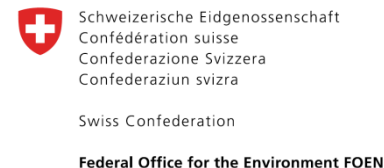
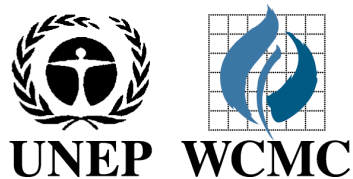


# Improving the effectiveness of and cooperation among biodiversity-related conventions and exploring opportunities for further synergies

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# Introduction

- **Biodiversity-related conventions:**  
CBD, CITES, CMS, ITPGRFA, Ramsar Convention and WHC
- **Widespread calls for greater coherence and synergies among MEAs:**

UNEP GC Decision SS.XII/3: *“Invites the Executive Director to undertake, as appropriate, **further activities to improve the effectiveness of and cooperation among multilateral environmental agreements**, taking into account the autonomous decision-making authority of the conferences of the parties...and to **explore the opportunities for further synergies in the administrative functions of the multilateral environmental agreement secretariats administered by the United Nations Environment Programme** and to provide advice on such opportunities to the governing bodies of those multilateral environmental agreements.”*

# Project outline

**Title:** *Improving the effectiveness of and cooperation among biodiversity-related conventions and exploring opportunities for further synergies*

**Objective:** Analyse and provide non-prescriptive guidance on opportunities for enhancing cooperation among the biodiversity-related MEAs at all levels *including on synergies in resource mobilizations*

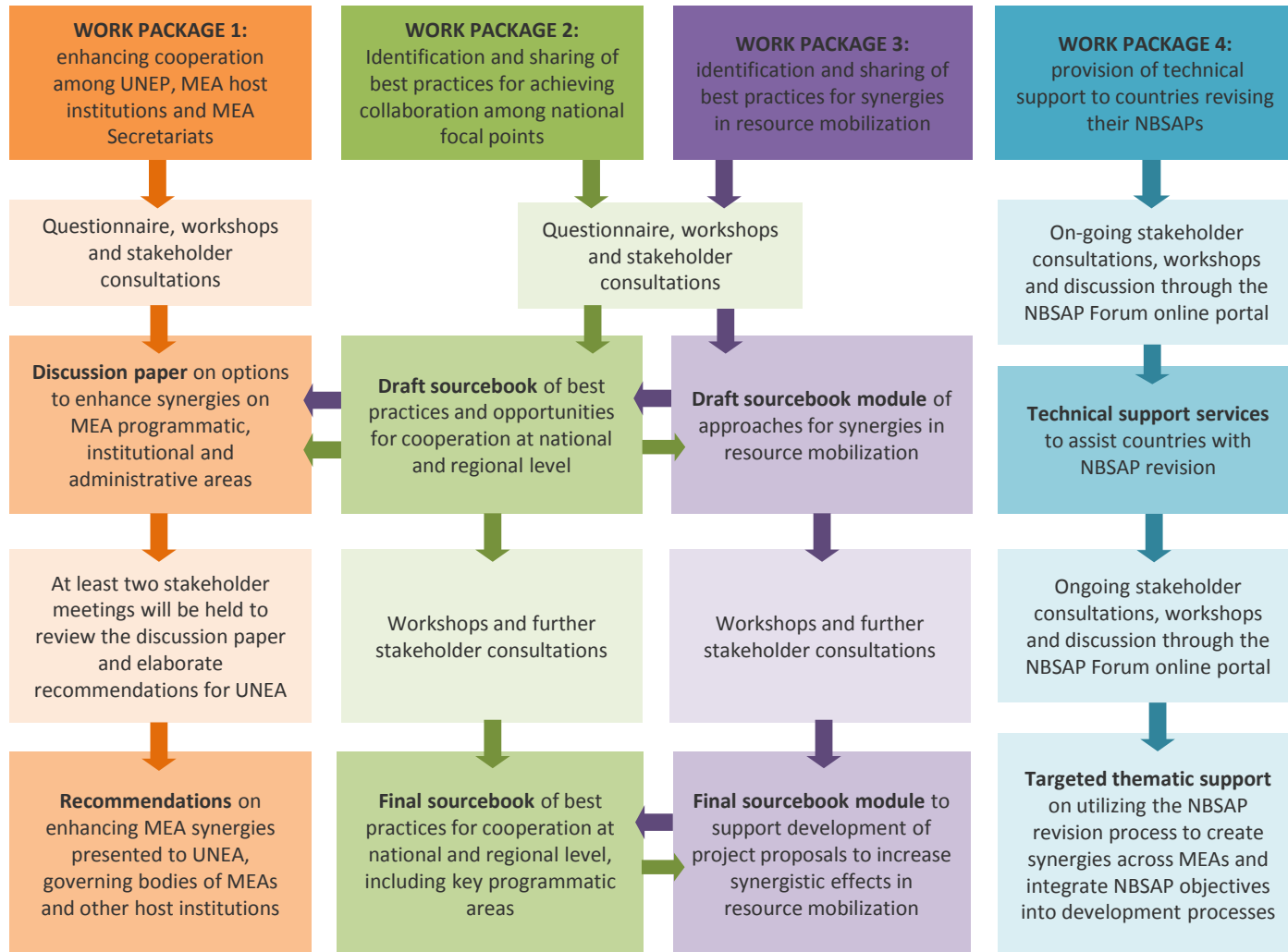
**Stakeholders:** MEA secretariats, MEA host institutions, MEA national focal points, UNEP Regional Biodiversity MEA focal points and other experts

**Executing agencies:** UNEP and UNEP-WCMC

**Funding:** European Union and Swiss Federal Agency for Nature Conservation

**Timeline:** 2013-2015

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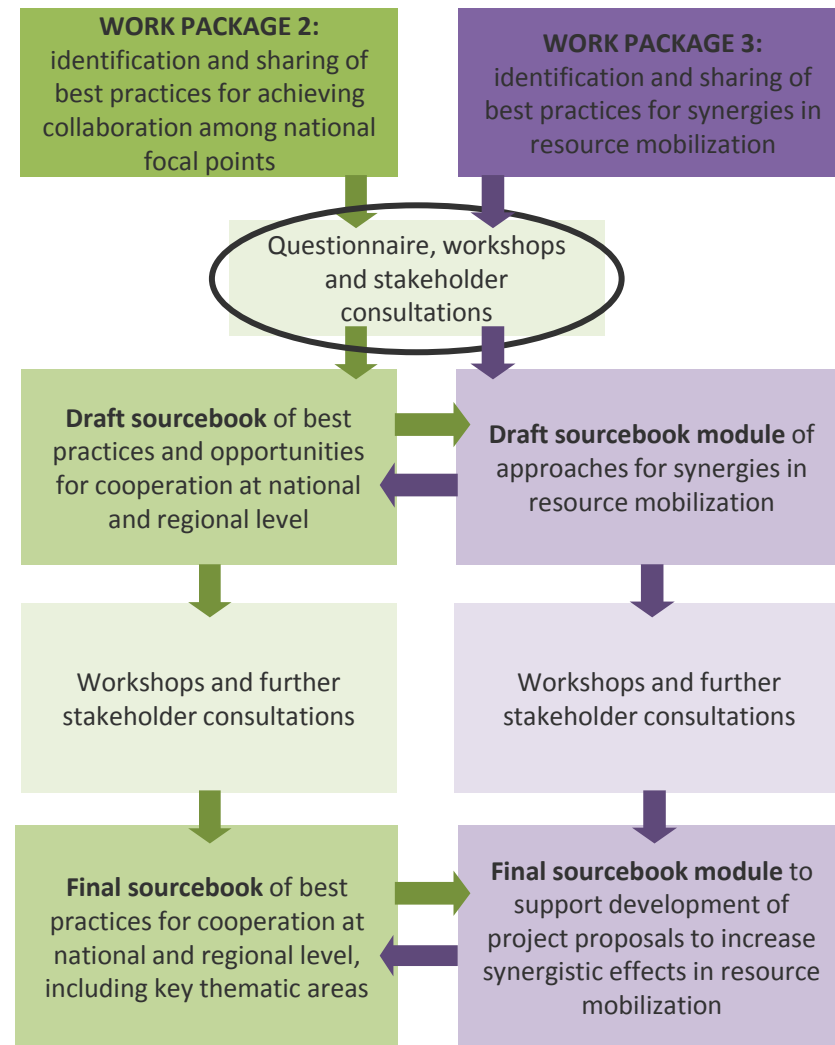


# Work Packages 2 & 3

**Objective:** identification and sharing of opportunities for achieving collaboration and coordination among national focal points of biodiversity-related MEAs within countries, including through resource mobilization

**Delivery (WP2 and 3 jointly):**  
Desk-based review, questionnaire, stakeholder consultations

**Sourcebook – COP 12**



# Questionnaires

## 2 Questionnaires to implement work packages 1-3:

- Global level
- National and regional level

### National level questionnaire:

- Focus on cooperation among national focal points (NFPs)
- Distributed to NFPs of the six global biodiversity-related conventions and the GEF, MEA Secretariat, UNEP Regional Biodiversity MEA Focal Points and relevant experts – open list!
- 6 sections:
  - National institutional arrangements
  - National reporting and information management
  - Science-policy interface
  - Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
  - Capacity building
  - **Resource Mobilization**

# Resource mobilization

*Has your country appointed a Resource Mobilization Focal Point (as recommended in CBD decision IX/11) to facilitate the national implementation of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization?*

*As part of its national financial planning, does your country plan the use of financial resources for the biodiversity-related conventions?*

**No..**

*When preparing requests to the GEF, do you collaborate with the focal points of other biodiversity-related conventions?*

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*Do the national focal points of the biodiversity-related conventions cooperate and collaborate on the assessment of the financial needs for the implementation of the conventions?*

**Are you the GEF national focal point?**



**Yes..**

*Has the coherent implementation of multiple biodiversity-related conventions in your country resulted in reduced costs or more efficient use of resources?*

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ETC..



# Progress

- Questionnaires have been sent out to over 6000 NFPs, representatives of MEA secretariats and other experts in the beginning of April
- English, French and Spanish versions are available
- PLEASE FILL OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE!  
PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR COLLEAGUES TO  
DO LIKEWISE! THANK YOU!
- Deadline for the national-level questionnaire: end of the first week of May (this week!!)



The **national-level** questionnaire is available at:  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SynergiesProject\\_NationalLevel](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SynergiesProject_NationalLevel)

The **global-level** questionnaire is available at:  
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# Thank you for your attention

*Any questions or comments?*

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