

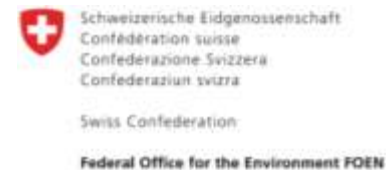
Improving the effectiveness of and cooperation among biodiversity-related conventions and exploring opportunities for further synergies

I. The project on synergies for biodiversity & II. Its component on resource mobilization

Objectives, output
and methods

Questionnaire/Survey

Sourcebook's outline
and guidance



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Introduction

Biodiversity-related conventions:

CBD, CITES, CMS, ITPGRFA, Ramsar Convention and WHC

Widespread calls for greater coherence and synergies among MEAs:

UNEP GC Decision SS.XII/3: *“Invites the Executive Director to undertake, as appropriate, further activities to improve the effectiveness of and cooperation among multilateral environmental agreements, taking into account the autonomous decision-making authority of the conferences of the parties...and to explore the opportunities for further synergies in the administrative functions of the multilateral environmental agreement secretariats administered by the United Nations Environment Programme and to provide advice on such opportunities to the governing bodies of those multilateral environmental agreements.”*

Project outline

Title: *Improving the effectiveness of and cooperation among biodiversity-related conventions and exploring opportunities for further synergies*

Objective: Analyse and provide non-prescriptive guidance on opportunities for enhancing cooperation among the biodiversity-related MEAs at all levels *including on synergies in resource mobilizations*

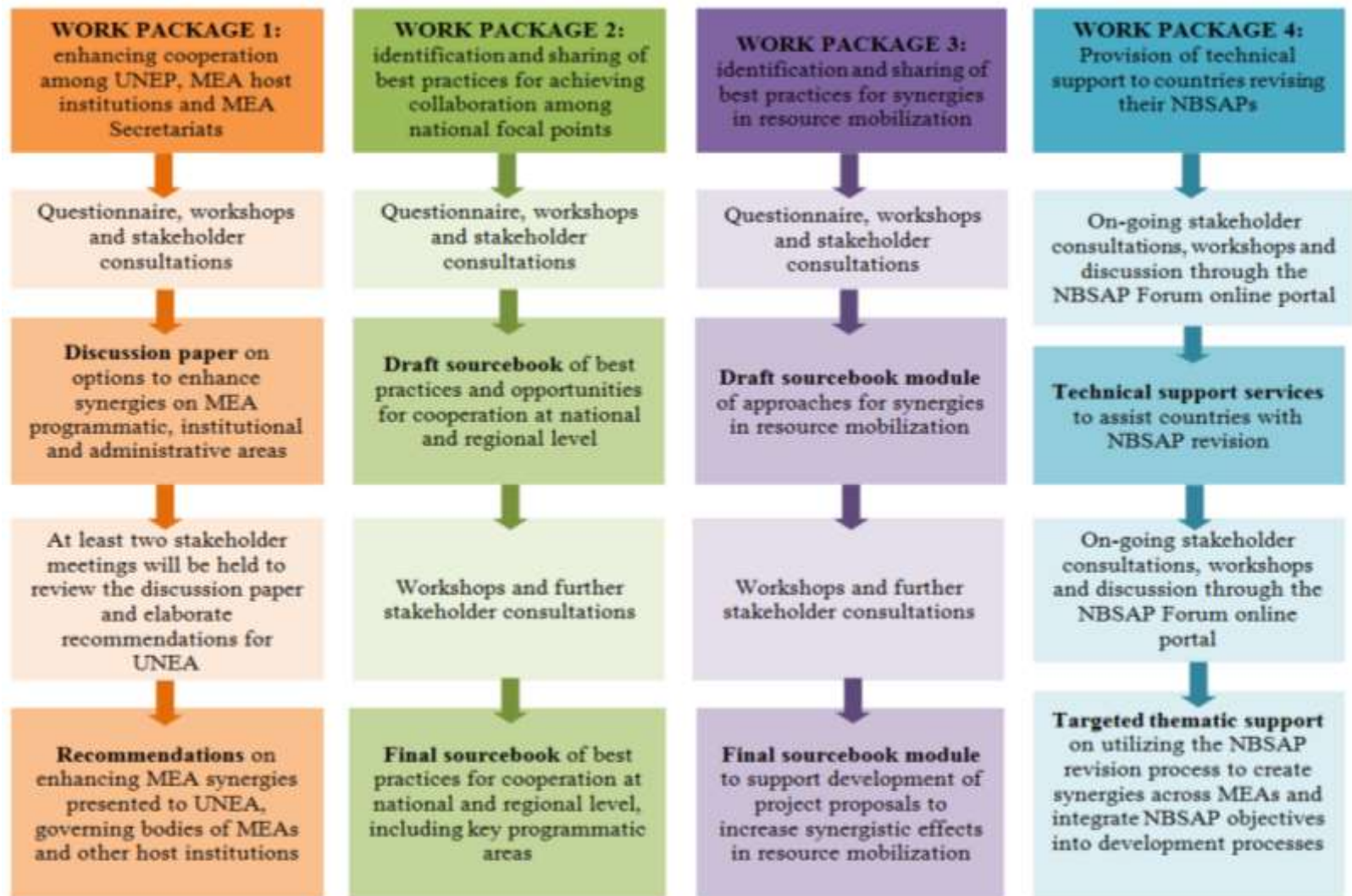
Stakeholders: MEA secretariats, MEA host institutions, MEA national focal points, UNEP Regional Biodiversity MEA focal points and other experts

Executing agencies: UNEP and UNEP-WCMC

Funding: European Union and Swiss Federal Agency for Nature Conservation

Timeline: 2013-2015

Project outline

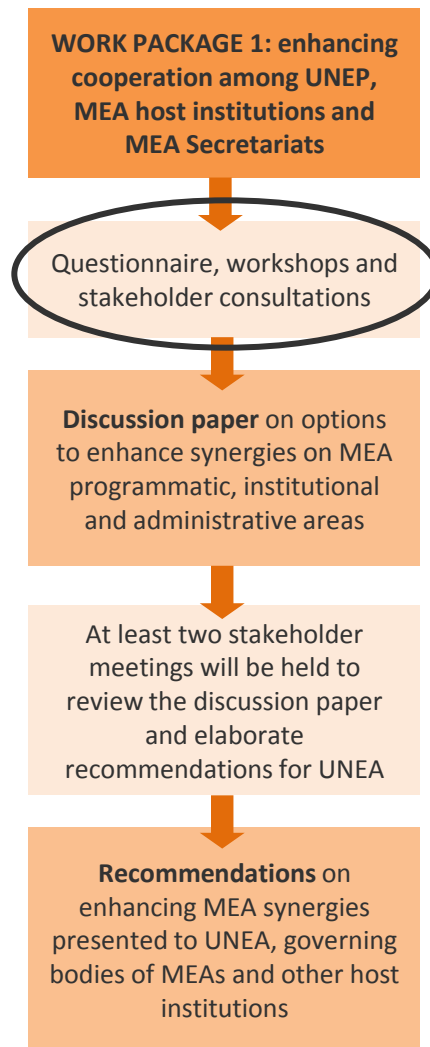


Work Package 1

Objective: identification of potential opportunities for enhancing cooperation among UNEP, MEA host institutions, MEA secretariats on administrative, institutional and programmatic issues

Delivery: Desk-based review, questionnaire and stakeholder consultations

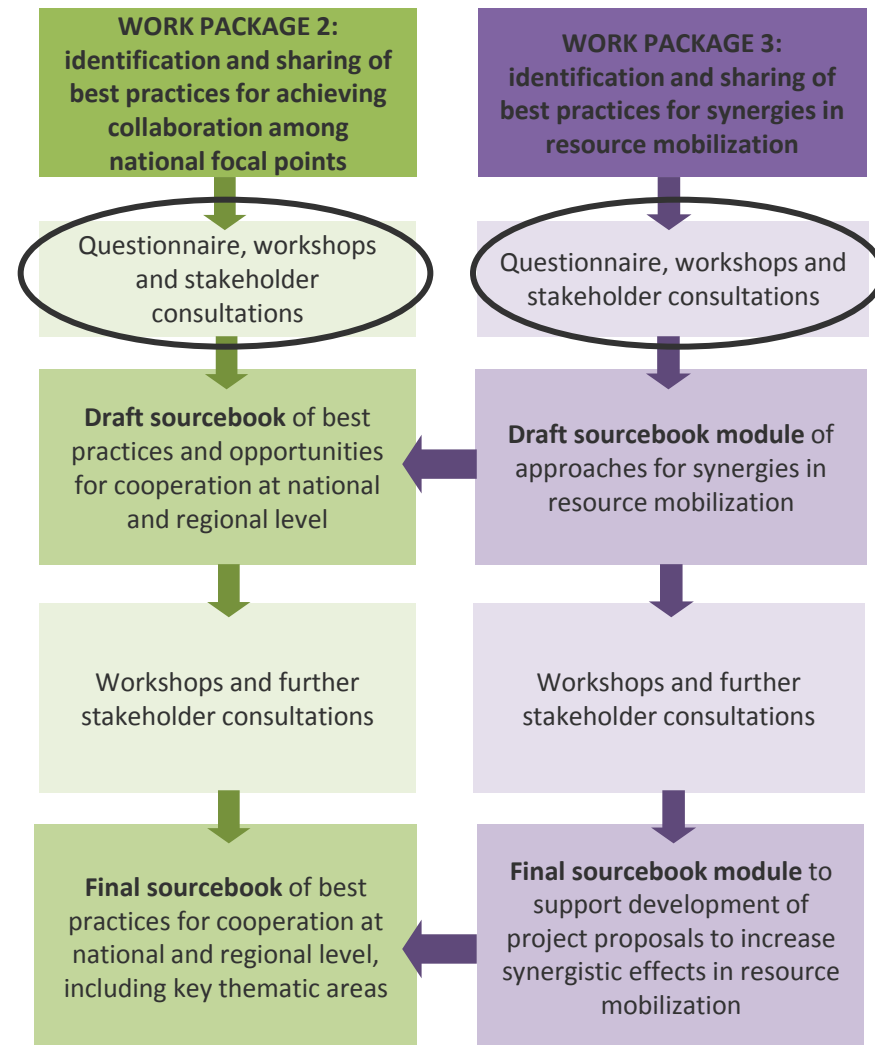
Outputs: Discussion paper (July 2014) and recommendations for UNEA (2016)



Work Packages 2 & 3

Objective: identification and sharing of opportunities for achieving collaboration and coordination among national focal points of biodiversity-related MEAs within countries, including through resource mobilization

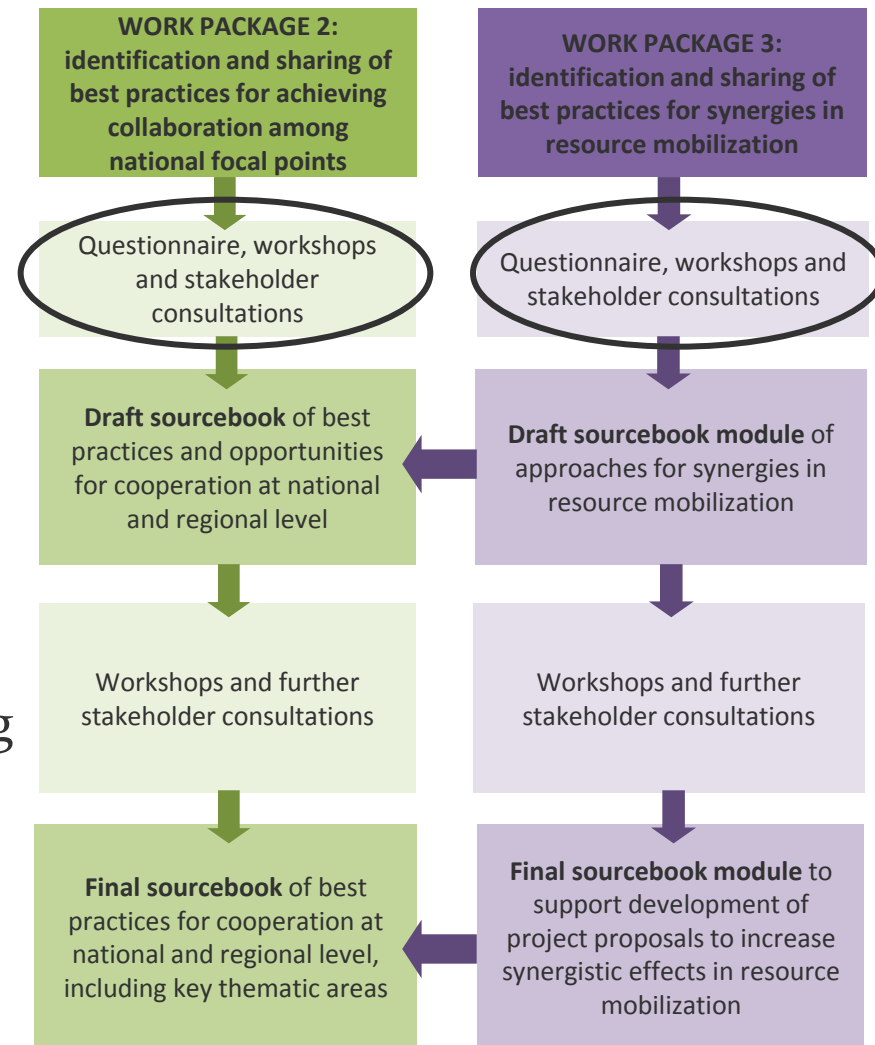
Delivery (WP2 and 3 jointly):
Desk-based review, questionnaire, stakeholder consultations



Work Packages 2 & 3

Outputs: Sourcebook of best practices and opportunities for enhancing cooperation at national and regional level among focal points in key thematic areas (CBD COP 12, October 2014)

- User-friendly non-prescriptive guidance
- Based on case studies, lessons learned, best practices and opportunities highlighted during stakeholder consultations (including questionnaire)

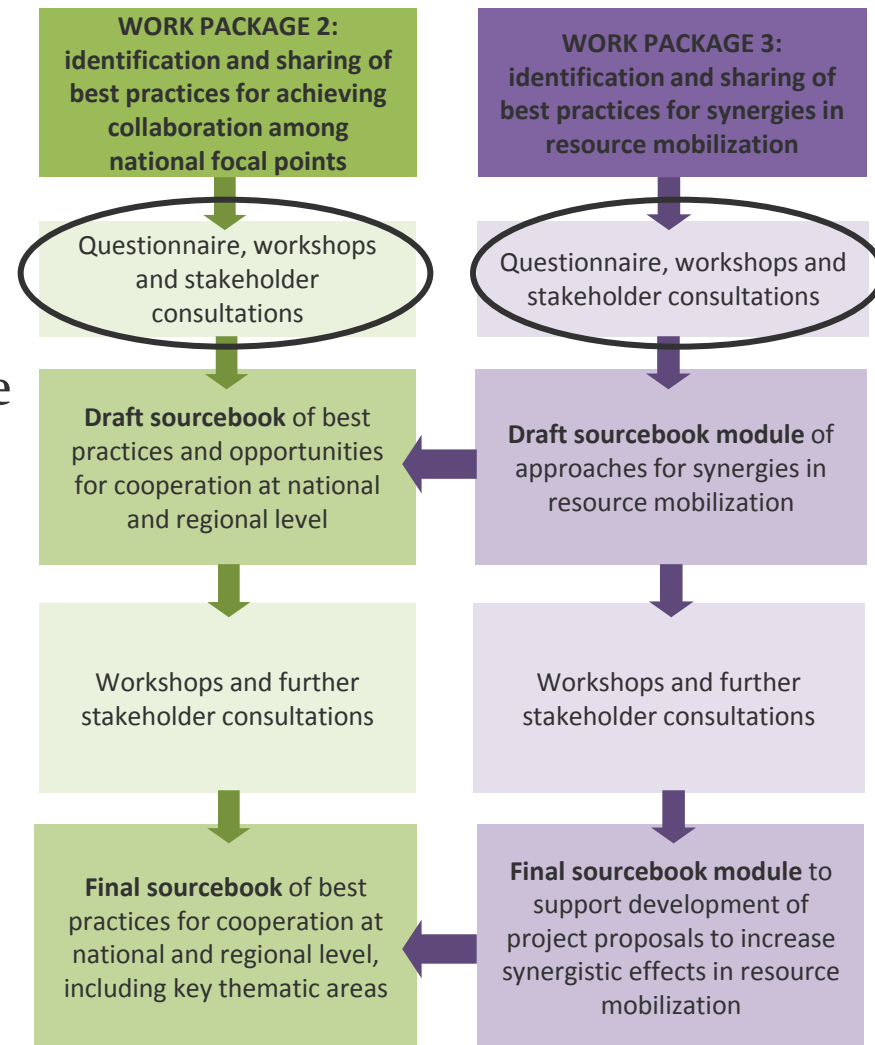


Work Packages 2 & 3

Sourcebook: Modular format, including modules on key thematic areas: Reporting, Science-policy interface, NBSAP revision, Capacity building and Resource mobilization

Resource mobilization is one module and a cross-cutting issue explored in each of the other thematic areas of the sourcebook

Resource mobilization module will include guidance on project funding proposals for synergies projects, lessons on resources mobilized during coherent implementation of MEAs

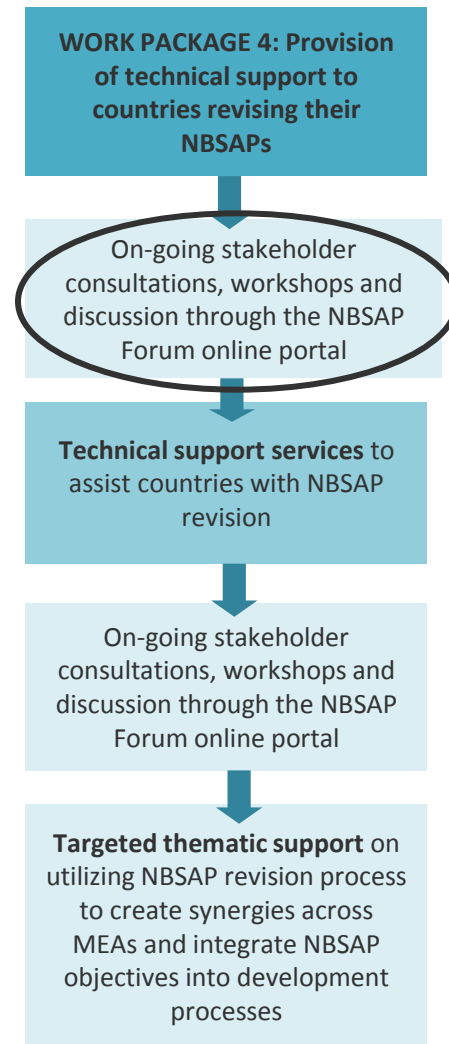


Work Package 4

Objective: Provision of technical support to countries revising their NBSAPs, in particular integration of MEA objectives into NBSAPs and mainstreaming NBSAPs

Delivery: Stakeholder consultations, workshops and discussions through the NBSAP Forum online portal

Output: Development and maintenance of NBSAP Forum (<http://nbsapforum.net/>), technical tools, training materials and guidance to assist countries with NBSAP revision



Intended results

Work Package 1

- Support and enhance cooperation between UNEP, other host institutions and the secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions
- Facilitate an improved common understanding of potential approaches for enhancing the efficient implementation of MEAs
- Provide options for UNEA and governing bodies of other host institutions and MEAs
- Enhanced cooperation among MEAs will improve the transparency of negotiations and implementation of commitments
- Facilitate UNEP support for coherent MEA implementation at the regional and national levels

Intended results

Work Packages 2, 3 & 4

- Support revision of NBSAPs in a manner which increases coherence in implementation of MEAs at national level
- Increase cooperation at national level among focal points of GEF and biodiversity-related conventions
- Facilitate development of project funding proposals that enhance the coherent implementation of the Conventions at the national level
- Facilitate access to GEF funding and other financial resources for coherent implementation of MEAs
- Enhance efficiency in the mobilization, allocation and use of resources at all levels

Questionnaire – National Dimension

Focus:

- Cooperation among national focal points NFPs
- Cooperation between NFPs and organizations involved
- Existing cooperation mechanisms and initiatives that assist with implementation

To be completed by: NFPs, GEF focal points and other national experts working on the biodiversity-related conventions

6 Sections:

1. National institutional arrangements
2. National reporting and information management
3. Science-policy interface
4. Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
5. Capacity building
6. Resource Mobilization

Questionnaire

1. Institutional Arrangements

Focuses on national arrangements for cooperation among the NFPs

- Mechanisms in place
- Cooperation opportunities
- Collaboration activities
- Main benefits
- Main barriers and challenges
- Current activities and activities to enhance cooperation

2. Information management and reporting

Focuses on measures taken to integrate information management and harmonize reporting

- Current activities to integrate information management
- Collaborating organizations
- Benefits and barriers integrating national reporting
- Activities at regional level

Questionnaire

3. Science-policy interface

Refers to any mechanisms, processes that affect the coordination or science and policy.

- Mechanisms in place
- Cooperation opportunities
- Collaboration activities
- Main benefits
- Main barriers and challenges
- Current activities and activities to enhance cooperation

4. Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-20

Focuses on measures taken to collaborate on implementation and NBSAPs

- Current activities to integrate NBSAPs
- Collaborating organizations
- Benefits and barriers integrating NBSAPs
- Activities at regional level

Questionnaire

5. Capacity building

Understand to what extend capacity building activities have been undertaken and role of NFPs

- Capacity building activities undertaken and role of NFPs
- Joint capacity building: main benefits and barriers
- Cooperation mechanisms at regional level

6. Resource mobilization

Concerns the availability and accessibility to sources of funding

- Appointment of Resource Mobilization Focal Point
- Use of financial resources for biodiversity-related conventions
- Cooperation of NFPs on assessment of financial needs for implementation
- Cooperation with GEF focal point
- Collaboration with other NFPs when preparing GEF requests
- Reduced costs, more efficient use of resources
- New opportunities for resource mobilization
- Benefits and barriers with regard to mobilizing resources
- Cooperation mechanism at regional level

Core elements of the Sourcebook

Existing mechanisms of coordination and cooperation at national and regional level

- Convention provisions; existing guidance; institutional structure
- Strategies to improve national cooperation and coordination mechanisms

Opportunities for enhancing synergies in the implementation at national and regional level

- Information management and reporting; Science-policy interface; NBSAPs; Capacity building

Resource mobilisation

- Opportunities/benefits/obstacles for joint resource mobilisation
- Guidance for programmatic framework & identifying financial needs
- Submitting GEF projects, proposals to other potential donors & international funds
- Synthesis, key opportunities & lessons learnt

The questionnaire is now available at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SynergiesProject_NationalDimension

Thank you for your time and cooperation

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