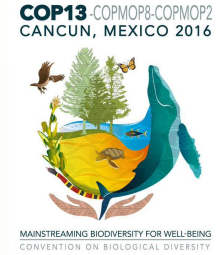




Convention on  
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# COP 13 - AGENDA ITEM 13

## Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations

Options to enhance synergies among  
the biodiversity-related conventions

CBD Secretariat  
Pre-COP Regional Preparatory Meetings  
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# Biodiversity-related conventions

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Convention on Biological Diversity

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

Convention on Wetlands (popularly known as the Ramsar Convention)

World Heritage Convention (WHC)

International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)



The need for synergies has been recognized in international fora:

- Paragraph 89 of the Rio +20 outcome document: *“...We encourage parties to multilateral environmental agreements to consider further measures, in these and other clusters, as appropriate, to promote policy coherence at all relevant levels, improve efficiency, reduce unnecessary overlap and duplication and enhance coordination and cooperation among the multilateral environmental agreements, including the three Rio conventions, as well as with the United Nations system in the field”*
- UNEP Governing Council and UNEA Resolutions
- Several decisions of the seven governing bodies: CBD decisions IX/27, X/20, XI/6; CITES resolution 16.4, CMS resolution 11.10, Ramsar resolution XII/3, etc.
- CBD decision XII/6 establishing a party-led process to enhance synergies and improve efficiency

# Decision XII/6

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- COP 12 decides ..to establish a regionally balanced informal advisory group, composed of two members per region.. to prepare, in consultation with the Secretariat, prior to the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, a workshop with the task **to prepare options which could include elements for a possible road map, for Parties of the various biodiversity-related conventions to enhance synergies and improve efficiency among them**, without prejudice to the specific objectives and recognizing the respective mandates and subject to the availability of resources of these conventions, **with a view to enhancing their implementation at all levels..** (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-12/cop-12-dec-06-en.pdf>)

# COP 13 Agenda item 13

- SBI Recommendation 1/8

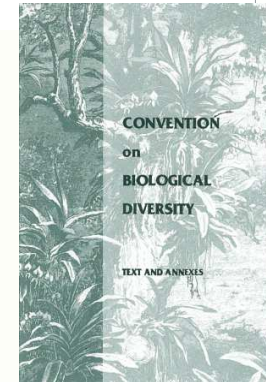
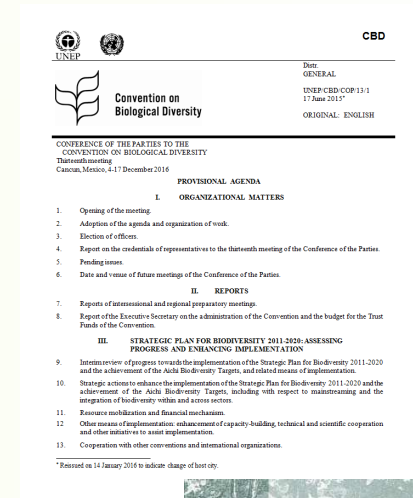
## Options to enhance synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions

- Relevant SBI documents

UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/9

UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/9/Add.1

UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/INF/21 (workshop report)



# Agenda item 13: Background

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## Inter-sessional work on Synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions

- Early 2015: Planning and mobilizing resources / contributions from the Governments of Finland and Switzerland
- May 2015: Establishment of informal advisory group on the basis of nominations received (Asia/Pacific represented by India and Palau )
- June-December 2015: teleconferences, coordination among among the secretariats, bureaux, standing committees and other appropriate processes for the selection and nomination of party representatives from the seven conventions, face-to face preparatory meeting, webinars, capacity-building survey and study, sharing of background material
- 8-11 February 2016: Workshop on Synergies Among the Biodiversity-related Conventions



## Background (continued)

# Inputs to the workshop

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- Prior work/ studies;
- Experience under other conventions and clusters (e.g. chemicals and waste);
- UNEP project on “improving the effectiveness of and cooperation among biodiversity-related conventions and exploring opportunities for further synergies ”
  - **Sourcebook of opportunities for enhancing cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions at national and regional levels (UNEP, 2015)**  
– **UNEP-WCMC**
  - **“Elaboration of options for enhancing synergies among biodiversity-related conventions” presented to UNEA 2**
- “Study on Key capacity-building and awareness raising needs regarding cooperation among MEAs at the national level” (CBD / UNEP-WCMC)

## Background (continued)

# Capacity-building study: key outcomes

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Key capacity-building and awareness-raising needs regarding cooperation among MEAs at the national level

Final report – February 2016

- importance of raising awareness of the potential benefits of enhanced cooperation and collaboration
- need to increase the public's awareness of biodiversity conservation and the conventions
- Most identified capacity-building needs and awareness-raising needs
  - Communication and networking among NFPs
  - Cooperation of stakeholders in implementation
  - Knowledge and information sharing on biodiversity
  - Stakeholder engagement and partnership building
  - Biodiversity mainstreaming
- no critical need to come up with new tools or mechanisms, but the existing tools and mechanisms ought to be strengthened including for cooperation among NFPs;
- key challenge is identifying which steps should be taken to better address the identified capacity-building needs and awareness-raising needs at the different levels of governance



Background (continued)

## Workshop participation

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**Balance of perspective among the conventions and among regions, taking into account funding and differences in the way the conventions organize themselves regionally:**

- 32 representatives of the Parties to the conventions from 28 countries – 5 representatives from each of the 7 conventions (members of the bureaux and standing committees and other officials), nominated by the bureaux and standing committees
- 8 IAG members (organizers, co-chairs, facilitators, moderators)
- Organizations:
  - Secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions
  - UNEP, UNESCO, FAO and IUCN which provide secretariats to the conventions
  - Representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, global NGOs and other international organizations.

## Background (continued)

# Workshop overview

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- Preparation: Information on existing work shared in advance (ex. webinars)
- Methodology: Participatory approach
- Framework: 8 thematic areas:
  - The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and national biodiversity strategies and action plans
  - Institutional arrangements and coordination mechanisms
  - Information and knowledge management
  - National reporting, monitoring and indicators
  - Communication and awareness-raising
  - Science-policy interface
  - Capacity building
  - Resource mobilization and utilization

# Background (continued)

## Workshop outcomes

- Outputs of break out sessions (8 tables)
- Narrative form
- Options presented to SBI (UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/9.Add.1)

Workshop on synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions, 9-11 February 2016  
Outcome of the discussion on:  
**1. The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and national biodiversity strategies and action plans**

Short-term options (0 – 2 years) What are the issues to focus on?	National options for action	Regional options for action	Global options for action	Party action required What concrete actions in a defined time space are required by the Party (or by Parties)?	What supportive actions do the Parties need and by whom?
<p><b>1. National biodiversity strategies and action plans as a possible entry point for synergies</b></p> <p>Reflect all the commitments of biodiversity-related conventions that are linked to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 in national biodiversity strategies and action plans in line with the commitments agreed to under relevant conventions.</p> <p>Conduct mapping and gap analysis of relevant implementation actions, including those related to contributions under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that include the Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>Identify potential needs from the gap analysis.</p> <p>Assess whether the actions on</p>	<p>Share best practices and experience from the national biodiversity strategies and action plan process and from other relevant regional strategies with regard to ongoing and planned actions on synergies between the biodiversity-related conventions.</p>	<p>Seek guidance from international organizations/institutions to be used at national level by national focal points and practitioners, on synergies for implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans for the CBD and similar strategies and action plans for other conventions and multilateral environmental agreements.</p>			

### 1. THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020, THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS AND NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

#### Issues/areas addressed, including challenges, barriers and/or opportunities identified

1. National biodiversity strategies and action plans as a possible entry point for synergies
2. Involvement of key stakeholders, and of indigenous peoples and local communities
3. National coordination for implementing biodiversity-related conventions
4. National focal points
5. Awareness of national focal points of other relevant biodiversity-related conventions
6. Biodiversity-related conventions
7. Tools for accessing funding

#### Short-term options (0 – 2 years)

##### 1. National biodiversity strategies and action plans as a possible entry point for synergies

###### National options for action

Reflect all the commitments of biodiversity-related conventions that are linked to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 in national biodiversity strategies and action plans in line with the commitments agreed to under relevant conventions.

Conduct mapping and gap analysis of relevant implementation actions, including those related to contributions under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that include the Sustainable Development Goals.

Identify potential needs from the gap analysis.

Assess whether the actions on synergies in national implementation plans are in line with the priorities, commitments and opportunities.

According to national need, review existing action plans for implementation to include implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions.

###### Regional options for action

Share best practices and experience from the national biodiversity strategies and action plan process and from other relevant regional strategies with regard to ongoing and planned actions on synergies between the biodiversity-related conventions.

###### Global options for action

Seek guidance from relevant international organizations/institutions to be used, as appropriate, at national level by national focal points and practitioners on synergies for finalizing and implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans for the CBD and similar strategies and action plans for other conventions.



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Item 11 of the provisional agenda<sup>1</sup>

#### OPTIONS TO ENHANCE SYNERGIES AMONG THE BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS

##### Addendum

#### POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE OPTIONS FOR ACTION IDENTIFIED BY THE WORKSHOP ON SYNERGIES AMONG THE BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS, FEBRUARY 2016

*Note by the Executive Secretary*

1. The present document builds on the information contained in the report of the workshop on synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions held in February 2016 (UNEP/CBD/SBI/INF/21) in a manner intended to assist the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in advancing the work on the matter.

2. Firstly, the document provides a summary of how the discussions and outputs were organized under each thematic area addressed by the workshop. Secondly, where relevant, it reassigns some options for action from an area under which they were identified to the thematic area to which they most strongly relate. Thirdly, it associates each of the options for action with an appropriate actor or set of actors. In several cases, these had not been specified. Fourthly, it reorganizes the options for action according to actor. And, fifthly, it presents and contextualizes them in a manner that could be actioned by the Conference of the Parties through elements of decisions aimed towards various actors. The use of footnotes serves to provide cross-reference to the source of the material contained in the report of the workshop. The text so denoted is faithful to that in the report as developed and agreed by the workshop participants.

3. The Subsidiary Body is invited to consider the present document in developing any recommendations to the Conference of the Parties and determining any instructions it may wish to provide to the Secretariat. In this regard, the Subsidiary Body could request the Secretariat to undertake further work, perhaps in consultation with the informal advisory group and the co-Chairs of the workshop, for example to elaborate and refine proposed actions, and further categorize them, including those for which there is relevant ongoing work or mandate and those for which there is none.

4. The Subsidiary Body could also consider incorporating some of the proposed actions into a draft decision that it could recommend to the Conference of the Parties. In this regard, based on options for action identified by the workshop, the Conference of the Parties could request, encourage or invite

<sup>1</sup>UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/Rev.1.

## Background (continued)

# Workshop outcomes

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### Options for action: key characteristics

- Options were classified according to short, medium and long-term (but a roadmap was not defined per se)
- Options were classified according to national, regional and global levels but time did not allow to identify actors that would need to take the role in the action
- Each option is not applicable to all conventions or situations. The options are presented as a “menu of options” that could be taken up by countries as appropriate and according to national circumstance
- Some options are already underway
- The eight thematic areas are interlinked
- Participants also noted the value of the workshop across the seven biodiversity-related conventions and for continuing such a Party-driven dialogue

## Background (continued)

# Workshop outcomes

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Key conclusions:

Importance of:

- Unifying frameworks: Strategic Plan 2011-2020 (and post-2020), ABTs, NBSAP and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs
- Enhanced coordination mechanisms at all levels
- Common information / knowledge platform

## SBI 1 Outcomes : recommendation 8

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### (intersessional) Request to the Executive Secretary:

5. Also requests the Executive Secretary to undertake further analysis of the outcomes of the workshop on synergies and actions as presented in the note by the Executive Secretary on possible recommendations arising from the options for action identified by the Workshop on Synergies among the Biodiversity related Conventions and, in consultation with the Informal Advisory Group established under decision XII/6 of the Conference of the Parties, in collaboration with the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions and **in consultation with Parties** to the biodiversity-related conventions through appropriate channels, **to refine, consolidate and streamline the outcomes of the workshop**, including synergies that may be relevant between two or more of the biodiversity-related conventions as well as the Protocols to the Convention, **including:**

- (a) **Options for actions by Parties which may include voluntary guidelines for synergies at the national level;**
- (b) **Options for action at the international level that includes a road map for the period 2017 2020 that prioritizes and sequences actions and identifies actors and potential mechanisms involved;**

6. Further requests the Executive Secretary to present the result of the collaborative work outlined in paragraph 5 above, for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;

<https://www.cbd.int/doc/recommendations/SBI-01/sbi-01-rec-08-en.pdf>

# SBI 1 Outcomes : draft decision

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7. *Invites* the governing bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions to further strengthen cooperation at the global level within their respective mandates and enhance synergies among them, to encourage mutually supportive decisions, pursue their efforts to align their own strategies with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, where appropriate[, and to endorse the options for action by Parties and the road map referred to in paragraph 6 of the present decision];

8. [*Invites* Parties to implement options for action at the national level resulting from the work mentioned in paragraph 6 of the present decision and to establish or strengthen, at national level, mechanisms to enhance the effective coordination among national biodiversity authorities and focal points and support mainstreaming;]

9. [*Invites* the Secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions, the governing bodies of the conventions, and the international organizations that provide the secretariats for these conventions, as well as representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, global non-governmental organizations and other relevant international organizations, to implement, where appropriate, the road map at the international level resulting from the work mentioned in paragraph 6 of the present decision];

10. [*Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to implement the relevant actions of the road map resulting from the consultative process referred to in paragraph 6 of the present decision];

[...]

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## Following on SBI 1 Preparing a plan on synergies in preparation for COP 13

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### Actions / Timeline

- Review of UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/9/Add.1
- Review of CBD COP decisions
- Review of other convention decisions on cooperation/synergy
  - = **draft plan towards enhanced synergies that will include voluntary guidelines at the national level, and a road map at the international level**
- Plan reviewed by IAG and BLG
- Notification to Parties (all conventions): end of August
- Review by Parties: until end of September
- Secretariat prepares pre-session document for posting in October



# Following on SBI 1

## Preparing a plan on synergies in preparation for COP 13

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### National level

- Consolidating options for action by Parties to strengthen synergies among the conventions:
  - Potentially in the form of a voluntary guidelines
  - Across thematic areas, focusing around coordination mechanisms

### International level

- Plan and road map that prioritizes and sequences actions and identifies actors and potential mechanisms involved
- CBD COP guidance addressing:
  - Action under the Convention
  - Directives to CBD Secretariat
  - Guidance to the Biodiversity Liaison Group
  - Invitation to other international organizations
  - Invitation to the governing bodies of other biodiversity-related conventions

## Following on SBI 1

### Preparing a plan on synergies in preparation for COP 13

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In view of responding to notification and in view of completing the draft plan to be proposed by the Secretariat/BLG/IAG,

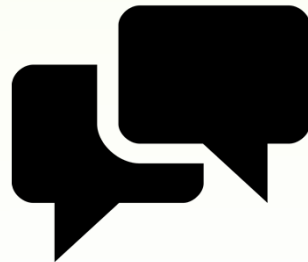
#### **Parties are invited to :**

- Review options for actions listed in: UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/9/Add.1
- Make priorities among options:
  - At the national level: which options should be part of a voluntary guidelines
  - At the international level: which options should be part of a roadmap
- Consider new/additional options (including by using existing guidance, tools studies, etc)

# Summary

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- COP 13 Agenda 13 builds on the outcome of a unique process involving Parties to 7 conventions
- The outcomes of the workshop involving 32 Parties from 7 conventions serve as a basis for the future plan to enhance synergies at national and international levels
- COP 13 will consider this plan, which will include a voluntary guidelines (national level) and a road map (international level)
- Next steps: Secretariat to prepare/share a plan, and Parties are to prepare inputs in response to notification
- Questions





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# Thank you



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