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COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONVENTIONS: THE BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS AND THE RIO CONVENTIONS

*Note by the Executive Secretary***

INTRODUCTION

1. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in paragraph 4 of its decision X/20, requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, in consultation with the executive heads of the other biodiversity-related conventions, proposals on ways to strengthen the effectiveness of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, its relevance to the needs of Parties, and its linkages to the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions.

2. In paragraph 10 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation at its fourth meeting to, in order to increase the involvement of Parties in the work of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions and the Joint Liaison Group (JLG) of the Rio conventions, determine the form and content of a process to enhance coordination, coherence and national level synergies among the biodiversity conventions.

3. In paragraph 11 of the decision, recognizing the importance of the coherent and synergistic implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Review and, where necessary, update working arrangements, such as the joint work plans, with the other biodiversity-related conventions;

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(b) Consider ways to assist Parties to reflect the full range of activities of all biodiversity-related conventions in the context of the revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as well as in relevant capacity-building activities.

4. In paragraph 13 of the same decision, recalling that decision VI/20 recognizes the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals as the lead partner in conserving and sustainably using migratory species over their entire range, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Migratory Species, to update the joint work programme between the two conventions and to collaborate on providing support and guidance to Parties on the integration of migratory species considerations in national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

5. In paragraph 6 of decision X/20, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to convey a proposal to develop joint activities between the three Rio conventions to the secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and, furthermore, invited the conferences of the parties to the UNFCCC and the UNCCD to collaborate with the Convention on Biological Diversity, through the Joint Liaison Group, as appropriate, with a view to:

(a) Including the development of joint activities in the agenda of the next meeting of the JLG, and to consider, as appropriate, the proposed elements on joint activities regarding climate change, biodiversity, and land degradation and ecosystem-based approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation, contained in decision IX/16;

(b) Exploring the possibility of convening, subject to the availability of financial resources and prior to Rio+20, a joint preparatory meeting between the three Rio conventions, including, if appropriate, the participation of indigenous and local communities, to consider possible joint activities while respecting existing provisions and mandates, and to identify areas for Party-driven collaboration and submit these to the next Conference of the Parties of each of the three conventions for their consideration;

(c) Consulting the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 2012 (Rio+20) and to explore with the Bureau how to make use of this preparatory work in connection with Rio+20; and

(d) Exploring the possibility of convening meetings of national and/or subsidiary body focal points, bearing in mind the need to avoid additional resource burdens, to contribute to the process of cooperation.

6. The present note reports on actions undertaken and progress achieved to enhance collaboration between the conventions.

I. REVIEW OF COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONVENTIONS

The Biodiversity-related conventions

7. This section of the note reports on cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions: the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGR), the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (the Ramsar Convention), and the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (the World Heritage Convention).

8. It includes review of actions undertaken by the secretariats and by the governing bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions in response to outcomes of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, including the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets and promotion of synergies through revision and updating of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans; and actions undertaken in the context of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG) and the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions.

The Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG)

9. The Special Meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG) was held at the CITES Secretariat in Geneva on 13 April 2011. The meeting considered, *inter alia*, collaboration for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020, for the implementation of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity, and for the early entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing.

10. At the Second Retreat of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions held in Geneva at Chateau de Bossey on 4 September 2011, a *modus operandi* for the Liaison Group was agreed and signed by the executive heads of the secretariats of the six biodiversity-related conventions (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/4/INF/18 and also available at: <http://www.cbd.int/cooperation/doc/blg-modus-operandi-en.pdf>).

The Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions

11. The fourth meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (CSAB) was held at Gland, Switzerland on 13 February 2011, hosted by the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. The report of the meeting is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/csab/csab-04/official/csab-04-02-en.pdf>

12. The meeting considered agenda items on opportunities for the scientific advisory bodies of the biodiversity related conventions for mobilizing the scientific community for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020, the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing. In addition the meeting considered areas for collaboration on ecosystem restoration and harmonization of species nomenclature, and considered ways to strengthen support to improve the effectiveness of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions.

13. It also recommended that the Convention on Biological Diversity should engage more broadly with the biodiversity-related and Rio conventions to integrate the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 into other implementation processes and that, with the assistance of IUCN, an exercise be conducted intersessionally to review and cross-map the various strategic plans, priorities and targets of

the biodiversity-related conventions, and that the results to be brought back to CSAB and then to the respective meetings of governing bodies.

14. The fifth meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions was held in Dublin on 25 March 2012. Participants were briefed by representatives of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the World Heritage Convention about the status of the cross-mapping exercise and the conclusions from this analysis.

16. To this end, IUCN had prepared and presented to the meeting a document that sets out how the implementation of the strategies (and equivalent objectives) of the biodiversity-related conventions can contribute to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, thus: the CITES Strategic Vision 2008-2013 (Objectives); the updated CMS Strategic Plan 2012-2014 (Targets); the Global Plan of Action of the International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources (Priority Activity Areas); the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2009-2015 (Strategies) and; the World Heritage Convention (Responsibilities of Parties and Criteria for inscription to the World Heritage List).

17. The meeting also considered the scientific and technical challenges arising from the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the opportunities for the scientific advisory bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions to coordinate their efforts to address these. In addition, in considering other opportunities for cooperation, the meeting addressed harmonization of species nomenclature and options for improving collaboration and synergy on issues of common interest.

The Convention on Migratory Species

18. At the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species held in Bergen from 20-25 November 2011, the Conference of the Parties, by its resolution 10.18, welcomed the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 as a framework relevant to all biodiversity-related conventions.

19. By the same resolution, the Conference of the Parties urged the CMS National Focal Points as well as Standing Committee members, in their capacity as regional representatives, to work closely with national focal points in their regions dealing with biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements, including the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), to ensure they play a proactive role and liaise with their counterparts for further consideration on the integration of measures to conserve migratory species into national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and national implementation of national biodiversity targets and plans.

20. By resolution 10.18, the Conference of the Parties also recommended that CMS Parties make use of the Guidelines on the Integration of Migratory Species into national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) included in the Document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.27.

21. By resolution 10.5, the Conference of the Parties, adopted an Updated Strategic Plan that aims to set the general goal, objectives and targets for the nine years from 2006 to 2014. This is an extended version of the Strategic Plan 2006-2011 to cover the triennium 2012-2014 until the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The updated CMS Strategic Plan, together with future associated implementation plans for the various CMS bodies, represents the Convention's planned contribution to achieving the 2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets and seeks to ensure that the benefits of migratory species to ecosystems and human well-being will continue for present and future generations.

22. By Resolution 10.5, the Conference of the Parties further decided to develop a new Strategic Plan for the period 2015-2023 and to set up a Working Group with the task of drafting the Strategic Plan

for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 11th meeting. By Resolution 10.18, the Conference of the Parties requested that, in drafting this, the Working Group takes into account relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting.

23. By Resolution 10.21 (UNEP/CMS/Res.10.21) on synergies and partnerships, the Conference of the Parties requested the CMS Secretariat to continue developing effective and practical cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity, among other relevant bodies, and instructed it to consolidate and strengthen its existing partnership for the triennium 2012-2014. In so doing, noting the endorsement of the work plan by the CMS Standing Committee at its 38th meeting (Bergen, 19 November 2011), the COP welcomed the joint work plan for 2012-14 between the CMS Secretariat and the CBD Secretariat (CMS/StC38/4 and UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.36). The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be invited to approve the Joint Work Plan 2012-2014 contained in the information document on cooperation with other conventions: supplementary information on working arrangements (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/4/INF/18) at its eleventh meeting.

24. By resolution 10.21, the Conference of the Parties also urged Parties to establish close collaboration at the national level between the focal point of the Convention on Migratory Species and the focal points of other relevant conventions in order for Governments to develop coherent and synergistic approaches across the conventions and increase effectiveness of national efforts, for example by developing national biodiversity working groups to coordinate the work of focal points of relevant multilateral environmental agreements and other stakeholders inter alia through relevant measures in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, harmonized national reporting and adoption of coherent national positions in respect of each multilateral environmental agreement.

25. By the same resolution, the Conference of the Parties encouraged national focal points to the Convention on Migratory Species to participate actively in the national preparations for the discussions during the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity to determine the form and content of a process to enhance coordination, coherence and national level synergies among the biodiversity conventions.

International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGR)

26. A memorandum of cooperation was established between the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGR) on 28 October 2010 designed to enhance cooperation between the two secretariats.¹ The memorandum focuses on capacity-building, in particular in the area of access and benefit-sharing as related to plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

27. In the context of their memorandum of cooperation, and as part of the activities under the GEF Medium-Sized Project, Capacity-Building for the Early Entry into Force of the Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing, that was approved by the GEF CEO on 4 February 2011, the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the International Treaty jointly organized capacity-building workshops in June 2011 and November 2011, with a third in the series to be undertaken on 30 June-1 July 2012.

28. At its fourth session, held in Bali, Indonesia, from 14 to 18 March 2011, the Governing Body of the International Treaty considered a note by the Secretary on the relationship with the Convention on Biological Diversity.²

¹ Available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/agreements/agmt-itpgrfa-2010-10-28-moc-en.pdf>.

² See document IT/GB-4/11/22 available at <http://www.planttreaty.org/sites/default/files/gb4w22e.pdf>.

29. Acknowledging the ongoing fruitful collaboration between the International Treaty and the Convention on Biological Diversity and noting the outcomes of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, in particular the Nagoya Protocol, the Strategic Plan and other decisions of relevance to the Treaty, the Governing Body of the Treaty, by resolution 8/2011, made specific requests to its contracting parties, national focal points and secretariat designed to enhance cooperation with the Convention, including a request to the Secretary to explore with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, practical means and activities to give effect to the memorandum of cooperation, in particular through capacity-building for access and benefit-sharing; and to strengthen collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in the implementation of the Convention's programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, sustainable use of biodiversity, biodiversity and climate change, as well as on the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity.

31. In addition, the Governing Body called on Contracting Parties to ensure that any legislative, administrative or policy measures taken for the implementation of both the Treaty and the Convention on Biological Diversity (or its Nagoya Protocol), are consistent and mutually supportive. It further requested the national focal points of the Treaty to enhance their collaboration and coordination with their counterpart national focal points for the Convention on Biological Diversity on all relevant processes, in particular on the Nagoya Protocol and the Strategic Plan (IT/GB-4/11/Report available at <http://www.planttreaty.org/sites/default/files/gb4re.pdf>).

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

32. Through Notification to the Parties No. 2011/021, issued by the CITES Secretariat in February 2011, CITES Parties were invited to consider integrating into NBSAPs national and regional CITES activities that contribute to the effective implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and the conservation and sustainable use of wild fauna and flora, as appropriate.

33. Through Notification to the Parties No. 2011/026, issued on 4 May 2011, the CITES Secretariat circulated a Draft Guide for CITES Parties on Contributing to the development, review, updating and revision of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) (available at <http://www.cites.org/eng/notif/2011/E026A.pdf>). Parties were invited to make use of the Draft Guide and to provide the Secretariat with any comments they might have on its usefulness, content and format in order to assist in its finalization and help to ensure that it is a useful implementation tool for all Parties and other interested CITES stakeholders.

The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

34. At the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) to be held in Bucharest, Romania from 6-13 July 2012, contracting parties will have before them, under their Agenda item XV, a Draft Resolution XI.3 on Adjustments to the Strategic Plan 2009-2015 for the 2013-2015 triennium (COP11 DR 3, <http://www.ramsar.org/pdf/cop11/dr/cop11-dr03-e-plan.pdf>)

35. Among adjustments proposed are the addition of the recognition that the Ramsar Strategic Plan contributes to, *inter alia*, achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity targets and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the addition to the end of the current Strategic Plan text of an Appendix on How implementation of Ramsar Strategic Plan 2009-2015 Strategies contributes to the "Aichi Biodiversity Targets" (decision X/2 on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020).

The Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage

36. In its decision X/20, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the Joint Programme between UNESCO and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (2010-2020) that had been adopted by the International Conference on Biological and Cultural Diversity for Development held in Montreal from 8-10 June 2010, and invited Parties and other relevant stakeholders to contribute to and support the implementation of this joint programme.

37. To advance the joint programme on biological and cultural diversity, work has been undertaken by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and UNESCO to define the mandate and implementation strategy of the programme through analysis of COP decisions and mandates of the Convention on Biological Diversity, as well as those of the World Heritage Convention and other UNESCO-related conventions. With financial support of the Japan Fund for Biodiversity, established by the Government of Japan to support the implementation of the outcomes of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, a Diversity Liaison Group, bringing together experts, funders and potential donors, will meet on 18-19 July 2012 to consider progress and to provide advice on messaging, tools and next steps to the Executive Secretary of the CBD and Director-General of UNESCO. A progress report on the joint programme will be made available as an information document at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

38. At its thirty-fifth session held in Paris from 19 - 29 June 2011, the World Heritage Committee considered the relationship of the World Heritage Convention with the Convention on Biological Diversity in the context of sustainable development (document WHC-11/35.COM/5E, World Heritage Convention and sustainable development). This included progress in implementation of the Action Plan for 2012 (contained in document WHC-10/34.COM/5D and endorsed by the Committee at its thirty-fourth session), including efforts to strengthen linkages between the World Heritage Convention and other multilateral environmental agreements; the participation of the World Heritage Centre in the BLG; and the Joint Programme between UNESCO and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

39. In its Decision 35 COM 5E, the Committee welcomed the progress made in implementing recommended actions and requested the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, and with the support of interested States Parties to continue its efforts to implement various activities contained in the Action Plan 2012 (WHC-11/35.COM/20).

40. On 9 November 2011 at an event to celebrate the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity held in the margins of the 18th session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention, the Director-General of UNESCO launched the UNESCO Biodiversity Initiative. The Initiative was developed in response to the request of the UNESCO Executive Board at its 185th session, to address, in a holistic and integrated manner, all aspects relating to the conservation and sustainable and equitable use of biodiversity from the standpoint of UNESCO's mandate and relevant programmes and activities.

Capacity-building for National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP)

41. With financial support of the Japan Fund for Biodiversity, fifteen regional and sub-regional capacity-building workshops were held by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity between March 2011 and January 2012 to support Parties to revise their NBSAPs, to implement the Strategic Plan, and to integrate the Aichi Biodiversity Targets into national biodiversity targets (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/4/2). The secretariats of CITES and CMS each participated in two of these workshops and as noted in the preceding sections have each developed guidelines to support the preparation, revision and update of NBSAPs.

The Rio conventions

42. This section reports on cooperation among the Rio conventions: the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Report on activities

The Joint Liaison Group

43. The Joint Liaison Group held its eleventh meeting in Bonn on 11 April 2011. The meeting was chaired by the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD and considered: the purpose of the JLG; options for joint implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) under the Convention on Biological Diversity, the UNFCCC National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs) and the UNCCD National Action Programmes (NAPs); cooperation on gender integration into thematic areas; preparation for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20); exchanges between the scientific subsidiary bodies of the Rio conventions; the harmonization of reporting requirements by Parties; and outreach and communication.

44. Based on the meeting a number of follow up actions were identified including the development of a proposed *modus operandi* and terms of reference for the Joint Liaison Group (see UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/4/INF/18), agreement on the publication of joint brochures on: (i) forests, (ii) climate change adaptation and (iii) gender, a mandate to further develop joint actions on gender mainstreaming, a commitment to a number of joint activities at Rio+20 and a celebration of the United Nations Decades on Biodiversity and Desertification and the Fight against Desertification.

45. The JLG also agreed to explore ways to link ongoing processes on NBSAPs, UNCCD NAPs and UNFCCC NAPAs as well as harmonized reporting. A full report of the meeting is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/reports/jlg-11-report-en.pdf>

The Development of Joint Activities

46. Based on decisions X/33 and IX/16 on biodiversity and climate change, the Executive Secretary transmitted to the secretariats of the UNCCD and the UNFCCC, the invitation from the COP to the Convention on Biological Diversity to develop joint activities at the national level.

47. In addition the Executive Secretary submitted a background note related to the invitation from the Conference of the Parties to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD. Furthermore, the Secretariat delivered a statement transmitting the invitation to the thirty-third and thirty-fourth meetings of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technical Advice. However, as the agenda for each of these meetings had already been set, there was no opportunity for discussion of the invitation by Parties within these processes of the UNCCD and UNFCCC.

48. With regards to joint workshops, as there was no mandate for the other Convention secretariats, and significant financial implications, this activity was limited to the participation of UNFCCC and UNCCD focal points in the sub-regional capacity building workshops for NBSAPs.

49. The Executive Secretary established a partnership with the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility for the development and implementation of national-level joint activities between the Rio Conventions. The overall objective of this partnership is to add value to investments that have already been identified as priorities in participating pilot countries for the implementation of joint activities between the Rio conventions at the national and sub-national level. Specific activities include: A capacity building workshop and development of training material and technical guidance for pilot countries; Technical support and assistance for the identification, planning and implementation of joint activities;

Support for the drafting of implementation plans for joint activities; Support for the mobilization of additional funding to support the implementation of joint activities; The piloting of harmonized reporting among the Rio conventions; and Outreach and awareness-raising on the benefits of joint activities including at Rio+20.

50. Implementation of the above activities will continue throughout 2012 and progress and lessons learned from the implementation of the pilot partnership will be disseminated to Parties through the clearing-house mechanism and other relevant avenues.

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)

51. Based on the priorities set by the Joint Liaison Group, the mandates from the conferences of the parties, and the themes and critical issues to be discussed at Rio+20, the secretariats of the Rio conventions agreed to joint activities to be convened in the margins at Rio+20, including the Rio Conventions Pavilion as a joint outreach initiative of the secretariats; a side-event with United Nations Women on the Rio Conventions Gender Plan of Action; a meeting for the presidents of the conferences of the parties to the Rio conventions and; a celebration marking the 20th anniversary of the Rio conventions.

Additional activities

52. A memorandum of understanding was signed with the secretariat of the UNCCD on 3 September 2011, to guide joint work based on the requests from the conferences of the parties.³ This memorandum of understanding was signed at the margins of a joint meeting of the past, present and future presidencies of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and UNCCD.

Opportunities for further actions

53. In addition to ongoing work through the Joint Liaison Group and the memorandum of understanding with the secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification, a number of emerging opportunities for further collaboration include:

(a) Explore options for cooperation with the UNFCCC on the development of a database on ecosystem based approaches for adaptation;

(b) Provide input into the UNFCCC workshop on ecosystem-based approaches for adaptation called for in paragraph 4 (b) of decision 6/CP.17 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Climate Change, on the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change;

(c) Provide input on the consideration of vulnerable ecosystems within national adaptation plans (paragraph 3 of decision 5/CP.17 17 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Climate Change, on national adaptation plans);

(d) Provide input into relevant publications of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) including “2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands”.

³ <http://www.cbd.int/doc/agreements/agmt-unccd-2011-09-03-mou-web-en.pdf>.

II. SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

54. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation may wish to recommend that the Conference of the Parties, at its eleventh meeting, adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Welcomes* progress made under the Convention on Migratory Species, the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the World Heritage Convention, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora to reflect the Strategic Plan and Aichi Biodiversity Targets in their equivalent strategies;

2. *Welcomes* the work carried out under the Convention on Migratory Species and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora to support parties to incorporate the objectives of these conventions in their revision of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans;

3. *Endorses* the *modus operandi* adopted by the Biodiversity Liaison Group contained in the information document by the Executive Secretary on cooperation with other conventions: supplementary information on working arrangements⁴ and *welcomes* the *modus operandi* and terms of reference for the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions;⁵

4. *Invites* Parties to further strengthen cooperation and synergy among convention focal points and other partners at the national level to enhance capacity for implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and utilizing NBSAP as the central tool for such collaboration;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To provide a report on the implementation of the *modus operandi* adopted by the Biodiversity Liaison Group, evaluating its impact in enhancing coordination, coherence and national level synergies among the biodiversity conventions;

(b) In consultation with other Convention secretariats, draft suggestions for increasing the involvement of Parties in the work of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions and the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions;

(c) To make available through the clearing-house mechanism, the lessons learned from the implementation of the GEF pilot project on facilitating national reporting to the Rio conventions.

⁴ UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/4/INF/18

⁵ Ibid.