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CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR SOUTH,
CENTRAL AND WEST ASIA ON ACHIEVING
AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS 11 AND 12
New Delhi, 7-10 December 2015

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. In its decision X/2, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, in which 20 headline Aichi Biodiversity Targets for 2015 or 2020 are organized under five strategic goals. Under Aichi Target 11, Parties agreed that “by 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water areas, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes”. Under Aichi Target 12, the Parties agreed that “by 2020 the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained”.
2. In its decision XI/24, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to undertake major efforts to achieve all elements of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11. The fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* has reported varying levels of progress for the different elements. The quantitative elements (to protect 17 per cent of terrestrial and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas) of the target are on track to be achieved at the global level by 2020, for both terrestrial and marine areas within national jurisdiction, with only an additional area of 1.6 per cent needed in each case. However, the other elements relating to ecological representation, coverage of areas important for biodiversity, management effectiveness, governance, and integration of protected areas into wider land- and seascapes, still need more attention in order to be achieved.
3. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary is organizing a series of subregional workshops in collaboration with the Government of India, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, and the PoWPA Friends Consortium (UNEP-WCMC, Birdlife International and WWF), and with the generous financial contributions of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund. The third in the series is for South, Central and West Asia and will be held in New Delhi from 7 to 10 December 2015.
4. This workshop is being organized against the above background and in follow-up to CBD notification 2015-027 of 9 March 2015, in which the Secretariat indicated that it stood ready to assist Parties, as required, including through the compilation of relevant information and, subject to available funding, planned to provide a platform for discussing the specific planned actions of Parties to address

conservation gaps through face-to-face capacity-building workshops. The workshops are intended for mutual learning and peer-to-peer exchange and for developing practical and focused road maps for implementation in the next five years to facilitate the achievement of the many elements of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 and some aspects of Target 12 by 2020.

5. These workshops aim: to collect information on the status of various elements of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12 for each country in order to arrive at subregional status; to identify focused priority actions to be implemented in next five years; and to develop subregional road maps on implementation. The road maps on Aichi Targets 11 and 12 will help facilitate implementation in the next five years by improving the status of the elements of the targets at the national, regional and subregional levels. Accordingly, the workshops have the following objectives:

(a) To collect and share information and data on Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12, including status, gaps and opportunities, as provided by country representatives;

(b) Taking into account gaps, opportunities and commitments in national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAP), Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA) action plans or other national planning documents, to list feasible and focused priority actions that countries will undertake in the next five years and whose implementation will improve the existing status by 2020 and facilitate achieving the target at the national, regional or global levels;

(c) To determine the requirements and expectations of countries for the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention for implementation of regional road maps in terms of financial needs, technical guidance, and capacity development.

6. A list of documents for the workshop is contained in annex I.

7. The Secretariat issued an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the workshop, which can be found along with other workshop documents at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=PAWS-2015-03>. The workshop will be conducted in English.

8. Registration of participants will commence at 8.00 a.m. on Monday, 7 December 2015.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

9. Representatives of the Government of India will open the workshop at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, 7 December 2015. Representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will welcome the participants and make opening remarks on behalf of the Executive Secretary.

10. After a brief self-introduction by the participants, the workshop will elect its Chair on the basis of proposals from the floor. Participants will then be invited to consider the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/PAWS/2015/3/1), adopt it following any amendments, if needed, and consider the draft organization of work for the workshop (see annex II).

11. As a complement to the consideration of the organization of the work and to set the tone of the workshop, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will describe the purpose, expected outputs of the workshop, and outcomes of decision XI/24 and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties. Selected representatives of the PoWPA Friends Consortium will also provide introductory presentations.

ITEM 2. COLLECTING AND SHARING INFORMATION AND DATA ON THE STATUS, GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS 11 AND 12

12. Information that is publicly available from a number of global databases from partner organizations was compiled into country data dossiers prior to the workshop in order to aid countries in outlining their national commitments, as indicated in the second objective in paragraph 5 above, as well as clarifying the resultant data requirements and targeted actions for implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12. In particular, the dossiers contain information from the World Database of Protected Areas, Digital Observatory for Protected Areas, Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas, Alliance for Zero Extinction sites, and the IUCN Red List. The United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre, the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, BirdLife International, the Alliance for Zero Extinction, and IUCN, among others, have kindly granted permission for the use of information from their databases, and the Secretariat of CBD is grateful for their contributions to this process.

13. The country data dossiers are for the use of nominated country experts as they deem appropriate. It is important to note that the dossiers are indicative in nature and are not intended to be prescriptive. While the dossiers on Target 11 provide baseline statistics on the protection coverage of terrestrial and marine ecological regions as well as other areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, the dossiers on Target 12 are compiled information on threatened, endemic and critically endangered endemic species. The idea is to provide a baseline of information that can help countries identify and prioritize actions which they consider feasible and undertake implementation of those actions, for achievement of Aichi Targets 11 and 12 in the next five years, in line with decision XI/24 of the Conference of the Parties, including alignment with funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

14. Therefore, under this item, nominated country experts will be providing their national data dossiers and a questionnaire for verifying and collecting information on the status of various elements of Aichi Targets 11 and 12, at least two weeks prior to the workshop. The questionnaire is divided into two parts, reporting information immediately available and updating information in the country data dossiers, which should be brought for presentation and sharing at the workshop. Country representatives will be requested to collect information in consultation with CBD national focal points and focal points for protected areas as well as other colleagues, taking into account NBSAPs, PoWPA action plans, fifth national reports to CBD, GEF project documents on protected areas and any other relevant information.

15. At the outset of the workshop, the Secretariat and partner organizations will provide information on the global, subregional and national status of some elements of Aichi Targets 11 and 12, summarized from country data dossiers. Next, each country representative will review the information provided and collected nationally and prepare a summary table, as in table 1 below, depicting the status, gaps and opportunities for their country in quantitative and qualitative terms.

Table. National status, gaps and opportunities

Element of Targets 11 and 12	Status	Gaps	Opportunities
Quantitative elements: terrestrial and marine			
Ecological representation			

Element of Targets 11 and 12	Status	Gaps	Opportunities
Areas important for biodiversity			
Areas important for ecosystem services			
Management effectiveness assessment(s)			
Improvement(s)			
Governance and equity			
Connectivity and corridors			
Integration into wider land and seascapes			
Other effective area-based conservation measures			
Extinction of known threatened species is prevented			
Conservation status of species in decline is improved			

16. For the above table, where the “status” is difficult to quantify, as, for example, in “governance and equity” or “integration into wider land and seascapes”, countries should spell out in qualitative terms what kind of additional guidance is needed to implement and assess progress for national targets related to each element. For the “gaps” column, the full conservation gap should be reported, for example, 50 important bird and biodiversity areas (IBAs) or any other areas important for biodiversity or ecosystem services which have no protection; five candidate terrestrial ecological regions which have less than 5 per cent protection; five Alliance for Zero Extinction sites (AZEs) which have no protection, etc. For the “opportunities” column, what can actually be achieved from within the full conservation gap should be reported. So, continuing from the last example, out of 50 IBAs which have no protection, what number is feasible to protect and what can the priority action be? For instance, it could be “extending protection to five IBAs or other key biodiversity areas.”

17. Following completion of the table, participants will assemble in their subregional groups and aggregate the information for the column on “status” in order to arrive at a subregional compilation. The subregional group discussions provide an opportunity for peer-to-peer exchange to assess commonalities in the status and to discuss the gaps and opportunities.

18. At the end of the first day, one rapporteur from each subregional group will share his/her group's summary in plenary so that all participants can gain a greater understanding.

ITEM 3. CAPACITY-BUILDING, AWARENESS RAISING AND INTEGRATION OF RELEVANT ISSUES ON PROTECTED AREAS

A. Target 11 in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and programme of work on protected areas action plans

19. Under this sub-item, a representative of the Secretariat will make a presentation on the opportunities for Parties to improve revised national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) through the inclusion of specific actions required to implement Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12 as identified in POWPA action plans. Inclusion of these actions may also contribute to a number of other Aichi Targets including Targets 5, 7, 9, 13, 14 and 15. In addition, information from fifth national reports and PoWPA action plans will be discussed.

B. Global Environment Facility funding, including development of integrated Project Identification Form (PIFs)

20. Under this sub-item, a representative of the Secretariat will make a presentation on how to align protected areas projects of the fourth, fifth and sixth replenishment periods of the Global Environment Facility to actions identified in PoWPA action plans as per paragraph 1(g) of decision XI/24. In paragraph 3 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties invited the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies "to facilitate the alignment of the development and implementation of protected area projects with the actions identified in national action plans for the programme of work, for example by clearly articulating the linkages with elements of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in project documents, with a view to facilitating the systematic monitoring and reporting of the results of those projects as they contribute to achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 and other related targets by Parties, and to maximize the contribution of such projects to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020". The presentation will elaborate on GEF 6 allocations and ways and means to access the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) and enabling activity funds and the tailoring of projects to achieve Aichi Targets 11 and 12.

C. Governance and equity

21. Under this sub-item, selected experts on governance and equity issues with profound knowledge of the multiple values of nature for human well-being, governance of protected areas, and rights-based conservation, as well as communication skills will deliver a training session using a mix of training, break-out discussions, group work, case study presentation(s), and plenary discussions that bring together the best state-of-the-art conceptual thoughts of the region. The mix of topics and techniques may include, the following:

- Design of protected area systems;
- Community-based conservation projects;
- Conservation of indigenous lands, governance and equity, including presentation of case studies on Indigenous Community Conservation Areas (ICCA);
- Group work on equity and rights-based conservation;
- Break-out discussion groups relating to Aichi Targets 11 and 12;
- Conservation beyond protected areas for "other effective area-based conservation measures";
- Joint analysis of equitable governance cases for gaps, needs and opportunities;
- Preparation of results for SBSTTA 20 and COP 13.

D. The role of protected areas in post-2015 United Nations development agenda

22. Under this sub-item, a representative of the Secretariat will make a brief presentation on the importance of protected areas to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and how actions for the implementation of Aichi Targets 11 and 12 also contribute to facilitating the achievement of relevant corresponding targets of the Sustainable Development Goals, including 6, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

ITEM 4. INPUTS TO THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE, TO THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON IMPLEMENTATION AND TO THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

A. Identifying focused actions towards the achievement of the elements of Aichi Targets 11 and 12

23. Under this sub-item, a representative of the Secretariat will make a presentation on national commitments as per decision XI/24 and summarize the process of formulating actions for the achievement of Aichi Targets 11 and 12. In this process, country experts will first look at existing national commitments for achieving Aichi Targets 11 and 12 by 2020, as per their NBSAPs, PoWPA action plans or other national protected area planning documents as well as the outcomes of the exercise described in paragraphs 15 to 18 above. They will then assess through a matrix the status of commitments for current projects, such as bilaterally funded projects and GEF-5 projects, as they relate to the nine elements of the two targets. Next, country experts will determine if there is a gap between what they are committed to doing by 2020 and what they are currently doing in projects. Lastly, where there is a gap, country experts will develop national actions to ensure the full implementation of national commitments, further articulating on the “opportunities” column completed in the table exercise described above. Participants are also requested, if possible, to align their national actions with candidate ecological regions and to overlay actions with unprotected and partially protected important bird areas and Alliance for Zero Extinction sites as provided in their country data dossier.

24. The implementation of these national actions, which should be undertaken in the next five years, will improve the status of the elements of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12 by 2020 at the national, regional or global levels. All country participants will be asked to present their identified priority and focused actions on the last day of the workshop.

B. Aggregated actions for a regional roadmap

25. Given the time, under this agenda item, country experts will be divided into subregional groups to work on aggregating the national actions for implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12. At the end of the session, one rapporteur from each subregional group will submit the work and share the results of the aggregation of his/her group in plenary so that all participants can gain a greater understanding.

26. The subregional status and subregional road maps will be submitted to SBSTTA 20 and SBI 1, showing how the implementation of those road maps will change the existing status and contribute to the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets by 2020.

C. Suggested draft elements for a practical decision on protected areas and species conservation for consideration

27. Under this sub-item, participants will, in a plenary discussion, brainstorm on their needs and identify options to put forth at COP 13 in terms of financial, technical and scientific capacity development in order to facilitate implementation of subregional road maps. This session will build on the previous discussion on the development of subregional road maps, including the gaps and opportunities identified on the first day during the discussions on item 2. The outcomes of the plenary session will be collated by a representative of the Secretariat and included in the suggested recommendation for SBSTTA 20 and/or SBI 1, prior to presentation to COP 13.

ITEM 5. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

28. Participants will be invited to consider and adopt a draft report of the workshop to be prepared and presented by the Chair.

29. The workshop is expected to close at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 10 December 2015.

Annex I

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Official documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/PAWS/2015/3/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/PAWS/2015/3/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/PAWS/2015/3/2	Questionnaire
UNEP/CBD/PAWS/template-success	Template for gathering information on success stories regarding improvement of conservation status of threatened species in each country

Tools and resources and information documents

Decision XI/24 on protected areas

<https://www.cbd.int/decisions/cop/?m=cop-11>

Decision X/31 on protected areas

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-10/cop-10-dec-31-en.doc>

Decision X/29 on marine and coastal biodiversity

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-10/cop-10-dec-29-en.doc>

Decision IX/18 on protected areas

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-09/cop-09-dec-18-en.doc>

CBD Technical Series No. 44: *Making Protected Areas Relevant: a guide to integrating protected areas within wider landscapes, seascapes and sectoral plans and strategies*

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-44-en.pdf>

Annex II

DRAFT ORGANIZATION OF WORK

TIME	MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER	TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER	THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER
8:30 - 10:00 AM	OPENING OF THE MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome remarks Election of chair Adoption of the agenda and organization of work Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to the workshop Promise of Sydney – IUCN 	GOVERNANCE AND EQUITY Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional overview Partners ILC perspectives Group work	FIELD TRIP	TARGET 11 QUANTIFIABLE ACTIONS <p>Group work Finalization and submission of actions on Targets 11 and 12</p> <p>Report Back Report on actions for each country</p>
10:00 - 10:20 AM	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>		<i>Break</i>
10:20 AM – 12:00 PM	STATUS OF TARGETS Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subregional analysis: Targets 11 and 12 NBSAPs, PoWPA action plans and fifth national reports 	GOVERNANCE AND EQUITY Group work continued <p>Report back Report for each subregional group</p>		<p>Report back Report on actions for each country</p> <p>REGIONAL ROADMAP Group work (time permitting) Discussion of commonalities for actions</p>
12:00 to 1:00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>		<i>Lunch</i>
1:00 to 2:40 PM	STATUS OF TARGETS Group work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status, gaps and opportunities for Targets 11 and 12 	TARGET 11 QUANTIFIABLE ACTIONS Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-2015 development agenda GEF-6 funding Closing the gap for commitments: Areas of action 		<p>Open discussion: drafting a practical decision Identifying focused actions and follow-up for implementation, closing the gaps and moving forward on opportunities</p>
2:40 - 3:00 PM	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>		<i>Break</i>
3:00 - 4:30 PM	STATUS OF TARGETS Group work finalization <p>Report back Report for each subregional group</p>	Group work and homework Identification of actions on Targets 11 and 12		CLOSURE OF THE MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final remarks Adoption of the workshop report Workshop evaluation