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Thank you Mr./Madam. Chair,
I would be brief.

Regarding Target 11, the deficiencies of tools written in the meeting document are also challenges in Japan and Asian region. To share the experience in protected area management in Asia including scientific and technical issues, we will hold the 1st Asia Parks Congress in Sendai Japan in this November together with IUCN. The future actions needed for the improvement of protected areas will be discussed, and the result will be shared by using the opportunity such as COP12 and World Parks Congress.

For the management of marine areas in open-ocean and deep areas, we are now identifying the Marine Area of Particular Importance in Japan by applying the EBSA criteria. It might be a reference for country level analysis.

On Target 12, the scientific and technical gap still remains in identification of factors affecting the status of endangered species and cost-effective conservation methods. To stop the illegal harvest of endangered species, Japan has just strengthened the regulation. In addition, now we are drafting strategy for effective conservation of endangered species. In this strategy, gap analysis of conservation measures, and estimation of drivers leading the situation are included.

With regard to Target 13, as is written in the meeting document, there is lack in the international assessment mechanisms for genetic diversity except cultivated species. Japanese scientists have initiated the international assessment of Pea family which includes a number of valuable species as a part of comprehensive research mentioned yesterday. In addition, Genetic Diversity Report, which is the outlook of genetic diversity in the world, is also initiated by Japanese scientists and will be launched by 2015.