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National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)

The Convention on Biological Diversity calls for each Party to develop a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) to guarantee that the objectives of the Convention are undertaken at all levels and in all sectors in each country. The National Biodiversity Strategy reflects how a country intends to fulfill the objectives of the Convention, while the National Biodiversity Action Plan comprises the concrete actions to be taken to achieve the goals of the strategy. These actions are developed by each Party in accordance with national circumstances and capabilities.

It is essential that all sectors whose activities impact on biodiversity be brought into the NBSAP process early. This is what is meant by “mainstreaming” – all stakeholders in biodiversity working together to develop and implement the NBSAP. Mainstreaming also means integrating biodiversity considerations into related legislation, plans, programmes and policy, such as National Development Plans; National Strategies for Sustainable Development; Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers; Strategies to achieve the Millennium Development Goals; National Programmes to Combat Desertification; National Climate Change Adaptation or Mitigation Strategies; and relevant private-sector policies.

While the NBSAP can take the form of a single biodiversity planning document, it can also be conceived as comprising a “basket” of elements on, for example, laws and administrative procedures; scientific research agendas, programmes and projects; communication, education and public awareness activities; forums for inter-ministerial and multi-stakeholder dialogue.

The NBSAP should be a living process by which increasing scientific information and knowledge, gained through the monitoring and evaluation of each phase of implementation, feed a permanent strategy review process.



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Fast Facts

- ▶ National Biodiversity Action Plans comprise the concrete steps to be taken to achieve the goals of the National Biodiversity Strategies
- ▶ 166 countries have developed NBSAPs, of these 23 have prepared NBSAP revisions
- ▶ COP 9 calls upon remaining 26 Parties to develop their NBSAPs by 2010
- ▶ Number of Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans prepared at the sub-national and local levels of countries is increasing
- ▶ Article 26 (National Reports) and Article 10 (a) (Sustainable Use of the Components of Biological Diversity) are closely linked to Article 6 (General Measures for Conservation and Sustainable Use)
- ▶ National Reports are submitted to the Conference of the Parties at four-year intervals and describe the current status of implementation of the NBSAP.

Learn More

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