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Second meeting

FAO, Rome, 11-15 February 2008

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted in its decision VII/28 a programme of work on protected areas and decided to establish an Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas to support and review the implementation of the programme of work and report to the Conference of the Parties. In paragraph 29 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties suggested that the following tasks need to be undertaken by the Working Group:

(a) To explore options for cooperation for the establishment of marine protected areas in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, consistent with international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and based on scientific information;

(b) To explore options for mobilizing as a matter of urgency through different mechanisms adequate and timely financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work by developing countries, particularly in the least developed and the small island developing States amongst them, countries with economies in transition, in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention, with special emphasis on those elements of the programme of work requiring early action;

(c) To contribute to the further development of toolkits for the identification, designation, management, monitoring and evaluation of national and regional systems of protected areas, including ecological networks, ecological corridors, buffer zones, with special regards to indigenous and local communities and stakeholder involvement and benefit sharing mechanisms;

(d) To consider reports from the Parties, academia, and scientific organizations, civil society and others on progress in the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas, compiled by the Executive Secretary;

(e) To recommend to the Conference of the Parties ways and means to improve implementation of the programme of work on protected areas.

2. The first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas was held from 13 to 17 June 2005 in Montecatini, Italy. The Working Group made recommendations on: (a) options for cooperation for the establishment of marine protected areas in marine areas beyond the limits of national

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jurisdiction; (b) options for mobilizing financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work by developing countries, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, and countries with economies in transition; and (c) further development of toolkits for the identification, designation, management, monitoring and evaluation of national and regional systems of protected areas. At its eighth meeting, in considering the recommendations of the Working Group, the Conference of the Parties reviewed implementation of the programme of work on protected areas for the period 2004-2006 and adopted decision VIII/24. In paragraph 15 of this decision, the Conference of the Parties decided to convene the second meeting of the Working Group on Protected Areas to evaluate progress and elaborate recommendations to the Conference of the Parties for improved implementation in accordance with the provisional agenda contained in annex I to that decision.

3. The Executive Secretary is convening the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas from 11 to 15 February 2008 at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome, immediately prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to be held at the same venue from 18 to 22 February 2008. Registration of participants will commence at 9 a.m. on Sunday, 10 February 2008.

4. A list of documents for the meeting is provided in annex I below. The Secretariat is also distributing an information note containing details of registration and logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation, and other matters.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. The President of the Conference of the Parties or her representative will open the meeting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 11 February 2008. The Executive Secretary will make introductory remarks.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Item 2.1. Election of officers

6. In keeping with established practice, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties will serve as the Bureau of the Working Group, and the President of the Conference of the Parties or her representative will chair the meeting. One of the Bureau members will act as Rapporteur.

Item 2.2. Adoption of the agenda

7. The Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting approved the provisional agenda for the second meeting of the Working Group contained in document UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/1. The Working Group may wish to adopt this provisional agenda.

Item 2.3. Organization of work

8. After consultation with the Bureau, the Working Group may wish to conduct its deliberations only in plenary sessions of the meeting.

9. The proposed organization of work for the meeting is contained in annex II below.

ITEM 3. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Item 3.1. Review of implementation of the programme of work

3.1.1. Assessment of progress made in implementation of the programme of work

and

3.1.2. Obstacles encountered during the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas and ways and means to overcome them

10. *Background.* The Conference of the Parties reviewed implementation of the programme of work on protected areas for the period 2004-2006 at its eighth meeting and adopted decision VIII/24. In paragraph 5 of decision VIII/24, the Conference of the Parties agreed that reporting should concentrate on

outputs as well as processes to provide a strategic assessment of progress made, challenges/obstacles, and capacity building needs. In paragraph 16 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders to provide information on progress made towards achieving the targets of the programme of work, including challenges/obstacles and capacity-building needs, for consideration at the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas.

11. *Documentation.* Executive Secretary invited Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit information on implementation of the programme of work on protected areas using tools such as the matrix in annex II of recommendation I/4 of the of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas and other relevant information. The Executive Secretary, pursuant to paragraph 10 of decision VIII/24, convened subregional workshops in South and West Asia, ASEAN, Eastern Europe, Anglophone Africa, and Central Asia and Caucasus regions in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, WWF, Conservation International, BirdLife International, Wildlife Conservation Society, IUCN–World Commission on Protected Areas, the European Commission, and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation. In these workshops participants were requested to provide relevant information on the implementation of the programme of work in their respective countries.

12. To assist the Working Group in this task, the Executive Secretary has prepared a document (UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/2) that synthesizes information on progress made towards achieving the targets of the programme of work on protected areas, based on submissions received from Parties, relevant organizations and information gathered during the sub-regional workshops. This document also highlights obstacles encountered during implementation of the programme of work on protected areas and suggests ways and means to overcome the obstacles. The Working Group will also have before it the reports of the subregional workshops (UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/INF/1 to 4).

13. *Action.* The Working Group may wish to consider the document prepared by the Executive Secretary, review obstacles and recommend to the Conference of the Parties ways and means to improve implementation of the programme of work on protected areas.

Item 3.1.3 Progress report on refinement and consolidation of scientific criteria for the identification of marine areas in need of protection and on the compilation of biogeographical and other ecological classification systems

14. *Background.* In paragraph 44 (b) of decision VIII/24, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to refine, consolidate and, where necessary, develop further scientific and ecological criteria for the identification of marine areas in need of protection, and biogeographical and other ecological classification systems, drawing on expertise and experience at the national and regional scale. In paragraph 46 of this decision, the Conference of the Parties, recalling paragraph 75 of General Assembly resolution 60/30 and paragraph 31 of decision VII/5 and in light of paragraph 44 (b) of decision VIII/24, decided to convene a scientific expert workshop, and requested the Executive Secretary to provide the results of this workshop to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to its ninth meeting. The Executive Secretary convened this workshop with the financial support of the Government of Portugal, from 2 to 4 October 2007, in the Azores, Portugal.

15. *Documentation.* The Executive Secretary has prepared a document (UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/3), that summarizes progress made on this matter. The Working Group also have before it the report of the Azores workshop (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/7).

16. *Action.* The Working Group may wish to take note of the progress made on refinement and consolidation of scientific criteria for the identification of marine areas in need of protection and compilation of biogeographical and other ecological classification system.

Item 3.2 *Exploration of options for mobilizing, as a matter of urgency, through different mechanisms adequate and timely financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work*

17. Item 3.2 consists of four sub-items:

- 3.2.1. Consideration of financial needs assessments;
- 3.2.2. Options on innovative financing mechanisms;
- 3.2.3. Options on innovative mechanisms to develop public/private partnerships; and
- 3.2.4. Coordination of technical and financial support to improve efficiency and effectiveness of implementation of the programme of work.

18. *Background.* In decision VIII/24, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to design and elaborate appropriate financial plans to meet the costs of effectively and sustainably implementing and managing national protected area systems. In this decision, the Conference of the Parties invited the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and urged donor countries to support implementation of the programme of work on protected areas. In response to this request the GEF launched a US\$ 9 million early action grant project to support least developed countries and small island developing States to implement early stage activities of the programme of work. The Conference of the Parties decided to include options for mobilizing adequate and timely financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work as one of the substantive issues for consideration by the Working Group at its second meeting, to elaborate recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

19. *Documentation.* To assist the Working Group in this task, the Executive Secretary has prepared a document (UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/4), which covers all four sub-items. The document synthesizes information on financial needs assessment, based on submissions received from Parties, options on innovative financing mechanisms, and options on innovative mechanisms to develop public/private partnerships. It also provides suggestions for coordination of technical and financial support for effective implementation of the programme of work on protected areas.

20. *Action.* The Working Group may wish to consider the document prepared by the Executive Secretary, takes note on financial needs, and recommend to the Conference of the Parties various options for mobilizing adequate and timely financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work, options on mechanisms to develop public/private partnerships and coordination of technical and financial support to improve efficiency and effectiveness of funding.

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

21. Under this item, the Working Group may wish to raise other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting.

ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

22. Under this item, the Working Group will consider and adopt its report. In accordance with established practice, the Working Group is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting, with the guidance of the Chair and the assistance of the Secretariat. The Chair of the Working Group will present this report to the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting for consideration under the relevant agenda item.

ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

23. The meeting is expected to be closed at 6 p.m. on Friday, 15 February 2008.

Annex I

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE
AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON PROTECTED AREAS 1/**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/Add.1	Annotations to provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/2	Review of implementation of the programme of work: assessment of progress made in implementation, obstacles encountered and ways and means to overcome obstacles
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/3	Progress report on refinement and consolidation of scientific criteria for the identification of marine areas in need of protection and on compilation of biogeographical and other ecological classification systems
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/4	Options for mobilizing, as a matter of urgency, through different mechanisms adequate and timely financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas
 <i>Information documents</i>	
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/INF/1	Report of the South and West Asia subregional workshop on the review of, and capacity-building for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/INF/2	Report of the Eastern Europe subregional workshop on the review of, and capacity-building for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/INF/3	Report of the Anglophone Africa subregional workshop on the review of, and capacity-building for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/INF/4	Report of the Central Asia and Caucasus countries subregional workshop on the review of, and capacity-building for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/INF/5	List of available tool kits on protected areas
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/2/INF/6	Progress made in the implementation on paragraphs 27 and 33-35 of decision VII/28

1/ Documents will be posted on the website of the Convention on Biological Diversity at www.cbd.int under the page on the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=WGPA-02>

*Annex II***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE AD HOC
OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON PROTECTED AREAS**

	<i>Plenary</i>
Monday, 11 February 2008 <i>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</i>	<p>Agenda items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting <p>Keynote presentations on implementation of the programme of work, challenges and future prospects</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Organizational matters <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Election of officers 2.2 Adoption of the agenda 2.3 Organization of work
Monday, 11 February 2008 <i>3 p.m.–6 p.m.</i>	<p>Key note presentations on implementation of the programme of work, challenges and future prospects</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Review of implementation of the programme of work: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1.1. Assessment of progress made in implementation of the programme of work; 3.1.2. Obstacles encountered during the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas and ways and means to overcome them; 3.1.3. Progress report by the Secretariat on refinement and consolidation of scientific criteria for the identification of marine areas in need of protection and on compilation of biogeographical and other ecological classification system
Tuesday, 12 February 2008 <i>10 a.m.- 1 p.m.</i>	<p>Keynote presentations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Review of implementation of the programme of work (cont'd.)
Tuesday, 12 February 2008 <i>3 p.m.– 6 p.m.</i>	<p>Keynote presentations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.2. Exploration options for mobilizing, as a matter of urgency, through different mechanisms adequate and timely financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work: <p>Keynote presentations on innovative financial mechanisms, implementation of trust funds etc.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.2.1. Consideration of financial needs assessments; 3.2.2. Options on innovative financing mechanisms; 3.2.3. Options on innovative mechanisms to develop public/private partnerships; 3.2.4. Coordination of technical and financial support to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

	<i>Plenary</i>
Wednesday, 13 February 2008 <i>10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</i>	Keynote presentations 3.2. Exploration options for mobilizing, as a matter of urgency, through different mechanisms adequate and timely financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work <i>(continued)</i>
Wednesday, 13 February 2008 <i>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</i>	Pending issues
Thursday, 14 February 2008 <i>10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</i>	Pending issues
Thursday, 14 February 2008 <i>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</i>	Pending issues
Friday, 15 February 2008 <i>10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</i>	Pending issues
Friday, 15 February 2008 <i>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</i>	4. Other matters 5. Adoption of the report 6. Closure of the meeting
