Resource Mobilization and Financial Reporting under the CBD Introduction and international flows

Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for Eastern European and Central and West Asian Countries

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Overview

- Background on methodological work for reporting
- Reporting international funding streams





Background

Webinar:

- Why financial reporting?
- Global context and mandate: COP-12 targets for resource mobilization
- Structure of the reporting framework

Workshop:

 How to undertake financial reporting: methodologies and tools





Global expert workshop on methodologies

- Mexico City, 5 − 7 May 2015
- Decision XII/3, para 32(c): to provide voluntary guidance for Parties, with a view to facilitating:
 - > financial reporting on domestic expenditures
 - ➤ and the development of national finance plans.

"...considering the lack of clarity and difficulties in estimating 'funding need' and 'funding gap' it appears that much more thought and deliberations would be required, so as to develop further guidance..."

(submission from India commenting on the draft financial reporting framework





Global expert workshop on methodologies

- Work on several cross-cutting themes:
 - Conceptualizing/defining the term "biodiversity-related" investment
 - Coefficients attributing the percentage of financial resources to "indirect" biodiversity activities (<100% attributable)</p>
 - Private sector including NGOs and businesses
 - Sub-national level expenditures by provincial and local governments
 - Biodiversity-harmful expenditures
 - Assessing impacts in a finance context
- "Options for methodological convergence"
 - ➤ It is a dynamic field
 - ➤ Needed built-in flexibility in national implementation of the Strategic Plan





Recap from webinar

- Article 20 of the Convention
- ➤ COP-10: Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 including 20 Aichi Targets
- ➤ Aichi Target 20 on resource mobilization
- > Targets for resource mobilization adopted by COP-12
- Financial Reporting Framework also adopted by COP-12
- Two 'rounds' of reporting:
 - Parties and other Governments to report on baseline and progress until 2015, where feasible, by 31 December 2015...
 - ...and to report further progress in conjunction with sixth national reports





Targets for resource mobilization

Decision XII/3 (resource mobilization): adoption of financial targets, under Aichi Target 20: (paragraph 1)

- Doubling international biodiversity-related funding flows to developing countries by 2015...
- Inclusion of biodiversity in national priorities or development plans by 2015...
- Reporting domestic biodiversity expenditures, as well as funding needs, gaps and priorities, by 2015
- Preparation of national financial plans for biodiversity by 2015 and assessment and/or evaluation of the values of biodiversity
- Mobilize domestic financial resources from all sources to reduce the gap between identified needs and available resources at domestic level





Financial Reporting Framework

- https://chm.cbd.int/submit/resourceMobilisation
- For any technical question:

financialreporting@cbd.int

Financial Reporting Framework

- 1. International financial resource flows
- 2. Biodiversity in national priorities/plans
- 3. Assessment of values of biodiversity
- 4. Domestic expenditures
- 5. Funding needs, gaps and priorities
- 6. National financial plans
- 7. Measures to encourage 'other' contributions
- 8. Availability of financial resources for financial reporting





Summary on international flows

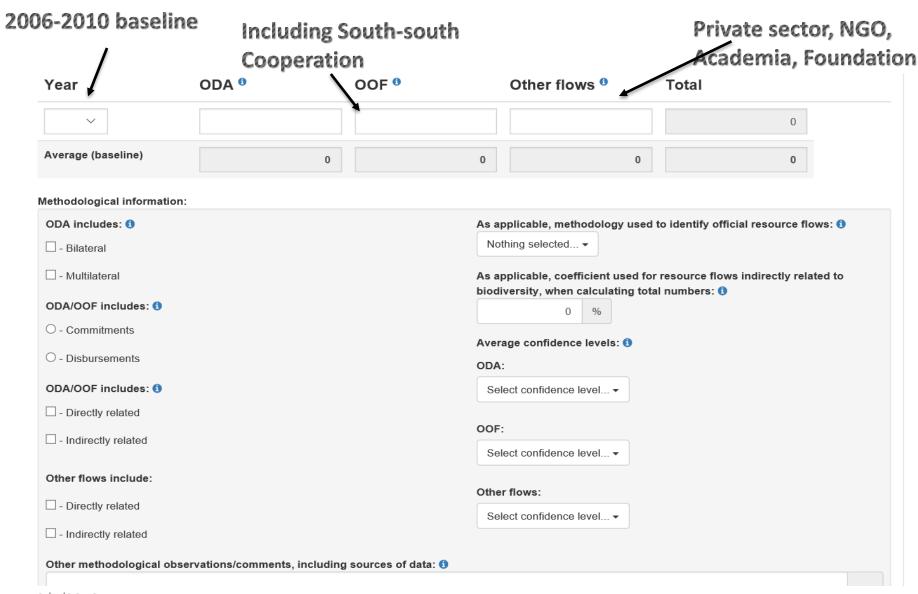
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Relevance for developing countries

- Reporting official 'South-South cooperation' (under the 'OOF' column)
- Reporting activities by private sector, foundations, academia (under 'other flows')
- OECD database as a source of data and information
- Horizontal methodological issues (i.e., biodiversity concepts and assigning coefficients)

International Financial Resource Flows



OECD Creditor Reporting System (CRS) and 'Rio Markers'

- Biodiversity-related development finance is tracked within the CRS using the <u>biodiversity "Rio marker"</u> (since 1998, mandatory from 2006)
- Rio markers track policy objectives
 - i.e. activities targeting biodiversity as a principal objective, a significant objective, or not at all
- Marking guided by: <u>Definition, eligibility criteria, typical</u> <u>examples and guidance</u>
- Data allow for an <u>approximate quantification</u> of finance flows to biodiversity & <u>track mainstreaming</u>

OECD Creditor Reporting System (CRS) and 'Rio Markers'

CURRENT BIODIVERSITY DEFINITION:

It promotes at least one of the three objectives of the Convention: the conservation of bio-diversity, sustainable
use of its components (ecosystems, species or genetic resources), or fair and equitable sharing of the benefits
of the utilisation of genetic resources.

CURRENT CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY:

The activity contributes to

- a) protection or enhancing ecosystems, species or genetic resources through insitu or ex-situ conservation, or remedying existing environmental damage; or
- integration of bio-diversity and ecosystem services concerns within recipient countries' development objectives and economic decision making, through institution building, capacity development, strengthening the regulatory and policy framework, or research; or
- c) developing countries' efforts to meet their obligations under the Convention

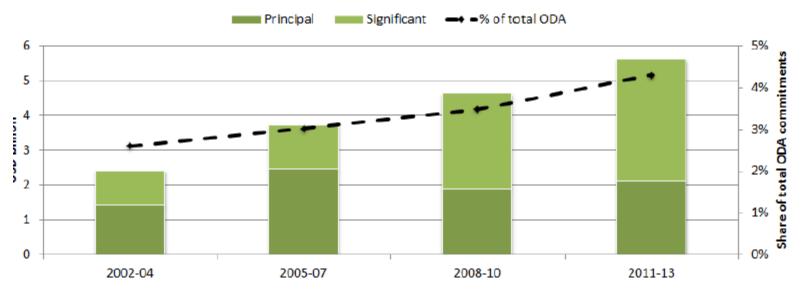
The activity will score "principal objective" if it directly and explicitly aims to achieve one or more of the above three criteria.

Work currently ongoing in the OECD to fine tune Rio marker definitions:

- Headline definitions considered relevant & internationally recognised
- Modernise descriptive language and check consistency with conventions
- Improved guidance sub-sector level examples and rational
- Working towards common definitions
- Open and engaging to seek recipient perspectives

Bilateral biodiversity-related ODA commitments by OECD DAC members

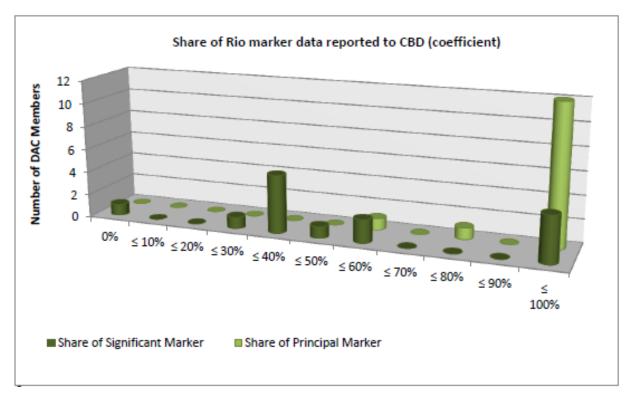
Trends in biodiversity-related development finance, three-year averages 2002-2013, bilateral commitments, USD billion, constant 2013 prices



- Most increase in ODA targeting biodiversity as a "significant" objective (63% av. 2011-13)
- Donors increasingly targeting multiple environmental objectives:
 - 76% biodiversity-related development finance also targets climate change objectives (2011-13).

Use of Rio marker data for Reporting to the CBD:

- Large number of members draw on Rio markers to provide the basis for their reporting to the CBD on bilateral ODA.
 - Most report 100% principal
 - Varied treatment of significant
- Awareness that Rio marker methodology allows for an <u>approximate quantification</u> of financial flows - many members <u>applying coefficients</u> to adjust the share of finance



- Different approaches and coefficients may relate to the nature of different member portfolios, and how the marker is applied.
- Comparability and the need for harmonisation are pressing concerns

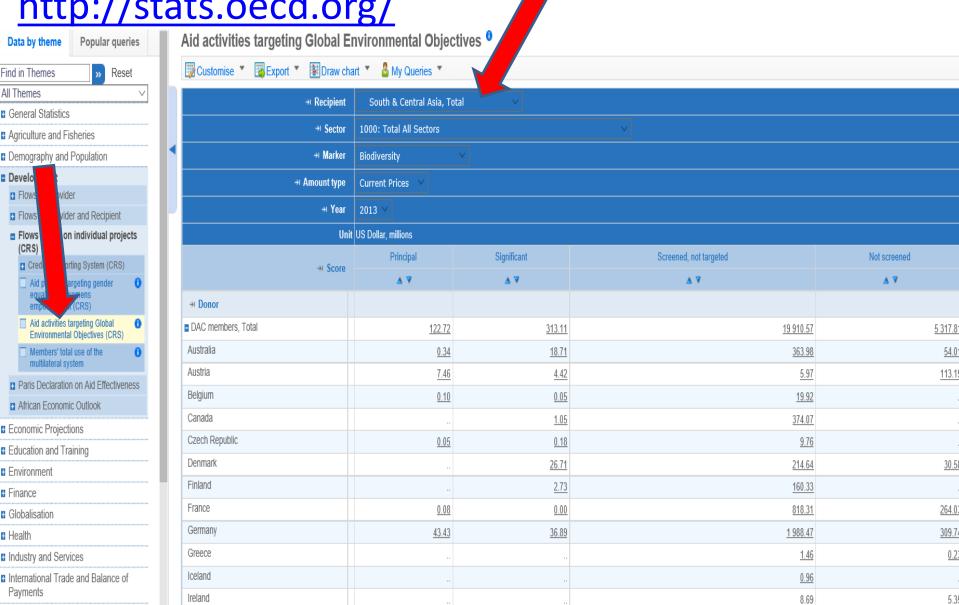
Use of Rio marker data for reporting international flows: coefficients

- Different rationales, different approaches...
 - Recognition that significant < principal, ranges and approximations
 - Identify biodiversity component
- Range of views on the reporting of components:
 - not logical, costs cannot be separated
 - Feasibility challenging, resource intensive and complex
- Use of coefficients prevalent but limited evidence to inform these
- More sophisticated approaches exist, need to remain comparable
- Transparency first step for improvement revised CDB reporting framework supports this

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Exercise

- Find out the amount of 'significant' biodiversity-relevant ODA provided to your country
- Find out the most important projects and sectors