



Convention on
Biological Diversity

Global Biodiversity Outlook 4

Regional Workshop for Central Asia
and Central and Eastern Europe on
the Preparation of the Fifth National Report

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United Nations Decade on Biodiversity

Scope of GBO-4

Flagship publication of the Convention

In **decision X/2** the COP decided that GBO-4 would provide a mid-term review of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

Information sources:

- Fifth national reports and other information provided by Parties
- Indicator information
- Scenario assessments
- Scientific literature

Scope of GBO-4

GBO-4 will consider 4 questions:

- 1. What actions need to be taken to achieve the Aichi Targets?**
- 2. Are we on track to reach the Aichi Biodiversity Targets by 2020?**
 - i. What national and regional commitments, plans and targets have been adopted?
 - ii. What is the level of implementation of the Strategic Plan?
- 3. How do the Aichi Targets and progress towards them position us to realize the 2050 Vision of the Strategic Plan?**
- 4. How does implementation of the Strategic Plan and progress towards the Aichi Targets contribute to the MDGs?**

Scope of GBO-4

The major weakness of GBO-3 was the limited use of national information

For GBO-4, 2 “volumes” are planned. One focusing on global status and trends and the other based on more national information drawn from the 5th National reports

Aim to make GBO-4 more relevant to Parties by including more national information

Party Involvement

Parties can participate in the preparation of GBO-4 in a number of ways including:

- Providing advanced drafts of the 5th National Report
- Case Studies
- Indicator information and other relevant national information
- Providing assessments of NBSAP implementation and on the establishment or implementation of National Targets
- Participating in the peer review of the drafts of GBO-4

Party Involvement

Ideally case studies should:

- Link to the Strategic Plan
- Provide a “story line” of the actions taken
- Contain experiences and lessons that are widely applicable
- Be substantiated with quantitative information
- Provide a description of impacts or outcomes achieved or expected and the measures taken to achieve them
- Contain conclusion and lessons learned
- Identify factors that may have influenced outcomes or are likely to influence outcomes in the future

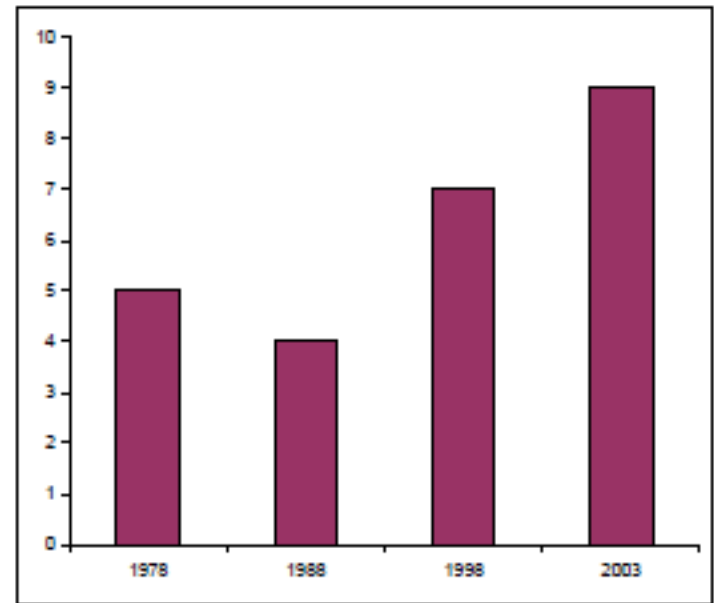


Party Involvement

Case study example from Serbia:

During the 1950's the White-tailed eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*) population declined dramatically. In 1998 there were only 20 known nesting pairs in the country. By 2009 the number of nesting pairs had increased to 86 as a result of improved habitat conditions, the conservation of nesting sites and winter feeding programmes.

Number of nesting pairs of white tailed eagle in the protected area "Gornje Podunavlje-Upper Danube River Basin" between 1978 and 2003



Source: Serbia's Forth National Report

Advisory Group

In recommendation XVI/2, SBSTTA requested that an Advisory Group be established to provide guidance on:

- The GBO-4 preparation process
- Data and methodology standards
- Development plans and outputs
- Quality assurance
- Case-studies

Advisory Group

Composition:

Ms. Senka Barudanovich - Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ms. Roxana Solis Ortiz – Peru
Mr. Adjima Thombiano – Burkina Faso	Ms. Yvonne Vizina - Metis Nation Council
Ms. Risa Smith – Canada	Ms. Joji Carino - Tebtebba Foundation
Mr. Haigen Xu – China	Mr. David Morgan – CITES
Ms. Teresita Borges Hernández – Cuba	Ms. Linda Collette – FAO
Mr. Jan Plesnik – Czech Republic	Mr. Tim Hirsch – GBIF
Mr. Moustafa Mokhtar Ali Fouda – Egypt	Mr. Thomas Lovejoy – GEF-STAP
Ms. Anne Teller – European Commission	Mr. Stuart Butchart – IUCN
Mr. Asghar Mohammadi Fazel – Iran	Mr. Matt Walpole – UNEP-WCMC
Mr. Tohru Nakashizuka – Japan	SBSTTA Bureau Chair – <i>Ex Officio</i>

Timeline

- The COP will meet in 2014 and then in 2016
- In order for the COP to consider GBO-4 and to take meaningful action based on it, the report needs to be available at COP12 in 2014
- Given the short timeline and that the fifth national reports are due 31 March 2014 multiple products related to GBO-4 will be released in order to take advantage of the information that is available

Timeline

Given that COP12 will be in 2014 the following deadlines are envisaged:

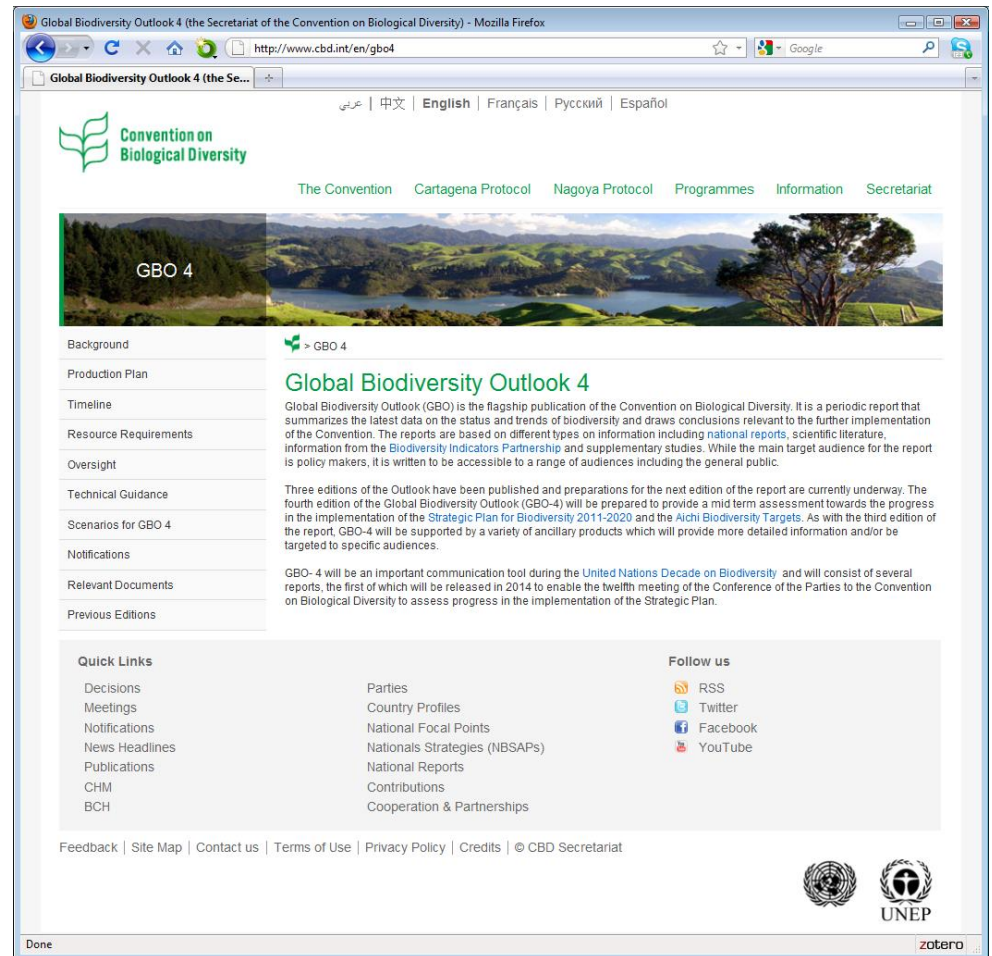
Product	Date
Revision of selected sections	January 2014
Peer review of all sections	May 2014
Consideration by SBSTTA 18	June 2014
Revision of drafts	June 2014
Typesetting in English	July 2014
Translation into official UN languages	July 2014
Printing and dispatch to launch events	September 2014
Launch of the main GBO-4 report	October 2014

Progress to Date

GBO-4 website developed

- Available in English, French and Spanish
- Updated periodically

<http://www.cbd.int/en/gbo4>

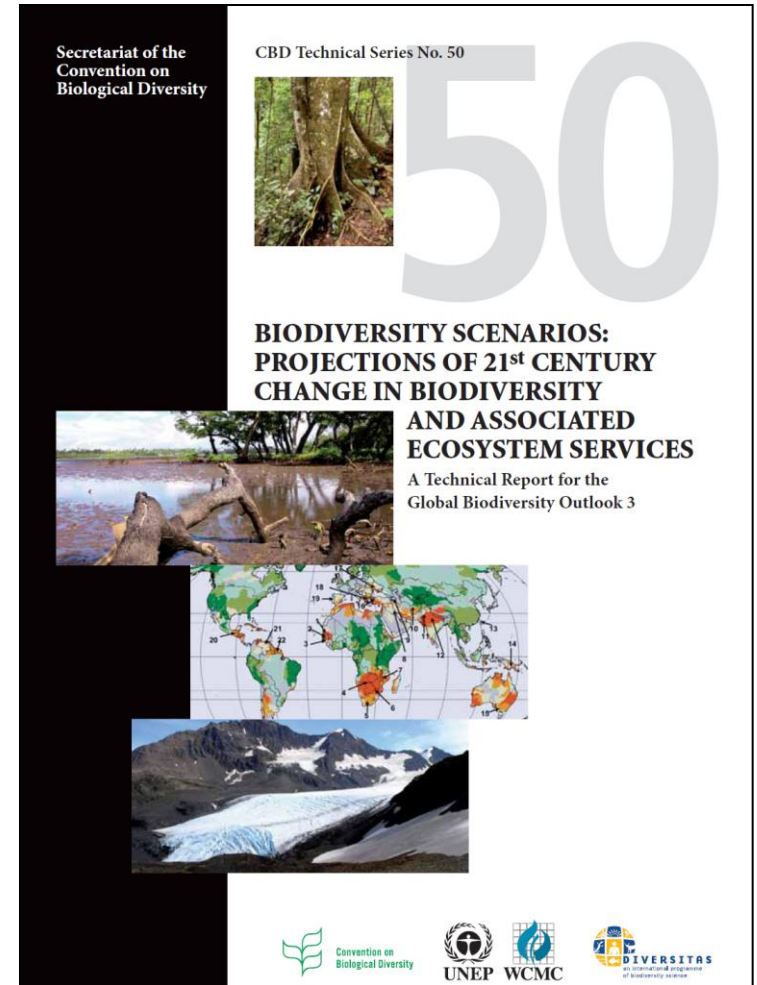


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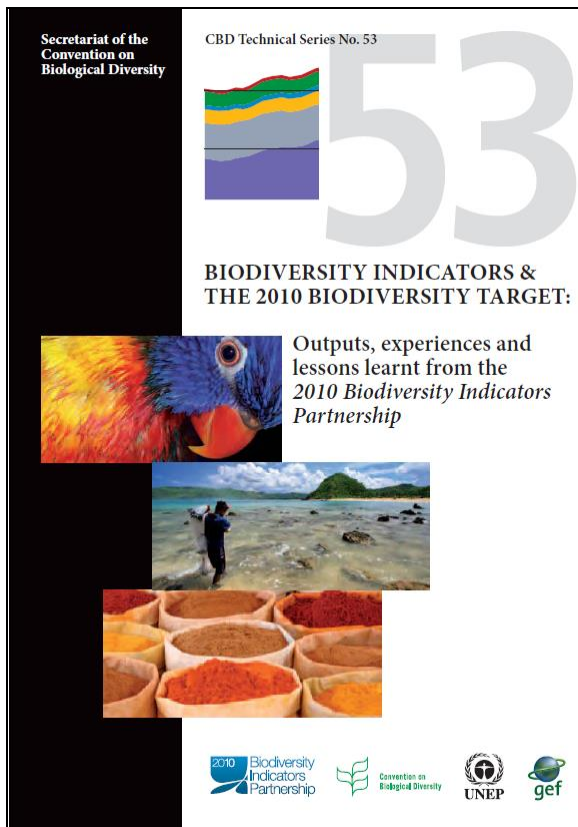
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Scenario assessment:

- Combination of reviewing existing models and scenarios and the development of new (combinations of) models where necessary
- Being conducted by a consortium composed of DIVERSITAS, UNEP-WCMC, PBL-Netherlands, UBC Fisheries Centre.



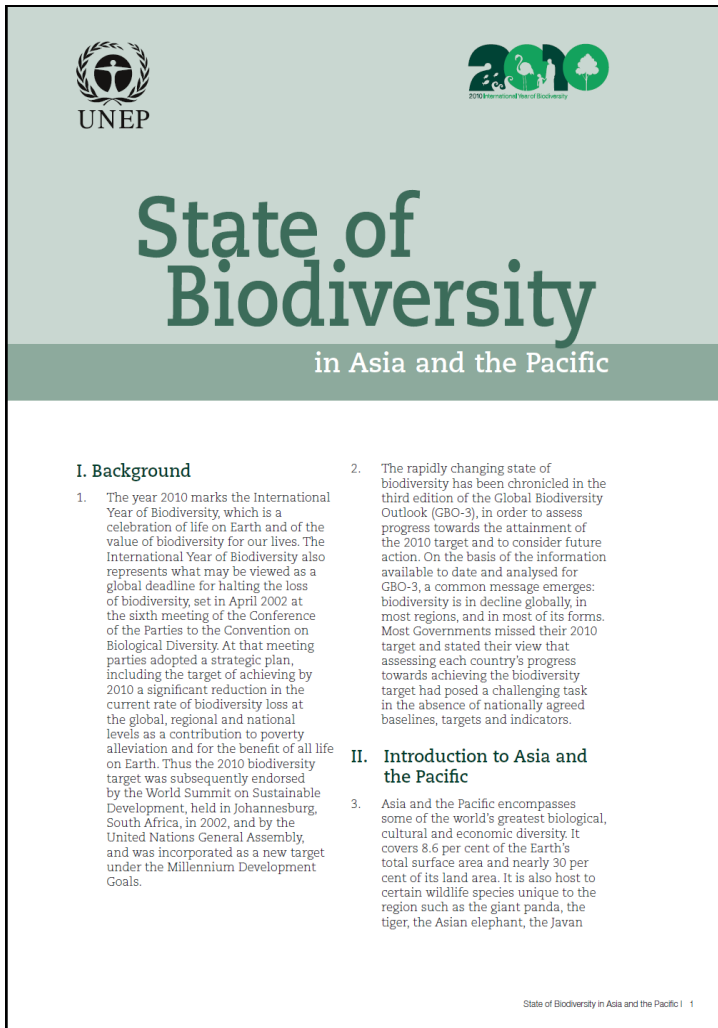
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Indicators:

- Build on work done for GBO-3
- Biodiversity Indicators Partnership as main partner

Progress to Date



Plans for regional launches, regional reports, technical publications

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