

Suggestions for Preparing the Executive Summary of the 5NR

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of the Fifth National Report,
Global Biodiversity Outlook and
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What is its purpose?

- Highlights key messages in nontechnical language
- Allows readers to mentally prepare
- Provide policy relevant information for decision makers at all levels
- Often the most read section
- Possible basis for communication and outreach products

An executive summary should:

- Contain the main messages, important facts, necessary background information and major conclusions from the report
- Contain information from each section of the report
- Be concise but have enough information to understand the issues
- Give the same impression as the entire report

An executive summary should not:

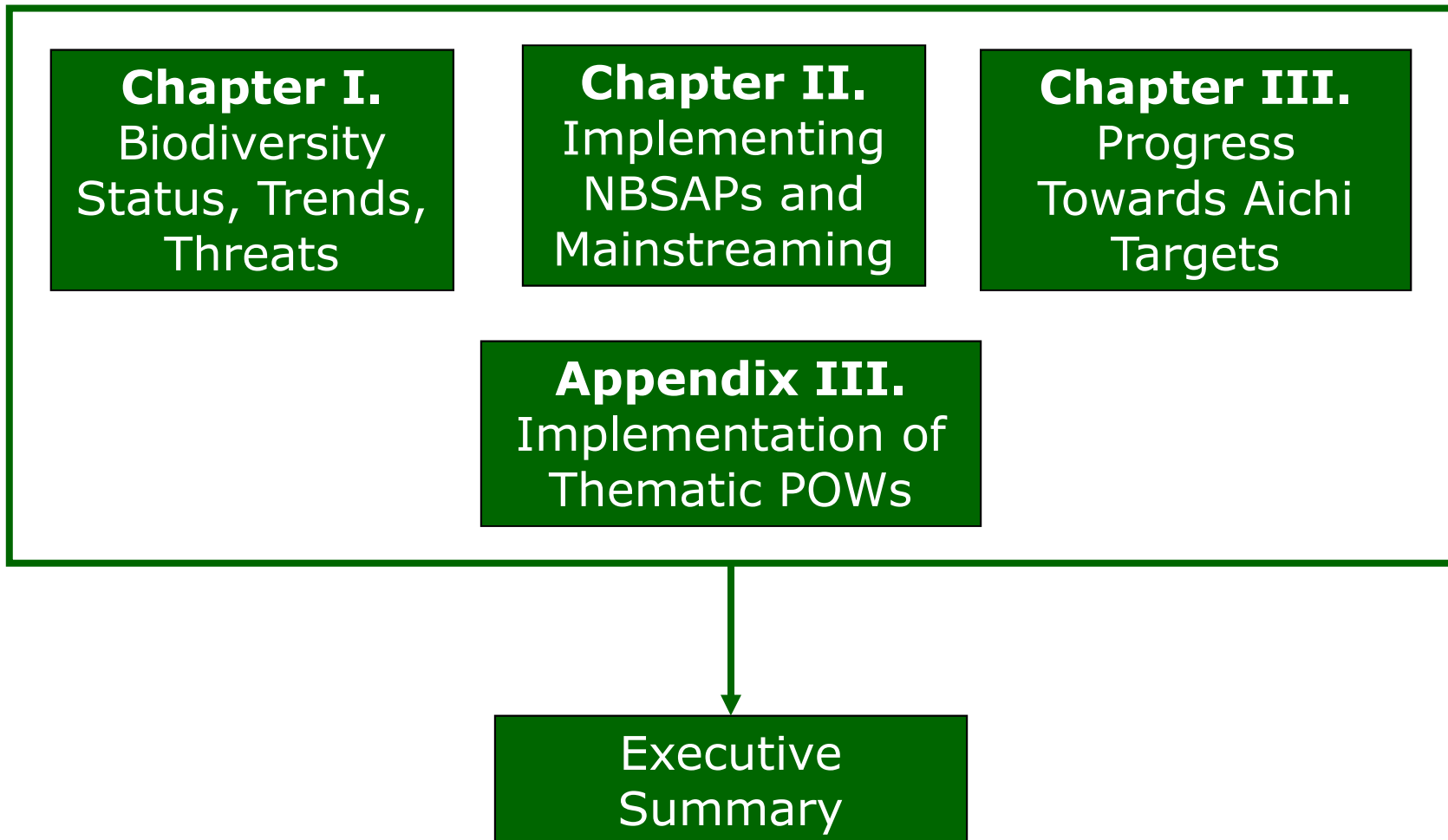
- Be an outline or introduction to the main report.

What types of information should be included?

- Overall status and trends of biodiversity
- Major threats to biodiversity specific to your country
- Extent to which threats are being addressed
- Key actions related to the Strategic Plan and the Aichi Targets
- Information on National Targets
- Overall assessment of NBSAP implementation
- Areas where national implementation has been most effective/lacking
- Major obstacles to implementation
- Future priorities

Structure of the Fourth National Report

Main report



Example from the Fourth National Reports

Malawi

“This suggests that land under protected areas has increased by 148224 ha (8%)....Currently about three forest reserves are proposed for protection and if approved by parliament this will bring the number of protected areas to about 100. **Although there appear to be an increase in land under protected areas, there has been extensive encroachment into some forest reserves...**”

“High population and density also contribute to habitat fragmentation... This directly contributed to reduction in forest cover from 44% to in 1970s to 28% in the 1990s. **Thus as long as population growth rate remains high, pressure on land for settlement, agriculture and resource use will remain high and this will continue to exert pressure on the remaining habitats.**”

Appendix

Thematic and Cross Cutting Programmes

- Agricultural Biodiversity
- Dry and Sub-humid Lands Biodiversity
- Forest Biodiversity
- Climate Change and Biodiversity
- Communication, Education and Public Awareness
- Economics, Trade and Incentive Measures
- Ecosystem Approach
- Etc.

Appendix

- Decisions X/37 (Biofuels and Biodiversity)
- Decision X/44 (Incentive Measures)
- Decision XI/2 (SP and NBSAPs)
- Decision XI/14 (Article 8 j)
- Decision XI/18 (Marine and coastal biodiversity)
- Decision XI/19 (Biodiversity and climate change)
- Decision XI/26 (GSPC)
- Decision XI/29 (GTI)

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