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**CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES OF THE
BIODIVERSITY INDICATORS PARTNERSHIP (BIP)**

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The Executive Secretary is circulating herewith, for the information of participants in the seventeenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, a note on capacity-building activities undertaken by the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership in response to paragraph 11 of decision XI/3 A.
2. The note provides an update on regional capacity-building workshops on indicators that were undertaken in support of the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans; the training of Biodiversity Indicator Facilitators; and the enhancement of the website to support national and regional biodiversity indicator development.
3. The report is presented in the form and language in which it was received by the Secretariat.

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Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (BIP): capacity building contributions in support of COP Decision XI/3 para 11.

The secretariat and partners of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (BIP www.bipindicators.net), with the support of the European Commission and UNEP, and in collaboration with the Secretariat of the CBD, have conducted the following activities as contributions to Paragraph 11 of Decision X1/3:

Regional capacity-building workshops on indicators as part of updated NBSAPs

Since 2011 six regional capacity-building workshops have been conducted for south Asia, southeast Asia, south America, the western Balkans region and francophone Africa. The workshops provide training in the steps of biodiversity indicator development, consider information needs for indicators in NBSAPs within the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and facilitate learning and co-operation between Parties. Follow-up regional capacity-building workshops have been held for the western Balkans region in September 2013 and a follow-up workshop will be held for francophone Africa in October 2013. These workshops further develop capacity for impact indicators for national targets, considering synergies between MEAs, and strengthen collaboration within the regions. The workshop results are available through the national indicator development link on www.bipindicators.net The BIP has also made inputs on indicators as part of the series of regional capacity building workshops of the Secretariat of the CBD on 5th National Reports to the CBD. This includes the December 2013 regional workshop for Latin America on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report and Indicators.

Biodiversity Indicator Facilitators

The BIP has trained 20 'Biodiversity Indicator Facilitators' from around the world, to support developing indicators as part of NBSAP updating and implementation. The Facilitators are available to assist in the design and delivery of workshops and meetings to develop indicators for NBSAP targets, using guidance materials developed and tested by the BIP, and with technical support of the BIP secretariat and partners. Many of the Facilitators have direct experience of developing indicators for their country's NBSAPs. Information on the Facilitators is available through the national indicator development link on www.bipindicators.net

Website to support national and regional biodiversity indicators

The BIP has developed an **online toolkit** of information and capacity development resources for national and regional indicator development in support of NBSAPs. The toolkit includes a forthcoming **e-learning module** on 'Developing Biodiversity Indicators', hosted on The Nature Conservancy's dedicated e-learning platform www.conservationtraining.org, and accessible via the BIP website www.bipindicators.net. This provides Parties with interactive guidance for developing indicators using the Biodiversity Indicator Development Framework. A sixth lesson, on incorporating indicators into NBSAPs, will be available later in 2013.

The BIP is supporting the sharing of information and lessons learned on biodiversity indicators, as well as areas of synergy and collaboration, through a **biodiversity indicator discussion forum**. This on-line forum is accessible through the national indicator development link on www.bipindicators.net, and is also a means for responding to technical requests on indicators from Parties regarding indicators.

The BIP is producing a **guidance document on “Incorporating Indicators in NBSAPs: Guidance to support NBSAP Practitioners”**, which presents key considerations for indicator development at the different stages of the NBSAP updating process. This document complements the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership’s established document, ‘[Guidance](#) for National Biodiversity Indicator Development and Use’ and associated capacity development materials.

Further information on the capacity building resources of the BIP can be found at www.bipindicators.net and by contacting info@bipindicators.net

COP Decision X1/3 Paragraph 11:

The Conference of the Parties

11. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, regional centres of excellence and other relevant organizations, as appropriate and subject to the availability of resources, to:

(a) Compile technical guidance materials for capacity-building and provide support to Parties for the further development of indicators and monitoring and reporting systems, including the information contained in the annexes to the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020, and to make it accessible in the form of a toolkit, building on the material already available on the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership web pages.

(b) Assist Parties, especially developing countries, and in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States and countries with economies in transition, that have limited resources and capacities and/or that are not yet using systematically produced indicators in their official reports, and at the request of the Party concerned, to initially establish and apply a few simple, cost-effective and easily applicable indicators for nationally defined priority issues, as appropriate in their official reports;

(c) Include capacity-building on the indicator framework in regional workshops, as appropriate, to support implementation of the indicators by allowing Parties to update on progress, the sharing of information and lessons learned as well as areas of synergy and collaboration;

(d) Support the review of the use of the indicators and associated monitoring systems in order to identify gaps and priorities in national and regional institutions for future capacity-building, technical support and financial support by donors and partner organizations;