

Working Group 2: Catalyzing New Commitments

Overall process

1. Identify potential new Commitments

- *Caribbean Initiative (see draft benchmarks below)*
- *Invasive(s) commitments (see draft benchmarks below)*
- *Global islands database (Oliver, Kristian)*
- *Sea Level Rise Foundation (Rolph et al)*
- *Private sector commitments*
 - *Tourism (Oliver et al)*
 - *Fisheries (Ecosystem Based Management and GEF Large Marine Ecosystem linked) (Rob, Oliver, etc)*
 - *Mining*
 - *Agriculture*
 - *Forestry*
- *Mediterranean Challenge with EU (Margarita, Isabella, Paolo, etc)*
- *Ecosystem based management commitments (Rob, Youlsau, Rolph, CBD Sec, etc)*
- *Knowledge sharing commitments (maybe linked to PoW on protected areas knowledge sharing commitments)s*

2. Develop plan or “terms of reference” for high potential Commitments that consider the characteristics and readiness issues listed below

New commitments being prepared:

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3. Launch commitment

4. Implement, monitor, and adapt commitment over time, as well as share learning with others

Overall Characteristics of a “Commitment”

(Suggested criteria for moving potential commitments from step 1 to 2)

- Regional, global, and trans-boundary (including national?) scope
- Specific and quantifiable commitments with benefits that can be clearly articulated
- Explicitly linked to international obligations
- Involves multiple partners (public and private)
- Championed or at least supported by government(s)

Checklist for “Readiness for Launching a Commitment”

(Suggested criteria for moving GLISPA commitment from step 2 to 3)

- ✓ Meets all the above characteristics of a Commitment

- ✓ High level public announcement venue set
- ✓ Communication strategy designed
- ✓ High level champion(s) are on board
- ✓ An implementation team is established
- ✓ There is a basic articulation of governance of decision making
- ✓ A basic implementation plan has been designed
- ✓ Stakeholders have been identified
- ✓ Benefits to stakeholders have been articulated and owned
- ✓ Some initial funding is committed (quiet campaign phase)



Milestones and inputs

3-Year Milestones were drafted for:

- Caribbean Initiative
- Invasive Species
- Global Island Database
- Tourism & Protected Areas

Input was provided for:

- Sea Level Rise Foundation

Need to assess readiness for:

- Ecosystem-based management
- Mediterranean
- US engagement

Caribbean Challenge

Milestone 1: By May 2008 (COP-9), GLISPA will support launching of the Caribbean Initiative, including a minimum of 10 Caribbean countries, with focus on sustainable financing of protected areas and implementation of national systems of protected area plans.

Actions

1. Utilise Working Group on Protected Areas II to build momentum “soft launch” (Rome, February, 2008) by:
 - a. GLISPA: side event on regional challenge/initiatives model featuring Micronesian Challenge, Coral Triangle Challenge, and Caribbean Initiative (Spenser, Rob, Jason, Cooper, other regions?)
 - b. GLISPA: Informal discussions among GLISPA partnership, GEF and other potential donors (Spenser, Rob, Cooper, other regions?)
2. Use COP9 to publicly launch Caribbean Initiative
 - a. GLISPA: High level event (Spenser, Rob, Cooper, Jason, other regions?)
 - b. GLISPA: Country level statements during high level plenary segment in support of GLISPA and Caribbean Initiative (Spenser, Rob, Cooper, other regions?)
 - c. GLISPA: Country statements in support of GLISPA and Caribbean Initiative during relevant agenda items/working groups (Spenser, Rob, Cooper, other regions?)

Champions	Bahamas (PM), Grenada (Minister of Environment), Belize
GLISPA leads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Weary (TNC) • Spencer Thomas (Grenada) • Donald Cooper (Bahamas)
Milestone 2: By 2010 (COP-10), GLISPA help maintain/increase international attention, share lessons learned, and identify funding sources for implementing PA system financing strategies.	
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLISPA event at WCC to present strategy and engage private sector (Barcelona, Sept 08) (Catherine, Jason)
Milestone 3: By 2010 (COP10), assist the Caribbean in developing a regional multi-sector approach to preventing and managing alien invasive species	

<u>Invasive Species Commitments</u>	
<i>Note: discussion focused primarily on necessary action steps rather than further developing specific GLISPA milestones and actions</i>	
Action 1: Facilitating development of a pilot invasive species network/Cooperative Islands Initiative node in new region	
Coordination discussion	Stas, Greg, Piero – before 17 Oct
New Zealand	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support public promotion/announcement of NZ commitment to PII and CII (when/where?) (Stas, Greg) 2. Work with NZ to engage other sponsoring countries/institutions for regional nodes (Stas, Greg) 3. Alotau Pacific Roundtable <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Discussion on engaging NZ and what this means for the Pacific partners (Stas, Greg) b. Identify major points, strengths, needs for a successful model (Stas, Alan Saunders)
Europe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approach EU, Council of Europe, UK, Croatia, Spain, Portugal (Piero, Greg) b. SBSTTA13 Council of Europe side event on aliens in Europe/floating the island concept (with side discussions w/ NZ, Australia?, Carib champion?) (Piero, Eladio, Stas, Greg?) c. Overseas Territories (Stas, Piero – Tara, Jean-Philippe) d. Engage DAISIE to engage EC ? (Piero)
Caribbean	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Engage CABI Carib GEF project manager/key countries to float concept and identify champions (Stas – Stacie, Donna) b. Engage US State Department (expand on PILN support) and Florida contacts (Stas – FI Keys Program) c. Engage IABIN I3N ? (Stas)
Austral/Indo	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. More fact finding – AusAID, others?? (John R.) b. Engage WWF-Australia (John R.) c. Engage Seychelles (Stas – Selby)

COP9 (Bonn, May 2008)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of new regional node/side event?? • Decision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Input into SCBD by 19 November b. GISP, NZ, PILN/PII, Council of Europe, CABI/GEF Caribbean Partners c. Funding for expert group (late Nov/early Dec)?? d. Key points (Stas produce text circulation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Endorse PII/PILN model (more description on what that is) ii. Support development in other regions iii. Networking among regions/nodes (role for GLISPA, GISP, ISSG???)
IUCN WCC (Barcelona, October 2008)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Workshop slots – ISSG, GISP (island focus) (Piero – Mick, Stas) b. Resolution ??
GEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. GLISPA GEF proposal (Stas) b. Engage GEF staff (Stas, Yaba) c. Co-financing (Greg??) d. Engage potential project focal points (Stas – Alan Tye, Ulrike Krauss)
Action 2: Building off New Zealand re-commitment to Pacific Islands Initiative	
Champions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Zealand – promote CII/PII, bilateral work to secure other country champions b. US – Caribbean?? c. Australia – Indo/Pacific?? d. EU – Mediterranean/European islands
Contacts	Greg Sherley, Stas Burgiel
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. SBSTTA-13 (Council of Europe side event) b. Pacific Roundtable
Action 3: Move 2 GEF regional projects through the pipeline with \$X co-financing (Pacific, Caribbean)	
Champions	
Contacts	Stas Burgiel; Carib – Ulrike Krauss, CABI; Pacific – Alan Tye, Sprep
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Links to GEF biodiversity strategy GLISPA and biosecurity windows b. Need to define appropriate role for GLISPA in moving these projects
Action 4: Develop CBD Clearing-House Mechanism invasive species portal through pilot on islands (thematic, not species date)	
Champions	

Contacts	Stas, SCBD new IAS/CHM hire
Comments	Appropriate for GLISPA commitment (or partner collaboration)
Action 5: Private Sector	
Comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Appropriate for GLISPA commitmentb. Need to define appropriate role for GLISPA in moving these projects