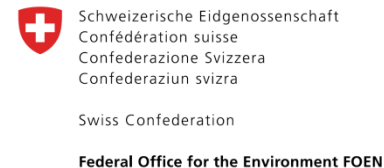


Improving the effectiveness of and cooperation among biodiversity-related conventions and exploring opportunities for further synergies

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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*

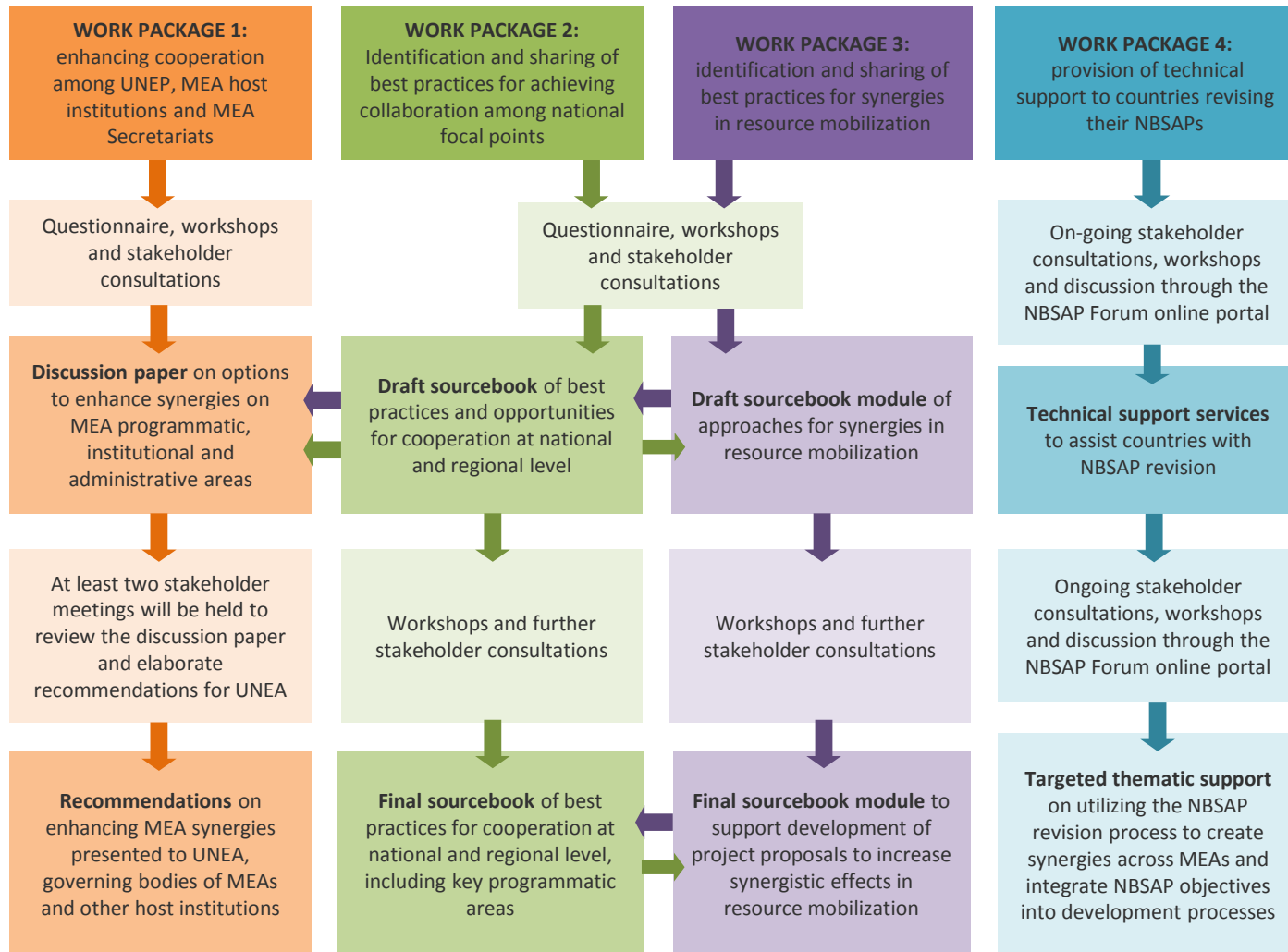
Stakeholders: MEA secretariats, MEA host institutions, MEA national focal points, UNEP Regional Biodiversity MEA focal points and other experts

Executing agencies: UNEP and UNEP-WCMC

Funding: European Union and Swiss Federal Agency for Nature Conservation

Timeline: 2013-2015

Project outline

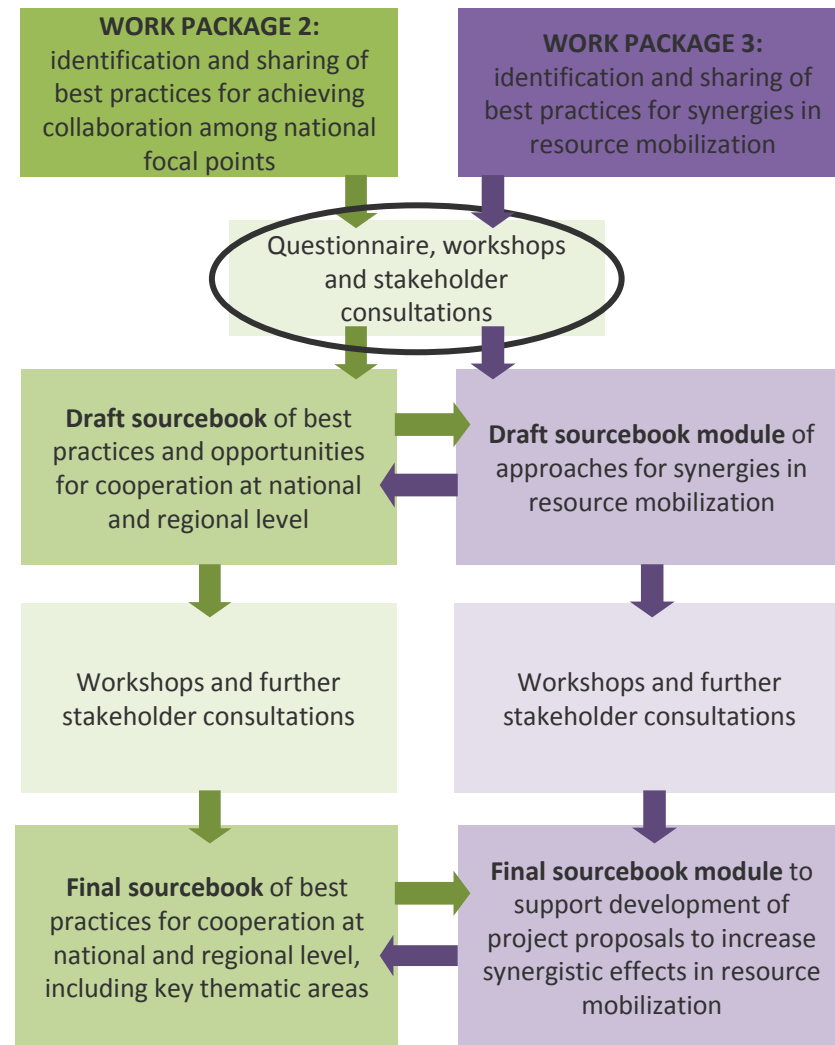


Work Packages 2 & 3

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

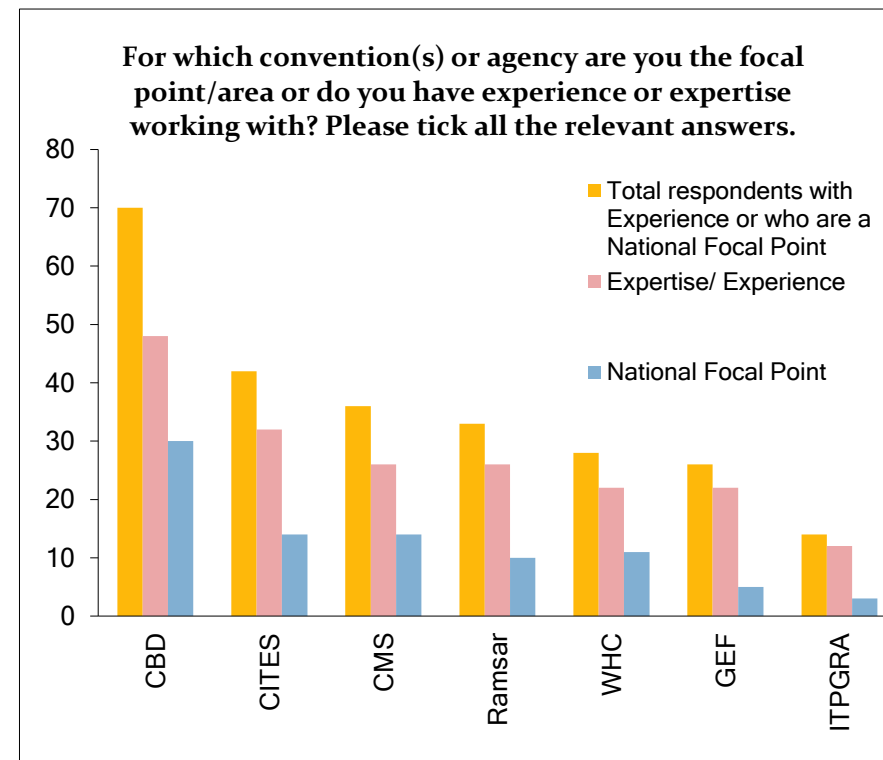
- Questionnaires have been sent out to over 6000 NFPs, representatives of MEA secretariats and other experts in the beginning of April
- English, French and Spanish versions are available
- PLEASE FILL OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE!
PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR COLLEAGUES TO
DO LIKEWISE! THANK YOU!
- Deadline for both questionnaires: June 8

The **national-level** questionnaire is available at:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SynergiesProject_NationalLevel

The **global-level** questionnaire is available at:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SynergiesProject_GlobalLevel

Preliminary Results

- 105 respondents – 71 different countries
- Most respondents have experience with the CBD – respondents had least experience with the ITPGRA



Analysing responses and developing solutions

wcmc.io/nationalmeasynergiesworkshop

- Workshop 15th June – the day before CBD WGRI begins
- Objectives:
 - Share and discuss the preliminary findings from the national level questionnaire
 - Develop good practices examples by convening relevant national and regional actors
 - Identify solutions to the key barriers stopping coherent implementation of the MEAs

Thank you for your attention

Any questions or comments?

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