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CHAIRS OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BODIES OF BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS

Fourth meeting

Gland, Switzerland, 13 February 2011

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting will take place at the headquarters of the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention in Gland, Switzerland. It will be opened at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 13 February 2011. It will be proposed that the meeting be co-chaired by the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention.

ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

2. The meeting may wish to adopt the agenda and consider the organization of its work.

ITEM 3. MOBILIZING THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020 – OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BODIES OF BIODIVERSITY- RELATED CONVENTIONS

Item 3.1 Mobilizing the scientific community for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 – opportunities for the scientific advisory bodies of biodiversity-related conventions

3. Under this agenda item, the meeting will be provided with a brief overview of the Strategic Plan, adopted at CBD COP-10, noting that the Strategic Plan is for, and has been welcomed by, all relevant MEAs and other stakeholders. Participants may wish to reflect upon the implications of the Strategic Plan for their own processes.

Item 3.2 The Inter-governmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services – opportunities for the scientific advisory bodies of biodiversity-related conventions

4. Under agenda item 3 it will be proposed to introduce this specific sub-item to discuss the implications of the establishment of the Inter-governmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). The IPBES was recently established by the General Assembly of the United Nations following an invitation from CBD COP-10. A brief introduction to and update on the IPBES will be provided by an invited expert. Participants may wish to reflect upon the implications of the IPBES for their own processes, the opportunities it presents to strengthen scientific work and the potential modalities of collaboration.

ITEM 4. MOBILIZING THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING – OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BODIES OF THE BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS

5. The long-awaited protocol on access and benefit sharing was adopted at CBD COP-10. The Secretariat of the CBD is preparing a brief note on this milestone in the history of the CBD which will include some preliminary observations on the need for scientific-related work. Participants may wish to reflect upon the implications of the protocol for their own processes.

ITEM 5. MOBILIZING THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF BIODIVERSITY - OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BODIES OF THE BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS

6. The UN General Assembly has declared 2011-2020 The International Decade for Biodiversity. A brief introduction will be provided by the CBD Secretariat. Participants may wish to reflect upon how the Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions might each, or collectively, contribute to the decade activities.

ITEM 6. AREAS FOR COLLABORATION OR INTEGRATION

7. The three previous meetings of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-related Conventions noted the need for synergy in areas of common interest and reviewed approaches such as joint work programmes as well as joint development and use of guidance (see reports at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/csab/csab-01/official/csab-01-03-en.pdf>; <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/csab/csab-02/official/csab-02-03-en.pdf> and <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/csab/csab-03/official/csab-03-03-en.doc> respectively). The meetings also noted the need for more proactive engagement to facilitate such collaboration at the earliest possible stage.

8. To facilitate discussion at the third meeting of the CSAB, the Chair of the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel with the support of the Ramsar Secretariat prepared a discussion paper (UNEP/CBD/CSAB/3/2) (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/csab/csab-03/official/csab-03-02-en.doc>) which reviews earlier discussions and describes some examples and options for joint design of tasks and projects relevant to several Conventions, that could also inform the development of a more systematic and regular approach to the collaborative design of thematic guidance material.

Item 6.1. Ecosystem restoration

9. The topic of ecosystem restoration was identified as a key area of collaboration by the third meeting of the Chairs of the Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions. As agreed by that meeting, the Scientific and Technical Review Panel, in collaboration with the Society for Ecosystem Restoration (SER), has prepared a note on this topic presenting a potential draft outline, and some provisional content, for an information note proposed to be published on the subject. In addition, a brief note will be presented which summarises some of the key points that the meeting needs to consider, and reach consensus on, regarding the further development and finalisation of this work. The meeting may wish to consider the draft proposal and decide on the appropriate follow on action required.

Item 6.2 Harmonization of species nomenclature

10. An information document on this topic is expected to be provided to the meeting by the CMS and CITES. The need for harmonization of species nomenclature between the biodiversity-related conventions will be briefly introduced by an invited expert.. The meeting may wish to consider appropriate action.

Item 6.3 Ways to strengthen support to improve the effectiveness of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions

11. In decision X/20, the Conference of the Parties to the CBD invited the scientific advisory bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions and the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions to address at their future meetings options for enhanced cooperation, inter alia, with regard to work on cross-cutting issues, such as climate change, scientific criteria for the identification of ecologically or biologically significant areas in need of protection, and invasive alien species.

12. The meeting may wish to reflect on this topic and briefly identify any further key opportunities. On doing so the meeting may wish to review the main themes and agenda items on any relevant up-dated programmes of work of the scientific advisory bodies (as far as these have been decided) to identify further commonalities and opportunities for such joint undertakings.

ITEM 7. OTHER MATTERS

13. Under this item, the meeting may wish to discuss any other relevant issues.

ITEM 8. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

14. The meeting may wish to decide on the date and venue of the next meeting of the Chairs of Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-related Conventions.

ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

15. The meeting is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on 13 February 2011.
