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PACIFIC ISLANDS SUBREGIONAL
WORKSHOP ON CAPACITY-BUILDING
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED
AREAS UNDER THE CONVENTION ON
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Nadi, Fiji, 9-12 February 2009

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. At its eighth meeting, held in Curitiba, Brazil, from 20 to 31 March 2006, the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) reviewed progress made in the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA) since its adoption in 2004. In paragraph 10 of decision VIII/24, the Conference of the Parties recognized the lack of implementation and capacity-building constraints for developing countries, especially in the areas of conducting gap analysis, country-level sustainable financing strategies, and protected area management effectiveness. In the same paragraph, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties to address these constraints as a priority and requested the Executive Secretary to organize regional workshops to review the implementation of the programme of work and to build capacity, and encouraged Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to support and implement capacity-building activities. In pursuance of these requests, the Executive Secretary in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, WWF, Conservation International, BirdLife International, the Wildlife Conservation Society, IUCN–World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), the European Commission, the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, the Governments of Germany, Canada, France, India, South Africa, Gabon and Ecuador, collectively known as the PoWPA FRIENDS Consortium organized a series of regional workshops.

2. At its tenth meeting, held in Bonn in May 2008, the Conference of the Parties, in decision IX/18, welcomed with appreciation the organization of regional workshops in some regions and noted that such workshops needed to be held in all the regions and that they provided an important platform for the participating countries to exchange information on the status of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas, to discuss challenges and constraints to implementation and practical ways and means to address these challenges for enhancing the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas.

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3. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary, with the generous financial support of the European Union and the Government of Spain is jointly organizing with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), the Government of Fiji and PoWPA FRIENDS, the Pacific Islands subregional workshop on capacity-building for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas under the Convention on Biological Diversity, to be held from 9 to 12 February 2009 in Nadi, Fiji.

4. The objectives of the workshop are: (i) to strengthen the skills and knowledge of protected area functionaries and others who implement the programme of work through an exchange of experiences, sharing of tools, available resources and capacity-building in the three important aspects for implementing the programme of work on protected areas, (a) analysis of ecological gaps with special emphasis on marine protected areas; (b) developing sustainable financing for protected areas; and (c) assessing protected area management effectiveness. The purpose is to prepare country-specific future work plans (next steps in-country and envisioning regional steps) in making the assessments and implementing the results of the analyses. (ii) to determine a way forward for implementing decisions IX/18 A-B and IX/20 from the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties held in May 2008 and next steps leading up to the review of the programme of work on protected areas by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting.

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

6. The Secretariat is issuing 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 will be English.

7. Registration of participants will commence at 8.30 a.m. on Monday, 9 February 2009.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

8. A representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will open the meeting at 9 a.m. on Monday 9 February 2009. A representative of the SPREP and a representative of the Government of Fiji will also welcome the participants.

9. 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/PAC/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.

10. 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 give an overview of the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas and describe the purpose and expected outputs of the workshop including decisions IX/18 and IX/20 adopted at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. This will be followed by a presentation on "Protected Areas in the Pacific Islands – issues, opportunities and needs" by a representative of SPREP. The workshop will be organized around a hands-on learning programme designed to address key framing questions in four technical sessions:

- *Session 1:* Critical action steps and tools available for: (i) analysing ecological gaps; (ii) developing sustainable financing; and (iii) using guidelines for improving/assessing management effectiveness;
- *Session 2:* Problem-solving clinics and country team break-out groups (focusing on the three themes of session 1);

- *Session 3:* Identification of opportunities to promote the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas including a way forward for implementing decisions IX/18 and IX/20 and next steps leading to the review of the programme of work on protected areas by SBSTTA 14 and by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting; and
- *Session 4:* Wrap-up

ITEM 2. STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR (I) ANALYSING ECOLOGICAL GAPS; (II) DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE FINANCING; AND (III) USING GUIDELINES FOR IMPROVING/ASSESSING MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS

11. Under this item, the workshop will review the status of implementation and provide practical hands-on tools and training on three themes: (i) analysing ecological gaps; (ii) developing sustainable financing; and (iii) using guidelines for improving/assessing management effectiveness, the three main pillars for implementing the programme of work on protected areas. Each theme is structured into (i) general introduction, review of critical steps and tools and review of status of implementation in the subregion; (ii) country-specific case-studies; and (iii) country breakout groups for interactive sessions to exchange ideas and prepare country-specific future 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 come up with a description of the current state and a future plan of action. As most countries are represented by two participants, concurrent sessions will be organized to provide in-depth discussions and interactive training.

12. Participants will be provided with a CD-ROM of all the presentations and documents for the workshop, including information on critical steps, tools, available resources, case-studies and web links to online resources and tools, for the three themes.

ITEM 3. OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS ON COUNTRY-LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS, AND WAY FORWARD FOR IMPLEMENTING DECISION IX/18 AND RELATED DECISIONS OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

13. Under this agenda item, participants are invited to describe the status of implementation of the programme of work in their country, focusing on progress made, challenges/obstacles and capacity-building needs and plans for implementing decision IX/18 on protected areas and related decisions from the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Under this item the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will make a presentation on decision IX/18 and other related decisions from the same meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The coordinator of the Micronesian Challenge will make a presentation on progress in the implementation of Micronesian Challenge and its bearing on the implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas under the Convention on Biological Diversity. In addition there will be an open discussion on “meeting 2010 and 2012 targets and beyond in Pacific region”, followed by country breakout groups.

14. In the country breakout groups participants will discuss: national work plans for each country on implementing each of the three main pillars of the programme of work; next steps leading up to the review of the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas and recommendations of the review; regional strategies to promote international policy and public funding linkages between protected area solutions to climate change and livelihoods, and implementation of the programme of work and meeting the 2010 and 2012 targets. A rapporteur from each country group will make a presentation on the outcome of the interactive sessions to the plenary to arrive upon the recommendations from the workshop.

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

15. Under this item, a representative from Solomon Islands will make a presentation on “Opportunities under the Coral Reef Triangle” and a representative of Papua New Guinea will make a presentation on “Funding opportunities for protected areas under Climate Change including REDD funds” on Tuesday, 10 February.

ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

16. 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.

17. The workshop is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 12 February 2009.

Annex I

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDS SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOP ON
CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK
ON PROTECTED AREAS UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

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

Tools and resources

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. 24: *Closing the Gap: Creating Ecologically Representative Protected Area Systems*

<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-24.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>

CBD Technical Series No. 13: *Technical Advice on the Establishment and Management of a National System of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas*

<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-13.pdf>

COP 9 Decision IX/18 on Protected Areas

<http://www.cbd.int/decisions/?m=COP-09&id=11661&lg=0>

COP 9 Decision IX/20 on Marine and coastal biodiversity

<http://www.cbd.int/decisions/?m=COP-09&id=11663&lg=0>

Critical steps, tools and available resources and case studies on (i) ecological gap analysis; (ii) sustainable financing; and (iii) management effectiveness

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/pa/wspaaf-01/official/wspaaf-01-03-en.doc>

Manual on “Business –Oriented Financial Planning for National Systems of Protected Areas- Guidelines and Early Lessons”

<http://conserveonline.org/workspaces/patools/documents/business-oriented-financial-planning-for-protected/view.html>

5 Quick Guides on: Valuing Nature, Protected Area Management Effectiveness, Marine Ecological Gap Assessments, Protected Area System Master Planning, and Protected Area Capacity Action Plans

<http://conserveonline.org/workspaces/patools/>

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*Annex II***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

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| | MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2009 |
| 9 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting and organizational matters Welcome by the representative of the Executive Secretary of the CBD, the representative of SPREP and the representative of the Government of Fiji |
| 9:45 a.m – 10:30 a.m. | Overview of implementation of CBD programme of work on protected areas in Pacific islands, and the purpose and expected outputs of the programme of work including COP 9 decisions (IX/18 and IX/20) |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. | Protected areas in the Pacific Islands – issues, opportunities and needs - |
| 11 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| | Agenda item 2. Strengthening of capacities for (i) analysing ecological gaps; (ii) developing sustainable financing; and (iii) using guidelines for improving/assessing management effectiveness Ecological Gap Analysis |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Introduction, review of tools and critical steps to filling ecological gaps and review of status of conducting gap analysis (emphasizing marine) in the subregion |
| 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Presentation of country-specific case-studies |
| 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Break-out groups to exchange ideas and prepare country-specific future work plans regarding marine gap analysis (next steps in-country and envisioning regional steps). |
| 5:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. | Wrap up of the day's proceedings |
| 7 p.m. | Welcome reception |
| | TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2009 |
| | Agenda item 2. Strengthening of capacities for (i) analysing ecological gaps; (ii) developing sustainable financing; and (iii) using guidelines for improving/assessing management effectiveness FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY |
| 9 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Overview of previous day's proceedings |
| 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Introduction, review of tools and critical steps for developing sustainable financing plans and review of status of financial sustainability in the subregion |

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| 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Funding opportunities under the Coral Reef Triangle Initiative |
| 11:45 a.m. - -12:45 p.m. | Funding opportunities for protected areas under climate change including REDD funds` |
| 12.45 p.m– 2 p.m. | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Presentation of country-specific case-studies |
| 3.30 p.m – 5.30 p.m | Break-out groups to exchange ideas and prepare country-specific future work plans regarding financial sustainability (next steps in-country and envisioning regional steps). |
| 5:30 p.m – 5:45 p.m | Wrap up of the day’s proceedings |
| | WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY |
| | Agenda item 2. Strengthening of capacities for (i) analysing ecological gaps; (ii) developing sustainable financing; and (iii) using guidelines for improving/assessing management effectiveness Management Effectiveness |
| 9 a.m. – 9:15 a.m | Overview of previous day’s proceedings |
| 9.15 a.m – 10.30 a.m | Introduction, review of tools and critical steps and review of status of conducting management effectiveness assessments at the regional level including management effectiveness of marine protected areas |
| 10.30 a.m – 10.45 a.m | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| 10.45 a.m – 12.45 p.m | Presentation of country-specific case-studies |
| 12.45 p.m – 2 p.m | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 2 p.m – 4.p.m | Break-out groups to exchange ideas and prepare country-specific future work plans regarding management effectiveness (next steps in-country and envisioning regional steps). |
| 4 p.m – 5.30 p.m | Presentations by rapporteur of each country group on the outcomes of agenda item 2 |
| | THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY |
| . 9 a.m. – 9:15 a.m | Overview of previous day’s proceedings |
| | Agenda item 3. Overview of progress on country-level implementation of the programme of work on protected areas, and way forward for implementing decision IX/18 and related COP 9 decisions |
| 9:15a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | Progress in implementation of the Micronesian Challenge and its implications to implementation of the PoWPA |
| 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Open discussion on “meeting 2010 and 2012 targets in the Pacific region and beyond” |

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| 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Break-out groups to exchange ideas and prepare country-specific and regional future work plans |
| 1.p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. | Presentations by rapporteur of each country group on review of implementation and future plans |
| 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | <p>Agenda item 4. Other matters</p> <p>Recommendations and wrap-up of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of major “take-home messages” and insights • Ideas on how to maintain momentum (e.g. government collaboration mechanisms, regional learning network on protected areas, periodic regional workshops to share experiences and discuss progress/obstacles) <p>Agenda item 5. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting.</p> |
