

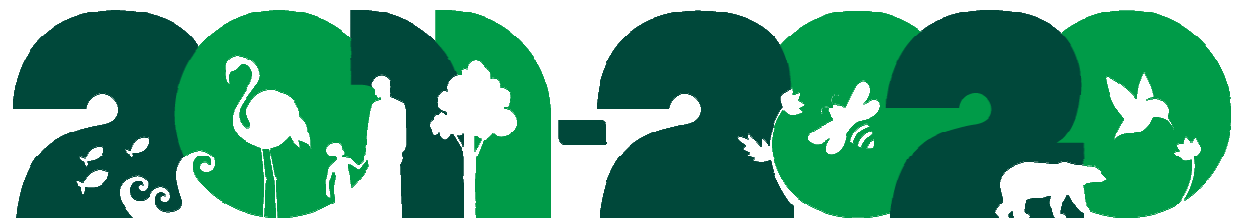


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Suggestions for Preparing the Executive Summary of the 5NR

Regional Workshop for South, East and
Southeast Asia on the Preparation of the Fifth
National Report and Global Biodiversity Outlook
and Regional Policy Scenarios

Incheon City, Republic of Korea
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United Nations Decade on Biodiversity

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



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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:

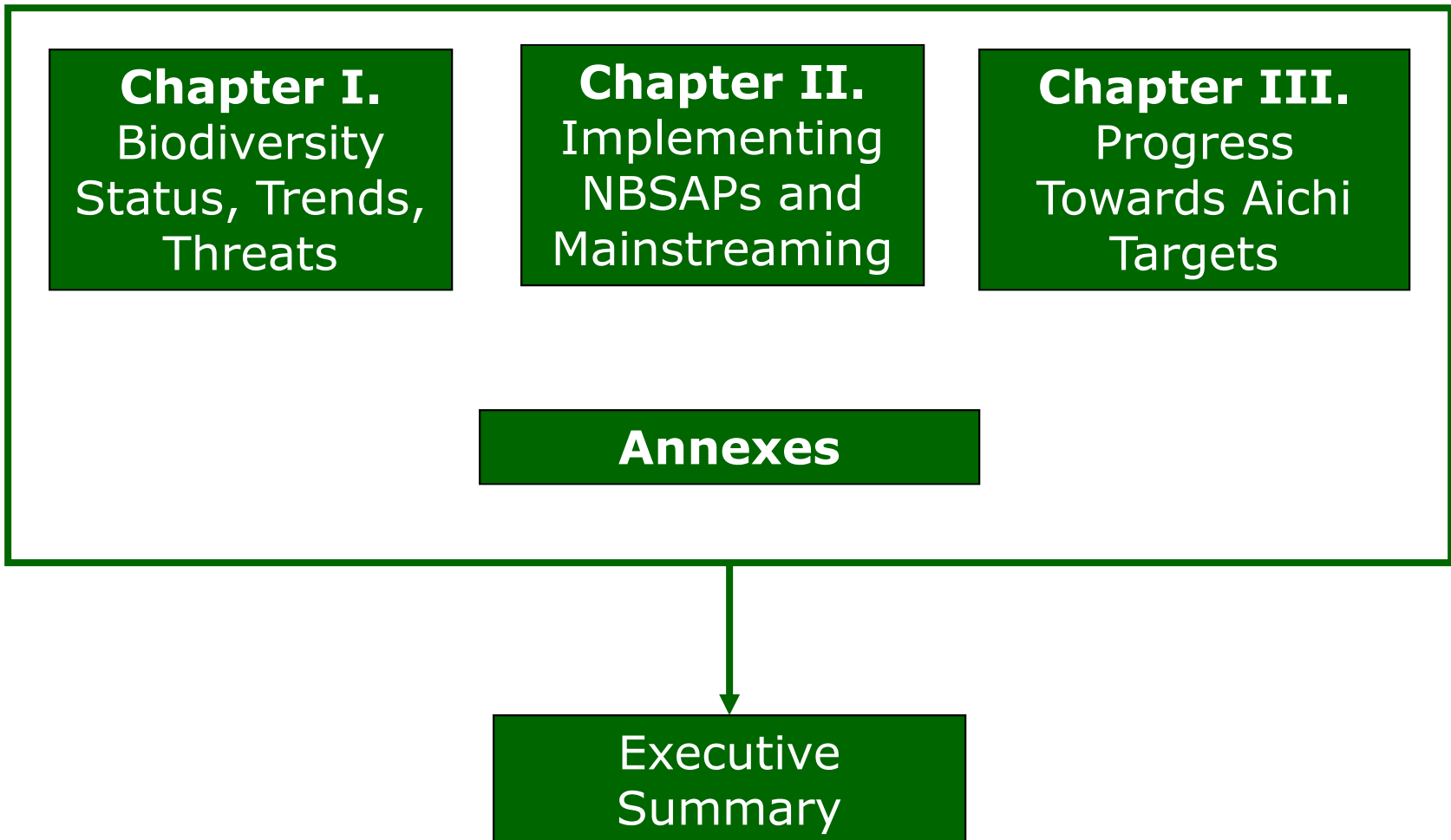
- Be an outline or introduction to the main report

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



Examples from the Fourth National Reports

Afghanistan

The overall conclusion is that... Afghanistan will not be able to meet the CBD's target of reducing the rate biodiversity loss.... **halting the decline and restoring a level of ecological integrity to Afghanistan natural environment will be a massive and longterm undertaking that cannot be achieved without simultaneous success in ameliorating poverty.**

Bhutan

...in fulfilling the principles of CBD, **the main challenge is the lack of financial resources and inadequate human capacity to implement.** Although, there are strong policies that integrate biodiversity issues in all the sectors....

Vietnam

In order to protect biodiversity components, many biodiversity conservation activities have generated positive results such as mitigating forest loss and increasing forest coverage by 38.2% in 2006. **Thus the 2010 objective to reach a forest coverage by 42-43% is likely feasible....**

Annexes

Use annexes to provide information that does not fit easily into the main parts of the report but is nonetheless important to include

Three possible Annexes :

- **Annex I:** Information concerning the preparation of the fifth national report
- **Annex II:** Other sources of information
- **Annex III:** Implementation of the programmes of work, cross cutting issues and COP decisions

Annex III

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.

Annex III

- 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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