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**Title of the side-event:**

**Scenarios assessment for the Global Biodiversity Outlook 4**

**Time: Tuesday, 15 October 2013, 13:15 - 14:45**

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**Summary:**

The side event provided delegates with an update on the progress with the status, trends and future scenarios assessment for the GBO-4, and information on methods and approaches used for the assessment. Using selected targets as examples, the different methodological approaches, ranging from statistical extrapolations to policy story-line and back casting scenarios, were introduced, and early results were highlighted. This assessment differs from GBO-3 in the integration of past trends with future projections to gain a better understanding of progress and likely trajectories towards meeting the 2020 Aichi Targets and implications for the 2050 Vision. The assessment also very much focused on actions and benefits, including e regional scenarios and local case studies that illustrate potential pathways for countries towards reaching the Aichi Targets. Countries were encouraged to share local experiences and case studies for inclusion in the assessment.

The assessment combines the work of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (co-ordinated by UNEP-WCMC) with the work of a modelling consortium led by DIVERSITAS (including PBL Netherlands, UBC Fisheries Centre, iDiv and UNEP-WCMC) both contracted by the CBD Secretariat to support GBO-4. A single integrated technical report from these initiatives, to underpin GBO-4, is envisaged. Presentations were made by Paul Leadley (DIVERISTAS and University of Paris Sud) and Matt Walpole (UNEP-WCMC). Around 30 delegates attended the side event, with discussion focusing on the extent of coverage of all Targets, choice of models, balance of published and emerging work, and applicability of scenarios at national scale in assisting with policy choices.

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