

# Preparation of the Fifth National Report – Assessing Progress Towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

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# What Are the National Reports ?

National reports are the official documents by which Parties report to the COP on the actions taken to implement the Convention

## Article 26:

“Each Contracting Party shall... present to the COP, reports on measures which it has taken for the implementation of the provisions of this Convention and their effectiveness in meeting the objectives of this Convention.”

**But** the process of preparing the national report should not just be seen as an activity undertaken only to respond to a COP request

# Why Are National Reports Important?

## Nationally:

- National reports provide a way for Parties to evaluate national progress towards the implementation of the Convention
- They provide an opportunity to plan the national implementation of the Convention in light of national experiences and circumstances
- They are part of the NBSAP process
- They can be used as communication tools

# Why Are National Reports Important?

## Globally :

- They are used to prepare documents for meetings of the COP and its subsidiary bodies
- They allow the COP to evaluate the implementation of the Convention at the global scale
- They help the COP determine priority actions and key issues that need to be addressed
- They will be used to evaluate progress towards the Strategic Plan and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and prepare GBO-4

# Relevant COP Guidance

## **COP 10 (in decision X/10):**

- Decided that all Parties should submit their fifth national report by 31 March 2014



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COP 10 / MOP 5



**XI Conference of Parties**  
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
HYDERABAD INDIA 2012

## **COP 11 (in decision XI/3):**

- Urged Parties to submit their fifth national report by the above deadline at the latest

# Relevant COP Guidance

**In Decision X/10, COP 10 decided that the 5NR should:**

- **Focus on the implementation** of the Strategic Plan and progress toward the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- **Include information concerning** contributions towards the achievement of **relevant Millennium Development Goals**
- **Provide updates** on the revision, updating and implementation of **NBSAPs**
- **Provide an update on** the national **status and trends** of, and **threats** to, biodiversity, using national biodiversity indicators
- Provide an **overall assessment of the national implementation of the Convention**, and include suggestions for future priorities at the national and international levels

# Relevant COP Guidance

## COP 10 requests Parties to elaborate on:

- **Outcomes and impacts of actions taken** to implement the Convention
- **Experiences and lessons learned** from implementation
- **Obstacles encountered** in implementation
- An **update of the information** provided in the last national report
- Quantitative **analysis and synthesis** on the status of implementation of the Convention in particular the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and national biodiversity strategies and action plans

## Format

- Should respond to national needs and circumstances
- A narrative format
- Compliment with tables, charts, graphics, figures and indicators
- Several guiding questions for each section
- Length of between 40 and 100 pages



# Structure of the Fifth National Report

## Three main parts:

- **Part I** - An update on biodiversity status, trends, threats and implications for human well-being.
- **Part II** - The NBSAP, its implementation, and the mainstreaming of biodiversity.
- **Part III** - Progress towards the 2015 and 2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets and contributions to the relevant 2015 Targets of the Millennium Development Goals.

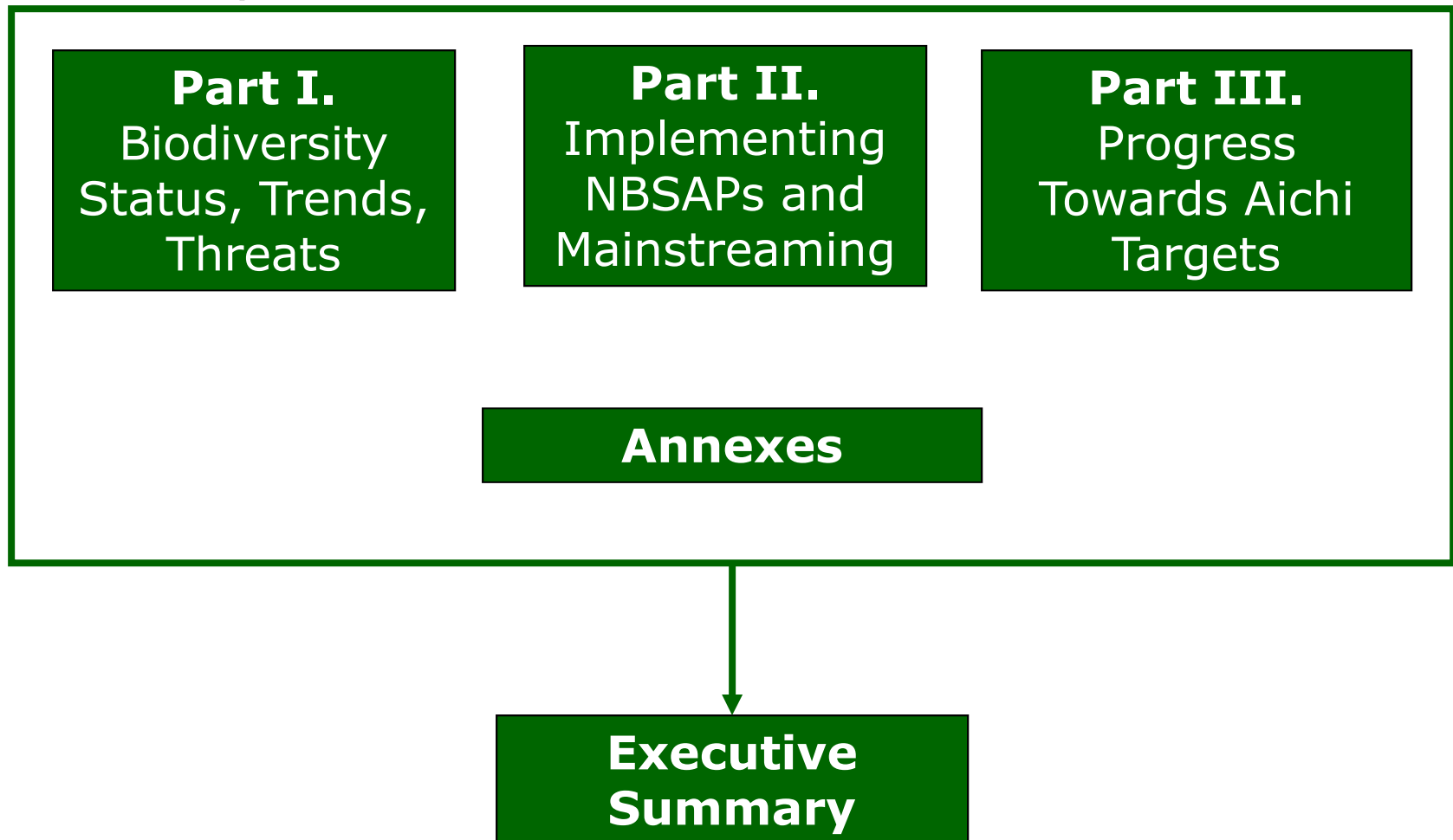
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## Three annexes:

- **Annex I** - Information concerning the reporting Party and preparation of the fifth national report
- **Annex II** - Further sources of information
- **Annex III** – Information concerning the implementation of the programmes of work and cross-cutting issues

# Structure of the Fifth National Report

Main report



# Who should be involved?

Generally the preparation of the national report is the responsibility of the national focal point. However the preparation process should also include:

- Relevant ministries and organizations (forestry, fisheries, agriculture, mining, finance, education, etc.)
- The ministries in charge of sectoral planning and coordination
- The national focal points of relevant conventions (UNFCCC, UNCCD, Ramsar, etc.)
- Academia, non-governmental and community organizations and the private sector

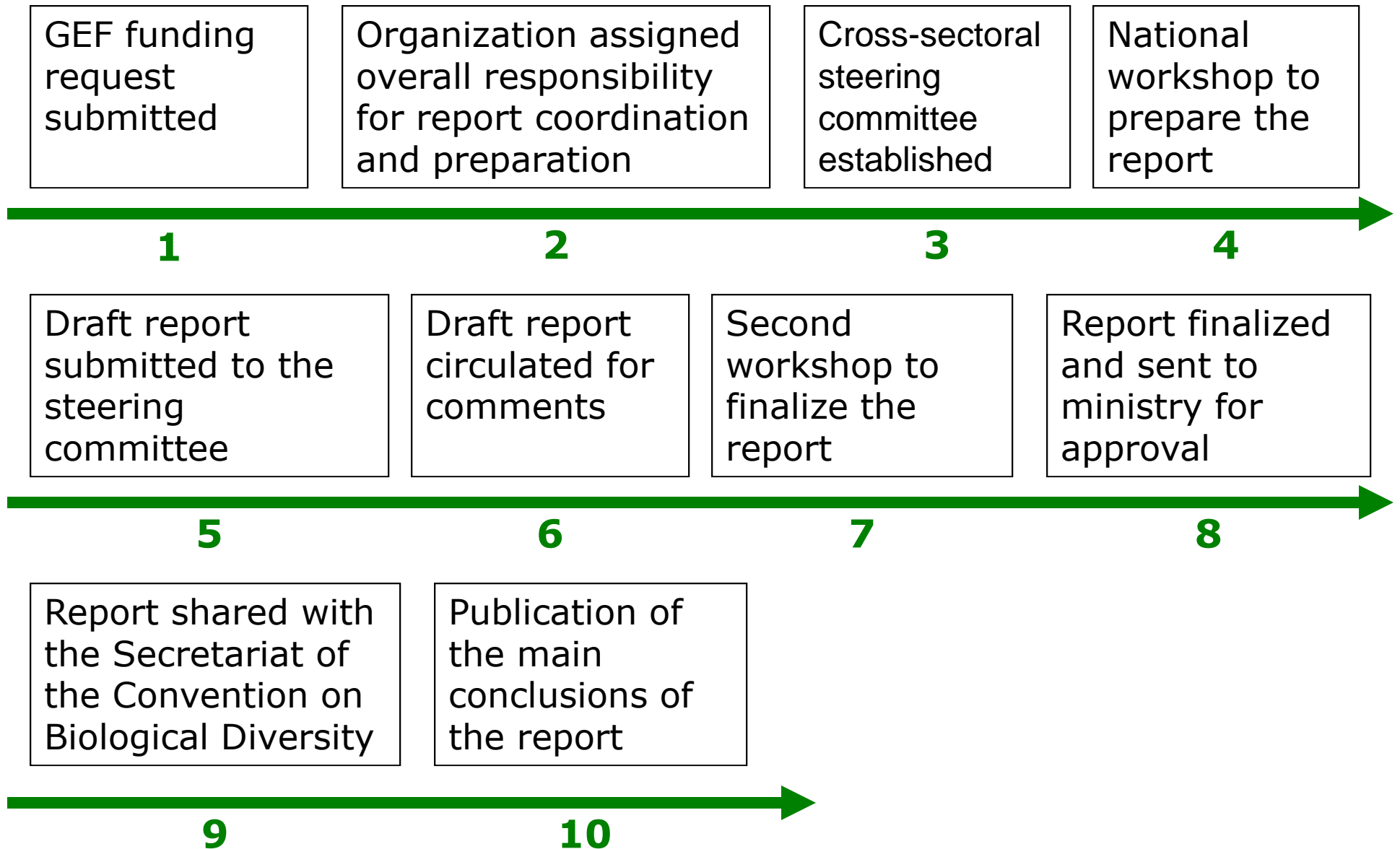
The national report preparation process is an opportunity for awareness raising and mainstreaming



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# Possible steps



# Access to GEF Funds

- Package for funding NBSAP updating, 5NR and CHM or other enabling activities
- Traditional access channels: through implementing agencies (UNEP, UNDP)
- New access channel: Direct access through GEF Secretariat

# Supporting Activities

- Capacity development workshops
- Establishment of a pilot on-line reporting mechanism
- Enhanced partnerships with relevant organizations to provide support for preparing 5NRs
- “E-forum” to address questions and exchange experiences

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