

**REQUESTS FROM THE COP-9 TO
PARTIES, GOVERNMENTS, AND RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS, IN RESPECT OF
FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM
(as derived from decisions IX/11 and 31)**

**THE EU SUBMISSION to the Notification No. 2008 - 122 – Decisions IX/11 and IX/31 requesting actions/submissions from
Parties, governments and relevant organizations**

NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION, FRANCE

Decision	Action/submission required by the ninth Conference of the Parties		Response by FRANCE
IX/11, A	1. <i>Encourages</i> the Parties and relevant organizations to improve the existing financial information through enhancing accuracy, consistency and delivery of existing data on biodiversity financing and improved reporting on funding needs and shortfalls for the Convention's three objectives, and, in this context, <i>requests</i> the Executive Secretary to regularly update and further develop the Convention's online network on finance;		The OECD has experience in collecting data on aid targeting the objectives of the Rio Conventions (Rio markers). France therefore suggests that the Sec CDB develop, with OECD and other relevant organizations, a methodology for a global data basis on financing; and develop, with relevant organizations, guidelines for the elaboration of national data sets.

	<p>2. <i>Encourages</i> the Parties and relevant organizations to intensify efforts to assess, as appropriate, the economic costs of the loss of biodiversity and its associated ecosystem services and of the failure to take measures to fulfil the three objectives of the Convention, as well as the benefits of early action to reduce loss of biological diversity and its associated ecosystem services, in order to inform decision-making and awareness-raising, <i>inter alia</i> through contributing to the "Global Study on the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity;"</p>		<p>In March 2009, the report by a government advisory body (Conseil d'analyse stratégique) was published with a view to guide country-level reflexions on the economic approach to biodiversity and ecosystem services. The report provides a review of methods used for the economic valuation of biodiversity. A contribution by France to the The Economics of Ecosystems & Biodiversity –TEEB-initiative, the document (full report & executive summary, in French) is available at : http://www.strategie.gouv.fr/article.php3?id_article=980.</p>
	<p>4. <i>Urges</i> Parties and Governments, where appropriate, to create the enabling environment to mobilize private and public-sector investments in biological diversity and its associated ecosystem services;</p>		<p>The FR cooperation and development works closely with NGOs to develop initiatives in this area. The cooperation framework between the FR government and IUCN includes a specific work programme with the private sector. A study has been undertaken on "Secteur hôtelier et biodiversité" - the hotel industry and biodiversity. Technical studies are also carried out in preparation of experiences on "habitat banking". Under the French EU Presidency, a workshop was organized on Business and Biodiversity , in close collaboration with major industrial companies and EPBRS, on 18 Nov 2008.</p>

			The opportunity of public-private cooperation in the financing of cooperation & development projects funded by the French environmental financing mechanism FFEM is also being explored
	5. <i>Recommends</i> that Parties and relevant organizations identify, engage and increase South-South cooperation as a complement to North-South cooperation to enhance technical, financial, scientific and technological cooperation and innovations, for biological diversity;		The French cooperation is active in particular in the forestry sector, and supports projects aimed at sharing good practices in forest management and scientific cooperation. The Congo Basin Forest Partnership, facilitated by Germany, is a good example of North-South-South triangular cooperation. A number of projects under development, relating to the sustainable use of biodiversity by local communities, involve South-South cooperation, in particular between Africa and Latin America.
	6. <i>Urges</i> the Parties and Governments to continue to enhance national administrative and managerial capacities, thus enabling more efficient resource utilization and enhancing positive impacts;		Most of the projects funded by the French environmental financing mechanism FFEM include components on capacity-building

	<p>7. <i>Urges</i> Parties, the Global Environment Facility, and relevant organizations to include gender, indigenous peoples and local communities perspectives in the financing of biodiversity and its associated ecosystem services;</p>		<p>ODA projects financed or co-financed by France are required to address local community development aspects.</p> <p>The French environmental financing mechanism FFEM is also involved in these aspects (e.g.: funding on the implementation of CREMAs – community resource management areas- in Ghana –Community Forest Biodiversity Project)). The reflexion on a community based ecotourism is also frequently adressed by FFEM</p>
	<p>9. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary to compile existing guidelines and best practices for mainstreaming financing of biodiversity and its associated ecosystem services into overall and sectoral planning as well as on financial needs assessment and make this information publicly available;</p>	<p>1. Financial needs assessment 2. Existing guidelines and best practices for mainstreaming financing of biodiversity</p>	<p>FFEM has funded a review on fiduciary funds experiences for biodiversity conservation (“Revue des expériences des fonds fiduciaires pour la conservation de la biodiversité”) in cooperation with CFA, AFD, KfW, CI and the WWF.</p>
	<p>10. <i>Encourages</i> Parties and other Governments to build on existing knowledge of biodiversity and poverty alleviation mainstreaming to integrate biodiversity into national development policies and plans.</p>		<p>A programme officer has been outposted by France to the Secretariat of the CBD to enhance mainstreaming of biodiversity in poverty alleviation strategies and programmes. This position will be renewed in 2009.</p>

IX/11, B	2. <i>Also invites</i> the Parties and relevant organizations, including United Nations development system, the World Bank, regional development banks and all other relevant international and regional bodies, as well as non-governmental organizations and business sector entities to take prompt actions to implement the strategy for resource mobilization in support of the achievement of the Convention's three objectives;		The Strategy has been included in the Cooperation and Development chapter of the French NBSAP.
	3. <i>Invites</i> Parties to come forward with early commitments of additional funding in support of the strategy for resource mobilization in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention;		
	4. <i>Invites</i> Parties to come forward with new and innovative financing mechanisms in support of the strategy for resource mobilization in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention, <i>requests</i> the Executive Secretary to support diffusion of such initiatives and <i>requests</i> the Global Environment Facility to support diffusion, and facilitate replication and scaling-up, of such initiatives that have proved to be successful;	3. Early commitment of additional funding as well as new and innovative financing mechanisms in support of the strategy for resource mobilization	France has established an environmental financing mechanism FFEM – Fond français pour l’environnement mondial – which supports biodiversity conservation & sustainable use activities. Additional information on the FFEM is available at http://www.ffem.fr/jahia/Jahia/accueil France is considering the feasibility of offset programmes through mitigation banks and takes part in the international initiative <i>Business and Biodiversity Offset Programme</i> (BBOP).

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IX/11, B, annex	<p>12. The strategy for resource mobilization is intended to assist Parties in establishing national targets, goals and objectives as well as actions and timeframes, and in considering the establishment of financial mechanisms and other options, to implement the financial provisions of the Convention at all levels, based on success stories and good practices. Each Party should consider appointing a “resource mobilization focal point” to facilitate national implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization. National implementation should include, as appropriate, the design and dissemination of a country-specific resource mobilization strategy, with the involvement of key stakeholders such as non-governmental organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities, environmental funds, businesses and donors, in the frame of updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans.</p>	5. Resource mobilization focal point	FR has not nominated a focal point yet.
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IX/31, A	<p>5. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, for consideration by the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:</p> <p>(a) To invite Parties to submit assessments of their future funding needs based on their updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans;</p> <p>(b) To compile these national submissions;</p> <p>(c) To prepare, in consultation with the Parties, draft terms of reference for a full assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention for the sixth replenishment period of the Trust Fund of the Global Environment Facility</p>	<p>6. Assessments of future funding needs based on their updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans</p> <p>7. Draft terms of reference for a full assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention for the sixth replenishment period of the Trust Fund of the Global Environment Facility</p>	n.a.
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