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assistance in implementing the decisions of the 10th meeting of the Conference of the
Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity**

Background

On 27 March 2006, in the margins of the 8th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD in Curitiba, Brazil, the Executive Secretary of the CBD and the Director of UNEP-WCMC signed an agreement on a framework for collaboration to support implementation of the CBD. In order to operationalize this agreement, following both COP 8 and COP 9, both parties jointly agreed on biannual programmes of work for UNEP-WCMC support to the implementation of those COP decisions of relevance to the mandate of UNEP-WCMC, and subsequently reported on the implementation of those programmes of work.

This new programme of work responds to the decisions taken at COP 10 in October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan. It builds on the existing collaboration between UNEP-WCMC and the CBD Secretariat and Parties in order to bring the technical and capacity building expertise within UNEP-WCMC to bear on the improved implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

UNEP-WCMC has been supporting the CBD – both the Parties and the Secretariats – for many years and has also been working extensively with other conventions such as CITES, CMS, Ramsar and UNCCD, including on developing synergies between conventions. An important aspect of UNEP-WCMC's assistance has been on building the capacity of Parties to implement the conventions. This is in line with the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building and the mandate for UNEP, provided by the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its 23rd session (decision 23/3), to implement the Bali Strategic Plan.

Aim

This document sets out a programme of work between COP 10 and COP 11 that identifies areas in which UNEP-WCMC, through its technical and capacity-building expertise, will endeavour to support the Secretariat and Parties in the implementation of the Convention and the decisions of COP 10. The focus of this programme of work is to support implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets.

Disclaimer

It should be noted that the activities listed in the work programme do not imply any commitment with regards to a transfer of funds between the CBD Secretariat and UNEP-WCMC or any formal agreement to grant work to UNEP-WCMC. Where funding is managed by the CBD Secretariat, all rules of procedure will be followed and the associated activities will be advertised openly for the submission of proposals by all interested partners.

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Structure

This document consists of two sections, each with identified activities. Section I identifies work areas resulting from the decisions of COP 10 in which the role of UNEP-WCMC is explicitly recognised (including references to the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership facilitated by UNEP-WCMC) as well as priority issues for support to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets. Section II addresses other work areas resulting from COP 10 decisions.

Activities of UNEP-WCMC in support of the implementation of the Convention resulting from previous meetings of the Conference of the Parties will continue as needed, subject to communication between technical staff of the Secretariat and UNEP-WCMC.

Review

The state of implementation of this programme of work will be regularly reviewed by the CBD Secretariat and UNEP-WCMC on the basis of reports prepared by UNEP-WCMC, and reports delivered to COP, SBSTTA and the Working Group on Review of Implementation, as appropriate.

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Section I: Areas of work resulting from COP 10 decisions in which the role of UNEP-WCMC is explicitly recognized and priority issues of support to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets

1. Biodiversity indicators
 2. Marine and coastal biodiversity (1)
 3. Protected areas
 4. Capacity development for NBSAPs
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Programme Area 1 – Biodiversity indicators

Activity 1.1: Build on and continue the work of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership in order to deliver global biodiversity indicators for the post-2010 period and support Parties in developing corresponding national indicators

COP decision X/7 on goals, targets and indicators for the post-2010 period, paragraph 2, recognizes the need to continue strengthening our ability to monitor biodiversity at all levels including through building on and continuing the work of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (BIP) in delivering global indicators for the post-2010 period. The same decision established an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group, pending the availability of financial resources, which could be supported by UNEP-WCMC through background work, support for preparations and assistance with convening the meeting.

The Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, facilitated by UNEP-WCMC, will also provide assistance in the development or refinement of indicators in the following areas: mountain biodiversity (decision X/30 on mountain biodiversity, paragraph 4), protected areas (decision X/31 on protected areas, paragraphs 37 and 38), sustainable use of biodiversity (decision X/32 on sustainable use, paragraphs 2c and 4b), communication, education and public awareness (decision X/18 on communication, education and public awareness, paragraph 5), taxonomy (decision X/39 on the Global Taxonomy Initiative, paragraph 18), marine and coastal biodiversity (decision X/29 on marine and coastal biodiversity, paragraphs 16 and 17), business engagement (decision X/21 on business engagement, paragraph 2h), Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (decision X/17 on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, paragraph 10a and Annex, paragraph 15), plan of action on cities and biodiversity (decision X/22 on the plan of action on subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity, Annex, paragraph 5k), REDD and forest conservation and management (decision X/33 on biodiversity and climate change, paragraph 9h) and inland waters (decision X/28 on inland waters, paragraph 31).

This work will include global as well as regional and national indicators, as relevant. (Note also programme area 4 on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans)

Activity 1.2: Assist the Executive Secretary in pursuing the ongoing refinement and use of the indicators for traditional knowledge referred to in decision X/43 through the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership

Note that it is understood that all activities will be carried out working in direct cooperation with the relevant programme staff of the CBD Secretariat

This activity responds to COP decision X/43 on the multi-year programme of work on Article 8(j), which in paragraph 17 requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with Parties, Governments, international agencies, the Working Group on Indicators of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and interested parties, including the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (BIP), to pursue the ongoing refinement and use of the proposed indicators on traditional knowledge. Paragraph 18 of the same decision, requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with Parties, Governments, international agencies including the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Working Group on Indicators of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, relevant NGOs, and the BIP, to explore the development of appropriate indicators for customary sustainable use.

Activity 1.3: Assist the Executive Secretary in developing methodological guidance for indicators for monitoring the implementing of the Resource Mobilization Strategy

In decision X/3 on the Resource Mobilization Strategy, the COP adopted indicators for monitoring the implementation of the Strategy. In paragraph 8d, the COP requests the Executive Secretary to compile information from all sources including, but not limited to, the Biodiversity Indicator Partnership to give methodological guidance on these indicators.

Activity 1.4: Work with GEO-BON on an evaluation of existing observation capabilities relevant to the post-2010 biodiversity targets

COP decision X/7 on the goals, targets and indicators, in paragraph 6, requested the Executive Secretary to invite GEO-BON, working through organizations conducting biodiversity relevant observations, including, *inter alia*, UNEP-WCMC and IUCN, to prepare an evaluation of existing observation capabilities relevant to the targets contained in the Strategic Plan for the period 2011-2020 and provide a report in time for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for the period 2011-2020. UNEP-WCMC is collaborating with GEO-BON on this task.

Programme Area 2 – Marine and coastal biodiversity (1)

Activity 2.1: Assist the Executive Secretary in facilitating the availability and interoperability of the best available marine and coastal biodiversity data sets across global, regional and national scales

This activity responds to COP decision X/29 on marine and coastal biodiversity, paragraph 35, which requests the Executive Secretary to work with a range of organisations to facilitate availability and interoperability of the best available marine and coastal biodiversity data sets, across global, regional, and national scales. UNEP-WCMC works closely with partner organisations, including the Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (GOBI) on improved availability of marine and coastal biodiversity datasets.

Activity 2.2: Assist the Executive Secretary in the establishment of a repository for scientific and technical information and experience related to the application of the scientific criteria on the identification of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs)

Through decision X/29 on marine and coastal biodiversity, paragraph 39, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to establish a repository for scientific and technical information and experience related to the application of the scientific criteria on the identification of EBSAs in annex I of decision IX/20, as well as other relevant compatible and complementary nationally and intergovernmentally agreed scientific criteria that shares information and harmonizes with similar initiatives, and to develop an information-sharing mechanism with similar initiatives. The activity also responds to the indicative list of activities for operational objective 2.4 of programme element 2 on marine and coastal living resources as contained in the annex to decision X/29, number c). UNEP-WCMC has been closely involved in the development of the EBSAs and is working with other organisations in making them more widely available and applicable.

Activity 2.3: Assist the Executive Secretary in the development of a series of joint expert review processes to monitor and assess the impacts of ocean acidification on marine and coastal biodiversity

This activity responds to decision X/29 on marine and coastal biodiversity, paragraph 66, through which the COP requested the Executive Secretary to work with a range of organisations in the development of a series of joint expert review processes to monitor and assess the impacts of ocean acidification on marine and coastal biodiversity. Through paragraph 63 of this decision, the COP welcomed the compilation and synthesis of available scientific information on ocean acidification and its impacts on marine biodiversity and habitats (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/INF/8; also CBD Technical Series 46), which was prepared by UNEP-WCMC for the Executive Secretary.

Note that further aspects of work on marine and coastal biodiversity are covered under programme area 6.

Programme Area 3 – Protected Areas

Activity 3.1: Maintain and improve the World Database on Protected Areas in order to receive Parties' reports on their protected areas, including datasets on protected area management effectiveness; to prepare the United Nations List of Protected Areas; and to produce an annual *Protected Planet Report*

Through paragraph 35 of decision X/31 on protected areas, the COP encourages Parties to share and update relevant information on their protected area system with the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA), which includes the United Nations List of Protected Areas. The publication of the next UN List of Protected Areas is foreseen for 2012. The activity also responds to paragraph 19a of that decision, which invites Parties to continue to expand and institutionalize management effectiveness assessments to work towards assessing 60 per cent of the total area of protected areas by 2015. The paragraph makes explicit reference to the global database on management effectiveness maintained by UNEP-WCMC in collaboration with the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) through the WDPA. *Protected Planet*, the new face of the WDPA, will be translated into all UN and some other key languages. The *Protected Planet Report* will include protected area coverage statistics by regions, countries, biomes, ecoregions etc and a new Protected Planet Index that will provide information on protected area management and biodiversity conservation effectiveness.

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Activity 3.2: Work with the Secretariat on integrating the new online reporting tool on protected areas with the World Database on Protected Areas

This responds directly to paragraph 36 of COP decision X/31 on protected areas, which requests the Executive Secretary to integrate the online reporting tool on protected areas, as established by the same decision, with the World Database on Protected Areas, in order to facilitate the reporting process and promote the joint use of both tools by the Parties.

Activity 3.3: Work with the Secretariat to enable voluntary reporting by Parties on indigenous and community-conserved areas to the registry of indigenous and community-conserved areas

Through decision X/31 on protected areas, the COP has invited Parties to recognize the role of indigenous and community-conserved areas (ICCAs) (paragraph 31b) and to consider voluntary in-depth reporting using standardized indexes and taxonomies including the proposed global registry of ICCAs (paragraph 33c). UNEP-WCMC manages the voluntary Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas Registry which aims to document the value of ICCAs and the role of indigenous peoples and local communities in biodiversity conservation. This is done in close collaboration with the ICCA Consortium.

Programme Area 4 – Capacity development for National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

Activity 4.1: Assist Parties in developing or updating NBSAPs through support for the development and adoption of indicators

Activity 4.2: Assist Parties in developing or updating NBSAPs through making available biodiversity data and information

National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) are the key mechanism for Parties to implement the Convention. This is reflected in decision X/5 on the implementation of the Convention and in the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. UNEP-WCMC is in a good position to provide a range of support to build Parties' capacity for development or updating of NBSAPs, including the following: i) access to the best available information on standards for the development of indicators, particularly where global and national level indicator processes have successfully converged, to help them assess whether their targets have been met; ii) provision and repatriation of relevant spatial data and information in the areas of marine and terrestrial biodiversity, protected areas, and others; iii) access to global standards for, and case studies of success in, processes such as the setting of targets; and iv) capacity development in the effective use of science and assessment in decision making, and in particular the creation, management and communication of indicators, based on relevant regional examples, experience and training (note also programme area I on biodiversity indicators). This work will be undertaken at regional, subregional and national level, in cooperation not only with the CBD Secretariat, but also, where relevant, UNEP, UNDP and other agencies.

Section II: Other key areas of work resulting from COP 10 decisions

5. Biodiversity and climate change
 6. Marine and coastal biodiversity (2)
 7. Conservation Commons
 8. National reporting
 9. Global Biodiversity Outlook
 10. Business and biodiversity
 11. Global Taxonomy Initiative
 12. Biodiversity for Development
 13. South-South Cooperation
 14. Biodiversity and agriculture
 15. Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
 16. Biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands
 17. Cities and Biodiversity
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Programme Area 5 – Biodiversity and climate change

Activity 5.1: Share knowledge and data linking biodiversity conservation and sustainable use and climate change mitigation and adaptation

In responding to COP decision X/33 on biodiversity and climate change, UNEP-WCMC will, building on its work on REDD over the past two years, continue to provide data, information and tools to the Convention on links between biodiversity conservation and sustainable use and climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Programme Area 6 – Marine and coastal biodiversity (2)

Activity 6.1: Assist the Executive Secretary in the identification of elements for integrating the traditional, scientific, technical and technological knowledge of indigenous and local communities and social and cultural criteria and other aspects for the application of scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20 for the identification of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) as well as the establishment and management of marine protected areas

This activity responds to decision X/29 on marine and coastal biodiversity, paragraph 47, through which the COP requested the Executive Secretary to undertake to identify specific elements for integrating the traditional, scientific, technical and technological knowledge of indigenous and local communities, consistent with Article 8(j) of the Convention, and social and cultural criteria and other aspects for the application of scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20 for the identification of ecologically or biologically significant areas as well as the establishment and management of marine protected areas.

Note that further aspects of work on marine and coastal biodiversity are covered under programme area 2.

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Programme Area 7 – Conservation Commons

Activity 7.1: Assist the Executive Secretary in exploring ways to promote free and open access to data and information for conservation purposes

The COP, through decision X/7 on the goals, targets and indicators for the post-2010 period, paragraph 2f, recognised the need to continue strengthening our ability to monitor biodiversity at all levels, *inter alia* through identifying and addressing barriers that limit the availability of data, including through the work of the Conservation Commons. In paragraph 5c of decision X/15 on scientific and technical cooperation and the Clearing-House Mechanism, the COP requested the Executive Secretary, to explore, in collaboration with Parties, other Governments, relevant partners and members of the Conservation Commons, ways to promote free and open access to data and information for conservation purposes. As the host of the Secretariat of the Conservation Commons, UNEP-WCMC is in a good position to provide support to the Secretariat in this regard, working with the Conservation Commons partners.

Programme Area 8 – National reporting

Activity 8.1: Provide suggestions for improving national reporting, including on harmonization of national reporting and on improving the reporting capacities of least developed countries and small island developing states

The COP, through decision X/10 on national reporting, paragraph 12, encouraged Parties to increase synergies in national reporting under biodiversity-related conventions. In paragraph 13 of the same decision, the COP welcomed the FNR_Rio pilot project supported by the Global Environment Facility, and other relevant projects and initiatives, such as the project developed by the Australian Government in collaboration with the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, to facilitate integrated reporting processes and approaches in the least developed countries and small island developing States, which may provide important lessons for enhancing the reporting capacities of these countries. In paragraph 7 of decision X/33 on biodiversity and climate change, the COP suggested that Parties consider developing mechanisms to streamline reporting and data collection related to the biodiversity and climate change interface at the national and subnational level. In addition, in paragraph 8 of decision X/20 on cooperation with other conventions and international organisations and initiatives, the COP invited the Joint Liaison Group to continue giving consideration to the harmonization of national reporting and, in this context, welcomed the progress made in the FNR-Rio project, as well as the project to streamline reporting by Pacific island countries to the biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements. UNEP-WCMC has been involved in work on national reporting for many years, is executing the FNR_Rio project and has provided advice to the Australia/SPREP reporting project. (See also programme area 1 on biodiversity indicators)

Activity 8.2: Provide input on post-2010 biodiversity indicators to the regional workshops on the fifth national reports and to the resource manual for the fifth national reports

COP decision X/10 on the fifth national reports, in paragraph 7, decides that the fifth national reports should focus on the implementation of the updated Strategic Plan of the Convention for the period 2011-2020, and progress toward the 2020 targets, using

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indicators where possible and feasible, including application of global headline indicators contained in decision VIII/15 and additional indicators that may be adopted at COP 11 for measuring progress towards the 2020 targets. In paragraph 15 of the same decision, the COP requests the Executive Secretary to prepare a resource manual for the fifth national reports.

Programme Area 9 – Global Biodiversity Outlook

Activity 9.1: Provide ongoing support to the Global Biodiversity Outlook publication, which is the main outreach and awareness raising tool for the monitoring and reporting on the status and trends on biodiversity.

The COP, through decision X/4 calls for additional work on the communication strategy for the third edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook, the promotion of the findings of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook through regional or sub-regional workshops, and the dissemination of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook in additional languages. The COP also calls for quantitative policy options, including assessments of the financial resources required to address the causes of biodiversity loss, to enhance the evaluation of the achievement of the post-2010 targets, drawing on the conclusions of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and a review of the process of preparation and production of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. Based on its contributions to the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, UNEP/WCMC will continue to contribute to follow-up activities and assessments.

Programme Area 10 – Business and Biodiversity

Activity 10.1: Assist the Executive Secretary through the provision of information for integrating biodiversity into business operations

Decision X/21 on business engagement outlines a range of activities by Parties, businesses and the private sector, and the Executive Secretary that aim at an improved integration of business and biodiversity. UNEP-WCMC has a wide experience of working with business and will make available information on some key issues, in particular options for incorporating biodiversity into business practices (decision X/21 paragraph 1c), monitoring and assessing impacts of business operations on biodiversity and ecosystem services (paragraph 2b), development of indicators for tracking implementation of business commitments (paragraphs 2h and 3b), and the development and application of tools and mechanisms to facilitate the engagement of business, such as certification, verification, the valuation of biodiversity and ecosystem services, incentive measures and biodiversity offsets (paragraph 3c). Relevant information from WCMC will be shared with CBD to help facilitate a dialogue among Parties and other Governments, business, and other stakeholders (paragraph 3 a). In particular, the Secretariat and UNEP-WCMC are engaged in projects that will help fulfil the objectives of paragraphs 3b-d which call for the compilation, analysis and monitoring of tools and mechanisms as well as encouraging their further development. This work will take the form of several co-hosted meetings by WCMC and SCBD which lead to co-authored reports analyzing the issues surrounding tools and mechanism and making recommendations for the next COP.

Programme Area 11 – Global Taxonomy Initiative

Activity 11.1: Assist Parties in building taxonomic capacity through taxonomic indicators and other means

In line with the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative, decision X/39 on the GTI stresses the importance of building taxonomic capacity in countries. UNEP-WCMC will provide support to these efforts through collaborative work with the Coordination Mechanism (CM) of the GTI and other partners such as GBIF on (a) taxonomic indicator(s) in the framework of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership. UNEP-WCMC will also work with the Secretariat and the CM on other means to support taxonomic capacity building.

Programme Area 12 – Biodiversity for development

Activity 12.1: Support delivery of the biodiversity for development work of the Convention through input to the Expert Group on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development

Decision X/6 on integration of biodiversity into poverty eradication and development established an Expert Group on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development. UNEP-WCMC has worked with the Secretariat on the linkages between the objectives of the Convention and poverty eradication and development processes, including through a study on linking the thematic programmes of work of the Convention to poverty reduction and development. UNEP-WCMC will provide further assistance to the Expert Group and related processes.

Decision X/23 on the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development invites support to the organization of regular meetings of the forum on South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development. UNEP-WCMC will provide assistance to this process.

UNEP-WCMC is committed to support the Nagoya Declaration on Biodiversity in Development Cooperation and will seek specific opportunities to collaboration with the CBD Secretariat and other partners to this end.

Programme Area 13 – South-South cooperation

Activity 13.1: Provide support to the CBD South-South Cooperation programme

Through decision X/23, the COP welcomed the Multi -Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development as adopted by the Group of 77 and China at the South-South Cooperation Forum on 17 October 2010. UNEP-WCMC is expected to support the resulting CBD South-South Cooperation programme of the Convention through supporting information exchange and knowledge management in the framework of the global biodiversity knowledge network of the programme, and supporting capacity-building for centres of excellence in developing countries.

Programme Area 14 – Biodiversity and agriculture

Activity 14.1: Assist the exploration of the positive and negative impacts of agriculture on biodiversity as well as options for strengthening the harmony between the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity and other programmes of work of the Convention

This responds to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 in relation to the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, with several targets requiring the exploration of positive and negative impacts of agriculture on biodiversity (e.g. targets 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15). It also responds to decision X/34, paragraph 14, which notes the interconnection between agricultural ecosystems and other ecosystems and invites Parties to consider the need for strengthened harmony between implementation of relevant elements of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity and other programmes of work, in particular the other thematic programmes of work. UNEP-WCMC will assist Parties by the provision of information on these issues in collaboration with FAO.

Programme Area 15 – Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

Activity 15.1: Provide support to building capacity for the implementation of the Updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020

UNEP-WCMC, as a member of the Global Partnership on Plant Conservation, will further assist with capacity building for, and supporting, the implementation of the Updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, adopted through decision X/17, including with regard to the updating of technical rationales, milestones and indicators for the updated Strategy; development of the toolkit for the GSPC; contributions to regional capacity-building and training workshops as appropriate; and contributions to raising awareness about the contribution of the activities carried out as part of the implementation of the Strategy beyond 2010 in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, and contributing to human well-being and sustainable development).

Programme Area 16 – Biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands

Activity 16.1: Provide support to the implementation of the programme of work on biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands

Through decision X/35 on the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands, the COP outlined further activities for implementing the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands, in collaboration with, among others, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). UNEP-WCMC has been working extensively with the CBD, the UNCCD and the Environment Management Group (Issue Management Group on Land) on a range of relevant subjects as well as the UNCCD on indicators for the Ten-Year Strategic Plan of the UNCCD. UNEP-WCMC is therefore in a good position to provide support to the implementation of decision X/35, in particular the work on assessing options for common indicators between the CBD and UNCCD.

Programme Area 17 – Cities and Biodiversity

Activity 17.1: Support for the assessment of the links and opportunities between urbanization and biodiversity

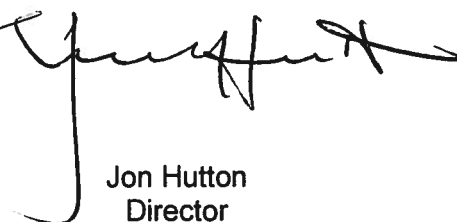
UNEP-WCMC has been a participant in the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity since 2006, given its expertise in consolidating geographically-referenced information relating to landscape-level land-use planning. Decision X/22, which adopted the Plan of Action for Sub-national Governments, Cities and other Local Authorities, also requests the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to prepare an assessment of the links and opportunities between urbanization and biodiversity for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, based on the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. On the background of the role of sub-national and local authorities in the application of the ecosystem approach of the CBD, UNEP-WCMC is expected to contribute to this assessment, and to participate in the dissemination of its results and recommendations.

Signed this 20th day of February 2012.

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