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CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES TO ACHIEVE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGET 9 ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

Montreal, 14-15 June 2014

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 with its 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Among the 20 global targets, Target 9 states: “By 2020, invasive alien species and pathways are identified and prioritized, priority species are controlled or eradicated, and measures are in place to manage pathways to prevent their introduction and establishment” (decision X/2).
2. At the same meeting the Conference of the Parties welcomed the report of the workshop “Helping Islands Adapt: A Workshop on Regional Action to Combat Invasive Alien Species on Islands to Preserve Biodiversity and Adapt to Climate Change” held in Auckland, New Zealand, from 11 to 16 April 20102 and referred to in decisions IX/4 (invasive alien species) and IX/21 (Island Biodiversity).
3. Further at its eleventh meeting the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of funding, to enable regional and global technical support networks to help updating and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans in Small Island Developing States for mainstreaming national biodiversity strategies and action plans into broader national plans, programmes and policies to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.
4. Accordingly, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is organizing the present workshop in collaboration with the Secretariats of the Global Environment Facility, the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), Standard Trade Development Facility, UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok, the World Bank and existing technical support networks. Financial and in kind support of the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund and the Government of Germany through the CBD LifeWeb Initiative enabled the capacity building workshop for Small Island Developing States to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on invasive alien species to be held in Montreal, 14-15 June 2014.
5. The workshop will facilitate the exchange of information on (i) known issues of invasive alien species in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to prioritize invasive alien species and their pathways; (ii) possible measures in addressing invasive alien species; (iii) existing and updating national or regional invasive species strategies and action plans; (iv) lessons learned in the previous invasive alien species management projects in the regions; and (v) resource implications for Small Island Developing States of prevention, control and eradication of invasive alien species.

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6. The Secretariat of the CBD will provide information on (i) - (iii) above in paragraph 5 in the form of a dossier for each SIDS country prior to the workshop. All participants including Parties and resource persons from the existing technical support networks are advised to communicate with each other to prepare for project development prior to arriving in Montreal. The Secretariat will provide a pre-registered participants list for this purpose.
7. Based on the information above this workshop expects to produce tangible outputs which include:
 - (a) Draft project proposals that are ready to submit to identified donors by participants;
 - (b) Collaborative partnership plan(s) in the region to be incorporated in the project proposals as appropriate;
 - (c) Road map for implementation of proposed projects.
8. Through this workshop the Secretariat of the CBD will facilitate resource mobilization from external donors using the LifeWeb¹ matchmaking approach.
9. Donors targeted, through this workshop for Small Island Developing States include: the Global Environment Facility, Standard Trade Development Facility Project Preparation Grant, GloBallast Partnerships² and other international opportunities of funding relevant to management of invasive alien species.
10. The Secretariat will distribute information in digital form, including Country Dossier to provide necessary information and forms for project proposals preparation. Every participant is advised to bring their own laptop computer with WiFi connectivity. The venue does not provide computer and cable connection to access Internet.

A. *Invasive alien species*

11. According to Article 8(h) of the Convention on Biological Diversity, invasive alien species are those alien species which threaten ecosystems, habitats or species. Under the Convention, “alien species” refers to a species, subspecies or lower taxon, introduced outside its natural past or present distribution; includes any part, gametes, seeds, eggs, or propagules of such species that might survive and subsequently reproduce.³
12. In some ecosystems, such as many island ecosystems, invasive alien species are the leading cause of biodiversity loss. In addition, they can pose a threat to food and water security, human health, and socioeconomic development. Increasing international trade and travel will continue posing greater risks of biological invasion unless prevention, eradication, and control of invasive alien species become national priorities. In 2002, the Conference of the Parties adopted “the Guiding Principles for the Prevention, Introduction and Mitigation of Impacts of Alien Species that Threaten Ecosystems, Habitats or Species”, annexed to decision VI/23.*
13. The Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, in 2006, identified pathways of introduction of alien species and pointed the need to address the gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework. Further efforts to close this gap have continued through the Conference of the

¹ LifeWeb lifeweb.cbd.int/

² Under preparation for this workshop

³ The following definitions are used since the Guiding Principles were adopted by the Conference of the Parties: “alien species” refers to a species, subspecies or lower taxon, introduced outside its natural past or present distribution; includes any part, gametes, seeds, eggs, or propagules of such species that might survive and subsequently reproduce; and “invasive alien species” means an alien species whose introduction and/or spread threaten biological diversity. (For the purposes of the present guiding principles, the term “invasive alien species” shall be deemed the same as “alien invasive species” in decision V/8.)

* One representative entered a formal objection during the process leading to the adoption of this decision and underlined that he did not believe that the Conference of the Parties could legitimately adopt a motion or a text with a formal objection in place. A few representatives expressed reservations regarding the procedure leading to the adoption of this decision (see UNEP/CBD/COP/6/20, paras. 294-324).

Parties and communication among the relevant international organizations, setting the regulatory framework relevant to invasive alien species. However, it has become clear that strong cross-sectoral collaboration at the national level to control the transboundary movement of live species and contaminated goods is necessary to implement the Guiding Principles and other international agreements, including multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs).

14. The World Trade Organization's Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (the SPS Agreement) states that "to harmonize sanitary and phytosanitary measures on as wide a basis as possible, Members shall base their sanitary or phytosanitary measures on international standards, guidelines or recommendations". The SPS Agreement names the IPPC as the recognized body for the establishment of international plant health standards.

B. Capacity-building and technology transfer

15. Prevention is the most cost-effective means for addressing invasive alien species. The capacity to (i) identify the risks posed by introduction or movement of alien species; (ii) conduct risk analysis prior to introduction or movement of alien species; (iii) take appropriate measures on the pathways of alien species; and (iv) detect early the entry of alien species, and rapid responses (ideally eradication of alien species), are important approaches to minimizing the spread and impact of invasive alien species.

16. To identify the risks posed by alien species and conduct risk analysis, species (often lower taxon level) information, particularly taxonomic information, is essential. For agencies and border authorities to detect, manage, and control invasive alien species, capacity to identify species must be attained. This workshop will also exchange information on existing capacities and aim to improve capacity in taxonomic institutions, as well as use information resources to support achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 9.

17. In the management and eradication of invasive alien species, information sharing and communication among stakeholders in transboundary movement of live species (including officials working at border control) constitute important elements of effective measures that every Government must consider. Improved information sharing and communication will also contribute to raising public awareness on invasive alien species.

18. Networking and sharing of experiences, information, and expertise can contribute to lowering the costs associated with invasive alien species; additionally, with early detection and prevention, the need for eradication programmes can be reduced. When eradication is needed, taxonomists can offer expertise that is central to developing the most effective yet economic and environmentally benign eradication measures.

19. Taking into account the background described above in sections A through C, this workshop will provide up-to-date information by experts on invasive alien species and their introduction pathways, relevant phytosanitary measures, and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in order to assist Parties to develop invasive species strategies and action plans as a part of national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

20. Participants are invited to share their experiences and challenges at the workshop. In the process of updating/developing the national invasive species strategies and action plans, participants are expected to continue collaboration among the relevant sectors, including biodiversity stakeholders (such as indigenous and local communities), at the national and regional levels. The proposed schedule for the workshop is provided in annex I of the present document, annotations to the agenda items are presented below, and links to background materials are provided in annex II.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

21. The workshop will begin on Saturday, 14 June; registration will take place at 10:00 a.m. The venue of the workshop is the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

22. The workshop will be opened at 10:30 a.m. by the Principal Officer of the Science Assessment and Monitoring unit of the CBD, Mr David Cooper (5 min.).

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

23. Ms. Junko Shimura, Programme Officer for invasive alien species at the Secretariat of the CBD, will provide brief overview of Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on invasive alien species, explain expected outputs and outcomes of this workshop, and will describe the proposed organization of work, which is found in annex I below (15 min.).

24. Participants will be invited to approve the suggested organization of work and will introduce themselves and express their expected workshop outcomes (1 min. each).

25. With regards to presentations during the workshop, resource persons will be allowed 15 minutes each and such opportunities will take place mostly in an ad hoc manner to facilitate project development on the second day, unless annex I indicates it specifically. The Secretariat and participants will be afforded time and space to demonstrate videos, databases or websites during lunch time on day 1 and day 2, as appropriate.

26. In addition, there will be opportunity for individual discussions among participants, resource persons and staff members of the CBD.

27. The workshop will be held in English.

ITEM 3. SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS

3.1. National strategies and actions on invasive alien species in Small Island Developing States

28. Mr. John Mauremootoo, consultant to the Secretariat of the CBD will review the result of surveys conducted by the Secretariat prior to the workshop and present progress of national invasive species strategies and actions of the participants. The Country Dossier will be delivered at the workshop together with other relevant documents on USB memory sticks for participants.

29. Ms. Shyama Pagad, Programme Officer of IUCN Species Survival Commission Invasive Species Specialists Group (IUCN-SSC-ISSG) will present the progress of Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership (GIASI Partnership) and demonstrate how to use the existing services of the GIASI Partnership to prioritize species and pathways management.

3.2. Resource implications for Small Island Developing States of prevention, control and eradication of invasive alien species

30. Mr. Charles Besancon, Programme Officer for the CBD LifeWeb Initiative, will briefly provide a presentation to navigate opportunities of funding (resource mobilization) and possible ways to submit project proposals, including through the LifeWeb matchmaking platform (15 min.).

31. Participants will be invited to ask questions on presentations on Country Dossier and funding opportunities (30 min.).

32. Ms. Sonya Hammons of the Secretariat of the IPPC will provide information on the IPPC framework on capacity development and explain the pest risk analysis (PRA) standard, border controls on pests and key phytosanitary measures to address the issue of invasive alien species. She will briefly present project preparation grant of the Standard Trade Development Facility (STDF).

33. Participants will be afforded the opportunity to raise questions on the presentations made by the IPPC, in view of phytosanitary capacity development and to explore STDF project preparation grant.

34. During lunch time video presentation by the existing expert networks will take place. Participants will be invited to freely exchange information with the resource persons and the Secretariat staff members.

3.3. *Global Environment Facility to support implementation of national and regional invasive alien species strategies*

35. Mr. David Duthie, Senior Programme Officer, Japan Biodiversity Fund will provide interactive lecture on how to develop project proposals under the GEF-6 STAR allocation programme (90 min.).

36. Participants will be invited to express their needs and existing capacity to develop projects from the floor during the interactive lecture.

37. Representatives from donors and implementing agencies for the GEF will be invited to briefly present their funding framework and up-to-date information on its process and provide practical guidance on preparation of project proposals and when it is funded how to manage the projects, as appropriate (15 min.).

38. All participants and resource persons will be invited to further exchange information on invasive alien species projects development in different regions to initiate matching of countries capacity needs and the supporting experts among the resource persons.

39. Mr Mauremootoo will briefly explain the work of the second day and request every participant to prepare for project proposal writing with the Country Dossier. Participants will be invited to develop working groups based on their needs, regions and existing capacity to conduct projects in order to plan for the second day of the workshop. Suggested working groups composition may include:

(a) The Micronesian Countries (Palau, Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Marshall Islands) and UNDP to consider GEF-6 resources in implementing the Regional Biosecurity Plan for Micronesia and Hawaii;

(b) The Pacific region, SPREP, PII to consider biosecurity capacity development initiating project preparation with STDF grant, GEF-6 and LifeWeb;

(c) Caribbean countries, Island Conservation and others to consider GEF-6 regionally harmonized national project proposals and LifeWeb;

(d) Indian Ocean countries, Island Conservation and others to consider GEF-6, LifeWeb and other donors.

40. Mr. Oliver Hillel, Programme Officer for Island Biodiversity of the Secretariat will facilitate the discussion on the item and Mr. Charles Besancon, SCBD will briefly summarize the key discussion points of Day 1.

41. The first day will be adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

3.4. *Identification and development of national or regional projects on invasive alien species*

42. Second day of the workshop will be reconvened at 10:00 am on Sunday 15 June at the plenary room (ICAO, Room 3 on the ground floor). Mr. Mauremootoo will brief the agenda for Day 2, and the working groups will have break-out session in the assigned smaller rooms.

43. Working group discussion will be driven by the needs and priority of the country expressed by Parties, with assistance of the experts invited to this workshop, namely UNEP Regional Office for North America, UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok, Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention, Global Island Partnership (GLISPA), Island Conservation (IC), Conservation International, CABI, IUCN-SSC-ISSG, Pacific Invasives Initiative (PII) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme.

44. Taking into account the needs and priority of the country, as well as appropriate matching of opportunities for funding and scientific cooperation to meet the expressed needs, the working group discussion will focus on project development. Project development will be guided by resource persons with (i) clear goals; (ii) possible outcome/impact; and (iii) project management plan with indicators for monitoring project progress and its success.

45. Resource persons will be interacting with relevant working groups and presentations, web research and other relevant information will be shared during the break-out sessions, as appropriate.

46. Group work will continue until 2 p.m. and each group will be requested to prepare written draft project proposals e.g. PIF for the GEF (currently GEF-6 PIF is not available yet. GEF-5 PIF format is suggested to work on at the workshop). If project proposals will not be produced within the working hours, such group will be requested to compile information on the agreed framework of the project proposal(s) by the group in writing.

47. After the working group session, participants will be invited to convene in the plenary room. Each group will be invited to present their proposals and questions, comments or suggestions will be provided by all participants of the workshop.

3.5 Scientific and technical cooperation on invasive alien species

48. To prevent new entry of invasive alien species, scientific and technical capacity is necessary to conduct risk analysis and early detection and rapid response. Project development and implementation must consider the appropriate level of scientific and technical cooperation and technology transfer. The relevant elements of cooperation and the technology to be fully available for the proposed project will be considered during the sessions under agenda item 3.

49. Resource persons will be afforded to present: (i) tools; (ii) opportunities of capacity-building with technology transfer; or (iii) possible follow up meetings to address invasive alien species, as appropriate.

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

50. Participants will be invited to raise further discussion items, if any.

ITEM 5. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

51. Mr. Atsuhiko Yoshinaka, the Global Coordinator of Japan Biodiversity Fund, the Secretariat of the CBD will make closing remarks.

52. The workshop is expected to close at 6 p.m. on Sunday, 15 June 2014.

Annex I

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

DAY 1 14 June 2014	Item	Presenter
<i>Plenary</i>		
10.30 a.m. – 10.35 a.m.	Official opening of the workshop Opening remarks by the representative of the Secretariat of the CBD	Facilitator: Ms. Junko Shimura, SCBD Mr. David Cooper, SCBD
10.35 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on invasive alien species and expected outputs of this workshop (15 min) a) Tour de table: participants self-introduction with their expected outputs of this workshop, briefly (1 min.)	Ms. Junko Shimura Participants
<i>Coffee/tea self-service during the session (no session break)</i>		
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 a.m.	National Strategies and actions on invasive alien species in Small Island Developing States (15 min.) Navigation on Life Web to meet the needs and to promote National strategies and action plans (15 min.) Capacity building for risk analysis, border controls, eradication and opportunities under Standard Trade Development Facility to develop phytosanitary capacity (15 min.) Questions and Answers The Global Invasive Species Information Partnership and its Global Registry of Introduced and Invasive Species (GRIIS)	Mr. John Mauremootoo, SCBD consultant Mr. Charles Besancon, SCBD Ms. Sonya Hammons, IPPC Secretariat Ms. Shyama Pagad IUCN-SSC-ISSG
12:45 a.m. –2.00 p.m.	Lunch Video presentations by expert supporting networks	
2.00 p.m. – 3. 30p.m.	Global Environment Facility to support implementation of national and regional invasive alien species strategies (interactive guidance) (90 min.)	Facilitator : Mr David Duthie, SCBD Participants
<i>Coffee/tea self-service during the session (no session break)</i>		
3.30 p.m. – 4.45 p.m.	Presentations by donors, implementing agencies and experts to guide project proposal writing, as appropriate (15 min.) Questions and answers (30 min.)	Facilitator: Resource persons Participants

4.45 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.	Identification and development of national or regional projects on invasive alien species (Setting working groups for Day 2)	Facilitator: Mr. John Mauremootoo Participants
5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Summary of work on DAY 1	Facilitator: Mr. Oliver Hillel, SCBD; Mr. Charles Besancon, SCBD
DAY 2 15 June 2014	b) <i>Group work (Coffee /tea self-service during the session)</i>	
10.00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.	Identification and development of national or regional projects on invasive alien species (<i>continued</i>)	Facilitators : Mr. John Mauremootoo, Mr. Charles Besancon, Mr. Oliver Hillel, Ms. Junko Shimura, SCBD Ms. Kate Brown, GLISPA Mr. Olivier Langland, Island Conservation and all resource persons Participants
12:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Working Lunch Ad hoc presentations by resource persons will be welcomed	Participants
Plenary		
2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Presentation of outputs of this workshop (project Proposals)	
4 30 p.m.– 5.45 p.m.	Other matters, if any	Participants
5.45 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Closing remarks by Global Coordinator of the Secretariat of the CBD	Mr. Atsuhiko Yoshinaka, SCBD

Annex II

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity:

- [Decision VI/23 \(the Guiding Principles\)*](#)
- [Decision VII/13](#)
- [Decision VIII/27](#)
- [Decision IX/4](#)
- [Decision X/38](#)
- [Decision XI/28](#)
- [UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/9](#)
- [UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/9/Add.1](#)

[International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures \(ISPMs\)](#)

[The OIE Animal Health Codes and Manuals](#)

Other useful documents will be provided on USB key at the venue.

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