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**ISLAND BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY: SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES FOR THE SECRETARIAT,  
SUGGESTED PARTNERS, AND LINKAGES WITH DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF  
THE PARTIES AND PROCESSES**

*Note by the Executive Secretary*

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The present note by the Executive Secretary lists the supporting activities for the Secretariat of the Convention, suggested partners, and linkages with decisions and processes for the implementation of the programme of work on island biodiversity, compiled from proposals in the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/1), comments made at tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body and the electronic forum organized by the Secretariat.

2. The Canary Islands Declaration on Protecting Island Biodiversity from the Impact of Alien Species, adopted at the meeting of the AHTEG in December 2004, is annexed to the present note.

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\* UNEP/CBD/COP/8/1.

## **II. GOAL 1\*** **Priority action 1.1**

### ***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

1.1.1. Document and disseminate information on:

- a. Guidelines and best practices for ecosystem conservation.
- b. Best practices on incentive mechanisms towards promoting participatory conservation of ecosystems.

### ***Suggested partners***

IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, SPREP, SPC, Regional Seas Programme and other relevant programmes

### ***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Decision VII/30 (goal 1, target 1.1 and 1.2. in annex II and related indicators in annex I)
- CBD programmes of work and related targets on:
  - protected areas (decision VII/28)
  - biological diversity of inland water ecosystems (decision VII/4)
  - marine and coastal biodiversity (decision VII/5)
  - mountain biological diversity (decision VII/27)
  - dry and sub-humid lands biological diversity (decision VII/2)
  - forest biological diversity (VI/22)
- Millennium Development Goals

## **Priority action 1.**

### ***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

1.2.1 Collect and disseminate guidelines, case-studies and practical techniques for reintroduction and re-establishment of species

1.2.2 Collect and disseminate guidelines, case studies and practical techniques suitable for use by indigenous and local communities

### ***Suggested partners***

IUCN Reintroduction Specialist Group, IUCN/ TILCEPA

### ***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Article 8 of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Decision VII/30 (goal 2, target 2.1. in annex II and related indicators in annex I)
- Article 8(j) of the Convention on Biological Diversity

## **Priority action 1.3**

### ***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

1.3.1. Document and disseminate information on:

- a. Criteria for classifying degraded island ecosystems;
- b. Extent of degraded ecosystems

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\* Goals and priority actions are described in the annex to recommendation X/1 in document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/3 and the supporting actions/means for Parties are listed in document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/13. .

1.3.2. Compile and disseminate information on possible causes of island ecosystems degradation and restoration methods.

1.3.3. Collect and disseminate relevant guidelines, case studies and practical techniques suitable for use by indigenous and local communities

***Suggested partners***

IUCN, IUCN - ISSG, IUCN/ TILCEPA, SPREP, TNC, Co-operative Islands Initiative, GISP, INSULA

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Article 8(h) of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Article 8(j) of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Decisions VI/7 (assessment) and VII/12 (sustainable use)
- Akwé: Kon Guidelines (decision VII/16)

**Priority Action 2.1**

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

2.1.1 Document and disseminate information on:

a. Guidelines and best practices for formulation of operational and participatory management plans.

b. Best practices on incentive mechanisms towards promoting participatory conservation and management

***Suggested partners***

IUCN, UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Man and Biosphere Programme

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Decision VII/30 (goal 2, target 2.1 and 2.2 in annex ii and related indicators in annex i)
- CBD programme of work on protected areas (decision VII/28)
- Decision VII/5 (annex, programme element 3)
- CBD programmes of work on:
  - biological diversity of inland water ecosystems (decision VII/4)
  - marine and coastal biodiversity (decision VII/5)
  - mountain biological diversity (decision VII/27)
- Ramsar Convention
- NGO consortium pledge to implement the outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties in relation to protected areas

**Priority action 3.1**

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

3.1.1 Document and disseminate information on:

- a. Guidelines and best practices for species recovery plans.
- b. Mechanisms for the development and governance of various types of gene banks.

- c. Guidelines and best practices for formulation of operational and participatory management plans.
- d. Best practices on incentive mechanisms towards promoting participatory conservation and management

***Suggested partners***

IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, SPREP, SPC, Regional Seas Programmes and other relevant programmes, INSULA, UNESCO-CSI, WWF, CITES, GEF, UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Man and Biosphere Programme

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Decisions VI/8 (GTI), VII/5 (annex, programme element 3), VII/30 (Goal 2, target 2, 1 and 2.2. in Annex II and related indicators in Annex I), VII/30 (Goal 3, target 3.1 in Annex II and related indicator in Annex I, Decision VII/30 (goal 4, target 4.2 in annex II and related indicators in annex I),
- GSPC
- Decision VI/8 (GTI)
- Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines
- CBD programme of work on protected areas (decision VII/28)
- CBD programmes of work on:
  - biological diversity of inland water ecosystems (decision VII/4)
  - marine and coastal biodiversity (decision VII/5)
  - mountain biological diversity (decision VII/27)
- Ramsar Convention
- NGO consortium pledge to implement the outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties in relation to protected areas

**Priority action 3.2**

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

3.2.1. Provide information on:

- a. Inventory and monitoring techniques and tools;
- b. Guidelines and best practices on the applicability of vulnerability assessment as they become available.

3.2.2. Provide information, guidelines and methodologies on the assessment of components of island biodiversity

3.2.3. Facilitate linkages and networking between countries and institutions that have existing repository collections of specimens and island countries

3.2.4 Support the completion of the IUCN Global Marine Species Assessment to inform and update the IUCN Red List for marine species

***Suggested partners***

International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), GTI, Global Coral Reefs Monitoring Network (GCRMN), SPREP, IUCN, IGOs, INGOs, FAO, SPC, SPREP

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- GTI
- Clearing-house mechanism
- Article 7 of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- CBD programmes of work on Article 8(j), marine and coastal biodiversity, and the biodiversity of inland water ecosystems
- All thematic programmes of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Decision VII/30 (annex I)
- Decision VII/30 (goal 5, target 5.1 in annex III and related indicators in annex I)

#### **Priority action 4.1**

##### ***Supporting action by the Secretariat***

- 4.1.1 Prepare a list of possible common formats for collections and identify those that are more suitable for islands
- 4.1.2 Identify ways of assisting islands with gene banks/genetic resources centres in particular the establishment of records in digitalized format.
- 4.1.3 Prepare a compilation of existing methodologies used for the establishment of gene banks/genetic resources centres, especially in islands.
- 4.1.4 Document and disseminate information on mechanisms for the development, and governance of various types of gene banks/genetic resources centres.

##### ***Suggested partners***

FAO, UNEP-WCMC, IUCN SPREP SPC, UNESCO-CSI, INSULA, Regional Seas Programmes and other relevant programmes, regional universities and tertiary institutions

##### ***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Decision VI/8 (GTI)
- GSPC
- Decision VII/30 (Goal 3, target 3.1 in Annex II and related indicator in Annex I)

#### **Priority action 4.2**

##### ***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

- 4.2.1. In addition to the supporting actions for the secretariat under priority action 4.1, document and disseminate information on mechanisms for the development and governance of various types of gene banks/genetic resources centres.

##### ***Suggested partners***

IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, SPREP, SPC, UNESCO-CSI, INSULA, Regional Seas Programmes and other relevant programmes

##### ***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Decision VI/8 (GTI)
- GSPC
- Decision VII/30 (Goal 3, target 3.1 in Annex II and related indicator in Annex I)

### **III. GOAL 2**

#### **Priority action 5.1**

##### ***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

- 5.1.1 Collect and disseminate tools/guidelines to promote environmentally sound practices for the sustainable utilization of marine and terrestrial resources
- 5.1.2 Facilitate links between islands and international agencies involved in marine and coastal fisheries management.
- 5.1.3 Invite FAO to disseminate the report of the 2005 FAO Conference of SIDS Ministers of Agriculture on priority actions.
- 5.1.4 Disseminate codes of conduct related to wise/sustainable management of biodiversity-based products for an enhanced contribution of agriculture, forestry and fisheries to the sustainable development policies of small island developing States

***Suggested partners***

FAO, IUCN, Regional resources management bodies such as ICCAT, IOTC and SPC, and UNESCO Man and the Biosphere programme

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions
- Develop links and synergies with other UN and regional processes dealing with the elimination of destructive fishing.
- FAO
- CBD Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines
- CBD programme of work on marine and coastal areas
- Decision VII/30 (goal 4, target 4.2 in annex II, and related in annex I)

**Priority action 5.2.**

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

- 5.2.1 In addition to supporting actions for the Secretariat under priority action 5.2, compile, in collaboration with FAO and other relevant bodies and organizations, and disseminate through the clearing-house mechanism and other means:
  - a. Guidelines/tool kits geared towards the sustainable use of terrestrial biological diversity.
  - b. Case studies, lessons learned and best-practice guidance on sustainable use of terrestrial biodiversity.
- 5.2.2 Document and disseminate best practices on sustainable biodiversity-based production systems for human well-being.

***Suggested partners***

FAO, SPC, CPF, IUCN, UNESCO Man and Biosphere programme, other international and regional programmes and educational and research institutions, and regional resources management bodies (ICCAT, IOTC, SPC, etc.)

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Decision VI/22 (forest biological diversity), VII/4 (biological diversity of inland water ecosystems), VII/12 (sustainable use), VII/16 (Article 8(j)), V/5 (programme of work on agricultural biodiversity), and VII/30 (goal 4, target 4.1 in annex II and related indicators in annex I).
- Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity
- Programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention

- Develop links and synergies with other UN and regional processes dealing with the elimination of destructive fishing
- FAO
- CBD programme of work on marine and coastal areas

### **Priority action 5.3**

#### ***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

- 5.3.1. Compile, in collaboration with FAO and other relevant bodies and organizations, and disseminate through the clearing-house mechanism and other means:
- 5.3.2. Guidelines/tool kits geared towards the development of sustainable agriculture systems.
- 5.3.3. Case studies, lessons learned and best-practice guidance on sustainable agriculture systems.
- 5.3.4. Document and disseminate best practices on sustainable biodiversity-based production systems for human well being

#### ***Suggested partners***

FAO, SPC, other international and regional programmes and educational and research institutions

#### ***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Article 8(j)
- CBD programmes of work on agricultural biodiversity, biodiversity of inland water ecosystems, and Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention
- Cartagena Protocol
- IPPC
- Other relevant regional and international agreements
- Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity
- Decisions V/5 (programme of work on agricultural biodiversity), VII/4 (biological diversity of inland water ecosystems), VII/5 (marine and coastal biodiversity), VII/12 (sustainable use), VII/16 (Article 8(j)) and VII/30 (goal 4, target 4.1 in annex II and related indicators in annex I)

### **Priority action 5.4**

#### ***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

- 5.4.1. Compile, in collaboration with UNFF, CPF members, FAO and other relevant bodies and organizations, and disseminate through the clearing-house mechanism and other means:
- 5.4.2. Guidelines/tool kits geared towards the development of sustainable forest management systems.
- 5.4.3. Case studies, lessons learned and best-practice guidance on sustainable forest management systems.

***Suggested partners***

FAO, SPC, IPF, UNFF Other international and regional programmes and educational and research institutions

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Decision VI/22 (forest biological diversity)
- Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity

**Priority action 5.5**

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

5.5.1. Disseminate information on existing standards.

5.5.2. In collaboration with the relevant organizations (including the World Tourism Organization and UNESCO) collect and disseminate information on potential harnessing of responsible tourism in all island territories.

***Suggested partners***

UNEP, World Tourism Organization (WTO), IRT, UNESCO, CITES

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development (decision VII/14, annex)
- World Tourism Organization Sustainable Destinations Standard Initiative

**Priority action 6.1**

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

6.1.1. Document and disseminate best practices on sustainable biodiversity-based production systems for human well being

***Suggested partners***

No partners proposed.

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity

Decisions VII/12 (sustainable use), VII/16 (Article 8(j)), V/5 (programme of work on agricultural biodiversity), VII/4 (biological diversity of inland water ecosystems), and VII/30 (goal 4, target 4.1 in annex II and related indicators in annex I)

Programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention

**Priority action 7.1**

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

7.1.1. Training programmes and resources on sustainable management for trade are developed and promoted in collaboration with CITES and other IGOs and regional bodies concerned with trade in wild species of flora and fauna.

7.1.2. Existing guidelines on sustainable management for trade are disseminated.

***Suggested partners***

CITES, WTO, FAO, IUCN, regional fisheries agencies



***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- CITES
- FAO programmes
- IUCN specialist group programmes
- Regional fisheries programmes and projects
- Decision VII/30 (goal 4, target 4.3 in annex II, and related indicators in annex I)

**Priority action 7.2*****Supporting action by Secretariat***

No supporting actions proposed.

**Priority action 7.3*****Supporting action by Secretariat***

No supporting actions proposed.

**Priority action 8.1*****Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

No supporting actions proposed.

***Suggested partners***

No partners proposed.

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Decisions VI/7 (assessment), VII/16 (Akwé Kon Guidelines)
- Decision III/11 15a (agricultural biodiversity), V/5 (agricultural biodiversity), VI/22 (forests), VII/12 (sustainable use), and VII/30 (goal 5, target 5.1 in annex III and related indicators in annex I)
- CBD Guidelines on environmental impact assessment

**Priority action 8.2*****Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

No supporting actions proposed.

***Suggested partners***

No partners proposed.

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

Decision VII/5

CBD Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment

**IV. GOAL 3**  
**Priority action 9.1**

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

9.1.1. Compile and disseminate information on waste risks and management

***Suggested partners***

Basel Convention, IMO, World Trade Organization, UNCLOS

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

Decision VII/30 (goal 7, target 7.2 in annex II and related indicators in annex I)

Decisions VI/7 (identification, monitoring, indicators and assessments) and VII/7 (environmental impact assessment and strategic environment assessment)

**Priority action 9.2**

***Supporting action by the Secretariat***

9.2.1. Compile and disseminate information on relevant technologies and experiences

9.2.2. Compile and disseminate information on sustainable agriculture.

***Suggested partners***

Basel Convention, IMO, World Trade Organization, UNCLOS, FAO, UNEP

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

Decision VII/30 (goal 7, target 7.2 in annex II and related indicators in annex I)

**Priority action 9.3**

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

9.3.1. Compile and disseminate information on relevant technologies and experiences

9.3.2. Compile and disseminate information on sustainable agriculture.

***Suggested partners***

Basel Convention, IMO, World Trade Organization, UNCLOS

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

Decision VII/30 (goal 7, target 7.2 in annex II and related indicators in annex I)

**Priority action 10.1**

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

No supporting actions proposed.

***Suggested partners***

WTO, FAO, IMO, IPPC, GISP, IUCN/ISSG

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Decisions VI/23\* and VII/13 (invasive alien species), and VII/30 (goal 6, targets 6.1 and 6.2 in annex II and related indicators in annex I)

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\* 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 the decision (see UNEP/CBD/COP/6/20, paras. 294-324).

- Guiding Principles on Invasive Alien Species (annex to decision VI/23)
- Cooperative Initiative on Invasive Alien Species on Islands
- Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

### **Priority action 10.2**

#### ***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

No supporting actions proposed.

#### ***Suggested partners***

WTO, FAO, IMO, IPPC, GISP, IUCN/ISSG

#### ***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Decisions VI/23\* and VII/13 (invasive alien species) and VII/30 (goal 6, targets 6.1 and 6.2 in annex II and related indicators in annex I).
- Guiding Principles on Invasive Alien Species (annex to decision VI/23)
- Cooperative Initiative on Invasive Alien Species on Islands
- Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

### **Priority action 10.3**

#### ***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

No supporting actions proposed.

#### ***Suggested partners***

No partners proposed.

#### ***Linkages with decisions and processes***

Decision VII/30 (goal 6, targets 6.1 and 6.2 in annex II and related indicators in annex I)

### **Priority action 11.1**

#### ***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

11.1.1. Compile and disseminate information on relevant plans for the management of invasive alien species

#### ***Suggested partners***

IUCN - ISSG, Co-operative Islands Initiative, GISP, INSULA

#### ***Linkages with decisions and processes***

Decision VII/30 (goal 6, targets 6.1 and 6.2 in annex II and related indicators in annex I)

Article 8(h) of the Convention on Biological Diversity

### **Priority action 11.2**

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\* 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 the decision (see UNEP/CBD/COP/6/20, paras. 294-324).

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

11.2.1. Document and disseminate information on protocols to control the importation and evaluation of invasive alien species.

***Suggested partners***

No partners proposed.

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

Cooperative Initiative on Invasive Alien Species on Islands

**Priority action 12.1**

***Supporting action by the Secretariat***

No supporting actions proposed.

***Suggested partners***

No partners proposed.

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Joint Programme of Action for Water and Climate, NAPA/UNEP
- Decision VII/28 (protected areas) and VII/30 (goal 7, target 7.1 in annex II)

**Priority action 12.2**

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

No supporting actions proposed.

***Suggested partners***

UNFCCC

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Joint Programme of Action for Water and Climate, NAPA/UNEP
- Decision VII/28 (protected areas) and VII/30 (goal 7, target 7.1 in annex II)

**Priority action 13.1**

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

No supporting actions proposed.

***Suggested partners***

Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (CDERA) and other regional organizations dealing with disasters.

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- International and regional strategies for disaster reduction
- Article 6 of the Convention on Biological Diversity

**Priority action 13.2**

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

No supporting actions proposed.

***Suggested partners***

CDERA and other regional organizations dealing with disasters.

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- International and regional strategies for disaster reduction
  
- Article 6 of the Convention on Biological Diversity

**Priority action 13.3**

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

No supporting actions proposed.

***Suggested partners***

No partners proposed.

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

No linkages indicated.

**V. GOAL 4**

**Priority action 14.1**

***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

14.1.1. Collect relevant information on existing recording and cataloguing systems and information delivery systems in island settings.

14.1.2. Organize regional and inter-regional workshops to identify effective mechanisms and systems for recording and cataloguing island genetic resources.

***Suggested partners***

FAO, SPREP, Environment and Sustainable Development Unit of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS-ESDU), other relevant regional and interregional organizations

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- GTI
- ITPGRFA
- Decision VII/30 (goal 10 in annex II)

**Priority action 14.2**

***Supporting action by the Secretariat***

14.2.1. Report on development of national legislation and administrative and policy measures on access and benefit-sharing and bio-prospecting in islands, including progress on the implementation of national access and benefit-sharing strategies and measures.

***Suggested partners***

WIPO, UNU, Commission on Environmental Law

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Action Plan on Capacity-building for Access and Benefit-sharing (annex to decision VII/19 F)

- TRIPs
- ITPGRFA
- Decision VII/30 (goal 10 in annex II)

#### **Priority action 15.1**

##### ***Supporting action by the Secretariat***

15.1.1. Compile information on the protection and maintenance of traditional knowledge and practices on islands

##### ***Suggested partners***

WIPO, IUCN, UNU, UNESCO-CSI, INSULA

##### ***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Programmes of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity on:
  - Article 8(j)
  - Access and benefit-sharing
- UNESCO Local and Indigenous Knowledge Systems in a Global Society (LINKS) project
- Decision VII/30 (goal 9, target 9.1 in annex II and related indicators in annex I)

#### **Priority action 15.2**

##### ***Supporting action by the Secretariat***

15.2.1. Compile information on the protection and maintenance of traditional knowledge and practices in islands

##### ***Suggested partners***

WIPO, IUCN, UNU, UNESCO-CSI, INSULA

##### ***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Access and benefit-sharing
- UNESCO Local and Indigenous Knowledge Systems in a Global Society (LINKS) project
- Decisions V/5 (programme of work on agricultural biodiversity), VII/4 (biological diversity of inland water ecosystems), VII/12 (sustainable use), VII/16 (Article 8(j)), VII/30 (goal 4, target 4.1 in annex II and related indicators in annex I), and VII/30 (goal 9, target 9.1 in annex II and related indicators in annex I).
- Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity
- Programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention

#### **Priority action 15.3**

##### ***Supporting action by the Secretariat***

No supporting actions proposed.

##### ***Suggested partners***

No partners proposed.

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

No linkages indicated.

**VI. GOAL 5****Priority action 16.1*****Supporting actions by the Secretariat***

16.1.1. Identify best practices in the establishment of all types of partnerships applicable to island biodiversity

16.1.2. Identify potential partners and their roles in the conservation and sustainable use of island biodiversity

16.1.3. Organize a regional and interregional workshop/meeting to encourage the establishment of multisectoral partnerships for island biodiversity

***Suggested partners***

TNC, WWF, WCS, Conservation International, Rare, BirdLife International, UNESCO

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- NGO consortium to implement the COP-7 pledge
- Roundtable for Nature Conservation in the Pacific

**Priority action 16.2*****Supporting action by the Secretariat***

No supporting actions proposed.

***Suggested partners***

Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, GEF, implementing agencies

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- GEF Small Grants Program (SGP)
- Decision VII/30 (goal 11, target 11.1 in annex II and related indicator in annex I)

**Priority action 16.3*****Supporting action by the Secretariat***

16.3.1. Compile information on available financial tools for island biodiversity conservation and sustainable use

16.3.2. Include this information under the island biodiversity portal of the Convention on Biological Diversity

***Suggested partners***

Official Development Assistance (ODA) organizations of donor countries, Conservation Funds Alliances

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Decision VII/30 (goal 11, target 11.1 in annex II and related indicator in annex I)
- Article 20 of the Convention on Biological Diversity

### **Priority action 17.1**

#### ***Supporting action by the Secretariat***

- 17.1.1. Collect and compile information contained in national capacity self-assessment reports
- 17.1.2. Liaise with other conventions with a view to identifying existing and potential synergies on island biodiversity
- 17.1.3. Identify synergies and coordinate work on technology transfer under CHM and SIDSNet
- 17.1.4. Provide information on:
  - a. Inventory and monitoring techniques and tools
  - b. Guidelines and best practices on the applicability of vulnerability assessment, as they become available.

#### ***Suggested partners***

Island universities and research institutions, existing institutions on technology transfer, GEF and implementing agencies, UNFCCC and UNCCD and biodiversity related conventions, local universities and existing institutions on technology transfer, ICRI, GTI, GCRMN, SPREP, IUCN

#### ***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Articles 20, 7, 8(j) and 16 of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Decisions VII/29 and VII/30 (goal 11)
- Other multilateral environmental agreements
- SIDSNet
- GTI
- Clearing-house mechanism
- CBD programmes of work on Article 8(j), marine and coastal biodiversity, and the biodiversity of inland water ecosystems

### **Priority action 17.2**

#### ***Supporting action by the Secretariat***

See supporting actions by the Secretariat under priority action 17.1

#### ***Suggested partners***

Island universities and research institutions, existing institutions on technology transfer, GEF and implementing agencies, UNFCCC, UNCCD and biodiversity-related conventions

#### ***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Articles 20, 8(j) and 16 of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Decision VII/29 and VII/30 (goal 11)
- Other multilateral environmental agreements



### **Priority action 18.1**

#### ***Supporting action by the Secretariat***

- 18.1.1. Collect information on positive and negative incentives relating to island biodiversity
- 18.1.2. Identify perverse subsidies in islands and case studies illustrating successful efforts to reallocate the resources to island biodiversity
- 18.1.3. Prepare a concept document containing elements for legislative guidelines

#### ***Suggested partners***

Relevant NGOs, IUCN Commission on Environmental Law, Foundation for Environmental Law and Development (FIELD), other multilateral environmental agreements

#### ***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Programmes of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity on:
  - Technology transfer and cooperation; and
  - Incentives
- Decisions VII/18 and VII/12
- Article 11 of the Convention

### **Priority action 18.2**

#### ***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

- 18.2.1. Facilitate exchange of experiences between small island developing States in various regions to assist with timely implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans.
- 18.2.2. Compile case-studies on existing effective coordination mechanisms/processes for the implementation of all relevant multilateral environmental agreements at the national level
- 18.2.3. Coordinate with UNESCO for the organization of training workshops on the programme of work on island biodiversity
- 18.2.4. Compile and make available information on successful examples of peer learning opportunities and networks
- 18.2.5. Document and disseminate best practices on sustainable biodiversity-base production systems for human well-being
- 18.2.6. Collect and disseminate information for participatory integrated planning and management of island resources

#### ***Suggested partners***

Other multilateral environmental agreements, NGOs, IGOs, UNESCO

#### ***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Article 6 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention
- Relevant programmes of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Review of the Barbados Programme of Action
- Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity

- Decisions V/5 (programme of work on agricultural biodiversity), VII/4 (biological diversity of inland water ecosystems), VII/12 (sustainable use), VII/16 (Article 8(j)), and VII/30 (goal 4, target 4.1 in annex II and related indicators in annex I)
- Decision VI/19 (communication, education and public awareness) and decision VII/24 (education and public awareness (article 13))

### **Priority action 18.3**

#### ***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

18.3.1. Coordinate with UNESCO for the organization of training workshops on the programme of work on island biodiversity

18.3.2. Compile and make available information on successful examples of peer learning opportunities and networks

#### ***Suggested partners***

UNESCO, World Heritage Convention, Ramsar Convention, Regional and subregional organizations, NGOs, IGOs, other multilateral environmental agreements, WWF, CITES, IUCN, GEF, Basel Convention, IMO, World Trade Organization, UNCLOS.

#### ***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- Programme of work on communication, education and public awareness (CEPA)
- Review of the Barbados Programme of Action
- Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines
- Programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention
- Decisions V/5 (programme of work on agricultural biodiversity), VII/4 (biological diversity of inland water ecosystems), VII/12 (sustainable use), VII/16 (Article 8(j)), VII/30 (goal 4, target 4.1 in annex II and related indicators in annex), VII/30 (goal 4, target 4.2, in annex II and related indicators in annex I) and VII/30 (goal 7, target 7.2 in annex II and related indicators in annex I)
- Decision VI/19 (communication, education and public awareness) and decision VII/24 (education and public awareness (article 13))

### **Priority action 18.4**

#### ***Supporting actions for the Secretariat***

18.4.1. Collect and disseminate information for participatory integrated planning and management of island resources.

18.4.2. Document and disseminate best practices on sustainable biodiversity-base production systems for human well-being.

18.4.3. Facilitate exchange of experiences between small island developing States in various regions to assist with timely implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

18.4.4. Compile case studies on existing effective coordination mechanisms/processes for the implementation of all relevant multilateral environmental agreements at the national level.

#### ***Suggested partners***

UNEP, WTO, IRT, UNESCO, CITES, other multilateral environmental agreements

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

Relevant programmes of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity  
 Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity  
 Decisions V/5 (programme of work on agricultural biodiversity), VII/12 (sustainable use), VII/16 (Article 8(j)), VII/30 (goal 4, target 4.1 in annex II and related indicators in annex I) and VII/4 (biological diversity of inland water ecosystems)  
 Programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention  
 CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development (decision VII/14, annex)  
 WTO Sustainable Destinations Standard Initiative  
 Article 6 of the Convention on Biological Diversity

**Priority action 18.5*****Supporting action by the Secretariat***

18.5.1. Identify elements for guidelines on the assessment and monitoring of the programme of work and national biodiversity strategies and action plans

***Suggested partners***

- ICRI, GTI partners, GCRMN, SPREP, IUCN

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

- National reporting under the Convention on Biological Diversity
- GTI
- Decision VII/30 (annex I)
- Clearing-house mechanism
- Article 7 of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- CBD programmes of work on Article 8(j), marine and coastal biodiversity, and the biodiversity of inland water ecosystems

**Priority action 18.6*****Supporting action by the Secretariat***

No supporting actions proposed.

***Suggested partners***

UNESCO, World Heritage Convention, Ramsar Convention, regional and subregional organizations

***Linkages with decisions and processes***

Programme of work on communication, education and public awareness (CEPA)

*Annex*

**CANARY ISLANDS DECLARATION**  
***Protecting island biodiversity from the impact of alien species***

*WE, the experts on island biodiversity, gathered in Puerto de la Cruz (Tenerife), on the occasion of the meeting of the Ad-Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity, held from 13 to 17 December 2004,*

*Considering* that islands harbour an essential part of the global biodiversity, in particular a high proportion of endemic species which constitute an important world heritage,

*Noting* that at the global level islands contribute significantly to biodiversity in relation to their small land area, and that their biodiversity is under critical pressure from human activities,

*Recalling* that islands are special ecosystems with specific problems related to their ecological features and sustainable development requirements, as noted in Chapter 17 of Agenda 21 and the Barbados Programme of Action.

*Considering* that invasive alien species are a primary threat to native species and genetic resources due to the unique nature of island biotas and associated vulnerability,

*Noting* that the negative impact of invasive alien species on island ecosystems are significantly more detrimental than on mainland ecosystems,

*Recognizing* that preventive measures are more cost-effective and efficient than measures after invasive species have been established,

*Taking into account* the commitments made by the world community in the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the prevention of introductions, control and eradication of invasive alien species,

*Recognizing*, however, that new invasions are still taking place in islands with great threats to island ecosystems,

*Being conscious* of the need to adopt strong measures to prevent further introductions of undesired species, and to control and eradicate invasive alien species in both terrestrial and marine habitats,

*Aware* of the Cooperative Initiative on Invasive Alien Species on Islands,

*Invite* all countries and, in particular, island Governments, to:

(a) Develop and/or enforce adequate legal instruments for preventing of introduction of undesired alien species, and for the control and eradication of established invasive species, as appropriate;

(b) Develop effective partnerships and networking structures among islands and in collaboration with international organizations and agencies in order to share knowledge and experiences, and to facilitate mobilization of the required financial and human resources to address biodiversity issues, with particular emphasis on invasive alien species problems;

(c) Establish mechanisms (border control, quarantines, risk assessment, early detection, etc.), for preventing the introduction and establishment of potential invasive species, or of those alien species that may hybridize with local species and forms;

(d) Alert trade and tourist agents of their responsibility in the serious ecological and economic problems caused by introduced alien species on the islands;

(e) Develop innovative financial instruments and alliances — including the new business opportunities in the biodiversity sector — to allow for effective implementation of island biodiversity conservation programmes, such as the work programme being developed under the Convention of Biological Diversity.

**List of abbreviations**

APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
CDERA	Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna Flora
CPF	Collaborative Partnership on Forests
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FIELD	Foundation for Environmental Law and Development
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GISP	Global Invasive Species Programme
GCRMN	Global Coral Reefs Monitoring Network
GSPC	Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
GTI	Global Taxonomy Initiative
ICCAT	Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas
ICRI	International Coral Reef Initiative
IGOs	Inter-governmental organizations
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INGOs	International non-governmental organizations
INSULA	International Scientific Council for Island Development
IOTC	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
IPF	Intergovernmental Panel on Forests
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
IRT	Institute of Responsible Tourism
ITPGRFA	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
IUCN	World Conservation Union
IUCN – ISSG	World Conservation Union – Invasive Species Specialist Group
IUCN – TILCEPA	World Conservation Union – Theme on Indigenous and Local Communities, Equity, and Protected Areas
LINKS	Local and Indigenous Knowledge Systems in a Global Society
NAPA	National Adaptation Program of Action
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECS-ESDU	Environment and Sustainable Development Unit of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States
SIDS	Small island developing States
SPC	Secretariat of the Pacific Community
SPREP	South Pacific Regional Environment Program
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
TRIPs	Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNEP-WCMC	United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNESCO-CSI	Environment and development in coastal regions and in small islands
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFF	United Nations Forum on Forests

UNU	United Nations University
WCS	Wildlife Conservation Society
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO-SPS	World Trade Organization Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
WTO	World Tourism Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature