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## NOTIFICATION

### Subject: Draft guidelines for the fourth national report

Dear Madam/Sir,

You will recall that the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 17 of decision VIII/14, welcomed the draft guidelines for the fourth national report as a significant improvement over the guidelines for the third national report, and requested the Executive Secretary to further improve them by taking into account, *inter alia*, written submissions provided by Parties by the end of June 2006.

In respect of the above, I would like to invite Parties to submit further comments and suggestions on how to improve the draft guidelines attached herewith by **no later than Friday, 30 June 2006**, so that they can be finalized and made available to Parties by the end of July 2006, as is also required by decision VIII/14.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and support.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

[original signed]

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points  
Attachment: Draft guidelines for fourth national report



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*Annex***DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR THE FOURTH NATIONAL REPORT****1. Reporting obligations**

Parties are required by Article 26 of the Convention to present their national reports to the Conference of the Parties on the measures which they have taken for the implementation of the provisions of the Convention and their effectiveness in meeting the objectives of the Convention.

**2. Purposes of reporting**

The national reports submitted by Parties serve to report on compliance in implementation of the Convention. They should:

- (a) Enable Parties to assess and facilitate national implementation by:
  - (i) Assessing implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
  - (ii) Reviewing progress towards the 2010 target and goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan;
  - (iii) Helping describe national status and trends of biodiversity;
  - (iv) Identifying strengths in capacity and needs in capacity-building related to implementation;
  - (v) Communicating with various stakeholders and involving them in implementation.
- (b) Enable the Conference of the Parties to:
  - (i) Facilitate the decision-making processes of the Convention;
  - (ii) Review priority agenda items at future COPs, including work programmes, and help to identify gaps and define future priorities;
  - (iii) Facilitate the exchange of information among Parties concerning the experience of implementation of the Convention.

**3. Focus of report**

In preparing the fourth national report, Parties are invited to focus on:

- (a) Status and trends of, and threats to, biodiversity;
- (b) Current status of implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
- (c) Progress towards the 2010 target and the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan;
- (d) Sectoral and cross-sectoral integration or mainstreaming of biodiversity considerations.

In elaborating on national actions to implement the Convention, Parties are invited to focus on:

- (e) Outcomes and impacts of actions or measures taken to implement the Convention;
- (f) Success stories and case-studies;
- (g) Major obstacles encountered in implementation.

#### 4. How to use the guidelines

The guidelines for the fourth national report attempt to combine advantages of the guidelines for previous national reports. Parties will report primarily in a narrative way in combination with responses to some standardized questions designed to serve analytical purposes.

In each section, Parties will be first of all requested to answer a few standardized questions by ticking one or more of the multiple choice responses provided that best reflect national circumstances and/or implementation. If none of the responses provided fits national circumstances or a negative response is selected, Parties should indicate this in the space provided for details. After that, Parties will prepare the narrative part of the report by following some suggestions provided in each section. In preparing the narrative part of the report, Parties should try to avoid duplications or overlaps with the responses or explanations provided in answering standardized questions.

Parties are encouraged to provide substantive information concisely, though there is no page limit on this. Parties are also encouraged to provide sources of information such as publications and websites from which some information can be retrieved.

There may be some overlaps in the information provided within and among sections. In this case, Parties are encouraged to make cross-references to avoid repetition.

#### 5. Use of indicators for reporting

Parties are encouraged to use indicators, nationally developed and headline indicators adopted by the Conference of the Parties, where appropriate, so that review and assessment of national implementation can be made on a more scientific and measurable basis. For reference, a list of global indicators adopted by the Conference of the Parties is contained in appendix II to the guidelines. Parties are encouraged to list nationally developed indicators used in this report.

#### 6. Submission of the fourth national report

**Parties are requested to submit their fourth national report in this format to the Executive Secretary by 30 March 2009.** Parties are also requested to submit an original signed copy by post and an electronic copy on diskette/CD-ROM, or by electronic mail, to the following address.

**The Executive Secretary**

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## **7. Intended use of information from national reports**

The information contained in national reports will be used primarily for:

- (a) Review of national implementation and assessing its effectiveness;
- (b) Review of implementation of the provisions of the Convention, programmes of work and cross-cutting issues under the Convention;
- (c) Facilitating decision making processes under the Convention;
- (d) Defining the priorities for the Conference of the Parties after 2010;
- (e) Review of priority agenda items at the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Conference of the Parties;
- (f) Review of progress towards the 2010 target;
- (g) Supplementing global information in the Global Biodiversity Outlook;
- (h) Exchange and dissemination of success stories;
- (i) Communicating to various stakeholders at various levels information on implementation of the Convention.

It should be noted that the information provided by the Parties will not be used to rank performance or to otherwise compare implementation between individual Parties.

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*(To be edited at a later stage)*

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**Executive Summary<sup>1/</sup>**

For the purposes of communicating to various stakeholders at various levels, Parties are invited to provide an executive summary of what Parties consider to be the most important findings in the body of the report.

In this summary, Parties may wish to provide an overview of:

- (a) Status and trends in biodiversity, and major threats;
- (b) Key actions taken in support of the Convention's objectives and to achieve the 2010 target and the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan of the Convention;
- (c) Areas where CBD implementation has been most effective or most lacking;
- (d) Major obstacles encountered in implementation.

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<sup>1/</sup> This section should be completed only after the main report has been completed.

### Part I. Biodiversity Status, Trends and Threats

Please answer the following standardized questions before moving on to narrative reporting, by ticking one or more of the multiple choice responses provided that best reflect national circumstances and/or implementation. If none of the responses provided fits national circumstances or a negative response is selected, Parties could provide further explanations in a box located at bottom of each question.

<b>1. Is your country monitoring the status and trends of various components of biodiversity at genetic, species and ecosystem levels in your country?</b>	
a) No	
b) Yes, a few components being monitored at one of the levels (please specify)	
c) Yes, a few components being monitored at all levels (please specify)	
d) Yes, most of the components being monitored at one of the levels (please specify)	
e) Yes, most of the components being monitored at all levels (please specify)	
Please provide further details below.	

<b>2. Has your country assessed and identified major threats to various components of biodiversity in your country?</b>	
a) No	
b) Yes, a few major threats identified (please specify)	
c) Yes, most of major threats identified (please specify)	
Please provide further details below.	

### Narrative Reporting

Parties are invited to provide below an overview and summary of the results of monitoring of the status and trends of, and major threats to, various components of biodiversity in their country. In doing so, Parties are requested to comment on:

- (a) Importance of this biodiversity component nationally;
- (b) Whether there are any monitoring systems in place for a certain biodiversity component (please provide a list of any relevant national indicators and targets, if they are available);
- (c) Status of this biodiversity component (overall statement on whether trend in rate of biodiversity loss is positive, negative or stable as well as more detailed information any indicators that exist);
- (d) What are main threats to this biodiversity component;
- (e) What changes in status and trend are as a result of measures taken to implement the Convention and to achieve the 2010 target and the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan of the Convention.

In completing this section, Parties are encouraged to:

- (a) Use global indicators listed in appendix II to the guidelines as well as relevant nationally developed indicators;
- (b) Consider national status and trends relating to the thematic programmes of work.

- 1.1 Agricultural biodiversity
- 1.2 Forest biodiversity
- 1.3 Biological diversity of inland water ecosystems
- 1.4 Marine and coastal biodiversity
- 1.5 Biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands
- 1.6 Island biodiversity
- 1.7 Mountain biodiversity
- 1.8 Biological diversity of other biomes or ecosystems

## Part II. Current Status of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

Please answer the following standardized questions before moving on to narrative reporting, by ticking one or more of the multiple choice responses provided that best reflect national circumstances and/or implementation. If none of the responses provided fits national circumstances or a negative response is selected, Parties could provide further explanations in a box located at bottom of each question.

<b>3. Has your country developed a national biodiversity strategy?</b>	
a) No	
b) A strategy is being developed	
c) Yes, completed	
d) Yes, completed and adopted	
Please provide further details below.	

<b>4. If the answer to the above question is no, what biodiversity programmes have been developed to implement the Convention?</b>

<b>5. Has your country developed a plan of action for biodiversity?</b>	
a) No	
b) An action plan is being developed	
c) Yes, completed	
d) Yes, completed and adopted	
Please provide further details below.	

**6.** If the answer to the above question is no, what plan or programme has your country developed and adopted to implement your national biodiversity strategy or other relevant programmes?

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**7.** Has your country updated its national biodiversity strategy and/or action plan in light of developments under the Convention and at the national level?

a) No	
b) NBSAP is being updated	
c) Yes, updated (please provide details of updates to NBSAPs)	

Please provide further details below.

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**8.** Has your country identified priority actions for its national biodiversity strategy and/or action plan?

a) No	
b) Priority actions are being identified	
c) Some priority actions have been identified (please details below)	

Please provide further details below.

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**9.** Has your country established adequate capacity for implementation of priority actions in its national biodiversity strategy and action plan? (Objective 2.1 of the Strategic Plan)

a) No	
b) Relevant plans and programmes under development	
c) Yes, capacities established for some priority actions	
d) Yes, capacities established for most priority actions	

Please provide further details below.

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<b>10. Is your country actively implementing the priorities in national biodiversity strategies and action plans as a means to achieve national implementation of the Convention? (Objective 2.4 of the Strategic Plan)</b>	
a) No	
b) Priority actions are being identified	
c) Yes, some priority actions being implemented	
d) Yes, most priority actions being implemented	
Please provide further details below.	

<b>11. Has your country assessed the obstacles to implementation of its national biodiversity strategy and/or action plan?</b>	
a) No	
b) Assessment is under way	
c) Yes	
Please provide further details below.	

<b>12. Are your national biodiversity strategies and action plans (including updated NBSAPs) or other programmes and plans developed or adopted for the implementation of the Convention available on the Internet?</b>	
a) No	
b) No, but relevant documents have been submitted to the Secretariat	
c) Yes (please provide details below)	
Please provide website addresses below.	

### Narrative Reporting

Parties are invited to provide an overview of the implementation of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) or other programmes and plans developed and adopted to implement the Convention. In so doing, Parties are requested to focus on:

- (a) Implementation of actions identified in NBSAPs;
- (b) Successes and obstacles encountered in implementation;
- (c) Lessons learned in achieving successes and overcoming obstacles;
- (d) Lessons learned in developing, implementing, evaluating and revising NBSAPs, particularly in light of assessments of the status and trends of, and threats to biodiversity, as well as related developments at international level;
- (e) Suggested ways and means to further enhance implementation, including ways and means of overcoming obstacles.

In completing this section, Parties could focus on one or two key areas of NBSAP implementation and include any case studies or website linkages.

[Parties that have submitted a review of NBSAPs called for at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties may wish to simply update the information provided therein.]<sup>2/</sup>

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<sup>2/</sup> This is subject to guidance from the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.



Please answer the following standardized questions before moving on to narrative reporting, by ticking one or more of the multiple choice responses provided that best reflect national circumstances and/or implementation. If none of the responses provided fits national circumstances or a negative response is selected, Parties could provide further explanations in a box located at bottom of each question.

**Goal 1. Promote the conservation of the biological diversity of ecosystems, habitats and biomes**

<b>13.</b> Has your country established a system of protected areas of various types to protect areas of particular importance to biodiversity and contribute to the conservation of the world's ecological regions? (Targets 1.1 and 1.2)	
a) No	
b) Relevant plans or programmes are under development	
c) Yes, a system is in place but not adequate for conservation objectives	
d) Yes, an adequate system is in place	
Please provide further details below.	

**Goal 2. Promote the conservation of species diversity**

<b>14.</b> Has your country taken measures to restore, maintain or reduce the decline of populations of species of selected taxonomy groups? (Target 2.1)	
a) No	
b) Relevant measures are being developed	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place	
Please provide further details below.	

15. Has your country taken measures to improve the status of threatened species? (Target 2.2)	
(a) No	
(b) Some measures are being developed	
(c) Yes, some measures in place	
(d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place	
Please provide further details below.	

### Goal 3. Promote the conservation of genetic diversity

16. Has your country taken measures to conserve genetic diversity of crops, livestock, harvested species of trees, fish, wildlife and other valuable species, as well as maintain associated indigenous and local knowledge? (Target 3.1)	
a) No	
b) Relevant measures are being developed	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place	
Please provide further details below.	

### Goal 4. Promote sustainable use and consumption

17. Has your country taken any measures to ensure that biodiversity-related products are derived from sources that are sustainably managed and production areas are managed consistent with the conservation of biodiversity? (Target 4.1)	
a) No	
b) Relevant measures are being developed	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place	
Please provide further details below.	

**18.** Has your country taken measures to reduce unsustainable consumption of biological resources? (Target 4.2)

a) No	
b) Relevant measures under development	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place	
Please provide further details below.	

**19.** Has your country taken measures to avoid or minimize negative impacts of international trade on species of wild flora or fauna? (Target 4.3)

a) No	
b) Relevant measures are being considered	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place	
Please provide further details below.	

**Goal 5. Pressures from habitat loss, land use change and degradation, and unsustainable water use, reduced**

**20.** Has your country taken measures to decrease the rate of loss and degradation of natural habitats? (Target 5.1)

a) No	
b) Some measures are being considered	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place	
Please provide further details below.	

**Goal 6. Control threats from invasive alien species**

<b>21. Has your country taken measures to control pathways for major potential alien invasive species? (Target 6.1)</b>	
a) No	
b) Relevant measures are being developed	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place	
Please provide further details below.	

<b>22. Has your country put in place management plans for major alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species? (Target 6.2)</b>	
a) No	
b) Relevant plans under development	
c) Yes, relevant plans in place	
d) Yes, reports on implementation of relevant plans available	
Please provide further details below.	

**Goal 7. Address challenges to biodiversity from climate change, and pollution**

<b>23. Has your country taken measures to maintain and enhance resilience of the components of biodiversity to adapt to climate change? (Target 7.1)</b>	
a) No	
b) Relevant measures are being considered	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
Please provide further details below.	

<b>24. Has your country taken measures to reduce pollution and its impacts on biodiversity? (Target 7.2)</b>	
a) No	
b) Relevant measures are being developed	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place	
Please provide further details below.	

**Goal 8. Maintain capacity of ecosystems to deliver goods and services and support livelihoods**

<b>25. Has your country taken any measures to maintain capacity of ecosystems to deliver goods and services? (Target 8.1)</b>	
a) No	
b) Some measures are being considered	
c) Yes, some measures taken	
d) Yes, major measures taken	
Please provide further details below.	

<b>26. Has your country taken measures to maintain biological resources that support sustainable livelihoods, local food security and health care? (Target 8.2)</b>	
a) No	
b) Some measures are being developed	
c) Yes, some measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive measures in place	
Please provide further details below.	

**Goal 9. Maintain socio-cultural diversity of indigenous and local communities**

<b>27.</b> Has your country taken measures to protect traditional knowledge, innovations and practices, including the rights of indigenous and local communities over their traditional knowledge, innovations and practices and to benefit sharing? (Targets 9.1 and 9.2)	
a) No	
b) Not applicable	
c) Some measures are being developed	
d) Yes, some measures in place	
Please provide further details below.	

**Goal 10. Ensure the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of genetic resources**

<b>28.</b> Has your country developed any legislations or mechanisms or measures to ensure that all transfers of genetic resources are in line with the Convention on Biological Diversity, the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and other applicable agreements? (Target 10.1)	
a) No	
b) Relevant legislations, mechanisms or measures are being considered	
c) Yes, some legislations, mechanisms or measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive legislations, mechanisms or measures in place	
Please provide further details below.	

<b>29.</b> Has your country developed any mechanisms for sharing benefits arising from the commercial and other utilization of genetic resources with the countries providing such resources? (Target 10.2)	
a) No	
b) Some mechanisms are being developed	
c) Yes, some mechanisms in place	
Please provide further details below.	

**Goal 11. Parties have improved financial, human, scientific, technical and technological capacity to implement the Convention**

***The following two questions (nos. 30 and 31) are for DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.***

<b>30.</b> Has your country provided new and additional financial resources to developing countries to allow for the effective implementation of their commitments under the Convention? (Target 11.1)	
a) No	
b) Relevant budgets or programmes are being developed	
c) Yes, relevant programmes developed and implemented	
d) Yes, reports on implementation available	
Please provide further details below.	

<b>31.</b> Has your country developed any mechanisms or measures to transfer technology to developing countries to allow for the effective implementation of their commitments under the Convention? (Target 11.2)	
a) No	
b) Relevant mechanisms or measures are being developed	
c) Yes, some mechanisms or measures in place	
d) Yes, comprehensive mechanisms or measures in place	
Please provide further details below.	

## Narrative Reporting

Parties are invited to evaluate their achievements and report on progress towards the 2010 target, using a provisional framework for goals and targets, which is contained in annex II to decision VII/30. For each goal or target of the provisional framework, Parties are invited to:

(a) List, as appropriate, any relevant national targets established to achieve these goals and targets, and any indicators developed nationally to measure progress toward these goals and targets;

(b) Provide information on overall state of progress towards goals and targets, including any results from monitoring of national indicators (In completing this section, Parties should highlight which particular actions taken to implement the Convention have contributed to any success stories);

(c) Elaborate outcomes or impacts of actions or measures taken to achieve these goals and targets.

In completing this section, Parties are also encouraged to:

(a) Use indicators that are nationally relevant as well as those headline indicators adopted by the Conference of the Parties for measuring progress towards the 2010 target;

(b) Elaborate wherever relevant on national implementation of various programmes of work and cross-cutting issues adopted under the Convention.

Goal 1. Promote the conservation of the biological diversity of ecosystems, habitats and biomes

Goal 2. Promote the conservation of species diversity

Goal 3. Promote the conservation of genetic diversity

Goal 4. Promote sustainable use and consumption

Goal 5. Pressures from habitat loss, land use change and degradation, and unsustainable water use, reduced.

Goal 6. Control threats from invasive alien species

Goal 7. Address challenges to biodiversity from climate change, and pollution

Goal 8. Maintain capacity of ecosystems to deliver goods and services and support livelihoods

Goal 9. Maintain socio-cultural diversity of indigenous and local communities

Goal 10. Ensure the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of genetic resources

Goal 11. Parties have improved financial, human, scientific, technical and technological capacity to implement the Convention

### 3.2. Progress towards the Goals and Objectives of the Strategic Plan of the Convention

Please answer the following standardized questions before moving on to narrative reporting, by ticking one or more of the multiple choice responses provided that best reflect national circumstances and/or implementation. If none of the responses provided fits national circumstances or a negative response is selected, Parties could provide further explanations in a box located at bottom of each question.

#### Goal 1. The Convention is fulfilling its leadership role in international biodiversity issues

32. Is your country promoting the integration of biodiversity concerns into sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies at the regional and global levels? (Objective 1.5)	
a) No	
b) Relevant mechanisms are being considered	
c) Yes, in some sectors	
d) Yes, in major sectors	
Please provide further details below.	

33. Is your country promoting collaboration at the regional and subregional levels to implement the Convention? (Objective 1.6)	
a) No	
b) Relevant mechanisms are being developed	
c) Yes, some mechanisms established	
d) Yes, reports on such collaboration available	
Please provide further details below.	

**Goal 2. Parties have improved financial, human, scientific, technical, and technological capacity to implement the Convention**

<b>34. Is your country promoting scientific and technical cooperation to contribute to capacity building? (Objective 2.5)</b>	
a) No	
b) Relevant programmes under development	
c) Yes, in some areas	
d) Yes, in many areas	
Please provide further details below.	

***The following two questions (nos. 35 and 36) are for DEVELOPING COUNTRIES only.***

<b>35. Has your country provided sufficient resources to implement the three objectives of the Convention? (Objective 2.2)</b>	
a) No	
b) Relevant budgetary sources are being considered	
c) Yes, limited resources provided	
d) Yes, adequate resources provided	
Please provide further details below.	

<b>36. Has your country received resources from external sources to support the implementation of the Convention? (Objective 2.2)</b>	
a) No	
b) Yes, extremely limited resources received	
c) Yes, limited resources received	
d) Yes, adequate resources received	
Please provide further details below.	

**Goal 3. National biodiversity strategies and action plans and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors as an effective framework for the implementation of the objectives of the Convention. (See Questions 11 and 41)**

**Goal 4. There is a better understanding of the importance of biodiversity and of the Convention, and this has led to broader engagement across society in implementation.**

**37.** Is your country implementing a CEPA strategy and promoting public participation in support of the Convention? (Objective 4.1)

a) No	
b) Relevant strategy and programmes under development	
c) Yes, some programmes and activities being implemented	
d) Yes, comprehensive programmes and activities being implemented	
Please provide further details below.	

**38.** Has your country taken measures to effectively involve indigenous and local communities in the implementation of the Convention and in the processes of the Convention at national, regional and international levels? (Objective 4.3)

a) No	
b) Relevant mechanisms are being considered	
c) Yes, in some areas	
d) Yes, in most areas	
Please provide further details below.	

<b>39. Is your country engaging key actors and stakeholders in partnerships to implement the Convention?</b>	
a) No	
b) Relevant mechanisms are being developed	
c) Yes, to a limited extent	
d) Yes, to a significant extent	
Please provide further details below.	

### Narrative Reporting

The Strategic Plan of the Convention commits Parties to a more effective and coherent implementation of the three objectives of the Convention. In this section, Parties are invited to report on progress in meeting the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plans, by focusing on:

- (a) National targets established to achieve these goals and objectives, where appropriate;
- (b) Information on overall state of progress towards these goals and objectives;
- (c) Actions or measures taken to achieve these goals and objectives;
- (d) Outcomes or impacts of relevant actions or measures taken.

In completing this section, Parties are also encouraged to

- (a) Use indicators that are nationally relevant as well as those headline indicators adopted by the Conference of the Parties for measuring progress towards the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan of the Convention;
- (b) Elaborate wherever relevant on national implementation of various programmes of work and cross-cutting issues adopted under the Convention.

Goal 1. The Convention is fulfilling its leadership role in international biodiversity issues.

Goal 2. Parties have improved financial, human, scientific, technical, and technological capacity to implement the Convention.

Goal 3. National biodiversity strategies and action plans and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors as an effective framework for the implementation of the objectives of the Convention.

Goal 4. There is a better understanding of the importance of biodiversity and of the Convention, and this has led to broader engagement across society in implementation.

**Part IV. Sectoral and Cross-sectoral Integration or Mainstreaming of Biodiversity Considerations**

**Please answer the following standardized questions before moving on to narrative reporting, by ticking one or more of the multiple choice responses provided that best reflect national circumstances and/or implementation. If none of the responses provided fits national circumstances or a negative response is selected, Parties could provide further explanations in a box located at bottom of each question.**

<b>40. Has your country developed the guidelines for environmental impact assessment (EIA) and strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and applied them to plans, programmes and projects that have impacts on biodiversity?</b>	
a) No	
b) Relevant guidelines under development	
c) Yes, EIA guidelines developed and applied (please provide details)	
d) Yes, both EIA and SEA guidelines developed and applied	
Please provide further details below.	

<b>41. Has your country integrated biodiversity concerns into relevant national sectoral and cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies? (Objective 3.3 of the Strategic Plan)</b>	
a) No	
b) Integration under way	
c) Yes, into some sectors (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, into most sectors (please provide details below)	
Please list the main sectors into which biodiversity concerns have been integrated below.	

## **Narrative Reporting**

In addition to development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, sectoral and cross-sectoral integration of biodiversity considerations is crucial for implementing the Convention at various levels.

In this section, all Parties are requested to provide comments on to what extent biodiversity considerations have been mainstreamed into national development plans including poverty reduction strategies, and other related sectoral and cross-sectoral strategies, plans and programmes.

In addition to the above, developed country Parties are requested to provide in this section comments on to what extent biodiversity has been taken into account in programmes of overseas development assistance (ODA) including support for developing countries for mainstreaming biodiversity into national development plans including poverty reduction strategies, and other related sectoral and cross-sectoral strategies, plans and programmes.

*Appendix I*

**Reporting Party**

**Box II.**

Contracting Party	
<b>NATIONAL FOCAL POINT</b>	
Full name of the institution	
Name and title of contact officer	
Mailing address	
Telephone	
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E-mail	
<b>CONTACT OFFICER FOR NATIONAL REPORT (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)</b>	
Full name of the institution	
Name and title of contact officer	
Mailing address	
Telephone	
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E-mail	
<b>SUBMISSION</b>	
Signature of officer responsible for submitting national report	
Date of submission	

## Process of preparation of national report

### Box III.

It is recommended that in preparing their national reports, Parties involve a wide range of stakeholders in order to ensure a participatory and transparent approach to the reporting process. Please provide information on the process of preparing this report, including information on stakeholders involved and material used as a basis for the report.

## Further sources of information

### Box IV.

If Parties so wish, further sources of information about national implementation, such as website addresses, publications and databases may be provided in the box below.

## *Appendix II*

**List of Indicators Adopted by the Conference of the Parties for Measuring Progress Towards the 2010 Target and the Goals and Objectives of the Strategic Plan of the Convention (to be filled after COP 8)**

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