?	
a) No	
b) Yes, best-management practices in place but need to be evaluated and documented (please provide details below)	
c) Yes, many best practices known, well documented and readily available (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the best-management practices.	

239. Has your country taken measures to implement the proposals for targeted actions, as specified in part B of annex I of decision V/23, i.e. activities 7, 8 and 9?	
a) No	
b) Yes, Some measures taken (please provide details below)	
c) Yes, many measures taken (please provide details below)	
Further comments on the measures taken to implement the proposals for targeted actions as specified in part B of annex I of decision V/23.	

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240. Has your country implemented the above-mentioned activities (activities 7, 8 and 9 in part B of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands) in the ways as identified in part B?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please specify means and ways, i.e. through capacity building, demonstration sites, case studies, improved consultation, enhanced coordination between CBD and UNCCD implementation, partnerships)	
Further comments on ways and means of implementation.	

241. Has your country taken measures to strengthen national capacities, including local capacities, to enhance the implementation of the programme of work?	
a) No	
b) Yes, some measures taken	
c) Yes, comprehensive measures taken	
d) Yes, all identified capacity needs met	

Box LI - Please elaborate below the impacts or outcomes achieved by your country in implementing this programme of work, particularly in terms of

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Box LII - Please elaborate constraints or impediments encountered by your country in the implementation of this programme of work and associated decisions.

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Operations of the Convention

Decision V/20

242. Has your country actively participated in subregional and regional activities in order to prepare for Convention meetings and enhance implementation of the Convention?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please specify the activities your country is involved)	
Further comments on the regional and subregional activities your country is involved	

Decision VI/27 B - Operations of the Convention

243. Is your country strengthening regional and subregional cooperation, enhancing integration and promoting synergies with relevant regional and subregional processes?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further comments on regional and subregional cooperation and processes.	

***The following question (244) is for
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES***

244. Is your country supporting the work of existing regional coordination mechanisms and the development of regional and subregional networks or processes?	
a) No	
b) No, but programmes are under development	
c) Yes, included in existing cooperation frameworks (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, some cooperative activities ongoing (please provide details below)	
Further comments on support for the work of existing regional coordination mechanisms and the development of regional and subregional networks or processes.	

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245. Is your country working with other Parties to strengthen the existing regional and subregional mechanisms and initiatives for capacity-building?	
a) No	
b) Yes	

246. Has your country contributed to the assessment of the regional and subregional mechanisms for implementation of the Convention?	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	
Further comments on contribution to the assessment of the regional and subregional mechanisms.	

Questions related to this report

247. The table below was conceived to identify which questions you chose not to answer and, at the same time, your reasons for not answering.

For this purpose, all question numbers are listed below in three columns, and for each question four possible answers are provided in the form of four boxes in the row to the right of each question number. Each box is identified by the letters (a), (b), (c) and (d), which correspond to the following reasons for not answering:

- a. This question has already been asked in the second national report or in one of the thematic reports, and there is no new information to provide
- b. This question cannot be answered due to lack of human and/or financial resources to obtain relevant information and/or data
- c. This question is not applicable to the national circumstances
- d. This question is not a priority for national action at this stage

So, please

- 1) Identify the question(s) you have chosen not to answer; and
- 2) Tick one or more of the four boxes (in the row to the right of the question number) that best correspond to the reason for not answering such question(s).

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Further reasons for not answering questions.

Box LIII - Please provide below recommendations on how to improve this reporting format.
