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SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR SOUTH, EAST, AND
SOUTH-EAST ASIA ON CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF
WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS UNDER THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Dehradun, India, 6-10 December 2011

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. Both the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the international protected area community have hailed the programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA)¹ as the most implemented of the programmes of the Convention on Biological Diversity and a successful initiative. The initiation of regional capacity-building workshops, the designation of PoWPA focal points, the creation of a Global Environment Facility (GEF) early-action granting window for PoWPA implementation, programming a major portion of the biodiversity portfolio of the fifth replenishment period of the GEF (GEF 5) for PoWPA, and the establishment of the LifeWeb Initiative are all important ingredients of the success of PoWPA.

2. In decision X/2, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, in which twenty headline Aichi Biodiversity Targets for 2015 or 2020 are organized under five strategic goals. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties to develop national and regional targets, using the Strategic Plan as a flexible framework. Under target 11, the 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, and integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes.”

3. As the elements of target 11 incorporate the tenets of the programme of work on protected areas, its further effective implementation holds the key for achieving target 11. Implementation of PoWPA also helps toward achieving other targets 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, 14, 15 and 18.

¹ Decision VII/28, annex.

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4. In paragraph 12 of decision IX/18 on protected areas, the Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties, other Governments, relevant intergovernmental organizations, and indigenous and local communities, to enhance activities and resources towards organizing and forming regional technical support networks to assist countries in implementing PoWPA. In paragraph 3 of decision X/31, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to foster the formation of regional initiatives and formulate regional action plans, including through regional technical support networks, to coordinate funding, technical support, exchange of experiences and capacity-building for implementing PoWPA. In paragraph 7 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue to hold regional and subregional capacity-building workshops, with special attention to element 2 of PoWPA, and other identified priorities in collaboration with relevant partners.

5. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary, with the generous financial assistance of the European Union, and in collaboration with the government of India, the Wildlife Institute of India, and the PoWPA Friends Consortium, is organizing a workshop for the South, East and South-East Asia region from 6 to 10 December in Dehradun, India.

6. The objectives of the workshop are to (i) provide an overview and conduct assessments of requirements for capacity-building, tools and approaches needed for implementation of PoWPA and decision X/31 on protected areas, and to achieve target 11 and other targets of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (ii) strengthen the skills and knowledge of protected area functionaries and others who implement the PoWPA, through an exchange of experiences, sharing of tools and available resources, and capacity-building in: (a) protected areas and climate change adaptation and mitigation, including integration of protected areas into wider landscapes and seascapes; (b) developing or revising national action plans for implementation of the PoWPA; (c) marine protected areas; (d) governance; (e) valuing protected area costs and benefits including their ecosystem services; (iii) developing/updating action plans for implementing the PoWPA; and (iv) creating awareness about funding opportunities available under the GEF 5 biodiversity portfolio, including funding for enabling activities for revising the national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs).

7. A list of documents for the workshop is attached as annex I.

8. The Secretariat has issued an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the workshop. The language of the workshop is English.

9. Registration of participants will commence at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 6 December 2011.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

10. The workshop will be held in parallel with the Second Regional Workshop for South, East, and South-East Asia on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, with some joint sessions to provide synergy and interaction between national and PoWPA focal points. The workshop will be opened jointly with the NBSAP workshop. A representative of the host Government will open the meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 6 December 2011. Representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will welcome the participants and make opening statements.

11. After a brief self-introduction by the participants, the workshop will elect its Chair based on proposals from the floor. Participants will then be invited to consider the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/SEASI/1/1), adopt it following any amendments, if needed, and consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting as contained in annex II below.

12. As a complement to the consideration of the organization of the work and to set the tone of the workshop, the Secretariat will describe the purpose and expected outputs of the workshop, decision X/31, and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties. The workshop will be organized around a hands-on learning programme designed to address key framing questions in technical sessions.

ITEM 2. STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR: (a) ADAPTING AND MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE, INCLUDING INTEGRATION OF PROTECTED AREAS INTO WIDER LAND- AND SEASCAPES; (b) DEVELOPING NATIONAL ACTION PLANS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS; (c) MARINE PROTECTED AREAS; (d) GOVERNANCE; (e) VALUATION OF THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF PROTECTED AREAS, INCLUDING ECOSYSTEM SERVICES; AND (f) FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE FIFTH REPLENISHMENT PERIOD OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF 5)

13. Under this item, the workshop will provide practical hands-on tools and training on some of the themes that need greater attention as identified by the Conference of the Parties in decision X/31 and which form the qualitative aspects of target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The Secretariat has developed e-learning modules for each goal of the PoWPA in English, French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic. These tutorial modules are aimed to cater to protected area policymakers and officials, including PoWPA focal points. These modules will also be supplemented with a series of interactive exercises aimed at protected area practitioners who are responsible for implementing specific PoWPA actions within their countries. These supplementary modules can serve as the basis for in-person regional and subregional trainings and “training of trainers” courses. Participants are required to look at the modules and take some lessons prior to the workshop. Using a browser (newer browsers such as Firefox or Chrome work better) (i) go to <http://www.cbd.int/protected/e-learning/>; (ii) go to modules 2 (integration), 8 (lesson 1 on valuation), 17 (on climate change and the climate change course room), 18 (marine protected areas), and 19 (implementation and action planning); (iii) click “*Take The Course*” on any of these modules; (iv) create a login and go to “*Protected Areas*” at the Conservation Training site; (v) click “*Enter Module*”; (vi) enter the module of choice and begin the first lesson and complete the lessons one by one as instructed. A course room has been enabled on the topic of protected areas and climate change, and the participants have been pre-registered and contacted to take part in an online discussion with guiding questions and a mentor.

14. Each theme of the workshop is structured into: (i) running a lesson of an appropriate module or delivering a presentation on the topic, and (ii) country breakout groups for interactive sessions to exchange case-studies and ideas, and to prepare national work plans including regional strategies for addressing key issues. In the interactive sessions, the participants will be provided with key framing questions for each topic to describe the current status of PoWPA implementation and a future plan of action. A rapporteur from each country group will make a presentation on the outcome of the interactive sessions to the plenary.

A. *Adapting and mitigating climate change, including integration of protected areas into wider land- and seascapes*

15. Protected areas can serve as important elements of climate change adaptation as unbroken blocks of intact habitat which can increase the resilience of ecosystems to climate change. Ecosystems with high biodiversity and intact structural components recover more easily from climatic disturbances. Shifting upward or pole-ward is predicted to be one of the most common responses of species to the impacts of climate change. Protected areas and their surrounding landscapes, particularly ecological corridors, will

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have an important role to play in providing habitat to facilitate such shifts so as to maximize the natural adaptive capacity of biodiversity. Better managed, better connected, better governed and well financed protected areas are recognized as key to both mitigation and adaptation responses to climate change. In paragraph 14 (a) of decision X/31 the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to achieve the target of goal 1.2 of PoWPA to address climate change impacts and increase resilience to climate change. Goal 1.2 of the programme of work on protected areas specifically calls for integrating protected areas into broader land- and seascapes and sectors to maintain the structural and functional viability of ecosystems. The e-learning modules on goal 1.2 (<https://www.conservationtraining.org/course/view.php?id=47&page=96>) and climate change (<https://www.conservationtraining.org/course/view.php?id=118>) explain the step-by-step approach for undertaking the required activities.

B. Developing/updating national action plans for implementation of the programme of work on protected areas with a view to contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

16. In paragraph 1 (b) of decision X/31, Parties were invited to develop a long-term action plan or update existing plans for the implementation of PoWPA, including, where appropriate, detailing listing of activities, timelines, budgets and responsibilities with a view to contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and requested the Executive Secretary to report on the status of such plans to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting. The e-learning module on implementation (<https://www.conservationtraining.org/course/view.php?id=66>) provides detailed step-by-step guidance on developing an action plan for the PoWPA. In addition, under the UNDP/GEF early action grants project in the Pacific, Fiji, Kiribati, the Federated States of Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu have already developed action plans or prioritized the activities for implementing PoWPA. The Secretariat provides these existing plans to the participants prior to the workshop. Participants are required to update these existing plans or develop plans incorporating the requirements emanating from decision X/31 and target 11, suggesting timelines, indicative budget, responsibilities etc., through an interactive exercise and to submit within two months of the conclusion of the workshop as requested by the Conference of the Parties.

C. Marine protected areas

17. Although the terrestrial protected areas coverage exceeds 12 per cent of the world's terrestrial surface, marine protected areas (MPAs) cover only 6.3 per cent of the world's territorial waters and are growing at a mean annual rate of 4.6 per cent per annum. Taking this into account, the Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 22 of decision X/31, emphasized the need to enhance efforts towards achieving the 2012 marine target. The e-learning module on marine protected areas provides a step-by-step approach for establishing, managing, good governance and other aspects of MPAs.

D. Governance

18. Programme element 2 of the programme of work on protected areas calls for a number of actions related to protected area governance issues, including ensuring participation of indigenous and local communities and other stakeholders, initiating measures for equity in benefit-sharing, respecting rights and recognizing responsibilities of indigenous and local communities and promoting a broad set of governance types. The Conference of the Parties, in section B of decision X/31, invited Parties to give greater attention to the implementation of programme element 2 of the PoWPA; it invited Parties to diversify and strengthen protected-area governance types (paragraph 32 (a)) and to recognize co-managed protected areas, private protected areas and indigenous and local community conserved areas within the national protected area system (paragraph 32 (b)). In paragraph 23 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties to incorporate good governance principles in the management of marine protected areas. The capacity-building session on this topic will provide a framework for assessing

implementation of these issues, provide opportunities to countries to showcase innovative ways, and come up with a broad roadmap for enhanced implementation.

E. Valuation of the costs and benefits of protected areas, including ecosystem services

19. Protected areas, besides being cornerstones of biodiversity conservation, constitute an important stock of natural, cultural and social capital, yielding flows of economically valuable goods and services that benefit human populations. The positive contribution of protected areas to the livelihoods of the poorest and most vulnerable sectors of society is very high indeed. Protected areas also provide key support to the maintenance of cultural traditions and the building of social capital. Unfortunately, their value is poorly understood and greatly undervalued by markets, decision makers and the general public. Their value does not register in conventional markets and they are therefore not considered to be real economic assets by policymakers. As a result, protected areas do not receive crucial national budget prioritization. There is a need to improve understanding of the significance and importance of the benefits and values of protected areas, particularly of the ecosystem services that they provide, and to showcase best practices in assessing and promoting protected area values and integration into national economies and in creating innovative finance mechanisms. In paragraph 29 (a) of decision X/31, Parties were invited to increase the understanding of and communicate the role, importance and costs and benefits of protected areas at all levels. Lesson 1 of the e-learning module on the protected area policy environment provides details of the methodology and technical know-how for valuing the costs and benefits of protected areas (<https://www.conservationtraining.org/mod/scorm/player.php?a=408&scoid=2962>).

F. Funding opportunities under the fifth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility (GEF 5)

20. In paragraph 10 of decision X/31, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to: develop and implement sustainable finance plans for protected-area systems by 2012; timely and appropriately use the biodiversity allocations of GEF 5 using the national action plan for implementing the PoWPA as the basis for accessing funds. In paragraph 13 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties urged GEF and its implementing agencies to streamline disbursement delivery and to align the projects to national action plans for the PoWPA for appropriate, focused, sufficient and harmonious interventions and continuity of projects. Through presentations and interactive exercises the workshop will discuss relevance of GEF 4 proposals and projects accessed, GEF 5 allocations and ways and means to access STAR and enabling activity funds, tailoring of projects to achieve target 11 and PoWPA goals, prioritizing projects within the overall PoWPA action plan, and integrating the PoWPA action plan into the NBSAP.

21. Participants will be provided with a CD-ROM or USB key of all the documents, including a PDF version of e-learning module lessons for all the themes.

ITEM 3. OTHER MATTERS

22. Any other matters will be considered under this agenda item.

ITEM 4. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

23. The workshop will be invited to consider and adopt its report on the basis of a draft report to be prepared and presented by the Chair.

24. The workshop is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 10 December 2011.

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Annex I

LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR SOUTH, EAST, AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA ON CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY'S PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS

Official documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/SEASI/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/SEASI/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda

Tools and resources and information documents

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>

Decision IX/20 on marine and coastal biodiversity

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-09/cop-09-dec-20-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>

CBD Technical Series No. 18: *Towards Effective Protected Area Systems: an action guide to implement the Convention on Biological Diversity programme of work on protected areas*

<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-18.pdf>

CBD Technical Series No. 15: *Biodiversity Issues for Consideration in the Planning, Establishment and Management of Protected Area Sites and Networks.*

<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-15.pdf>

Governance briefing note

http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/governance_of_protected_areas_for_cbd_pow_briefing_note_08_1.pdf

Indigenous and community conserved areas briefing note

http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/ceesp_briefing_note_9_iccas.pdf

Guidelines for Applying Protected Areas Management Categories (in particular the chapter on governance, pp. 25-32)

<http://data.iucn.org/dbtw-wpd/edocs/PAPS-016.pdf>

CBD-UNEP issue paper on protected areas and climate change

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/unep-cbd-issue-papers/unep-cbd-issue-papers-06-en.pdf>

Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

DAY 1 - Tuesday 6 December		
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Opening of the workshop (joint session) Opening statements (Indian Ministry of Environment and Forests, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), Indian Wildlife Institute)	
10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<i>Group photo</i> <i>Coffee or tea break</i>	
10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Self-introductions and expectations of participants Overview of the objectives and programme for the workshops (SCBD)	
11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<u>PoWPA workshop</u> Strengthening capacity for marine protected areas (introduction)	<u>NBSAP workshop</u> Review and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans-country updates and next steps Global status of development of national targets and updating NBSAPs in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (SCBD) Country updates (7 minutes for each country)
12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>	
1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	<u>PoWPA workshop</u> Strengthening capacity for marine protected areas (cont'd)	<u>NBSAP workshop</u> Review and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans-country updates and next steps (cont'd) Country updates (7 minutes for each country) Discussion on any outstanding issues concerning NBSAP updating
3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<i>Coffee or tea break</i>	
3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Setting national and regional targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (joint session with NBSAP workshop) Options for revising NBSAPs using target 11 and PoWPA action plan as an example Group exercises on target 11	
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	<i>Reception, courtesy of the Indian Ministry of Environment and Forests</i>	

DAY 2 - Wednesday 7 December	
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	<p>Setting national and regional targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (cont'd)/Mainstreaming biodiversity into relevant sectors (joint session)</p> <p>Country experiences: integrating biodiversity into landscape management (India)</p> <p>Linking biodiversity conservation with poverty reduction (India)</p> <p>Biodiversity valuation, integration and mainstreaming (target 2) (Jamison Ervin, UNDP)</p>
10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<i>Coffee or tea break</i>
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<p>Setting national and regional targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (cont'd)/Mainstreaming biodiversity into relevant sectors</p> <p>Biodiversity valuation, integration and mainstreaming (target 2) (Jamison Ervin, UNDP)</p> <p>Group exercise</p>
12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1.30 p.m. – 3 p.m.	<p>Setting national and regional targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (cont'd)</p> <p>Ecosystem services and climate resilience planning (targets 14 and 15) (Jamison Ervin, UNDP)</p>
3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<i>Coffee or tea break</i>
3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<p>Setting national and regional targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (cont'd)</p> <p>Ecosystem services and climate resilience planning (targets 14 and 15) (Jamison Ervin, UNDP)</p> <p>Group exercises</p> <p>Report from group discussions</p>
DAY 3 - Thursday 8 December	
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Field visit to tiger conservation area close to Dehradun, to demonstrate India's efforts in protecting tigers and integrate tiger protection into local plans

DAY 4 - Friday 9 December		
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	<p><u>PoWPA workshop</u> Strengthening capacities for governance of protected areas</p> <p>Ashish Kothari (IUCN, CBD Alliance, and Kalpavriksh)</p>	<p><u>NBSAP workshop</u> Setting national and regional targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (cont'd)</p> <p>Target 16 National perspectives on ABS (India)</p> <p>Monitoring of and reporting on the implementation of the Strategic Plan: indicators</p> <p>Presentations on outcomes of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on 2020 indicators and SBSTTA 15 UNEP ROAP presentation on linking NBSAP development with indicator development</p>
10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<i>Coffee or tea break</i>	
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<p><u>PoWPA workshop</u> Strengthening capacities for governance of protected areas (cont'd)</p> <p>Ashish Kothari</p>	<p><u>NBSAP workshop</u> Monitoring of and reporting on the implementation of the Strategic Plan: indicators (cont'd)</p> <p>Country and regional experiences (Cambodia/ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity) Group exercises Report from group discussions</p>
12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>	
1.30 p.m. – 3 p.m.	<p><u>PoWPA workshop</u> Strengthening capacities for governance of protected areas (cont'd)</p> <p>Ashish Kothari</p>	<p><u>NBSAP workshop</u> Setting national and regional targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (cont'd)</p> <p>Work on outline of NBSAP</p>
3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<i>Coffee or tea break</i>	
3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<p><u>PoWPA workshop</u> National and group work on PoWPA action plans and reporting frameworks</p>	<p><u>NBSAP workshop</u> Setting national and regional targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (cont'd)</p> <p>Work on outline of NBSAP Individual discussions with countries</p>

DAY 5 - Saturday 10 December			
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	<p>Resource mobilization for implementation of NBSAP and PoWPA (joint session)</p> <p>Strategy for resource mobilization (SCBD)</p> <p>Country experiences (India)</p> <p>Financing strategy for protected areas (SCBD)</p> <p>Financing implementation of NBSAP (SCBD)</p>		
10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<i>Coffee or tea break</i>		
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<p>Resource mobilization for implementation of NBSAP and PoWPA (joint session cont'd)</p> <p>Working on an outline/possible contents of a national resource mobilization strategy</p> <p>Report from group discussions</p>		
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3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<i>Coffee or tea break</i>		
3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<p>Evaluation of the workshop</p> <p>Closing of the workshop (joint session)</p>		
