




**Present Status of National  
Assessment on the 2010  
Biodiversity Targets and  
Preparation of the Fourth National  
Report of CBD**

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- Bangladesh has ratified the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in 1994 and the Bio-safety Protocol in 2004.
  - Since signing the convention in 1992 the Ministry of Environment and Forest is putting its best endeavor to implement the overall objectives of the convention.
  - Some of our notable steps include the development of the National Conservation Strategy (NCS), *National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)*, Development of *National Bio-safety Framework etc.*
  - *National Capacity Self Assessment* for the implementation of the Rio conventions has already been furnished.
  - We have submitted the 2nd and 3rd National Reports on the implementation of the convention. We have undertaken legal and policy reforms, and various developments in the thematic areas of the convention.
  - We have enhanced the total area under the protected areas regime including wetland eco-systems
  - We are committed to achieve the 2010 Biodiversity targets and the advancement made so far should be assessed in a scientifically accepted and technically sound manner to come up with a pragmatic plan and programs for intensifying the implementation of the three pillars of convention.



### Activities towards accomplishment:

- The Department of the Environment (DOE) under the Ministry of Environment and Forests has already initiated the activities towards development of the Reports on National Assessment on the 2010 Biodiversity Targets and Preparation of the Fourth National Report to be submitted to CBD by March 2009.
- DOE proposed formation of a National Report Coordination Team to oversee the preparation of the reports and the Ministry of Environment would very soon form the committee to start the development of the report.
- Collection of existing reports, data and information on biodiversity and related national issues has already been started. To name some of the ***documents are: National Conservation Strategy (NCS), National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), National Biosafety Framework (NBF), National Capacity Self Assessment (NCSA), National Adaptation Plan of Action (NAPA), National Action Plan to Combat Desertification (NAP), IUCN Red Data Book, Coastal and Westland Biodiversity Management database, Sustainable Environmental Management Program database etc.***



## **Stakeholder Identification:**

Stakeholder is pertinent to CBD implementation and which may contribute in the preparation process has already been identified.

### **The representatives of the organization involving in the preparation of the report:**

1. Ministry of Environment and Forest.
  2. Ministry of Science, Information and Communication Technology.
  3. Ministry of Agriculture
  4. Ministry of Fisheries & Livestock
  5. Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tract Affairs
  6. Ministries of Health and Family Welfare,
  7. Ministry of Water Resources
  8. Ministry of Planning
  9. Economic Relations Division of the Ministry of Finance.
  10. Biological Sciences Department of the National and Private Universities
  11. Agricultural Research Institutes
  12. Fisheries Research Institutes
  13. Livestock Research institutes
  14. NGOs (IUCN, BCAS, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, UBINIG, DEBTEC, POUSH, CNRS etc)
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## Consultations and Participatory activities :

| Sl. No. | Title of Consultation  | Decemb<br>er 2008 | January<br>2009 | February<br>2009 |
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| 1.      | Inception Workshop on the Elements of the Report                   |                   |                 |                  |
| 2.      | Meeting on the Stocktaking & Feedback from the Stakeholders        |                   |                 |                  |
| 3.      | Compilation and synthesis of the inputs for different stakeholders |                   |                 |                  |
| 4.      | Workshop on the 1st Draft  |                   |                 |                  |
| 5.      | Workshop for the Draft Review and Finalization                     |                   |                 |                  |
| 6.      | Finalization and Submission of the report to SCBD                  |                   |                 |                  |

# Chapters as Planned to be included in Report:

Executive Summary

Chapter I - Overview of Biodiversity Status, Trends and Threats

Chapter II - Current Status of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

Chapter III - Sectoral and cross-sectoral integration or mainstreaming of biodiversity considerations

Chapter IV - Conclusions: Progress towards the 2010 Target and Implementation of the Strategic Plan

Appendix I - Information concerning reporting Party and preparation of national report

Appendix II - Further sources of information

Appendix III - Progress towards Targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and Programme of Work on Protected Areas

Appendix IV - National indicators used in the report (optional)



## **Financial provisions:**

To support the development or preparation of the report Bangladesh is opted for having technical assistance to the tune of USD 20,000 from GEF in addition to the contribution in kind by the Government. The Operational Focal Point of GEF, the Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests is going to make a formal request to GEF through UNDP in Bangladesh for the financial provision in order to smooth of the development of the report in a shorter span of time.

**In conclusion it can be asserted that Bangladesh is trying its best to accomplish the Job within the stipulated period of 30 March 2009.**

*THANK YOU*

