

CSAP 4 – Gland, Switzerland

The UN Decade for Biodiversity – current status

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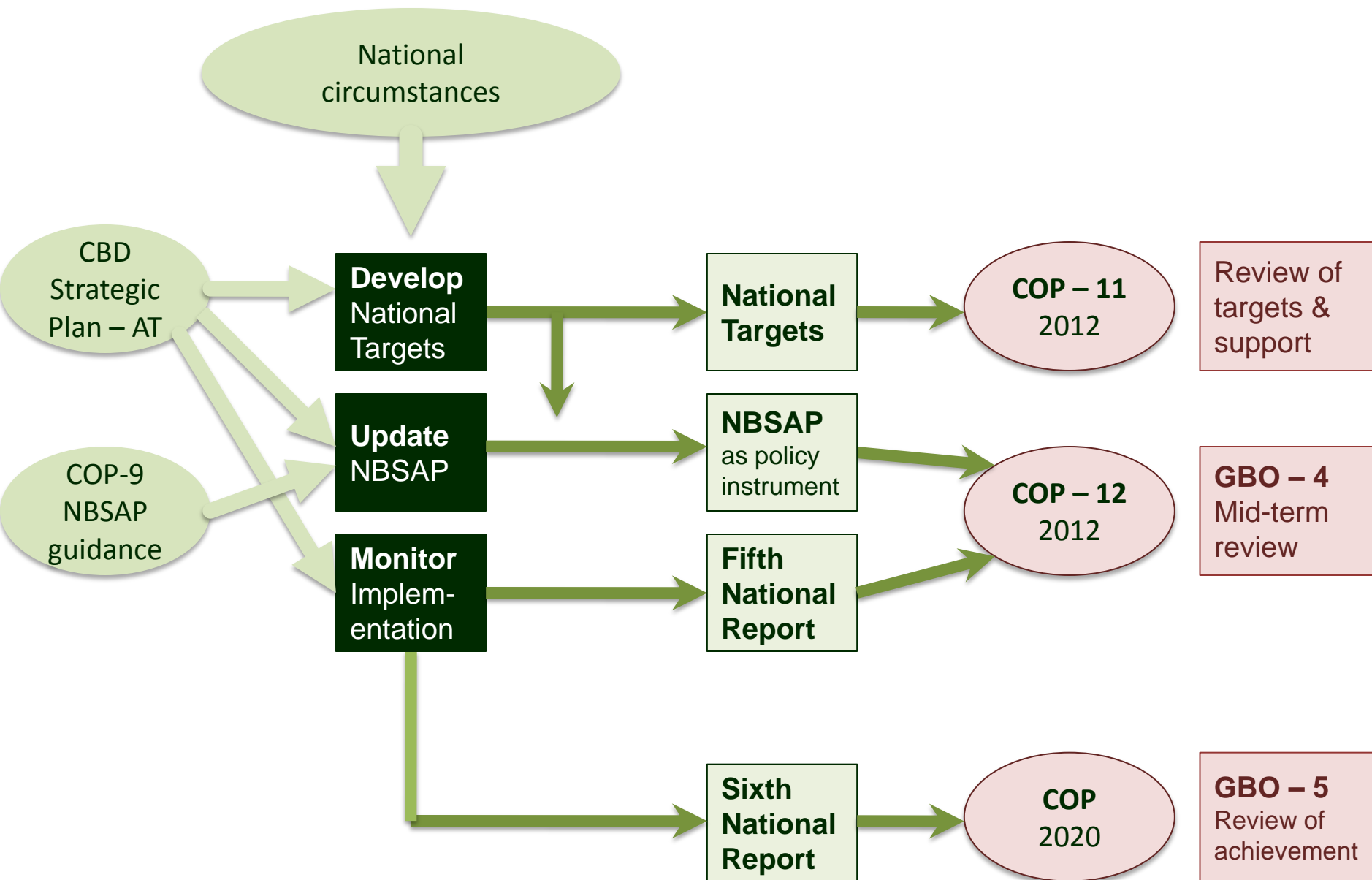
A UN Decade for Biodiversity



Decides, following the invitation of COP-10, **to declare 2011-2020 the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity**, with a view to contributing to the implementation of the **Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020**,

Requests the Secretary-General, in this regard, in consultation with Member States, to lead the coordination of the activities of the Decade on behalf of the UN system, with the support of the CBD secretariat and the secretariats of other biodiversity-related conventions and relevant UN funds, programmes and agencies, and

Invites Member States in a position to do so to contribute, on a voluntary basis, to the funding of the activities of the Decade.



Enhancing scientific and technical cooperation

Most countries are facing:

- Lack sufficient human resources capacity for the implementation of the Convention
- Responsible staff often have only limited access to the information they need and the means to analyze it
- At the same time, there is, in fact, a wealth of information, expertise, and experience among the Parties to the Convention and partner organizations

We need to:

- Enhance the Clearing-House Mechanism at global, regional and national levels, to:
- Build an effective network of information, expertise involving people and institutions, through a
- Partnership with all relevant organizations, eg:
 - Biodiversity-related Conventions and other MEAs, UNEP, UNDP and the World Bank.
 - Consortium of Scientific Partners in support of the Convention

Current SCBD activities

- Coordinated by the core IYB team;
- Still “re-orienting” onto UNDB after the end of IYB
- Currently focused on awareness raising in the run-up to the official launch in May 2011 in Japan
- Need to consider more substantive collaborations to underpin the implementation of the Strategic Plan