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EXPERT MEETING ON THE GLOBAL  
STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION  
Dingle, Co. Kerry, Ireland, 5-7 October 2003

### ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

#### INTRODUCTION

1. At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted decision VI/9 on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, which includes outcome-oriented global targets for 2010 (see UNEP/CBD/COP/6/20, annex I).

2. More specifically, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), *inter alia*, to develop ways and means, within the Convention's thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work, for promoting the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and for monitoring and assessing progress; and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting (decision VI/9, paragraph 10). Moreover, the further work required to develop and implement the Strategy, as described in the Strategy itself, includes the following:

(a) The development of national targets and their incorporation into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and other relevant plans, programmes and initiatives (paragraph 16);

(b) For each target, clarification of the scope of activities and development of sub-targets, or milestones, as necessary. Development of baseline data and a series of indicators in order to monitor progress towards achieving the targets (paragraph 17);

(c) Development of regional components of the Strategy, perhaps using a biogeographical approach (paragraph 18);

(d) Involvement of a range of actors in the design, development and implementation of the strategy, in addition to the Parties to the Convention, including: international initiatives, conservation and research organizations, communities and major groups including indigenous and local communities, governments and the private sector (paragraph 19); and

(e) Consideration to the establishment of a flexible coordination mechanism, in order to promote implementation of the Strategy and facilitate cooperation with existing initiatives, (paragraph 20).

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3. In order to facilitate implementation of the Strategy in line with Decision VI/9, the Executive Secretary has initiated a number of activities that have been carried out in collaboration with the organizations involved in the “Gran Canaria Group”, and other relevant organizations (Decision VI/9, paragraph 11).

4. The Executive Secretary convened in Cartagena, Colombia, from 11-12 October 2002, an informal liaison group meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in order to provide guidance on the implementation and monitoring of the Strategy. The Group agreed on the need for a programme of stakeholder consultations and suggested a number of lead agencies to facilitate progress for the various targets. It was proposed that target 3 (development of models with protocols), target 14 (education and awareness), 15 (capacity building and resources) and 16 (networks) should be considered as cross-cutting targets related to the achievement of all the other targets. The Group also recommended that a global liaison group meeting be held in the second half of 2003 to consider progress reports of the stakeholder consultations and prepare advice for the further implementation of the Strategy, and to report to the Executive Secretary.

5. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary invited a number of organizations to facilitate stakeholder consultations on the various targets, including the development of sub-targets, milestones and indicators for the targets included in the Strategy, and the elaboration of a baseline data for monitoring (Annex III). Background papers and progress reports on the various stakeholder consultations, prepared by the lead agencies are listed in Annex I.

6. In addition, the Executive Secretary has invited a group of experts including some who participated in the development of the Strategy, to participate in an Expert Group Meeting that will be held in the Dingle Skellig Hotel, Dingle, Co. Kerry, Ireland, on 5 to 7 October 2003. This Expert Group meeting has been organized in collaboration with the Botanic Gardens Conservation International and supported by HSBC Holdings plc, through its “Investing in Nature” partnership.

7. The objectives of the Expert Group meeting are to review progress in the stakeholder consultations and to prepare advice for the development and implementation of the Strategy concerning:

- (a) The development of a “road-map” for implementation of the Strategy and its constituent targets, including the identification of sub-targets and milestones as needed;
- (b) Identification of baseline data and indicators to monitor the progress towards achieving the targets;
- (c) The development of national targets and their incorporation into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and other relevant plans, programmes and initiatives;
- (d) The development of regional components of the Strategy;
- (e) Identification of ways and means, within the Convention’s thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work, for promoting implementation of the Strategy, and for monitoring and assessing progress;
- (f) Review of the potential role of the Strategy in contributing to the attainment of the 2010 Biodiversity target and in monitoring progress towards its attainment;
- (g) Review of the potential role of the Strategy in contributing to poverty alleviation and sustainable development, including the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit and the Millennium Development Goals;

- (h) Identification of needs and opportunities for raising awareness of the Strategy and for communication and information; and
- (i) Assessment of the role of the Strategy in facilitating harmony between initiatives, review of the range of actors involved in the Strategy and identification of any gaps.

The Group will also give consideration to the establishment and operation of a flexible coordination mechanism to promote the implementation of the Strategy.

- 8. A report of the Expert Group meeting will be made available to SBSTTA at its ninth meeting.
- 9. A list of documents and a proposed programme of work for the meeting are attached as annexes I and II, respectively.
- 10. Registration of participants will commence at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, 5, October 2003.

### **ITEM. 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

- 11. The meeting will be opened by Mr. Matthew Jebb, representative of the Government of Ireland at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2002.
- 12. The participants will be welcomed to the meeting by the Mr. David Cooper, on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, who will outline the mandate of the Group as reflected in decision VI/9 of the Conference of the Parties, and review the goals, objectives and expected outputs of the Group.
- 13. Ms. Stella Simiyu (SCBD/BGCI) will describe the background to the Strategy, including a review of the targets and major activities and achievements since the adoption of decision VI/9 on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation.
- 14. Mr. Peter Wyse Jackson, representative of Botanic Gardens Conservation International will welcome participants to the meeting on behalf of BGCI and HSBC and will provide information on the logistics of the meeting and other arrangements.

### **ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

#### ***2.1. Election of officers***

- 15. The Group will be invited to elect its Chair and its Rapporteur.

#### ***2.2. Adoption of the agenda***

- 16. The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/EG-GSPC/1/1) will be before the Group for consideration and adoption.

#### ***2.3. Organization of work***

- 17. The Group will be invited to consider the proposed programme of work for the meeting. (Annex II below).

18. The Group may wish to work mainly in plenary, establishing working groups as necessary to address particular issues or agenda items. It is proposed that item 3 be taken in plenary. Informal working groups may be formed to facilitate progress under item 4.

### **ITEM 3 - REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN THE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS**

19. Under agenda item 3, experts will be invited to present brief summary reports on each of the stakeholder consultations undertaken on the targets included in the Strategy. The conclusions and recommendations will be discussed by the Group with a view to addressing the issues identified in paragraph 7 above. To assist the Group in this work, background papers or reports of stakeholder consultations for a number of targets have been prepared by lead agencies as listed in Annex I.

### **ITEM 4 - PREPARATION OF ADVICE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY**

20. For each of the issues under agenda item 4 (also listed in paragraph 7 above), the Group will be invited to prepare advice. In doing so, the Group may wish to refer to relevant documentation as follows:

- (a) *Development of a “road-map” for implementation; identification of sub-targets and milestones.* Background information on this issue is provided in the information document that was available at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties “A review of the scope, terminology, base-line information, technical and scientific rationale of the 16 targets included in the proposed Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, with particular reference to the quantitative elements they contain”, UNEP/CBD/ COP/6/INF/21/Add.1. The background papers or reports of stakeholder consultations (listed in Annex 1, section A2) provide additional information.
- (b) *Baseline data and indicators to monitor the progress.* Background information on this issue is available in document UNEP/CBD/ COP/6/INF/21/Add.1. The background papers or reports of stakeholder consultations provide additional information.
- (c) *Development of national targets and their incorporation into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and other relevant plans, programmes and initiatives.* Background information on some existing initiatives relevant to this issue is provided in the information document that was available at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties “Nationally based initiatives that can contribute to the implementation of the Strategy”, UNEP/CBD/ COP/6/INF/21/Add.3.
- (d) *The development of regional components of the Strategy.* Background information on some existing initiatives relevant to this issue is provided in the information documents that were available at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the parties “Examples of regional and international initiatives relevant to the 16 targets”, UNEP/CBD/ COP/6/INF/21/Add.3, and “European Plant Conservation Strategy”, UNEP/CBD/ COP/6/INF/22.
- (e) *Identification of ways and means, within the Convention's thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work, for promoting implementation of the Strategy, and for monitoring and assessing progress.* Background information on this issue is provided in the information document that was available at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties: Opportunities for the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant

Conservation through the thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNEP/CBD/ COP/6/INF/21/Add.2.

- (f) *Role of the Strategy in contributing to the 2010 Biodiversity target and in monitoring progress towards its attainment.* Background information relevant to this issue is provided in the Note by the Executive Secretary prepared for SBSTTA-9: Integration of outcome-oriented targets into the programmes of work of the Convention, taking into account the 2010 biodiversity target, the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and relevant targets set by the World Summit on Sustainable Development, UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/14, and the Draft Report of the 2010-Global Biodiversity Challenge meeting, London, 2003.
- (g) *Role of the Strategy in contributing to poverty alleviation and sustainable development, including the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit and the Millennium Development Goals.* Background information relevant to this issue is provided in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/14, and the Draft Report of the 2010-Global Biodiversity Challenge meeting.

#### **ITEM 5 - CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A FLEXIBLE COORDINATION MECHANISM**

21. Under agenda item 5, participants are invited to consider the need for and possible means the establishment and operation of a flexible coordination mechanism (paragraph 20 of the Strategy) at the global level and, if appropriate, at regional and national levels, its development, scope and activities, bearing in mind recommendations of the Liaison Group on the Strategy held in Cartagena, Colombia (11-12 October, 2002 - UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/1/2).
22. The Group may wish to agree on follow-up activities and who will take the lead.

#### **ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS**

23. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise other matters related to the subject of the meeting.

#### **ITEM 7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

24. The Group will consider and adopt its report, on the basis of the draft report of the meeting and draft conclusions and recommendations to be presented by the Rapporteur.

#### **ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

25. It is expected that the meeting will be closed at 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 7, October 2003.

*Annex I*

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE LIAISON GROUP MEETING ON THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION**

**A. Working documents**

**A1. Notes of the Executive Secretary**

UNEP/CBD/EG-GSPC/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/EG-GSPC/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
Decision VI/9 of the Conference of the Parties	Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/1/2	Report on the Liaison Group Meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (11-12 October, 2002, Cartagena, Colombia).

**A2. Background Papers and Reports of the Stakeholder Consultations prepared by lead agencies.**

*Note that some of these papers are drafts under development.*

Stakeholder Consultation on Target 1: A widely accessibly working list of known plant species, as a step towards a complete world flora. Document prepared by Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Stakeholder Consultation on Target 4 : At least 10% of the world's ecological regions conserved. Document prepared by the World Wildlife Fund.

Stakeholder Consultation on Target 5: Protection of 50 per cent of the most important areas for plant diversity assured. Document prepared by PlantLife International in collaboration with IUCN.

Background Paper for the implementation of Target 6: At least 30 per cent of production lands managed consistent with the conservation of plant diversity. Draft document prepared by FAO and IPGRI.

Background Paper for the implementation of Target 7: 60 per cent of the world's threatened species conserved *in situ*. Document prepared by WCMC.

Stakeholder Consultation on Target 8: 60% of threatened plant species in accessible ex situ collections, preferably in the country of origin, and 10% of them included in recovery and restoration programmes. Document prepared by BGCI and IPGRI

Background paper for the implementation of Target 9: 70 per cent of the genetic diversity of crops and other major socio-economically valuable plant species conserved, and associated indigenous and local knowledge maintained. Draft document prepared by FAO and IPGRI.

Report of the CITES Plant Committee on implementation of Target 11: No species of wild flora endangered by international trade, and other relevant targets of the Strategy:

Background Paper for the implementation of Target 12: 30 per cent of plant-based products derived from sources that are sustainably managed. Draft document prepared by FAO and IPGRI.

Background paper for the implementation of Target 13: The decline of plant resources, and associated indigenous and local knowledge, innovations and practices that support sustainable livelihoods, local food security and health care, halted. Draft document prepared by FAO with IPGRI and People and Plants International.

## **B. Background documents**

### **B1. Information documents available at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

UNEP/CBD/ COP/6/INF/21/Add.1	A review of the scope, terminology, base-line information, technical and scientific rationale of the 16 targets included in the proposed Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, with particular reference to the quantitative elements they contain
UNEP/CBD/ COP/6/INF/21/Add.2	Opportunities for the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation through the thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity
UNEP/CBD/ COP/6/INF/21/Add.3	Nationally based initiatives that can contribute to the implementation of the Strategy
UNEP/CBD/ COP/6/INF/21/Add.4	Examples of regional and international initiatives relevant to the 16 targets
UNEP/CBD/ COP/6/INF/22	European Plant Conservation Strategy

### **B1. Documents available at the ninth meeting of SBSTTA**

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/14	Integration of outcome-oriented targets into the programmes of work of the Convention, taking into account the 2010 biodiversity target, the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and relevant targets set by the World Summit on Sustainable Development
Draft Report of the 2010-Global Biodiversity Challenge meeting (Advance draft)	

*Annex II*

**PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON THE  
GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION**

**Sunday 5, October 2003**

10.00	Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)
10:15	Organizational matters (agenda item 2)
10:30	Short presentations on the reports of the stakeholder consultations followed by group discussion (agenda item 3).
<i>11.30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<i>13:00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00	Continuation of agenda item 3.
<i>16:00</i>	<i>Tea break</i>
18:00	Adjournment
<i>19.30</i>	<i>Reception</i>
<i>20:00</i>	<i>Dinner</i>

**Monday 6, October 2003**

9:00	Preparation of advice for the development and implementation of the Strategy (agenda item 4).
	(a) The development of a “road-map” for implementation of the Strategy and its constituent targets, including the identification of sub-targets and milestones as needed;
	(b) Identification of baseline data and indicators to monitor the progress towards achieving the targets;
<i>10.30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
	(c) The development of national targets and their incorporation into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and other relevant plans, programmes and initiatives;
	(d) The development of regional components of the Strategy;
	(e) Identification of ways and means, within the Convention's thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work, for promoting implementation of the Strategy, and for monitoring and assessing progress;



13:00 *Lunch*

14:00 Continuation of agenda item 4:

- (f) Review of the potential role of the Strategy in contributing to the attainment of the 2010 Biodiversity target and in monitoring progress towards its attainment;
- (g) Review of the potential role of the Strategy in contributing to poverty alleviation and sustainable development, including the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit and the Millennium Development Goals;

16:00 *Tea break*

- (h) Identification of needs and opportunities for raising awareness of the Strategy and for communication and information; and
- (i) Assessment of the role of the Strategy in facilitating harmony between initiatives and range of actors involved in the Strategy and identification of any gaps.

18:00 Adjournment

## **Tuesday 7, October 2003**

9:00 Consideration of the establishment and operation of a flexible coordination mechanism. (agenda item 5)

Other matters (agenda item 6).

10.30 *Coffee break*

11.00 Consideration of the report of the meeting including its conclusions and recommendations

12.30 Adoption of the report (agenda item 7).

12:50 Closure of the meeting.

13:00 *Lunch*

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