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First meeting

Montecatini, Italy, 13-17 June 2005

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

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INTRODUCTION

1. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted in its decision VII/28 a programme of work on protected areas. The objective of the programme of work is the establishment and maintenance, by 2010 for terrestrial and by 2012 for marine areas, of comprehensive, effectively managed and ecologically representative national and regional systems of protected areas that collectively, *inter alia* through a global network contribute to achieving the three objectives of the Convention and the 2010 target to significantly reduce the current rate of biodiversity loss.

2. In paragraph 25 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties decided to establish an Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas to support and review the implementation of the programme of work and report to the Conference of the Parties. In paragraph 29 of the decision, the Conference of the Parties suggested that the following tasks need to be undertaken by the Working Group:

(a) To explore options for cooperation for the establishment of marine protected areas in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, consistent with international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and based on scientific information;

(b) To explore options for mobilizing as a matter of urgency through different mechanisms adequate and timely financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work by developing countries, particularly in the least developed and the small island developing States amongst them, countries with economies in transition, in accordance with Article of 20 of the Convention, with special emphasis on those elements of the programme of work requiring early action;

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(c) To contribute to the further development of tool kits for the identification, designation, management, monitoring and evaluation of national and regional systems of protected areas, including ecological networks, ecological corridors, buffer zones, with special regards to indigenous and local communities and stakeholder involvement and benefit sharing mechanisms;

(d) To consider reports from the Parties, academia, and scientific organizations, civil society and others on progress in the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas, compiled by the Executive Secretary;

(e) To recommend to the Conference of the Parties ways and means to improve implementation of the programme of work on protected areas.

3. In paragraph 26 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to make arrangements to hold at least one meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group before its eighth meeting, subject to the availability of voluntary contributions. In response to that request, the Executive Secretary is convening the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas from 13 to 17 June 2005 in Montecatini, Italy, with the generous financial support from the Government of Italy, as announced at the final plenary session of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (see UNEP/CBD/COP/7/21, para. 493). Registration of participants will take place at the venue of the meeting from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, 12 June 2005, and will continue from 8 a.m. on Monday 13 June 2005.

4. A list of documents for the meeting is provided in annex I below. The Secretariat is also distributing an information note containing details of registration and logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. The President of the Conference of the Parties or his representative will open the meeting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 13 June 2005. The Executive Secretary will make introductory remarks. A representative of the Government of Italy will welcome the participants to Montecatini.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Item 2.1. Election of officers

6. In keeping with established practice, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties will serve as the Bureau of the Working Group and the President of the Conference of the Parties or his representative will chair the meeting. One of the Bureau members will act as Rapporteur.

Item 2.2. Adoption of the agenda

7. The Working Group may wish to adopt the provisional agenda for the meeting (UNEP/CBD/WG-PAS/1/1), which was prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Bureau, on the basis of the tasks suggested by the Conference of the Parties (decision VII/28, para 29) and on the assumption that the Working Group would hold two meetings before the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The provisional agenda covers all aspects of paragraphs 29 (a)-(c) of decision VII/28. Regarding paragraphs 29 (d) and (e), it is proposed that, at its first meeting, the Working Group considers the process for the review of implementation of the programme of work and, at its second meeting, consider progress in implementation and develop recommendations to the Conference of Parties on ways and means to improve it.

Item 2.3. Organization of work

8. In light of the number of issues to be addressed, and in accordance with past practice, the Working Group may wish to establish two sub-working groups open to all Parties and observers. There would be no more than two meetings convened at the same time, each with simultaneous interpretation. Should the Working Group decide to establish the sub-working groups, it is suggested that the chairs of those groups be elected at the 1st plenary session of the meeting.

9. Subsequent to consultations with the Bureau, the following allocation of tasks between the plenary and the two sub-working groups is proposed:

- (a) The following items would be considered in plenary at the beginning of the meeting:
 - 1. Opening of the meeting;
 - 2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1. Election of officers;
 - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3. Organization of work;
 - 3. Substantive items (introduction of items);
- (b) Sub-Working Group I would consider the following substantive items:
 - 3.1. Options for cooperation for the establishment of marine protected areas in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction;
 - 3.3. Further development of tool kits for the identification, designation, management, monitoring and evaluation of national and regional systems of protected areas;
- (c) Sub-Working Group II would consider the following substantive items:
 - 3.2. Options for mobilizing financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas by developing countries and countries with economies in transition;
 - 4. Review of implementation of the programme of work:
 - 4.1. Consideration of reports on implementation from Governments and organizations;
 - 4.2. Ways and means to improve implementation of the programme of work;
- (d) The following items would be taken up in plenary towards the end of the meeting:
 - 5. Preparation for the second meeting of the ad hoc open ended working group on protected areas
 - 5.1. Draft provisional agenda;
 - 5.2. Date and venue.

6. Other matters;
 7. Adoption of the report;
 8. Closure of the meeting.
10. The proposed organization of work for the meeting is contained in annex II below.

ITEM 3. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Item 3.1. Options for cooperation for the establishment of marine protected areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction

11. Under this item, the Working Group is invited to explore options for cooperation for the establishment of marine protected areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction consistent with international law and science based information, as set out in paragraph 29 (a) of decision VII/28.

12. Establishment of marine protected areas beyond national jurisdiction requires a review and consideration of both scientific and legal information. To assist the Working Group in its consideration of this agenda item, the Executive Secretary has prepared the note on options for cooperation for the establishment of marine protected areas in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction (UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/2). Two information documents have also been prepared under this item. The first (UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/INF/1) provides a scientific analysis of biodiversity in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, and is intended as background information upon which the legal analysis is based. The scientific analysis includes information on the global distribution and status of, and threats to, sensitive ecosystems, such as cold-water coral reefs, seamounts, hydrothermal vents, and areas of high productivity and biomass. It also presents a spatial analysis of biodiversity hotspots in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, which could be used as a basis for future cooperative work leading towards their conservation and sustainable use.

13. The second information note (UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/INF/2) contains a review of the existing legal regime in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction and proposals, for the consideration of the Working Group, on options for cooperation that could lead to the establishment of marine protected areas. The legal regime includes both global and regional instruments, and the study provides an analysis of how these instruments would apply to the identified biodiversity hotspots in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction.

3.2. Options for mobilizing financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas by developing countries and countries with economies in transition

14. Under this item, the Working Group is invited to explore options for mobilizing adequate and timely financial resources, through various mechanisms, for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas by developing countries, particularly least developed and the small island developing States among them, and countries with economies of transition, with an emphasis on those elements requiring early action.

15. To assist the Working Group in its consideration of this agenda item, the Executive Secretary has prepared the note on options for mobilizing financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work (UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/3). The note reviews published information on the actual financing of protected areas from multilateral and bilateral institutions/agencies, private foundations and non-governmental organizations. Options for mobilizing financial resources for protected areas are proposed.

The outcome of the Working Group's consideration of this item will be considered by the donor's meeting to be held immediately after the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

Item 3.3. Further development of "tool kits" for the identification, management, monitoring and evaluation of national and regional systems of protected areas

16. Under this item, the Working Group is invited to consider options for further development of tool kits for identification, management, monitoring and evaluation of national and regional systems of protected areas, including ecological networks, corridors and buffer zones, with special regard to indigenous and local communities and stakeholder involvement and benefit sharing mechanisms.

17. To assist the Working Group in its consideration of this agenda item, the Executive Secretary has prepared the note (UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/4) containing information on available tool kits. The note also identifies gaps with regard to the requirements of the programme of work on protected areas and suggests a further course of action.

ITEM 4. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROCESS FOR THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK

4.1. Consideration of reports on implementation from Governments and organizations

18. In paragraph 30 of decision VII/28, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and invited other Governments and relevant organizations to report to the Executive Secretary on the implementation of that decision and the programme of work prior to each meeting of the Conference of the Parties until 2010, *inter alia*, through the third national reports and successive reports. In addition, in November 2004 the Executive Secretary, invited relevant organizations and convention secretariats to provide information concerning their activities to implement the programme of work.

4.2. Ways and means to improve implementation of the programme of work

19. At its first meeting, the Working Group will be invited to consider the process for the review of the implementation of programme of work. In order to assist the Working Group, the Executive Secretary has prepared the note on consideration of the process for the review of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/5). The note includes proposals on the process and guidelines for the review of the implementation. The Working Group may wish to discuss the ways and means for the review of the implementation of the programme of work. The review and the development of recommendations on ways and means to improve implementation will be undertaken at the second meeting of the Working Group.

ITEM 5. PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE AD HOC OPEN ENDED WORKING GROUP ON PROTECTED AREAS

5.1. Draft provisional agenda

20. The substantive agenda for the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group is the review of the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas and recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on ways and means to improve its implementation. In addition any other matters that emanate from its first meeting, would also be considered by the Working Group at its second meeting

Item 5.2. Date and venue

21. It is suggested that, subject to the availability of additional voluntary funding, the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group will take place at the seat of the Secretariat, in Montreal, back-to-back with the eleventh meeting of the SBSTTA.

ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS

22. Under this item, the members of the Working Group may wish to raise other matters related to the subject-matter of the meeting.

ITEM 7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

23. Under this item, the Working Group will consider and adopt its report. In accordance with established practice, the Working Group is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting, with the guidance of the Chair and the assistance of the Secretariat. The Chair of the Working Group will present this report to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting for consideration under the relevant agenda item.

ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

24. The meeting is expected to be closed at 6 p.m. on Friday, 17 June 2005.

Annex 1

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE
AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON PROTECTED AREAS***

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/2	Options for cooperation for the establishment of marine protected areas in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/3	Options for mobilizing financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas by developing countries, particularly in the least developed and the small island developing States amongst them, countries with economies in transition, in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention.
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/4	Tool kits for the identification, designation, management, monitoring and evaluation of national and regional systems of protected areas.
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/5	Proposed process for the review of implementation of the programme of work
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/INF/1	Scientific information on biodiversity in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction
UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/INF/2	Legal aspects for the establishment of marine protected areas in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction

* Documents will be posted on the website of the Convention on Biological Diversity at www.biodiv.org under the page on the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=PAWG-01>

Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON PROTECTED AREAS

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Sub-Working Group I</i>	<i>Sub-Working Group II</i>
<i>Monday, 13 June 2005</i> <i>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</i>	Agenda items: 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Organizational matters 2.1 Election of officers 2.2 Adoption of the agenda 2.3 Organization of work Keynote addresses		
<i>Monday, 13 June 2005</i> <i>3 p.m.–6 p.m.</i>		3.1. Options for cooperation for the establishment of marine protected areas in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction	3.2. Options for mobilizing adequate and timely financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas by developing countries and countries with economies in transition
<i>Tuesday, 14 June 2005</i> <i>10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</i>		3.1. Options for cooperation for the establishment of marine protected areas in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction (<i>continued</i>)	3.2. Options for mobilizing adequate and timely financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas by developing countries and countries with economies in transition (<i>continued</i>)
<i>Tuesday, 14 June 2005</i> <i>3 p.m.–6 p.m.</i>		3.1. Options for cooperation for the establishment of marine protected areas in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction. (<i>continued</i>)	3.2. Options for mobilizing adequate and timely financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas by developing countries and countries with economies in transition (<i>continued</i>)

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Sub-Working Group I</i>	<i>Sub-Working Group II</i>
Wednesday, 15 June 2005 <i>10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</i>		3.3. Further development of tool kits for the identification, designation, management, monitoring and evaluation of national and regional systems of protected areas.	4. Review of implementation of the programme of work
Wednesday, 15 June 2005 <i>3 p.m.–6 p.m.</i>		3.3. Further development of tool kits for the identification, designation, management, monitoring and evaluation of national and regional systems of protected areas. <i>(continued)</i>	4. Review of implementation of the programme of work. <i>(continued)</i>
Thursday, 16 June 2005 <i>10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</i>		Pending issues.	Pending issues.
Thursday, 16 June 2005 <i>3 p.m.–6 p.m.</i>		Adoption of the report of the Sub-Working Group I	Adoption of the report of the Sub-Working Group II
Friday, 17 June 2005 <i>10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</i>	5. Preparation for the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas: 5.1 Draft provisional agenda 5.2 Date and venue 6 Other matters		
Friday, 17 June 2005 <i>3 p.m.–6 p.m.</i>	7. Adoption of the report 8. Closure of the meeting.		
