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Polish experiences and lessons learned from the preparation of the IV national CBD report

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IV national CBD report

- Basis: art. 26 of the CBD and decision VIII/14, WGRI guidelines
- Developed by the Ministry of Environment, based on the commissioned study
- Authors: multidisciplinary expert team (various sectors and stakeholders)
- Sources of data: official documents (legislation, strategies, policies), studies, databases, publications, interviews with experts and officials

Timing

- Start of preparation : early 2008
- First draft: October 2008
- Resort internal consultations : November 2008
- Second draft: December 2008
- General consultations: January 2009
- Third draft: February 2009
- Adoption by the Minister, English translation and submission to the SCBD: March 2009

Encountered obstacles (1)

- Public procurement: criteria to choose the best contractor (not only the price), time consuming process
- Discussion and arrangements with the contractor on ways and means of work
- Monitoring of progress of contractor and subcontractors work
- Delay in the performance of work
- Broader scope of work than expected

Encountered obstacles (2)

- How to reach certain stakeholders
- Balance between concise and comprehensive report
- Duplication of information in different part of report
- Report timeframe: some information from before III report (2005) also needed to clear up
- Obtaining and verification of information from other sectors

Encountered obstacles (3)

- Different views on the level of details in report, for instance between scientists and politicians on description of status of biodiversity in Poland
- Resistance of scientists to provide data on status and trends of biodiversity, due to lack of sufficient researches
- An „old” national biodiversity strategy by 2007 and a „new” one from 2007 – which to take into account

Lessons learned

- As early start as possible
- Experienced contractor and good expert team – basis of success
- Chief editor necessary
- Clear guidance from the Ministry of Environment
- Broad consultation very useful – to involve as many stakeholders as possible