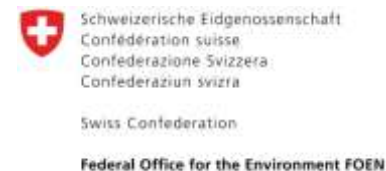


# Improving the effectiveness of and cooperation among biodiversity-related conventions and exploring opportunities for further synergies

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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*

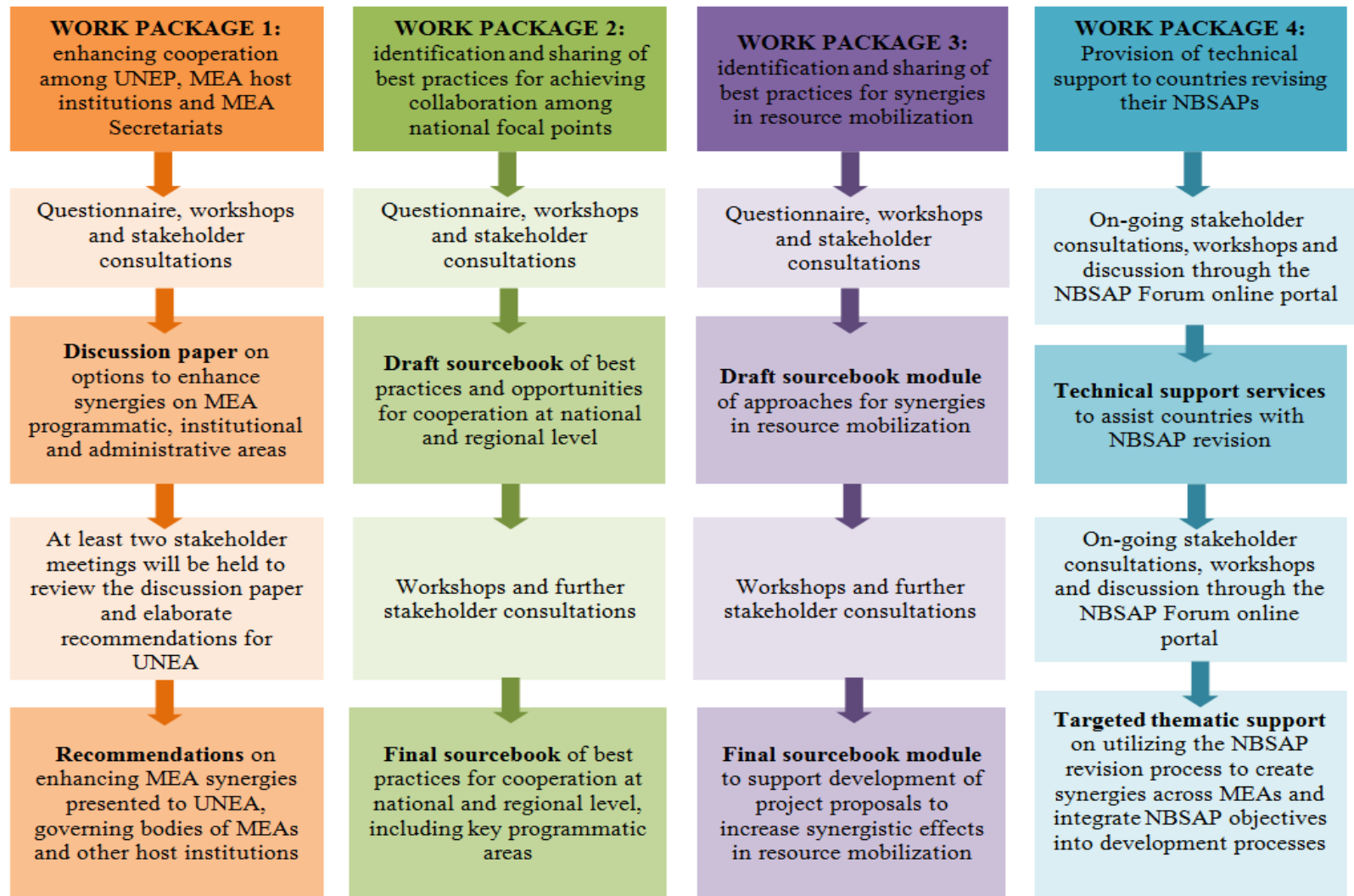
**Stakeholders:** MEA secretariats, MEA host institutions, MEA national focal points, UNEP Regional Biodiversity MEA focal points and other experts

**Executing agencies:** UNEP and UNEP-WCMC

**Funding:** European Union and Swiss Federal Agency for Nature Conservation

**Timeline:** 2013-2015

# Project outline

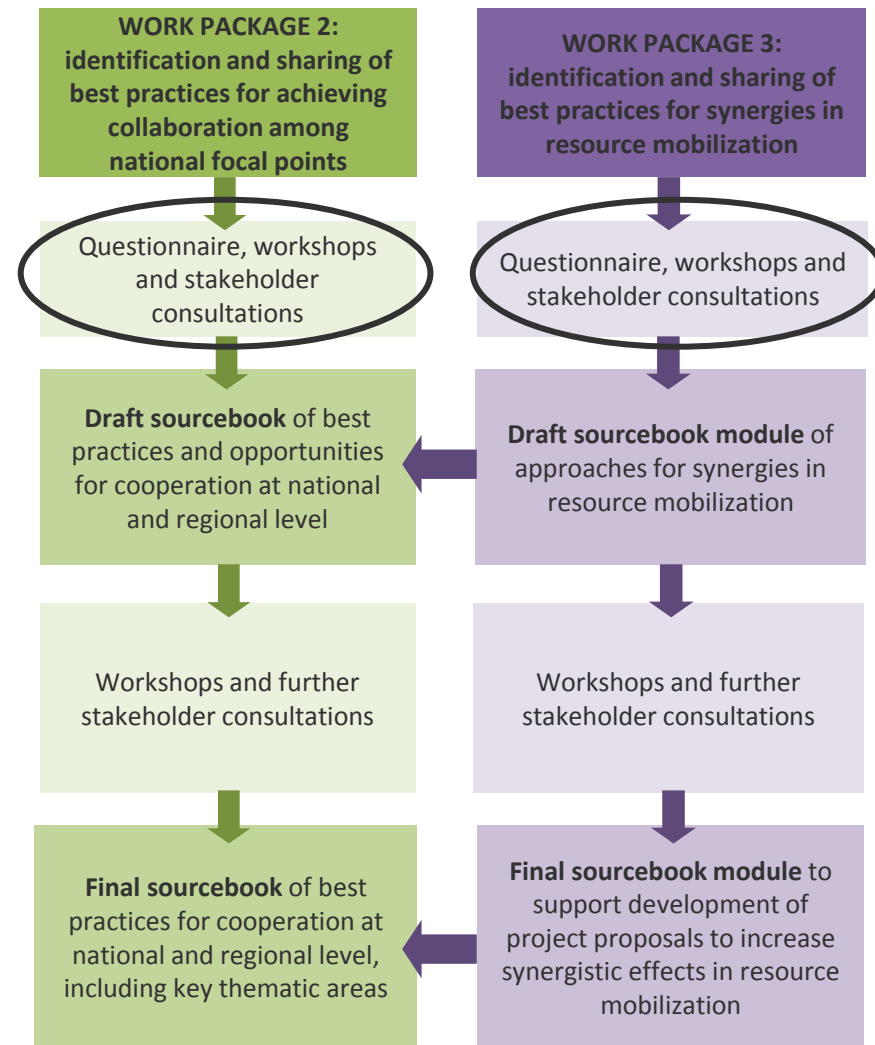


# Work Packages 2 & 3

**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

**Sourcebook – COP 12**



# Questionnaires

## 2 Questionnaires to implement work packages 1-3:

- Global level
- National and regional level

### National level questionnaire:

- Focus on cooperation among national focal points (NFPs)
- Distributed to NFPs of the six global biodiversity-related conventions and the GEF, MEA Secretariat, UNEP Regional Biodiversity MEA Focal Points and relevant experts – open list!
- 6 sections:
  - National institutional arrangements
  - National reporting and information management
  - Science-policy interface
  - Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
  - Capacity building
  - **Resource Mobilization**

# Resource mobilization

*Has your country appointed a Resource Mobilization Focal Point (as recommended in CBD decision IX/11) to facilitate the national implementation of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization?*

*As part of its national financial planning, does your country plan the use of financial resources for the biodiversity-related conventions?*

**No..**

*When preparing requests to the GEF, do you collaborate with the focal points of other biodiversity-related conventions?*

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*Do the national focal points of the biodiversity-related conventions cooperate and collaborate on the assessment of the financial needs for the implementation of the conventions?*

**Are you the GEF national focal point?**

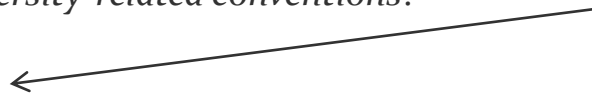


**Yes..**

*Has the coherent implementation of multiple biodiversity-related conventions in your country resulted in reduced costs or more efficient use of resources?*

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ETC..



# Progress

- Questionnaires have been sent out to over 6000 NFPs, representatives of MEA secretariats and other experts
- French and Spanish versions are available
- PLEASE FILL OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE!  
PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR COLLEAGUES TO  
DO LIKEWISE! THANK YOU!
- Deadline for the national-level questionnaire: end of the first week of May

The national-level questionnaire is available at:  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SynergiesProject\\_NationalLevel](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SynergiesProject_NationalLevel)

# Thank you for your attention

## *Any questions or comments?*

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