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First meeting

Tjärnö, Sweden, 10-14 June 2003

Item 2.2 of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATION OF WORK: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. The first meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Protected Areas will be held from 10 to 14 June 2003 at the Tjärnö Marine Biological Laboratory in Tjärnö, Sweden. At its fourth meeting, the Conference of the Parties selected protected areas as one of the three themes for in-depth consideration at its seventh meeting (decision IV/16, annex II). In order to facilitate the preparatory process for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary developed a proposal (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/2) outlining specific activities and means for undertaking the work, including the use of an ad hoc technical expert group to provide key input into the process. The proposal was welcomed by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting (decision VI/30).

2. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group has an important function in providing advice relating to the establishment and management of protected areas, ultimately aimed towards the development of a programme of work on protected areas under the Convention. Therefore, the input provided by the Group will be central in determining how the issue of protected areas will be considered in the context of the Convention. According to the terms of reference, the Expert Group is to undertake the following tasks:

- (a) Review methods and approaches for the planning and management of protected areas including options for appropriate policies, strategies, and practices consistent with the objectives of the Convention;
- (b) Identify ecosystem and bioregional approaches to protected area management and sustainable use of biological diversity;
- (c) Identify mechanisms to enhance stakeholder involvement;

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(d) Propose methods for developing systems plans and integrating biological diversity considerations into sectoral strategies and plans;

(e) Identify options for management of transboundary protected areas; and

(f) Based on its consideration of the above, propose options and priority actions required for effective establishment and management of protected areas.

3. In addition to the above, the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 requested that the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development relating to hotspots, ecological networks and corridors and other areas essential for biodiversity be considered in the context of the work on protected areas, taking into account other relevant thematic programmes and cross-cutting issues, in the context of national strategies and action plans, and focusing on biodiversity loss.

4. It is proposed that the Group will discuss each of the items in the terms of reference one by one, as indicated in the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-PA/1/1), and then proceed to address finalizing and measuring the effectiveness of protected areas. Background material for the discussions is provided in a note by the Executive Secretary on protected areas and the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-PA/1/2).

5. It is expected that the results of the Expert Group process will include a report and elements for a programme of work on protected areas for the Convention. The results will be reported to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its ninth meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting, where protected areas will be one of the three main topics. In addition, the Fifth IUCN Congress on Protected Areas will provide input into this process.

6. A list of documents for the meeting is attached as annex II below.

7. Registration of participants will commence at 9 a.m. on Tuesday 10 June 2003.

ITEM. 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

8. A representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will open the meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 10 June 2003.

9. The participants will be welcomed to the meeting by representative(s) of the Government of Sweden.

10. A representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will recall the mandate of the Group from the Conference of the Parties, and review the goals, objectives and expected outputs of the group.

11. A representative of the Executive Secretary will also discuss the operation of the group and the role of the observers, including the role and operation of the liaison group that will provide input to the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group and the role of the Fifth IUCN Congress on Protected Areas.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

12. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group will be invited to elect its Chair and its Rapporteur.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

13. The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-PA/1/1) will be before the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group for consideration and adoption.

2.3. Organization of work

14. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group is invited to consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting as contained in annex I to the present annotated provisional agenda. The Group may wish to conduct its initial deliberations in plenary, and subsequently establish working groups for drafting of specific items deriving from its terms of reference.

ITEM 3. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

15. Agenda item 3, the main substantive item of the agenda, contains five sub-items, which will collectively fulfil the mandate of the Technical Expert Group. Material to facilitate discussion on each of these sub-items can be found in the background document prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-PA/1/2). A representative of the Executive Secretary will provide a general introduction to the background document. Prior to start of discussions, the Chair of the Strategic Round Table Meeting on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks in Biodiversity Policies (The Hague, Netherlands, 5 and 6 June 2003) will also introduce the outcome of that meeting, and its relevance to the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group. As discussions proceed, each sub-item will be introduced by one of the experts, an invited observer, or the Secretariat. Following each presentation, the Group will be invited to discuss the issues raised.

3.1. Status and trends of protected areas, including their role and value

16. The definition, extent, classification, values of and threats to protected areas globally will be reviewed under this item in order to provide a baseline for further discussions. These issues are elaborated upon in section II of the note prepared by the Executive Secretary.

17. While the Group is not expected to spend much time on this item, it will discuss whether the current status of protected areas is adequate to protect biological diversity globally, and, if not, to identify key gaps in the protection provided. The Group will consider initial recommendations for future action that could be undertaken within the framework of the Convention. The Group will also identify the main values of protected areas and the main threats to them.

3.2. Planning, establishing and managing protected areas and networks

18. The discussions relating to planning, establishing and managing protected areas and networks will form the core of the work of the Expert Group. This section will likely occupy more of the Group's time than the other items on the agenda. Background material for discussions is provided in section III of the note prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-PA/1/2). In order to provide a logical and technically sound approach for these discussions, issues related to planning and establishment of protected area systems and sites will be discussed first, followed by discussions relating to protected-areas governance and management. In this way, all the items in the Expert Group's terms of reference will be covered in a productive manner.

(a) Planning and establishing protected areas networks and sites

19. This section corresponds to the planning aspects of paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the terms of reference of the Expert Group and will endeavour to review methods and approaches for the planning and

establishment of protected areas, including options for appropriate policies, strategies, and practices consistent with the objectives of the Convention. Section IIIA of the background note provides material to facilitate discussions.

(i) *Ecosystem and bioregional approaches*

20. This section will focus on ecosystem and bioregional approaches for protected areas planning and establishment, and will cover much of paragraph (b) of the Expert Group's terms of reference. Following an introductory presentation, the Group is invited to discuss biodiversity-conservation targets and approaches, as well as hotspots and other global approaches to setting conservation priorities. It is expected that this item will set the overall conceptual framework for the discussions that follow. Background material to facilitate discussions is provided in sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the note by the Executive Secretary.

(ii) *Developing national protected area systems plans*

21. This section will focus on systems planning, and will also include deliberation of networks and corridors. The section covers paragraph (d) of the Expert Group's terms of reference. Background material for discussion can be found in section 3.3 of the note by the Executive Secretary. Additional material on ecological networks and corridors is available in the report of the Strategic Roundtable Meeting on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks, held in the Netherlands on 5-6 June 2003. Following a presentation on this issue, and an update on the results of the Roundtable meeting, the Group is invited to discuss the selection of networks of protected areas

(iii) *Protected areas site planning and establishment*

22. This section will focus on protected areas site planning and establishment, and corresponds to aspects of paragraph (a) of the Expert Group's terms of reference. Background material to facilitate discussions can be found in section 3.4 of the note by the Executive Secretary. Following an introductory presentation, the Group is invited to discuss the detailed process involved in planning and establishment of particular protected area sites.

(iv) *Stakeholder involvement in system and site planning*

23. This section will focus on stakeholder involvement in system and site planning, and corresponds to the planning aspects of paragraph (c) of the Expert Group's terms of reference. Stakeholder involvement in protected areas management is discussed under governance and management. Background material to facilitate discussions can be found in section 3.5 of the note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-PA/1/2). Following an introductory presentation, the Group is invited to discuss mechanisms for enhancement of the stakeholder participation process.

(b) *Protected-areas governance and management*

24. This section corresponds to the governance and management aspects of paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the terms of reference of the Expert Group. Paragraph (e) of the terms of reference will also be covered in its entirety. Discussions under this section will seek to identify supportive policy frameworks for protected areas and their integration into sectoral plans and policies, and discuss the various types of protected-areas governance, including decentralized government management, co-management, indigenous management and private management. Following introductory presentations, the Group may wish to discuss each of these issues one by one. Finally, key responsibilities and tasks for managing protected areas will be identified. Section III B of the background document prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/PA/1/2) provides material to facilitate discussions.

25. The issue of indigenous protected areas should be given in-depth discussion, as it is an area of active interest for the Convention. In addition, transboundary protected areas, which will be discussed under this item, should receive in-depth treatment. Introductory presentations on both issues will be provided prior to the commencement of discussions. Background material on indigenous protected areas can be found in section 3.8 of the note by the Executive Secretary, while transboundary protected areas are covered in section 3.10. In addition, an information document on their role of protected areas in the maintenance of biological and cultural diversity (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-PA/1/INF/3) is available to facilitate discussions on this topic.

26. Prior to moving to the next item on the agenda, the Group is also asked to summarize the key issues, responsibilities and tasks relating to establishment and management of protected areas and networks. In doing this, the Group should keep in mind priority issues that could be addressed in the draft programme of work on protected areas for the Convention. An indicative list relating to protected areas management is provided in section 3.11 of the note by the Executive Secretary.

3.3 Meeting the costs of protected areas

27. The issue of financing protected areas should be well addressed in the Convention's future programme of work on protected areas, in order to enable Parties to the Convention to conserve and sustainably use their natural resources. Following a presentation on this topic, the Group is invited to discuss the issue, keeping in mind priority tools and actions that should be incorporated into the draft programme of work. In order to assist the Group in considering this agenda item, the Executive Secretary has included a discussion on protected areas finance in section IV of his note.

3.4 Measuring effectiveness of protected areas

28. Evaluating and improving the effectiveness of protected areas is important if the target of significantly reducing the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010, as set forward in the Convention's Strategic Plan and adopted by the World Summit on Sustainable Development, is to be realized. Following a presentation on this topic, the Group is invited to discuss the issue, keeping in mind priority tools and actions that could be incorporated into the draft programme of work. In order to assist the Group in considering this agenda item, the Executive Secretary has included a discussion on measuring effectiveness of protected areas in section V of his note.

3.5 The draft programme of work on protected areas under the Convention on Biological Diversity

29. The Group will commence discussion on item (f) of the terms of reference, which requests the Expert Group to propose options and priority actions required for effective establishment and management of protected areas. In order to facilitate the consideration of this agenda item, the results of the discussions relating to the previous agenda items are first summarized, and priorities identified.

30. The representative of the Executive Secretary will introduce the format and components of the draft programme of work on protected areas, including proposed goals, activities and targets. Input received thus far on possible elements for a draft programme of work is summarized in annex I of the note by the Executive Secretary. The Group may wish to initially embark on an overall discussion of the programme of work in plenary, and then break into smaller drafting groups addressing its specific components.

ITEM 4. PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

31. Based on the strategy identified in paragraph 34 above, the Group will work towards finalizing its report, including the elements for a draft programme of work. If deemed advantageous, the Expert Group may wish to split into smaller Working Groups in order to finalize the various sections of the report. The results of the drafting group will be presented to plenary and the need for follow-up work determined.

32. The Group will consider and adopt its report, which will be presented by the Rapporteur.

ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS

33. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

34. It is expected that the meeting will be closed at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 14 June 2003.

*Annex I***PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON MARINE AND COASTAL PROTECTED AREAS****Tuesday, 10 June 2003*

9:30 a.m.	Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)
Morning	Organizational matters (agenda item 2)
	Status and trends of protected areas (agenda item 3.1)
	Planning and establishing protected areas networks and sites (agenda item 3.2)
Afternoon	Planning and establishing protected areas networks and sites (agenda item 3.2) continued

Wednesday, 11 June 2003

Morning	Planning and establishing protected areas networks and sites (agenda item 3.2) continued
	Planning and establishing protected areas networks and sites (agenda item 3.2) continued (agenda item 3.2)

Lunchtime excursion to Saltön: protection and sustainable user practices

Afternoon	Meeting the costs of protected areas (agenda item 3.3)
	Measuring effectiveness of protected areas (agenda item 3.4)

Thursday, 12 June 2003

Morning/afternoon	The draft CBD programme of work on protected areas and its components (agenda item 3.5)
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Friday, 13 June 2003

Morning	Drafting groups work on programme of work and report (agenda item 4.2)
Afternoon	Drafting group present results to plenary
	Determination of need for follow-up work (agenda item 4.1)

*Gala dinner**Saturday 14 June 2002*

Morning	Adoption of the report (agenda item 4.3)
	Other matters (agenda item 5)
Afternoon	<i>Boat excursion: protected areas at land and sea</i>
5:00 pm	Closure of the meeting (agenda item 6)

Annex II

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC TECHNICAL
EXPERT GROUP ON MARINE AND COASTAL PROTECTED AREAS**

Working documents

UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-PA/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-PA/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-PA/1/2	Protected areas and the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity

Information documents

UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-PA/1/INF/1	The role of protected areas within the Convention on Biological Diversity
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-PA/1/INF/2	The role of protected areas in the existing CBD programmes of work
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-PA/1/INF/3	Protected areas: their role in the maintenance of biological and cultural diversity
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-PA/1/INF/4	The Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use of Biodiversity
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-PA/1/INF/5	Report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas

Other documents

Information for participants

Report of the strategic roundtable meeting on protected areas and ecological networks (Netherlands, 5 and 6 June 2003)
