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QUESTIONNAIRE

Information and data on the status of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12

The following questionnaire outlines the information needed to determine the status of achievement of elements of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12 in two ways: (a) a series of questions; and (b) the compilation of data from national records. For the questions, nominated participants are asked to submit their answers **at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the workshop**. For the compilation of data, nominated participants are asked to bring the national data, as specified below, to the workshop, so that it can be shared during the break-out group sessions on the status of Target 11. Please note that information shared in discussion sessions will be posted on the conference room wall for the benefit of all participants.

The questionnaire focuses on information and spatial data related to achieving Targets 11 and 12, but also to some extent Targets 14 and 15. Parties have identified gathering, analysing and use of spatial data capacity as a major gap, and a set of regional workshops seeks to contribute to improving spatial planning capacity. The questionnaire is divided into seven sections. At the end of each section, please feel free to add whatever sources you feel were relevant to your answers.

A. Quantitative elements and ecological representation

1. From your country data dossier, do you agree with the information from the World Database on Protected Areas stipulating the total amounts of terrestrial and marine areas that are protected in your country?
2. Also from your country data dossier, do you agree with the information from the DOPA (Digital Observatory on Protected Areas) Explorer and with the analysis presented on terrestrial and marine ecoregions of your country?
3. Would either source of information need to be updated to match your national records?
4. Do you have other categories of information on ecological representation?

5. Would you be open to sharing national information on protected area coverage and ecological representation with our partner organizations that work on these data sets?

If the data from the country dossier is not up to date with national information, please add the relevant information to the ecoregions table and bring it to the workshop to be shared for discussion.

B. Areas important for biodiversity

1. From your country data dossier, do you agree with the information presented on important bird areas (IBAs) and Alliance for Zero Extinction sites (AZEs)?
2. Does this information need to be updated to match your national records?
3. What other categories of “areas important for biodiversity” does your Government consider?
4. Would you be open to sharing this national information with our partner organizations that work on these data sets?

If the data from the country dossier is not up-to-date with national information, please add the relevant information on areas important for biodiversity (preferably, in tabular form) and bring it to the workshop to be shared for discussion.

C. Areas important for essential ecosystem services

1. Has your government conducted any assessments to determine which areas are important for sustaining essential ecosystem services, particularly for water provisioning, food security, sustainable livelihoods and/or disaster risk prevention?
2. To what extent are these areas under some form of legal protection or other effective means?
3. Are there any emerging priority areas for maintaining essential ecosystem services that you recommend?
4. Would you be open to sharing this information with partner organizations or presenting a case study at the workshop?

D. Management effectiveness

1. Has your country conducted any management effectiveness studies? If yes, how many protected areas were covered (both number and area)? Can you please share the management effectiveness study with us?

2. Has your country implemented the results of the management effectiveness assessment corresponding to the areas listed above?
3. How many protected areas have management plans? How many of these plans are in operation? Can you please share one plan with us?

Please bring a list of protected areas that have management plans in operation to the workshop to be shared for discussion.

E. Governance and equity

1. Have you completed a governance assessment? If so, would you be willing to share the assessment with us?
2. What national legislation determines the type or types of governance systems available for the management of protected areas?
3. List the types of governance that are recognized within the legislation.

Please bring a list of the types of governance that are actively employed by your Government to the workshop to be shared for discussion.

F. Integration and connectivity of protected areas into wider land- and seascapes

1. What national-level landscape planning guidelines or policies does your Government employ for integrating protected areas into other sectors?
2. What are the most important sectors that should be integrated into protected areas? (For example, forestry, agriculture, water supply, grazing, mining, energy, manufacturing)
3. What actions below has your country taken to improve integration and connectivity?
 - (a) Created new protected areas in key connectivity areas.
 - (b) Designated connectivity corridors and/or buffer zones.
 - (c) Designated any sites for restoration of degraded areas.
 - (d) Created market incentive to improve connectivity.

(e) Changed the legal status and/or governance in key connectivity areas.

(f) Integrated protected areas into poverty reduction strategies.

(g) Changed awareness of key stakeholders in key connectivity areas.

Please bring a list of actions taken to improve integration and connectivity to the workshop to be shared for discussion.

G. Other effective area-based conservation measures

1. In addition to the above, what other conservation measures do you employ? (For example, private protected areas, temporary protection measures, indigenous and community conserved areas, game reserves)
2. Do you have a map of these areas? If so, would you be willing to share this map with partner organizations?
3. Do you have any publications that would exemplify one or more of these conservation measures? Can you please share one study with us?

Please bring a list of other effective area-based conservation measures to the workshop to be shared for discussion.

H. Known threatened species and conservation status of species in decline

1. From your country data dossier, do you agree with the information presented on threatened species from the IUCN Red List?
2. Does this information need to be updated to match your national records?
3. Would you be open to sharing this national information with our partner organizations that work on these data sets?
4. How many conservation plans for threatened species have been developed in your country? How many of these plans are in operation? Can you please share one plan with us?

Please bring a list of conservation plans for threatened species to the workshop to be shared for discussion.

I. Areas important for strengthening resilience

1. Has your Government identified areas important for strengthening resilience to the impacts of climate change? (For example, areas susceptible to: invasive species encroachment, flooding, increased intensity and frequency of storms, sea level rise, habitat fragmentation, and drought).

2. If so, would you be willing to share this information with partner organizations?

Please bring a list of areas identified as important for strengthening resilience to the workshop to be shared for discussion.
