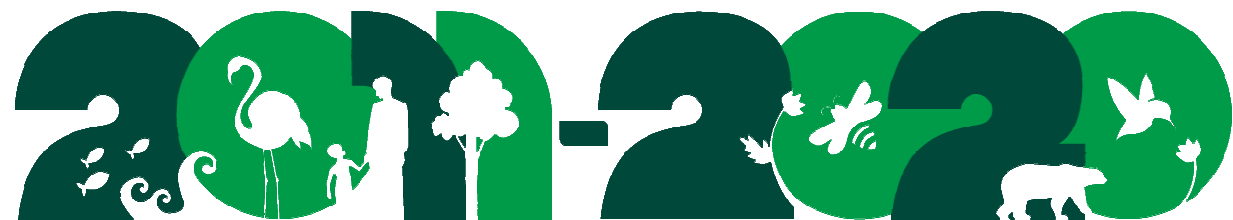


The Experiences and Lessons from the Fourth Round of CBD National Reporting

Regional Workshop for Middle East and North Africa on
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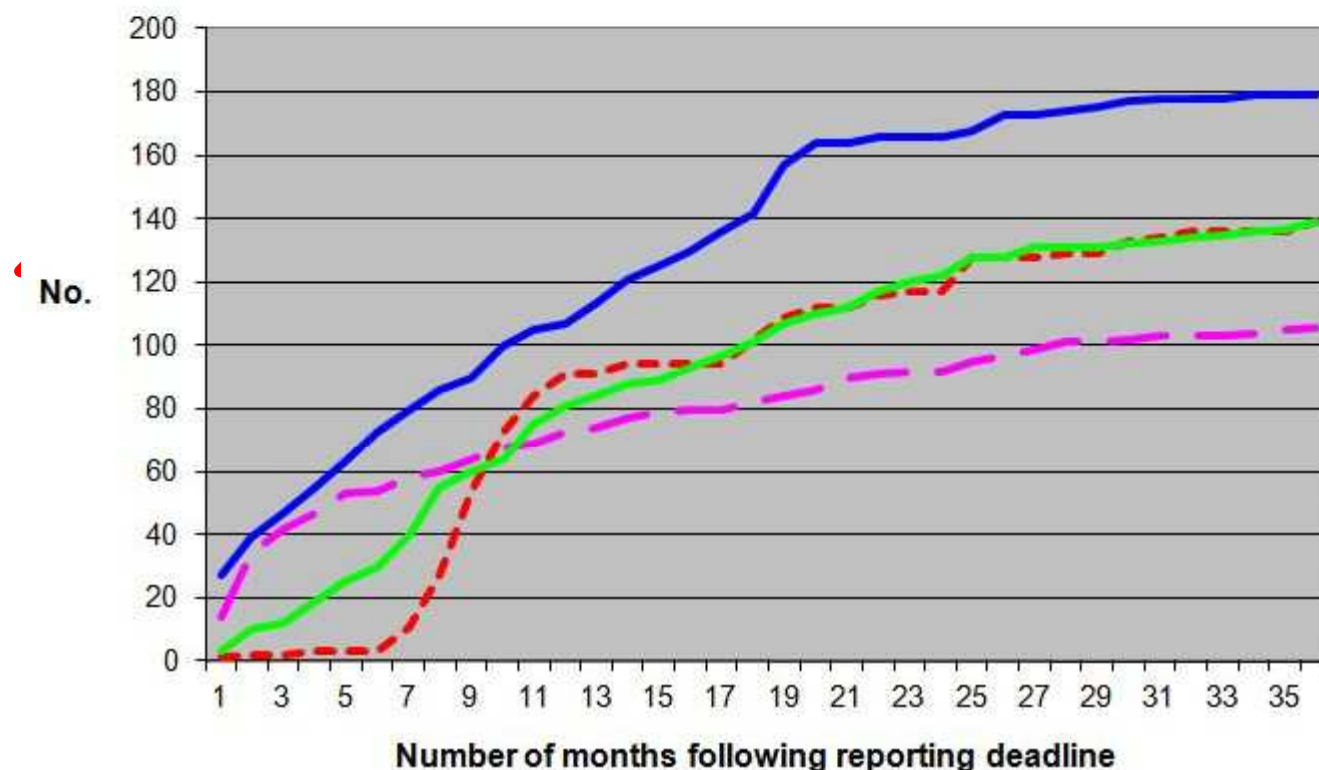
Submission of the Fourth National Report

Historically high level of submissions:

- 26 reports received by the deadline;
- 165 reports received by COP 10 (October 2010)
- 173 reports and 10 draft reports received by COP 11 (October 2012)
- A few countries (Iraq, Somalia, Timor-L'este, etc) submitted their national report for the first time.

Trends in the Submission of National Reports

National Report Submission Timelines



Number of reports received to date (30 September 2013)

NR1 [- -] - Due 1 Jan 1998 (original deadline was 30 June 1997 however deadline was extended due to fact that only 1 report had been received) * 11 reports received by extended deadline (TOTAL TO DATE = 153)

NR2 [- -] - Due 15 May 2001 * 14 reports received by deadline (TOTAL TO DATE = 135)

NR3 [- -] - Due 15 May 2005 * 3 reports received by deadline (TOTAL TO DATE = 152)

NR4 [- -] - Due 30 March 2009 * 26 reports received by deadline (TOTAL TO DATE = 181) (177 final, 4 substantial draft)

Factors Contributing to Success

- Stronger political will of Parties
- Change in format to allow more flexibility
- Supporting materials and tools
- Capacity development workshops
- Easy access to and release of GEF funds
- Support from partners (IUCN Countdown 2010; GBIF, Birdlife International, regional and sub-regional organizations)

Lessons Learned

Despite record-level of submissions many countries submitted several months after the deadline:

- Late initiation of the preparation process
- Underestimate of the time required for internal consultation and approval
- Capacity development activities mostly organized after the deadline
- Delays in receiving funding

Lessons Learned

- Greater amount and variety of information in the 4NR
- Good treatment of the state of biodiversity but limited information on trends
- Information repeated from previous national reports
- Limited use of indicators
- Information mostly drawn from environment sector
- Lots of description but limited amount of analysis
- Few case studies to illustrate outcomes or impacts
- Sections not balanced

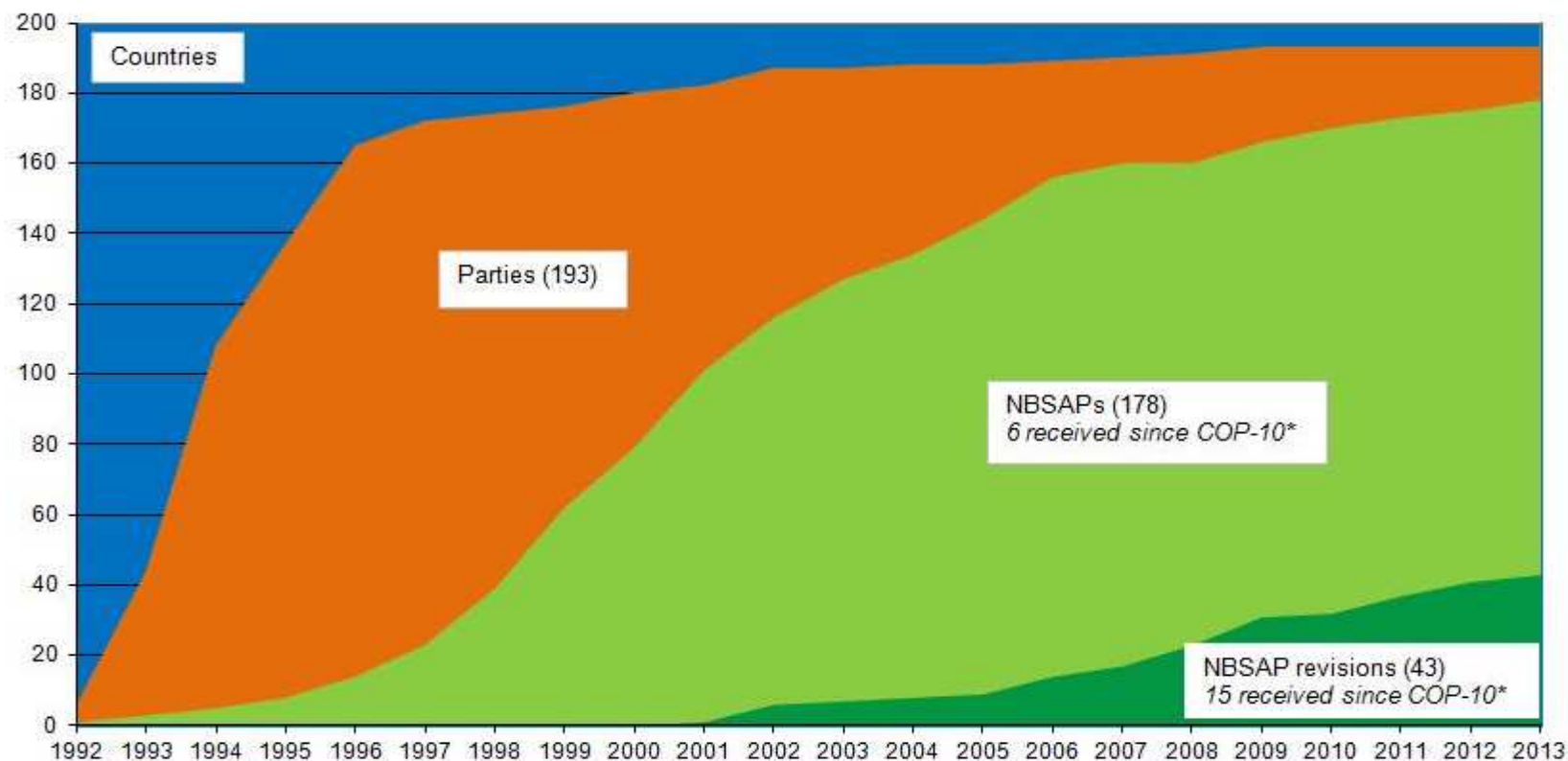
Lessons Learned

- Need for early planning, initiation and coordination
- Greater involvement of stakeholders and experts
- Need to draw on information outside the environment ministry
- Opportunity to prepare the 5NR as a part of the process of updating NBSAP

Global Status of Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

Status of NBSAPs (3 December 2013)

Further details at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/nbsap/nbsap-status.doc>



* First NBSAPs and NBSAP revisions received since COP-10 (total 21) vary widely in terms of compliance with decision X/2. View these latest NBSAPs at: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/about/latest/>



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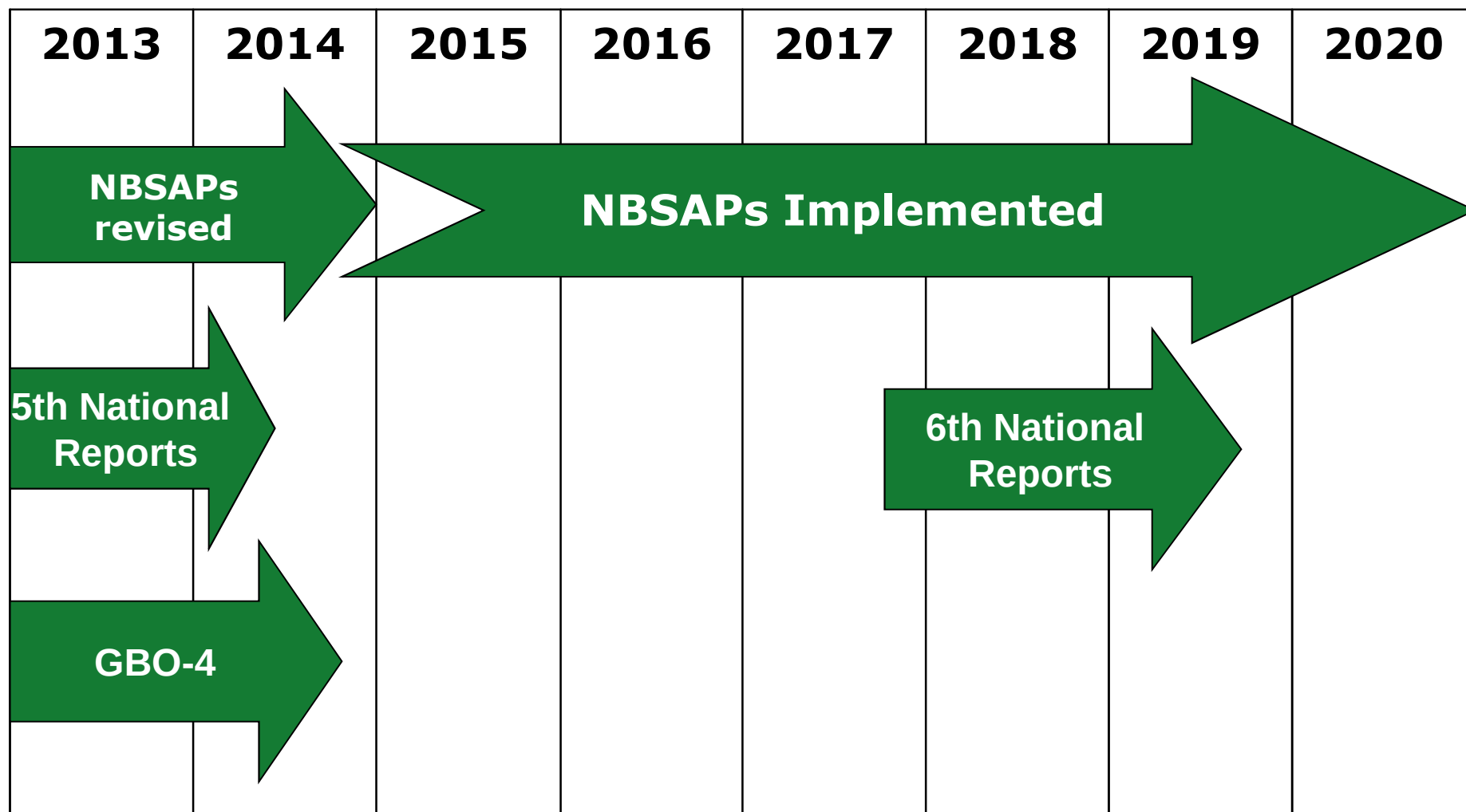


Mandate for Updating NBSAPs

COP10 has urged Parties to :

- **Develop national and regional targets**, using the Strategic Plan and its Aichi Targets, as a flexible framework, in accordance with national priorities and capacities by 2012
- **Review, and as appropriate update and revise, NBSAPs**, in line with the Strategic Plan and decision IX/9, and adopt as a policy instrument, and report thereon to the COP 11 or 12
- **Use NBSAPs as effective instruments for the integration of biodiversity targets** into national development and poverty reduction policies and strategies
- **Monitor and review** the implementation of NBSAPs and report to the COP through their 5th and 6th national reports

Timeline



Support to Countries for Updating NBSAPs

- Regional or sub-regional workshops on updating NBSAPs
- Aichi Target Newsletters (<http://www.cbd.int/jbf/>)
- Quick guides for the Aichi Targets (<http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/training/quick-guides/>)
- Access to GEF funds being facilitated for updating NBSAPs through UNEP, UNDP and direct access
- Help desk set to provide support to countries for updating NBSAPs; (nbsap.support@cbd.int)
- Training modules on NBSAP (<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/training/>)
- CBD NBSAP webpages (www.cbd.int/nbsap)
- NBSAP Forum launched, together with UNDP, UNEP, UNEP-WCMC, etc. <http://nbsapforum.net/>)

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