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## INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared pursuant to decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties, which requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a quarterly report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff list, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditure report. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.
2. Therefore, the Executive Secretary has prepared the 56<sup>th</sup> edition of the Quarterly Report which contains a summary of key activities in implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 January to 31 March 2012.

### I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

3. In January 2012, the Executive Secretary was in Montpellier, France to attend the Mediterranean Regional Workshop for Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: Coordinating Local and National Action in the Mediterranean Basin, where for the first time, local authorities and representatives of government met to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the Aichi Targets, in the Mediterranean region. The meeting was co-organized by the City of Montpellier, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability and the Japan Fund for Biodiversity. The results of the meeting will be submitted to the Second Summit on Cities and Biodiversity, to be held on 15-16 October 2012 in Hyderabad, India, prior to the ministerial segment of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.
4. In February, the Executive Secretary was in Nairobi to attend the UNEP Governing Council (GC) meeting. The meeting provided an opportunity to highlight the work of the Convention, in particular the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and how to present the biodiversity agenda at the RIO +20 Summit. In the margins of the Council meeting, meetings were held with relevant partner organizations and bodies, as well as participation in various events relevant to the work of the CBD. Bilateral meetings were also held with UNEP and UNON senior officials, as well as participation in the UNEP Executive Management Retreat.
5. Also in February, the Executive Secretary was in Tokyo to participate and deliver opening remarks in the second Science Workshop on Assessment and the IPBES. Meetings were held with UNU senior officials to discuss ways to further enhance collaboration. While in Tokyo, meetings were also held with senior government officials from the Ministries of the Environment, Foreign Affairs and the Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. It also provided an opportunity to meet with the COP-MOP and COP Bureaux Presidencies. In his meetings with the Japanese officials, issues discussed included: Japan Biodiversity Fund, Nagoya Protocol, resource mobilization, Rio +20 and the Biodiversity meetings in Hyderabad, to name a few. Bilateral meetings were also held with officials from AEON Japan and representatives of the Japanese NGOs. Following his meeting with the Japanese Environment Minister, the Executive Secretary took part in a press briefing held in Tokyo: on COP11 and Japan's role, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity, including Aichi Targets and the Nagoya Protocol.
6. On 16-17 February, a meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau was convened in Montreal. The Bureau members discussed pre-session documents for the SBSTTA 16 meeting, as well as other preparatory work needed for SBSTTA 16.

7. On 1 March, a meeting of the ICNP Bureau was convened via teleconference. The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss preparations for the second meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol. The Executive Secretary had an opportunity to meet the ICNP Co-Chairs, as they took part in the meeting in person.
8. A global dialogue seminar on scaling up finance for biodiversity was convened by the Secretariat on 6-9 March 2012 in Ecuador, in collaboration with the Governments of Ecuador, India, Japan, and Norway. The dialogue seminar allowed participants to explore opportunities related to an increase in the scale of finance, to build better understanding of the issues, and clarify areas of convergence and divergence. It also aimed to facilitate the elaboration by the Conference of the Parties of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization, thereby facilitate implementation of the Strategic Plan and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
9. On 12-14 March, an Informal Workshop on National Experiences in implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, co-hosted by the Governments of Brazil and the United Kingdom, was held in Brasilia, Brazil. The meeting was convened pursuant to decision X/2, in which countries are urged to update their national strategies and action plans in line with the new Strategic Plan, and to set national targets in line with the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and report on progress to COP-11. Participants shared examples and experiences in their efforts to meet these challenges, and thereby help them prepare for the discussion of this issue at the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention.
10. The Executive Secretary was also in New York during the last week of March to attend the Third Intersessional Meeting of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. While in New York, meetings were held with senior UN officials, and representatives of governments and organizations also taking part in the intersessional meeting.
11. During the first quarter of 2012, the Secretariat also organized the following meetings: Informal Expert Meeting on the Impacts of Climate-related Geo-engineering on Biological Diversity (5-7 January 2012; Newport Pagnell, UK); Mediterranean Regional Workshop for Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: Coordinating Local and National Action in the Mediterranean Basin (17-19 January 2012; Montpellier, France); Sub-Regional Workshop for Central, South and East Africa on Capacity-building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas (30 January-3 February 2012; Cape Town, South Africa); Capacity-building Workshop for North Africa and the Middle East on The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) (21-23 February 2012; Beirut, Lebanon); Expert Meeting on cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing and to address cases of non-compliance (28 February – 1 March 2012; Montreal, Canada); Wider Caribbean and Western Mid-Atlantic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) (28 February – 2 March 2012; Recife, Brazil); Sub-regional Workshop for Latin America on Capacity-Building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas (12-16 March 2012; Bogota, Colombia); Third meeting on the implementation of the Plan of Action on Sub-National Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (22-23 March 2012; Nagoya, Japan); and the Fifth meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (25 March 2012; Dublin, Ireland).

12. The Secretariat also organized a number of biosafety-related meetings namely: Meeting of the Sub-working Groups of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management (16-17 February 2012; Montreal, Canada); Eighth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing and/or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities (12-14 March 2012; Prague, Czech Republic); Ninth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety (15-16 March 2012; Prague, Czech Republic); and the Seventh meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Biosafety Clearing- (28-30 March 2012; Montreal, Canada).

13. The Secretariat also organized regional workshops on Updating NBSAPs including: Sub-regional Workshop for Southern Africa on the integration of responses to the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation into NBSAPs (13-16 February 2012; Johannesburg, South Africa); Regional Workshop for Africa on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (27 February-1 March 2012; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia); and Southeast Asia Capacity-building Workshop on Indicators as part of updating NBSAP (24-28 March 2012; Tam Dao, Viet Nam).

## **MEMORANDA OF COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING**

Tehran Process Secretariat for Low Forest Cover Countries

14. The objective of the agreement is to facilitate the implementation of activities linked to the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity in low forest cover countries, and the CBD programme of work on forest biodiversity in the context of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA)

15. On 19 January, the WIOMSA became the newest member of the Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity. WIOMSA's work in promoting the educational, scientific and development of all aspects of marine sciences throughout the Western Indian Ocean region will be beneficial to the CSP for the successful implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC)

16. A joint work programme agreement with UNEP-WCMC was signed on 20 February, which sets out a programme of work between COP 10 and COP 11 that identifies areas in which UNEP-WCMC, through its technical and capacity-building expertise, will endeavour to support the Secretariat and Parties in the implementation of the Convention and the decisions of COP10. The focus of this programme of work is to support implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets.

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

### **A. Personnel Arrangements**

17. During the period January - March 2012, there were 27 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved under the Convention. There were 5 vacant posts. Additionally, 5 professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

18. Under the Convention, there were 24 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget. There were 3 vacant posts. Additionally, 15 staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.
19. During the period under review for the Biosafety Protocol, there were 8 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved by the COP/MOP. There were 4 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget, and 1 vacant post.
20. In addition to posts funded under the core budgets of the Convention and the Biosafety Protocol, there were a total of 14 professionals and 3 general services staff that were seconded or appointed through voluntary funds during the period under review.
21. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annex I Appendix 1, and Annex II respectively).

## B. Financial Arrangements

22. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 March 2012, of the total pledged contributions of US\$12,049,392 for 2012 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$6,695,774 of which US\$1,860,108 were 2012 and future years pledges paid in 2011, and US\$4,835,666 were pledges paid in 2012 for 2012 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.
23. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 March 2012, the total pledged for 2012 amounts to US\$49,721,409 of which US\$49,159,849 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2012 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$2,077,523. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.
24. As at 31 March 2012, US\$398,097 has been pledged in 2012 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). To date, US\$130,000 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2012 and prior years, to the BZ Trust Fund, amount to US\$557,919. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.
25. As at 31 March 2012, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,516,115 for 2012 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$1,406,387, of which US\$572,765 were 2012 and future years pledges paid in 2011 and US\$833,622 has been received in 2012 for 2012 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.
26. As at 31 March 2012, no Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**). Total unpaid pledges for prior years, to the BH Trust Fund, amounts to US\$155,010. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.
27. 11. As at 31 March 2012, no Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on

Biosafety, (**BI Trust Fund**). Total unpaid pledges for prior years, to the BI Trust Fund, amounts to US\$31,620. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

28. 12. As at 31 March 2012, no pledges have been received for the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (**VB Trust Fund**) in 2012.

## II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

### SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS

#### Decisions VI/22, IX/5, X/33 (REDD+) and X/36: Forest Biodiversity

29. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:
- (a) Prepared the following pre-session documents for consideration of participants in the sixteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, with both documents available at <http://www.cbd.int/sbstta16/documents>:
    - i. Advice on the Application of Relevant REDD+ Safeguards for Biodiversity, and on Possible Indicators and Potential Mechanisms to Assess Impacts of REDD+ Measures on Biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/8); and
    - ii. Reports on Collaborative Work on Biodiversity and Agriculture, Forests, and Biodiversity and Health (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/16);
  - (b) Prepared the following information documents for consideration of SBSTTA 16 participants (<http://www.cbd.int/sbstta-16/documents>):
    - i. Submissions from Parties on REDD+ Safeguards and Assessment of Impacts on Biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/19);
    - ii. Submission by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/20);
    - iii. Analysis of Possible Indicators to Measure Impacts of REDD+ on Biodiversity and on Indigenous and Local Communities (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/21);
    - iv. A Framework for Integrating Biodiversity Concerns into National REDD+ Programmes (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/22);
    - v. Assessing REDD+ Performance of Countries with Low Monitoring Capacities: The Matrix Approach (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/23);
    - vi. A Review of Three REDD+ Safeguard Initiatives (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/24); and
    - vii. A Background Report on Improving Forest Biodiversity Monitoring and Reporting (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/25);
  - (c) Organized a short-term staff exchange with the UN REDD Programme Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland, from 20 to 24 February 2012;
  - (d) Participated in the UN-REDD Programme Policy Board meeting, held in Asuncion, Paraguay on 25-26 March 2012;
  - (e) Gave a presentation on the progress made so far by the Secretariat on developing draft advice on relevant biodiversity safeguards and on identifying possible indicators and mechanisms to assess



impacts on biodiversity, based on document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/8 at the joint UN-REDD Programme and Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Day, held in Asuncion Paraguay on 27 March 2012;

- (f) Participated in the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Participants Committee meeting, held in Asuncion, Paraguay on 28 March 2012;
- (g) Submitted a draft chapter entitled “Trends and implications of new and emerging forest-related financing initiatives relating to the Rio Conventions” to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests’ Advisory Group on Finance in support of UNFF-10; and
- (h) Published the eighteenth issue of the REDD+ and Biodiversity e-Newsletter, available at <http://www.cbd.int/forest/newsletters/redd-18.htm>.

#### **Decisions IX/4 and X/38: Invasive Alien Species**

30. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

(a) Prepared an information document for SBSTTA16 on “Progress report on capacity-building activities for the global taxonomy initiative and invasive alien species” (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/31) to share the information on the capacity needs identified at the workshops organized in 2012 to address invasive alien species;

(b) Prepared a draft document “Guidance for Parties on Development of National Invasive Species Strategies and Action Plans” to present at the Expert Kiosk at SBSTTA16 and to share on the IAS web site by Parties, other Governments and observers; and

(c) Conducted a survey on information needs and capacity among the information service providers on invasive alien species to follow up the “Joint Work Programme to Strengthen Information Services on Invasive Alien Species as a Contribution towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 9” (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/INF/14).

#### **Decisions IX/18 and X/31: Protected Areas**

31. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

(a) Prepared and organized the Sub-Regional Workshop for Central, South and East Africa on Capacity Building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, on 30 January – 3 February 2012 in Cape Town, South Africa. 59 participants including government delegates from 31 countries plus the European Union, and four representatives from Indigenous and Local Communities attended the workshop. Draft action plans for implementing the PoWPA were received from 14 countries;

(b) Prepared and organized the Sub-Regional Workshop for the Latin America on Capacity Building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, on 12-16 March 2012 in Bogota, Colombia. 43 participants including government delegates from 22 countries plus the European Union, and two representatives from Indigenous and Local Communities attended the workshop. Draft action plans for implementing the PoWPA were received from 19 countries;

(c) Prepared and organized the Sub-Regional Workshop for the Caribbean region on Capacity Building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, on 1-5 April 2012 in Barbados. 23 participants including government delegates from 10 countries plus the European Union attended the workshop. Draft action plans for implementing the PoWPA were received from 9 countries;

(d) Based upon information contained in UNDP/GEF early action grant project documents, NBSAP documents, GEF 4 project applications, Gap analysis assessments, Reporting frameworks submitted in 2009 PoWPA workshop, and some publicly available information, prepared background documents for all participating countries in the above three workshops for enabling them to develop action plans for PoWPA and target 11 as required in paragraph 1 (a) of decision X/31; and

(e) Conducted an online course on Climate Change using the e-modules prior to each regional workshop.

32. These workshops resulted in a number of tangible outcomes. They helped:

(a) to facilitate national dialogues about the obstacles to, and capacity needs for, PoWPA implementation and for achieving Target 11 of the Strategic Plan;

(b) countries to identify their national targets for Target 11 taking into account ecological gap analysis and conservation planning studies (details given below);

(c) to catalyze the development and consolidation of an array of learning tools and materials, including country-specific case studies including successful governance in their national protected areas;

(d) countries to develop draft action plans for implementing the PoWPA and for achieving Target 11, which further contribute to revising NBSAPs;

(e) countries to respond to the notification issued by the Secretariat in January 2012 that requested formal submission of Action Plans for implementation of the PoWPA. 12 countries have formally submitted their Action Plans;

(f) to identify three to four of the most important strategies for improving climate resilience through site-level planning and specific actions at least one strategy for protected area site level climate adaptation planning;

(g) to identify two important elements of biodiversity to mainstream into sectoral plans and policies and providing rationale for integration and mainstreaming of protected areas;

(h) to create heightened awareness about funding opportunities under GEF 5 both in STAR and in enabling activities and opportunities in implementing the protected area projects accessed under GEF 4; and

(i) to provide a forum for region-wide discussions on co-operation and future collaboration through enabling technical support networks for facilitating implementation (e.g. SPREP in Pacific, REDPARQUES in Latin America, IUCN Africa Eastern and Southern Africa regional office and Central Africa regional office).

### **Decisions IX/22 and X/39: Global Taxonomy Initiative**

33. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

(a) Revised the "Draft Comprehensive Capacity-building Strategy for the Global Taxonomy Initiative" to be reviewed and finalized at SBSTTA16;

(b) Prepared an information document for SBSTTA16 "Progress report on capacity-building activities for the global taxonomy initiative and invasive alien species " (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/31) based on

the outcomes of two workshops organized by the Secretariat in 2011 and information submitted by the East and South East Biodiversity Information Initiative (ESABII);

(c) Prepared and distributed information document for SBSTTA16 "Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on access and benefit-sharing and the global taxonomy initiative" (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/37) based on the submission from the GTI Coordination Mechanism; and

(d) Prepared for an Expert Kiosk at SBSTTA16 which will focus on the taxonomic information services and resources that are available for Parties to primarily support achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 (invasive alien species) and Target 19 (science base).

#### **Decision X/4: Global Biodiversity Outlook**

34. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

(a) Prepared a document on Considerations for the for the preparation of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-4) for SBSTTA-16 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/3), as well as information documents on the evaluation of GBO-3 and a draft communication strategy for GBO-4;

(b) Liaised with potential donors for GBO-4;

(c) Held discussions with potential contributors to the work on scenarios for GBO-4; and

(d) Started preparations for a web page on GBO-4.

#### **Decision X/7: Examination of the outcome-oriented goals and targets (and associated indicators) and consideration of their possible adjustment for the period beyond 2012**

35. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

(a) Participated in an expert workshop on identifying Essential Biodiversity Variables convened by the Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO BON) and hosted by the European Space Agency (Frascati, Italy, 27-29 February 2012);

(b) Participated in the Southeast Asia Capacity Building Workshop on Indicators as part of NBSAP updating convened by UNEP-WCMC (Tam Dao, Vietnam, 24-28 March); and

(c) Liaised with UNEP-WCMC on updating technical information on indicators and linking this to the indicators database on the CBD website.

#### **Decision X/9: The multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties for the period 2011-2020 and periodicity of meetings: (a) item ix (ecosystem restoration)**

36. In response to this request, the Secretariat:

(a) Secured funding from the European Union to undertake intersessional activities leading to COP 11, as a follow up to paragraph 2 of SBSTTA recommendation XV/2;

(b) Commissioned the Society for Ecological restoration (SER) to compile information on practical guidance for the restoration of specific landscapes and consolidate it for various end users, together with information on all relevant tools and technologies and the most used definitions/descriptions, in collaboration with other partners;

(c) Participated in the SER reference group discussions in preparing these documents;

(d) Participated in a meeting of the Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration, held in New Haven, Connecticut on 26 January 2012; and

(e) Participated in the Yale Chapter of the International Society of Tropical Foresters 18th Annual Conference on Strategies for Landscape-Scale Restoration in the Tropics, held in New Haven, Connecticut on 26-28 January 2012.

**Decision X/11: Science-policy interface on biodiversity, ecosystem services and human well-being and consideration of the outcome of the intergovernmental meetings**

37. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

(a) Participated in the IPBES workshop on considering further the intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services knowledge-generation function organized by USGS and ICSU (Annapolis, MD., USA, 31 January- 2 February 2012);

(b) Made opening remarks at the second scientific workshop on Intergovernmental Science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Assessment (Tokyo, Japan, 27-29 February 2012); and

(c) Prepared a document on the linkages between SBSTTA and IPBES for SBSTTA-16 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/2).

**Decision X/13: New and emerging issues**

38. In response to this decision, the Secretariat prepared a document on New and Emerging Issues Relating to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity for consideration by SBSTTA-16 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/13).

**Decision X/17: Global Strategy for Plant Conservation**

39. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

(a) Prepared a document on progress in implementing decision X/17 for SBSTTA-16 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/11);

(b) Organized a sub-regional workshop for Southern Africa on the integration of responses to the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation into NBSAPs (Johannesburg, South Africa 13 - 16 February 2012);

(c) Liaised with Botanic Gardens Conservation International on the completion of the GSPC toolkit and its availability in the official languages of the UN;

(d) Organized monthly teleconferences with the Chair and Secretariat of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation;

(e) Liaised with the Global Partnership on Plant Conservation on documentation on capacity-building events in support of the GSPC; and

(f) Liaised with a number of partners on the preparation of GSPC side events at SBSTTA-16.

**Decision X/20: Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and initiatives**

40. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

(a) Accepted an invitation to be a representative on the International Steering Committee for the Eco-Health Biennial Conference, to be held in China in October 2012;

(b) Held a series of liaison teleconferences with various international organizations including the WHO, DIVERSITAS, the International Association for Ecology and Health and Eco-Health Alliance with regards to new potential activities and preparations for SBSTTA-16 and COP-11;

(c) Co-authored an article on “The relationship between water, health and global environmental change, as interpreted through five key Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)”

(<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cosust.2011.10.001>) in Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability (COSUST);

(d) Coordinated a series of liaison meetings and gave presentations to Parks Victoria (State Government of Victoria, Australia) on relevant health and biodiversity activities undertaken as part of the secondment during 2011 and proposed activities for 2012;

(e) Presented on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets as part of a session on Emerging Infectious Diseases at the Planet under Pressure conference, London on 26 March 2012; and

(f) Prepared and organized the first joint workshop between WHO and CBD on the Inter-linkages between Biodiversity and Health at WHO HQ, Geneva.

**Decisions X/28: Inland waters biodiversity**

41. In response to this decision, and SBSTTA recommendation XV/5, the Secretariat continued to coordinate the expert group on the role of biodiversity in sustaining the water cycle (paragraph 39), including organising the drafting of further chapters on forests, agro-ecosystems and integrating natural infrastructure into engineered approaches to water management.

**Decision X/29: Marine and coastal biodiversity**

42. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

(a) Further refined, through the assistance of IT colleagues and consultant team, a prototype repository and information sharing mechanism, for scientific and technical information and experience related to the application of the scientific criteria on the identification of EBSAs in annex I of decision IX/20 (paragraph 39, decision X/29) and encoded scientific information on areas meeting EBSAs criteria in the North-East Atlantic region in collaboration with the OSPAR Secretariat as an example;

(b) Issued notification (Ref. No. 2012-001, on 3 January 2012) on submitting scientific information for the Wider Caribbean and Western Mid-Atlantic Regional Workshop on Describing Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (28 February – 2 March, 2012, Recife, Brazil);

(c) Finalised the selection of experts, venue preparation, background document preparation, invitation of selected experts and travel arrangements of funded participants for the Wider Caribbean and Western Mid-Atlantic Regional Workshop on Describing Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (28 February – 2 March, 2012, Recife, Brazil), in collaboration with UNEP/CEP and Brazil (hosting country) as well as regional/international scientific partners;

(d) Organised, serviced and prepared a report of the Wider Caribbean and Western Mid-Atlantic Regional Workshop on Describing Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (28 February – 2 March, 2012, Recife, Brazil)

(e) Prepared the outline of, provided technical guidance on, reviewed/refined the draft of the booklet on the International Day of Biological Diversity on the theme of marine and coastal biodiversity, in collaboration with communication office and a consultant;

(f) Coordinated with various Parties and partners the convening of the EBSA regional workshops in the following regions: (i) Indian Ocean region (Mauritius, 30 July – 3 August, 2012, in collaboration with FAO); (ii) Eastern Tropical and Temperate Pacific region (Galapagos, Ecuador, 27 – 31 August 2012, in collaboration with CPPS); (iii) North Pacific region (Russia, TBD 2012); and (iv) South-east Atlantic region (TBD, 2013);

(g) Organised a joint side event with IUCN and other partners at the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of

marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (the “Working Group”) (New York, from 7 to 11 May 2012); and

(h) Initiated the organisation of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative High-level Meeting (5 June, Yeosu, R.O. Korea) in partnership with the third edition of the Monaco Blue Initiative (4 June, Yeosu, R.O. Korea).

43. In preparation for the SBSTTA 16, the Secretariat:

(a) Prepared, finalised and uploaded five official documents (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/5, 5/Add.1, 6, and 7) and fourteen information documents (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/INF/5 to 18) for SBSTTA 16;

(b) Coordinated the convening of side events with various partners on : (i) EBSA, (ii) addressing biodiversity concerns in sustainable fishery, (iii) the impacts of underwater noise on marine biodiversity, (iv) Sustainable Ocean Initiative, (v) marine spatial planning, (vi) marine debris, and (vii) marine protected areas; and

(c) Organised: (i) Briefing on a series of regional workshops on describing ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) (29 April 2012), and (ii) EBSA presentation by workshop co-chairs at the Working Group on the results of EBSA regional workshops (scheduled for 1 May, at the beginning of agenda item 6.1).

#### **Decision X/32: Sustainable Use**

44. In response to this decision, and SBSTTA recommendation XV/6, the Secretariat issued notification 2012-009 soliciting expressions of interest for participating in a collaborative partnership on sustainable wildlife management. The notification is available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2012/ntf-2012-009-forest-en.pdf>.

#### **Decision X/33: Biodiversity and Climate Change**

45. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

(a) Liaised with partners to plan the pilot partnership on activities to promote synergies among the Rio Conventions at the national level, and followed up with interested countries;

(b) Submitted for a second round of peer-review the draft study on the impacts of climate-related geoengineering on biodiversity and the draft study on the regulatory framework of climate-related geoengineering relevant to the Convention on Biological Diversity;

(c) Collaborated with UNESCO to launch an online discussion on the Climate Frontlines Forum to collect views and experiences of indigenous and local communities and stakeholders on the impacts of climate-related geoengineering on biodiversity and associated social and cultural considerations;

(d) Revised the draft studies on geoengineering taking into account the comments and finalized and posted the related SBSTTA-16 documents: UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/10, UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/28, UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/29, and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/30.

(e) Finalized and posted document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/9: Proposals on the integration of biodiversity considerations into climate change-related activities, including addressing gaps in knowledge and information;

(f) Prepared documents UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/4: Integration of climate change impacts and response activities within the programme of work on island biodiversity; UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/26: Biodiversity and climate change: examples of bioclimatic models; UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/27: Summary report on the Rio Conventions Pavilion;

(g) Continued preparations for the Rio Conventions Pavilion at Rio+20;

(h) Organized a teleconference with focal points in the secretariats of the UNFCCC and UNCCD to plan for the next meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions (JLG) and other events to be held at Rio+20;

(i) Prepared JLG publications on gender in the Rio Conventions and ecosystem based approaches to adaptation;

(j) Began discussions with the UNFCCC secretariat on the CBD contribution to the UNFCCC workshop on ecosystem based approaches to adaptation; and

(k) Completed the beta version of a limited geographic information tool to allow Parties and partners to upload their own geo-referenced biodiversity data to be overlaid with carbon data.

#### **Decision X/34: Agricultural biodiversity**

46. In response to this decision the Secretariat prepared a progress report on collaborative work on biodiversity and agriculture for the sixteenth meeting of SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/16) and a supporting information document on the same topic (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/33).

47. The Secretariat is currently a contributing author to the preparation of an FAO Source book on transitioning to Climate Smart Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

#### **Decision X/35: Biodiversity of Dry and Sub-humid Lands**

48. In response to this decision the Secretariat:

(a) Continued preparations for the Rio Conventions Pavilion at Rio+20;

(b) Organized a teleconference with focal points in the secretariats of UNFCCC and UNCCD to plan for the next meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions (JLG) and other events to be held at Rio+20;

(c) Prepared joint JLG publications on gender in the Rio Conventions and ecosystem based approaches to adaptation;

(d) Drafted a first version of a joint Rio Conventions statement for Rio+20 for the consideration of the UNCCD secretariat in their capacity as chair of the JLG; and

(e) Planned contributions to a joint IUCN-UNCCD publication on drylands biodiversity.

#### **Decision X/37: Biofuels and biodiversity**

49. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

(a) Incorporated peer review comments and finished the pre-session document on Biofuels for STTA-16 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/14) and finished and posted the supporting information document (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/INF/32); and

(b) Further upgraded the Biofuels website <http://www.cbd.int/agro/biofuels/> by incorporating further information received.

### **ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING**

#### **Decision X/1: Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization**

50. During this period, the Secretariat continued preparations for the second meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol which was re-scheduled to 2-6 July 2012 in

Delhi, India. The Secretariat continued the preparation of pre-session documents and finalised the following documents:

- Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Conference of the Parties Serving As the Meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol
- Elaboration of a Draft Provisional Agenda for the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties Serving As the Meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol
- Synthesis of Views With Respect to the Need For and Modalities of A Global Multilateral Benefit-Sharing Mechanism (Article 10)
- Measures to Raise Awareness of the Importance of the Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge, and Related Access and Benefit-Sharing Issues

51. On 1 March 2012, the Secretariat organized a teleconference with the members of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee to discuss the preparations for the second meeting of the Committee.

52. As per the recommendations from the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee, an Expert Meeting on cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Protocol and to address cases of non-compliance was held in Montreal from 28 February to 1 March 2012. The second meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee is to consider the report of the expert meeting.

53. The Secretariat attended the 20th session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore held in Geneva from 14 to 22 February 2012 and organised a side-event on the Nagoya Protocol.

54. The Secretariat participated in the International Symposium on Domestic Measures to Implement the Obligations under the Nagoya Protocol held in Tokyo from 8-9 March 2012 and delivered a keynote presentation providing an overview of developments since COP 10 to support the early entry into force of the Protocol as well as developments under the Intergovernmental Committee.

55. As part of the Secretariat's efforts to raise awareness of the Nagoya Protocol and through the GEF-Medium-sized project to support the early ratification and entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol, during this period the Secretariat has carried-out the following briefings:

- Briefing on the Nagoya Protocol during the 20th annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum held from 10 – 13 January 2012 in Tokyo, Japan;
- Briefing on the Nagoya Protocol at the ABS Capacity Development Initiative 6th Pan-African ABS workshop held from 1 – 5 February 2012 in Limbe, Cameroon; and
- Briefing on the Nagoya Protocol during Inter-Parliamentary Union 126th Assembly held from 31 March – 5 April in Kampala, Uganda.

56. During this period, the Secretariat also participated in the meeting of the Steering Committee of the ABS Capacity-development Initiative, held in Limbe on 4-5 February 2012 and in the Steering Committee of the GEF regional project on "Strengthening the Implementation of Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing Regimes in Latin America and the Caribbean" held on 26 March 2012 by teleconference.

57. The Senior Legal Officer attended the 126th meeting of the IPU Assembly in Kampala to raise awareness amongst Parliamentarians about the Nagoya Protocol and the need for early ratification. The meeting opened the evening of Saturday 31 March and closed on 5 April, he however needed to leave already on the evening of 4 April because flights the next day were sold out.



**SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS**

**Decision X/44: Incentive measures**

58. In the period under the review, the Secretariat convened and serviced the Capacity-building Workshop for North Africa and the Middle East on The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB), held from 21 to 23 February 2012 in Beirut, Lebanon. With funding provided by the Governments of Japan, Norway and Sweden, the workshop was organized together with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) through its Regional Office for West Asia (ROWA), and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (ESCWA), in close coordination with the UNEP TEEB Office, the League of Arab States, and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and in cooperation with the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ).

59. The Secretariat also convened and serviced the Regional Workshop for Africa on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, held from 27 February to 1 March 2012 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The second half of this workshop focused on the economics of ecosystems and biodiversity as a mainstreaming tool, and in particular on the implementation of Aichi targets 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

60. The Secretariat initiated preparations for the Sub-regional Workshop on Valuation and Incentive Measures for South America, to be held 15 - 17 May 2012 in Santiago, Chile, and for the Sub-regional Workshop on Valuation and Incentive Measures for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, to be held 29 - 31 May 2012 in Tbilisi, Georgia.

61. The Secretariat attended the second meeting of the partnership on Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES), and informed participants on recent progress in developing a framework for monitoring progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan for biodiversity 2011-2020. Organized by the World Bank, the meeting convened 2 – 4 April 2012 in Washington, D.C., United States of America. The meeting reviewed conceptual progress on environmental and ecosystem accounting, and the state of planning in WAVES partnership pilot countries.

**Decision X/16: Technology Transfer and Cooperation**

62. Further to paragraph 2 (a) of decision X/16, the Secretariat finalized the first draft of an analysis of activities currently being undertaken that support, facilitate, regulate or promote technology transfer and scientific and technological cooperation of relevance to the Convention, including the identification of gaps in existing work as well as opportunities to fill these gaps and/or promote synergies, with a view to facilitate the further consideration of the establishment of a Biodiversity Technology Initiative. The first draft of this analysis was submitted to peer review and is currently being finalized.

**Decision IX/28 and Decision X/22: Promoting engagement of cities and local authorities**

*Sub-national implementation of the CBD (Sub-national Governments, Cities and other Local Authorities)*

63. As part of the Secretariat's NBSAP capacity building workshop series, financed by the Government of Japan, and given the need to harmonize national biodiversity plans and strategies with their regional and/or local correspondents, the Secretariat of the CBD, the city of Montpellier (member of the CBD's Advisory Committee on Cities as part of the Global Partnership on Sub-national and Local Action on Biodiversity) and ICLEI hosted the Mediterranean Basin Regional Workshop for Biodiversity Strategies

and Action Plans: Coordinating Local and National Action on January 17 - 19, 2012, at the invitation of Mayor Helene Mandroux. The Mediterranean was chosen as a region that already counted on several regional agreements (Barcelona Convention, Regional Seas Programme, Mediterranean Action Plan, etc.) and had a tradition of cooperation around the basin. This pioneering approach enhances the complementary roles of national, sub-national and local strategies and action plans in implementing the Convention, and complements previous NBSAP workshops in the region (the North African and Middle East workshop in Beirut, Lebanon, from 2 to 7 May 2011, and the European workshop in Vilm, Germany, from 15 to 19 April 2011).

64. National, sub-national and local delegates from 15 Parties (including 4 mayors and top city executives) attended, as well as IUCN, the Network of Regional Government for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD), the Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe (NALAS), Agropolis International, and Naturparif. The main objective of the meeting was the establishment of a Mediterranean network of cities and local authorities engaged in biodiversity management, to support the national level implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, named MEDIVERCITIES. The network will build on existing mechanisms, initiatives, processes and networks in the Mediterranean area. For the first day of the workshop, national and local government delegates met separately, and subsequently all delegates participated in a joint workshop in which approaches to collaboration were explored. Local government representatives attended an additional fourth day (20 January), during which participants agreed on elements for a future network of Mediterranean cities and local authorities for biodiversity. Participants identified main issues of their local authority/organization in terms of biodiversity protection in three clusters: the Western Balkans and Adriatic Sea, Western Europe and the Southern Mediterranean. Based on the results of the exercise, participants were asked to define challenges, offers, and requests as a basis for future collaboration. The first meeting of MEDIVERCITIES is envisioned to take place in November 2012.

65. Another member of the Advisory Committee on Cities, the City of Nagoya hosted the Third meeting on the Implementation of the Plan of Action on Sub-National Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity 2011-2020, co-organized with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and ICLEI, on March 22 and 23, 2012, to better define concrete actions to be taken by local governments in response to the Plan adopted through decision X/22, prepare for the upcoming summit for local and sub-national governments to be held in parallel with the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties and raise awareness about The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) study and the potential of ecosystem valuation as a tool to mainstream biodiversity. The meeting was attended by 47 participants from 14 cities, 3 sub-national governments and 8 countries, as well as a number of organizations and institutions, both international and from Japan. A presentation on Nagoya's contribution to the organization of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the City Biodiversity Summit 2010 was followed by information about the initiative of the Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism to develop and test indicators, based on the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity, for measurement and monitoring of biodiversity by Japanese local governments. Subsequently, ICLEI's South Asia Secretariat compiled comments on the proposed Cities for Life summit parallel to COP 11, and the Secretariat moderated a discussion on the valuation of ecosystem goods and services as a tool to mainstream biodiversity into decision-making by local governments. The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) study was provided as an example of awareness-raising in this regard, and the "TEEB Manual for Cities" was described as a start-out guideline for how cities can begin to place a value on nature. In the breakout groups later on, the potential of TEEB as a project focus for local governments was discussed.

66. Membership of the CBD Advisory Committee of Cities, currently consisting of Bonn, Curitiba, Hyderabad, Nagoya, Montreal, Montpellier, Mexico and Singapore, was expanded to include

eThekwini/Durban (South Africa), and participants agreed to identify additional representatives in the Caribbean, Pacific and Eastern Europe. A coordinated response to the Plan of Action by the main four players (cities, sub-national governments, academia and international organizations) was discussed, as well as the possibility of a complementary decision by the Parties at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. A ceremony was held to transmit the gavel used at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the City of Nagoya, through Mayor Kawamura - it will be displayed permanently at the convention centre where the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties took place.

### **Decision IX/13: Article 8(j) and Related Provisions**

#### *Participation*

67. The Secretariat facilitated the participation of representatives of ILCs in sub-regional NB-SAPs workshops, as well as Protected Areas workshops, held during this period. The 8(j) team also prepared a 2012 Calendar for sub-regional workshops for indigenous and local communities' representatives with the financial support of the Governments of Spain and Japan. The Secretariat facilitated the participation of representatives of ILCs in the "Expert Meeting on Cooperative Procedures and Institutional Mechanisms to Promote Compliance with the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing and to address cases of non-compliance" held 28 February - 1 March 2012, in Montreal, Canada. The Secretariat also completed the selection of ILCs to be funded by the VF for ILCVs to SBSTTA 16 and WGRI 4 (Decision IX/13).

#### *Capacity Building*

68. The 8(j) team also prepared and facilitated, together with the ABS team, the capacity building workshop on the Nagoya Protocol to be held on 2 – 4 May and 30th 2012, on the margins of the eleventh session of the UNPFII.

#### *Publications*

69. The Secretariat finalised the publication of the Tkaríhwaí:ri1 Code of Ethical Conduct on Respect for the Cultural and Intellectual Heritage of Indigenous and Local Communities Relevant for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity for distribution at significant events in 2012, including the UNPFII, SBSTTA 16 and WGRI 4 as well as INCP 2 and COP 11. .

70. The Secretariat also finalised a publication of the revised programme of work of Article 8(j) and related provisions English, French and Spanish.

#### *Other Activities*

71. The Secretariat in partnership with UNESCO organized an Online Discussion Forum on "The Possible Impacts of Geo-Engineering Techniques on Biodiversity and Associated Social, Economic and Cultural Considerations for Indigenous and Local Communities"; through the Climate Frontlines Online Forum. 2 February - 2 March 2012 (Decision X/33, Biodiversity and Climate Change). The resulting report was submitted as an information document to SBSTTA 16.

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<sup>1</sup> Pronounced {Tga-ree-wa-yie-ree}, a Mohawk term meaning "the proper way".

## OUTREACH AND MAJOR GROUPS

### **Decision X/18: Communication, education and public awareness and the International Year of Biodiversity**

72. During the period from January to March 2012, the Secretariat has continued its preparations for the convening of the Rio conventions' Pavilion at the upcoming Rio +20 Conference. A site visit was organized to meet with Brazilian officials to discuss the details of the construction of the Rio Pavilion site where the CBD, UNFCCC and UNCCD will host seminars, workshops, roundtables, networking opportunities and high-level panel discussions.

73. Continuing to build on the momentum of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity the Secretariat is preparing a Newsletter which will highlight activities held during the Decade which will be disseminated to all Decade partners and relevant organizations. In addition the Secretariat is promoting the Decade on its Facebook and is monitoring the activities closely and providing assistance when requested.

74. As part of the preparations for the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity on 22 May 2012, the Secretariat created dedicated webpages to the event, including posting links to a promotional booklet in English on this year's theme Marine Biodiversity.

## IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

### **Decision IX/8: National Biodiversity Strategies and Actions Plans**

75. In response to this decision, the Secretariat organized the following regional workshops:

*Mediterranean region, Montpellier, France 17 to 20 January 2012*

76. The regional Mediterranean workshop to strengthen collaboration between national and local governments, and to foster regional cooperation in the Mediterranean Basin to reinforce the implementation of the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity for 2011-2020 in the region was held in Montpellier, France, from 17 to 20 January 2012. Its goal was to review progress with, and assist Mediterranean Parties in reviewing their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and national biodiversity targets, by fostering cooperation at the regional level in line with the Strategic Plan and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Another objective was the establishment of a Mediterranean network of cities and local authorities engaged in biodiversity management, in order to support the national level implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The workshop was co-organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the city government of Montpellier, and held at Montpellier's recently inaugurated City Hall. In all, 55 participants from 17 countries attended the meeting.

77. A panel of experts and UN executives (including the GEF CEO Ms. Monique Barbut) described the status and trends in Mediterranean biodiversity with an emphasis on urbanization and local action. By the end of the workshop, Ms. H el ene Mandroux, Mayor of Montpellier, delivered a Montpellier Declaration and thanked participants. The Network "MEDIVERCITES" was created, and a steering committee agreed to implement a collaborative work among local authorities and to expand the network as well as to create a

strong interface for local stakeholders to gather. The first meeting of MEDIVERCITIES is being planned for September in one of the participating cities. The workshop equipped experts from the Mediterranean region with skills that would lead to the conservation and protection of its renowned biodiversity, in preparation of the City and Biodiversity Summit that will be held in Hyderabad, India, in parallel of the COP11.

*Africa region – Addis Ababa, 28 February 2012*

78. Representatives from 44 countries of African governments met in Addis Ababa from 27 February to 1 March 2012 to discuss how to best implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and its 20 Aichi Targets.

79. The workshop was organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), as a follow-up to the several workshops held, at sub-regional level, in Senegal, Botswana, Congo and Rwanda, in 2011. Over four days, the regional workshop assisted African Parties in reviewing their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and fostering cooperation at the regional level in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. It encouraged the identification of national and regional targets and identified challenges facing biodiversity and its management in the African region.

80. The workshop focused on how to best address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss by mainstreaming biodiversity across government and society, with emphasis on by making use of the findings of the study on the Economics of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity (TEEB) as a mainstreaming tools and by integrating the values of biodiversity into relevant national and local policies, programmes and planning processes.

81. Supported by the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), 19 government representatives acting as national focal points for the Ramsar Convention also attended the workshop.

82. For additional information on these two workshops, please see: [www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops2.shtml](http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops2.shtml).

#### **Decision VIII/14 and X/10: National reporting: review of experience and proposals for the fifth national report**

83. As of end of March 2012, a total of 172 countries had submitted their fourth national reports. In addition, 10 countries had sent to the Secretariat advanced draft reports.

84. A resource manual for the fifth national report (first edition) has been prepared and is now available on the Convention website at <http://www.cbd.int/nr5/>. The manual in other UN languages is also available on the same webpage. Some resource materials and web links in other UN languages than English are being compiled.

85. Progress is being made for eligible countries to access funds from the GEF for the preparation of the fifth national reports, among others. An umbrella project, which is managed by UNEP, has been approved by the GEF to support 57 LDCs and SIDs. 17 individual country requests, also presented through UNEP, have been also approved. A number of countries have accessed funds directly from the GEF Secretariat and some countries are getting funds through UNDP.

**Decision X/3: (Strategy for resource mobilization in support of the achievement of the Convention's three objectives), Decision X/24 (Review of guidance to the financial mechanism), X/25 (Additional guidance to the financial mechanism), Decision X/26 (The financial mechanism: Assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention for the sixth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund), and Decision X/27 (Preparation for the fourth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism)**

86. In response to these decisions, the following meetings were organized:

- Subregional workshop on biodiversity and finance in Sweimah, Jordan on 18 February 2012;
- Subregional workshop on biodiversity and finance in Tirana, Albania on 30 March 2012; and
- Subregional workshop on biodiversity and finance in San Jose, Costa Rica on 9 March 2012

87. The following documents were also finalized:

- Strategy for resource mobilization: review of implementation and a progress report on the assessment of financing needs gaps (UNEP/CBD/WG RI/4/6);
- Preliminary reporting framework for the strategy for resource mobilization (UNEP/CBD/WG RI/4/6/add1); and
- Financial mechanism: review of GEF-5 and needs for GEF-6 (UNEP/CBD/WG RI/4/7).

**Decision X/26 (The financial mechanism: Assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention for the sixth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund)**

*GEF-6 Financial Needs Assessment and Related Activities (January – March, 2012)*

88. Following the Second Expert Meeting in Tokyo (Japan) from 18-20 December 2011, a zero draft of the GEF-6 financial needs assessment based on Target by Target costing was completed and presented at the Third Expert Meeting held in Quito (Ecuador) from 3-5 March 12 for revision taking into account feedbacks and comments from staff members and the GEF Secretariat. The following documents were finalised for presentation to the COP Bureau and submission to the WGRI-4 Meeting:

- Full Assessment of the Amount of Funds Needed for the Implementation of the Convention for the Sixth Replenishment Period of the Trust Fund of the Global Environment Facility. An Assessment by the Expert Team Members, First Draft, 28 March 2012; and
- Assessment of Biodiversity Funds Needed for GEF-6. Summary of the Full Assessment by the Expert Team Members, First Draft, 28 March 2012.

89. Eight country case-studies, complementary to the study on the GEF-6 financial needs assessment are in the process of being contracted out. The studies are expected to be completed by August.

90. A reminder to the notification regarding GEF-6 questionnaire with extension of submission date is posted and also distributed with a note to the participants of the NBSAP workshop in Ethiopia for assistance in getting the responses from their respective country. A further reminder is planned to be issued at the WGRI-4 meeting.

91. The call for nomination for the High-Level Panel (HLP) on Global Assessment of Resources for implementing the Strategic Plan is posted and the process of nomination and selection of the HLP members started.

92. In the context of decisions X/3 A-B, an informal Dialogue Seminar was held in Quito (Ecuador), from 6 to 9 March 2012. The seminar was co-hosted by the Governments of Ecuador, Japan, Sweden, Norway and India to explore and contribute to understanding and seek to clarify areas of convergence and divergence regarding ways to scale up the mobilization of financial resources to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

#### **Decision X/6: Integration of biodiversity into poverty eradication and development**

93. The progress of the Biodiversity for Development Initiative can be described as follows:

- (a) A three month peer review process by email and phone was carried out with the participants of the Expert Group on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development de produce documents for presentation to WGRI reflecting the outcomes of the meeting held in Dehradun, India 12-15 December 2011.
- (b) The Biodiversity for Development Initiative drafted two reports in collaboration with the meeting participants. This peer review process yielded two documents to be presented to WGRI-4. The first is titled: "Biodiversity and development: report of the expert meeting on biodiversity for poverty eradication and development" and the second is an information document named "Proceedings from the Expert Group Meeting on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development and the Expert Group Analysis of the Root Causes of, and Inter-linkages between, Biodiversity and Poverty". The peer review process principally centered on drafting and finalizing of the "Dehradun Recommendations" which were the principal outcomes of the meeting.

#### **Decision X/21: Business engagement**

94. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- Follow-up work from the First Meeting of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity undertaken, particularly with regards to agreed-upon guidelines for national initiatives and the Global Partnership;
- Preparation work undertaken (including informal consultations) for WGRI-4 meeting with reference to draft business engagement decision;
- Ongoing preparatory work for Rio+20 business events and COP 11 business engagement;
- Drawing up of phase 2 of standards work being done in conjunction with WCMC and other partners;
- Ongoing work with existing and new members of the Global Partnership; and
- Initial scoping work with reference to Sustainable Public Procurement.

#### **Decision X/15: Scientific and Technical Cooperation and the Clearing-House Mechanism**

95. During the first quarter of 2012, major activities related to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) can be summarized as follows:

- (a) The report of the Sub-regional capacity-building workshop for South Asia on the Clearing-House Mechanism convened on 12-16 December 2011 in Dehradun, India, was finalized and posted on the CBD website at [www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=chm-cbw-2011-sa](http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=chm-cbw-2011-sa).
- (b) In response to paragraph 5(b) of decision X/15, a draft proposed work programme for the clearing-house mechanism in support of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, prepared in consultation with the informal advisory committee, was circulated for comments by Parties through Notification 2012-017 issued on 26 January 2012. The comments received were taken into account to finalize document UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/4/3/Add.1 submitted to the Fourth meeting of the Ad-hoc open-ended workshop group on review of implementation of the Convention (WGRI 4).
- (c) In response to paragraph 5(c) of decision X/15 and paragraph 2 of decision X/7, a draft document entitled "A review of barriers to the sharing of biodiversity data and information, with recommendations for eliminating them", prepared by the Conservation Commons, was circulated for comments by Parties through Notification 2012-030 issued on 17 February 2012. The comments received were taken into account to finalize document UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/4/INF/13 submitted to the Fourth meeting of the Ad-hoc open-ended workshop group on review of implementation of the Convention (WGRI 4). This document highlights the importance of sharing biodiversity data and information for the implementation of the Convention and is a contribution towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 19.
- (d) In response to SBSTTA recommendation XV/1, the online database of potential indicators (available at [www.cbd.int/sp/indicators](http://www.cbd.int/sp/indicators)) launched prior to the fifteenth meeting Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 15) was further developed to include linkages with the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership.
- (e) Progress was made in the setup and technical configuration of the new content management systems (CMS) for future CHM information services. This progress included (i) the preparation of technical guidelines, (ii) the development of multilingual web templates mirroring the CBD website templates, (iii) the interconnection between the CMS and the CBD database, and (iv) training of relevant staff members expected to use or administer the system.
- (f) The maintenance and translation of the CBD website took place on an ongoing basis, with a focus on the web portals for SBSTTA 16 and WGRI 4.

## BIOSAFETY

### THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

### III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL

#### Decision BS-V/2: Operation and Activities of the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)

96. During the reporting period, from 28 to 30 March 2012, the Secretariat hosted the seventh meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Biosafety Clearing-House, in Montreal, Canada. A total of 13 experts and 7 observers participated in the meeting. Substantive issues addressed at the meeting were: (i) developments in the BCH and ongoing projects; (ii) outcomes of the conclusions and recommendations of the sixth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the BCH; (iii) collaboration with the UNEP-GEF project for continued enhancement of building capacity for effective participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-II, 2010-2012); and (iv) cooperation with international organizations regarding the provision



of information on LMOs. A full report will be made available at: [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal\\_art20/iac/iac\\_about.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art20/iac/iac_about.shtml).

97. The Secretariat also made available a new web page in the Central Portal of the BCH, titled 'Completeness of National Records'. The webpage was developed for National Focal Points for the BCH to identify their incomplete published national records and accordingly update them with the mandatory information required by the common formats. The webpage is available at <http://bch.cbd.int/managementcentre/record-completeness/>.

### **Decisions BS-IV/17 and BS-V/13: Public Awareness, Education and Participation**

98. The Secretariat continued to implement the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms (2011-2015) and the outreach strategy for the Protocol (2008-2012). Some of the activities undertaken include:

- (a) Production of fact sheets on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. They are available at [https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb\\_factsheets.shtml](https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_factsheets.shtml).
- (b) Preparation of the content and layout of the COP-MOP 6 webpage.
- (c) Preparation for a Portal on Article 23, including an online forum on the public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms (LMOs) to be launched in 2012.

### **BS-V/12: Risk Assessment and Risk Management**

99. From the 13 to 15 February 2012, the Secretariat organized the meeting of the Sub-working Groups of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management in Bonn, Germany. A total of 13 experts from Parties, and 6 observers (2 from non-Parties and 4 from organizations) attended the meeting. The outputs of this meeting were advance drafts of the guidance on "Monitoring of LMOs Released into the Environment" and "Risk assessment of living modified trees". The report of the meeting will be made available at <https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/meetings/documents.shtml?eventid=5028>.

### **Decision BS-V/11: Liability and Redress**

100. In accordance with its Article 17, the Nagoya - Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was closed for signature on 6 March 2012. By that date, it had received a total of 51 signatories and two ratifications and these numbers remained the same as of 31 March 2012. The Supplementary Protocol was opened for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 7 March 2011.

### **Decisions BS-V/3 Capacity-Building**

101. During the reporting period, the Secretariat organized the eighth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing and/or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities from 12 to 14 March 2012 in Prague, Czech Republic. A total of 30 participants from 17 Governments and 11 organizations attended. The discussions focused on: (i) capacity-building for preventing, detecting, and managing illegal transboundary movements of LMOs; and (ii) capacity-building needs and initiatives for post-release monitoring of LMOs. The report of the meeting will be available at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/meetings/documents.shtml?eventid=4978>.

102. The ninth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety was also held from 15 to 16 March 2012 in Prague, Czech Republic. The participants discussed and provided advice to the Executive Secretary on: (i) comprehensive review of the updated Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol and its possible revision; and (ii) the measures to improve the Coordination Mechanism for the Implementation of the Action Plan.

103. In accordance with decision BS-V/3, the Secretariat also launched an online forum, entitled “Strategic Approaches to Capacity-building in Biosafety and the Comprehensive Review of the Capacity-Building Action Plan”. The forum started on 20 February was expected to end on 4 May 2012. The objective of the forum is to facilitate discussions on strategic approaches to capacity-building for biosafety, as well as measures for improving the planning (including needs assessments), implementation, coordination and monitoring of biosafety capacity-building initiatives. The forum webpage is available at [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal\\_art22/cbforum2012.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art22/cbforum2012.shtml).

#### **Decisions BS-V/9: Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification**

104. In accordance with decision BS-V/9, a Network of Laboratories for LMO Detection and Identification was launched in the BCH with discussions on a number of themes. Discussion on the first three themes started on 19 March. The purpose of the online discussions is to: (i) share information and experiences; (ii) facilitate the identification of LMOs; and (iii) prepare for workshops bringing together representatives of LMO detection and identification laboratories. The network is accessible at [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal\\_art18/htpi\\_laboratories.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art18/htpi_laboratories.shtml).

#### **Status of Ratification or Accession to the Protocol**

105. As of 31 March 2012, 163 countries had ratified or acceded to the Protocol. The list of Parties to the Protocol is available on the Secretariat’s website at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>.

## ANNEXES

### ANNEX I

#### Status of Implementation of the Agreed Administrative Arrangements

##### I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 35 regularized Professional staff members and 28 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 5 Professional posts and 4 General Services vacant post for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 5 professional posts and 15 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Appendix 1 and Annex II respectively).

##### II Contributions and Funds

2. During the first quarter of 2012, fifteen pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. Canada pledged: CAD20,000 as Approved Activities of the Convention; EC pledged: EUR58,935.60 towards the Ecosystem based approaches to Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation; France pledged: EUR95,000 for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative; Germany pledged: US\$42,000 for the Pilot Phase of ABS Clearing House, EUR350,119.82 towards the Life Web Initiative and US\$39,242 for the COP Bureau Meeting; IBRD pledged: US\$3,700 towards the Connect4Climate event; Japan pledged: US\$14,316 to support the travel expenses of a Programme Officer and JPY 4 billion towards the 2012, 2013, 214 and 2015 Japan Biodiversity Fund; Norway pledged: NOK 300,000 towards the CBD Secretariat's REDD+ activities; Switzerland pledged CHF25,000 for the Pilot Phase of ABS Clearing House; The Nature Conservancy pledged: US\$3,000 for the Rio Pavilion and UK pledged: US\$50,000 towards the Rio Pavilion and GBP200,000 towards the UK/Brazil NBSAP Workshop.

3. For 2012 a total of US\$49,721,409 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$49,159,849 or 98.9% has been collected as at 31 March 2012. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex III.

4. The total amount pledged for the **BY Trust Fund** in 2012 is US\$12,049,392. Of this amount, US\$6,663,704 or 55.3% has been received as at 31 March 2012. A total of US\$32,070 has also been collected in 2012 as advance payments for 2013 and future years. Additionally, US\$306,104 has been collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2012. US\$663,695 has also been collected in 2012 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

5. As at 31 March 2012, US\$398,097 has been pledged for 2012 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

6. As at 31 March 2012, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2012 amounted to US\$130,000 or 32.7% of the total pledged for 2012. A total of US\$557,919 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2012 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

7. As at 31 March 2012, a total of fifty-nine (59) countries have paid US\$1,401,241 to the **BG Trust Fund**, representing 55.7% of pledges for 2012. A total of US\$5,146 has also been collected in 2012 as advance payments for 2013 and future years. US\$89,882 has also been collected in 2012 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

8. As at 31 March 2012, no Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**) in 2012. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

9. As at 31 March 2012, no Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BI Trust Fund**) in 2012. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BI Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

10. As at 31 March 2012, no pledges have been received for the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (**VB Trust Fund**) in 2012.

### III Accounting and Reporting

#### Status of Expenditure

11. COP-10 approved a budget of US\$12,989,700 for the BY Trust Fund for 2012. As at 31 March 2012, a total of US\$4,287,545 was spent or committed. This represents 33% of the approved amount.

12. COP/MOP-5 approved a budget of US\$3,102,600 for the BG Trust Fund for 2012. As at 31 March 2012, a total of US\$837,630 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 27% of the approved amount.

#### Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

13. The following nineteen posts are funded by UNEP from the programme support funds (PSC): Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (P-5); Senior Fund Management Officer (P-5); Administrative Officer (P-3); Fund Programme Management Officer Biosafety (P-3); Associate Finance Officer (P-2); Senior Finance Assistant (G-8); two (2) Finance Assistants (G-6); Finance Assistant (G-5); Personnel Assistant (G-7); Personnel Assistant (G6); Conference Assistant (G-6) Administrative Assistant (G-7) Administrative Assistant (G-6); Administrative Assistant- conferences (G-6) two (2) Travel Assistants (G-7); Programme Assistant (G7) and Administrative Clerk (G-5).

**Appendix I**

**Staffing table of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**

**January to March 2012**

<b>Post #</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Staff member</b>
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. B. Ferreira de Souza Dias
1156	ASG	Special Adviser to the ES (OES)	Mr. A. Djoghlaflaf*
1102	D1	Principal Officer (SEL)	Mr. O. Jalbert
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. D. Cooper
BGL 1101	D1	Principal Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. C. Gbedemah
1105	D1	Principal Officer (ITS)	Mr. R. Sharma
1106	P5	Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish (Post funded by UNEP)
	P5	Senior Fund Management Officer (Japan Fund)	Mr. T. Kapiga (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (ITS)	Mr. Y. Xiang
1108	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (SEL)	Mr. L. Glowka
1109	P4	Economist (SEL)	Mr. M. Lehmann
1110	P4	PO, Conservation Ecology (STTM)	Mr. T. Christophersen
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (ITS)	Mr. O. De Munck
1114	P4	Chief, Office of the Executive Secretary	Post vacant
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SEL)	Mr. J. Scott
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (OMG)	Mr. N. Pratt
1117	P3	PO Knowledge Management Officer (ITS)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Post vacant
1119	P4	Information Officer (OMG)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (OMG)	Mr. F. Vogel
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (STTM)	Ms. J. Lee
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (OMG)	Mr. A. Rafalovitch
1123	P3	Fund Programme Management Officer (RMCS)	Mr. I. Ahmed (Post funded by UNEP)
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Mr. V. Ogbuneke (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1126	P4	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. E. Tamale
BGL 1103	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Ms. K. Garforth
1128	P3	Computer Systems Officer (OMG)	Mr. Q. Nguyen

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (STTM)	Mr. D. Coates
1132	P4	PO, Scientific/Tech. Assessments (STTM)	Mr. R. Hoft
1133	P5	SPO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL)	Ms. V. Normand
BGL 1134	P4	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety)	Mr. G. Ferraiolo
1134	P2	Assoc. Information Officer (RMCS)	Post vacant
1135	P5	Chief, Conference Services (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Ms. J. Shimura
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (STTM)	Ms. J. Webbe
1142	P3	PO, Reports (ITS)	Mr. L. Cai
1143	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (SEL)	Mr. O. Hillel
BGL 1102	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Mr. W. Damena Yifru
BGL 1105	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Ms. M. Pessoa de Miranda
1145	P3	Personal Assistant to the ES (OES)	Ms. A. Rego
BGL 1151	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (Biosafety)	Mr. P. Leblond
1148	P4	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation (STTM)	Mr. V. Gidda
BGL 1104	P2	Assoc. Public Information Officer (BS)	Ms. U. Nilsson
1155	P3	PO, Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1301	G8	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. R. Alum (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G7	Senior Secretary to the Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. T. Karim**
1303	G6	Secretary (SEL)	Ms. L. Boutin
1304	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. A. Cung
1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. J. Grekin
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. S. Meehan
BGL 1301	G7	Programme Assistant - (Biosafety)	Ms. J. Huppé
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. M. Chiasson
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (SEL)	Mr. D. Monier
1310	G7	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. M. Lefevbre (Post funded by UNEP)
1311	G7	Travel Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. N. Ibrahim
1358	G7	Programme Assistant (STTM)	Ms. L. Janishevski

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1312	G7	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. J. Martinez (Post funded by UNEP)
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain
1314	G6	Secretary - (ITS)	Ms. F. Blot
1315	G7	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (OMG)	Mr. V. Gopez
1317	G7	Programme Assistant (OMG)	Mr. J. Hedlund
1318	G7	Programme Assistant (ITS)	Mr. M. Banski
1319	G7	Programme Assistant, (SEL)	Ms. S. Gautreau
BGL 1302	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. P. Scarone
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (OMG)	Ms. X. Liang
1331	G7	Programme Assistant (SEL)	Ms. G. Dosen
1332	G5	Information Assistant - (CS/OMG)	Post Vacant
1333	G5	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. X. H. Yan (Post funded by UNEP)
1334	G5	Administrative Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik (Post funded by UNEP)
1335	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. L. Piscopo (Post funded by UNEP)
1336	G6	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. C. Conlon (Post funded by UNEP)
	G6	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Vacant (post Funded by UNEP)
	G6	Human resources Assistant (G6)	Vacant (post Funded by UNEP)
1337	G6	Conference Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by UNEP)
	G7	Programme Assistant – Japan Fund	Vacant (post Funded by UNEP)
1338	G7	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. N. Al Saheb (Post funded by UNEP)
1339	G7	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. G. Sabatini (Post funded by UNEP)
1350	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1351	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. M. Crespo
1352	G7	Programme Assistant – (OMG)	Ms. F. D'Amico
1353	G7	Programme Assistant – (ABS)	Post vacant ( recruitment in progress)
BGL 1309	G7	Computer Assistant – (Biosafety)	Mr. S. Bilodeau
BGL 1353	G7	Programme Assistant – (Biosafety)	Mr. A. Bowers
1354	G7	Programme Assistant – Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (SEL)	Ms. C. Robichaud
1355	G7	Editorial Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. V. Lefebvre
1356	G7	Programme Assistant (ITS)	Mr. K. Noonan-Mooney
1357	G7	Meeting Services Assistant	Ms. L. Pedicelli

<b>Post #</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Staff member</b>
1359	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1304	G7	Programme Assistant Risk Assess. (BS)	Post vacant ( recruitment in progress)
	G7	Travel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. R. Rabbath (Post Funded by UNEP)

\* Utilizing resources from D-1 post 1146

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**Staff funded under the Japan Fund**

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
BEL 1101	D1	Global Coordinator - OES	Mr. A. Yoshinaka
BEL 1103	P5	Senior Programme Officer - OES	Mr. D. Duthie
BEL 1104	P4	Programme Officer - OES	Ms. S. Koketso
BEL 1105	P4	Programme Officer - OES	Vacant
BEL 1321	G7	Programme Assistant - OES	Ms. G. Talamas
BEL 1322	G7	Programme Assistant - OES	Ms. N. Chalaeva
BEL1323	G7	Programme Assistant - OES	Mr. M. Abi Chahine

**Seconded staff members/ JPOs**

Name	Nationality	Seconded from	Arrival date
Viviana Figueroa	Argentina	Government of Spain	06.05.09
Matthew Dias	Canada	Government of Germany	05.07.09
Didier Babin	France	Government of France	22.03.10
Byoung Hwa Lee	Republic of Korea	Government of Korea	16.10.10
Johannes Stahl	Germany	Government of Germany	03.01.10
Beatriz Gomez Castro	Spain	Government of Spain	04.02.10
Kathryn Campbell	Australia	Parks Victoria- Australia	16.10.10
David Steuerman	Canada	Government of Canada	01.03.11
Andre Mader	South Africa	ICLEI – South Africa	22.06.11
Kyoko Noda	Japan	Government of Japan	26.04.11
Olivier Rukundo	Rwanda	Government of Japan	25.04.11

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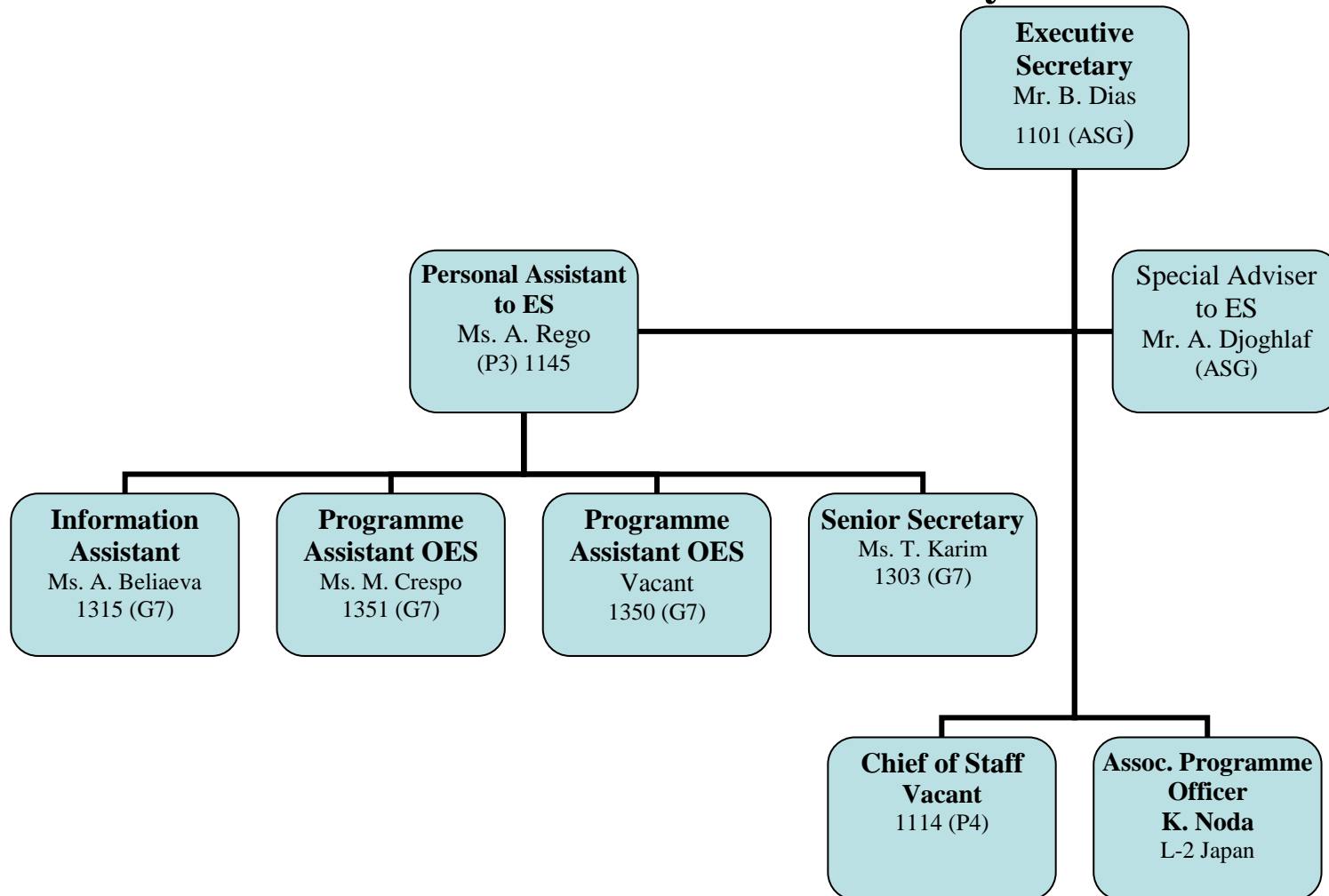
Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1320A	G7	Programme Assistant - OES	Ms. C. Estrada
1320B	G7	Programme Assistant - STTM	Ms. V. Lo
1320C	G7	Programme Assistant - STTM	Ms. L. Mohammed
1320E	G5	Information Assistant - ITS	Mr. O. Arriagada
1320D	G7	Programme Assistant - RMCS	Ms. R. Charbati
1320C	G4	Information Assistant - ITS	Ms. S. Amaya
1320L	G4	Driver/Messenger - OES	Mr. S. Daccache
1320C	G7	Programme Assistant - RMCS	Ms. R. Boyle
1320A	G7	Programme Assistant - RMCS	Ms. M. Burgess

1320D	G7	Programme Assistant - SEL	Ms. A. Bateman
1320G	G7	Programme Assistant - SEL	Ms. R. Soto Martinez
1320B	G7	Programme Assistant - STTM	Mr. R. Goulet
1320A	G7	Programme Assistant - STTM	Ms. C. Paguaga
1320B	G7	Programme Assistant - STTM	Ms. C. Romanelli
1320F	G7	Programme Assistant - ITS	Ms. N. McQuaid
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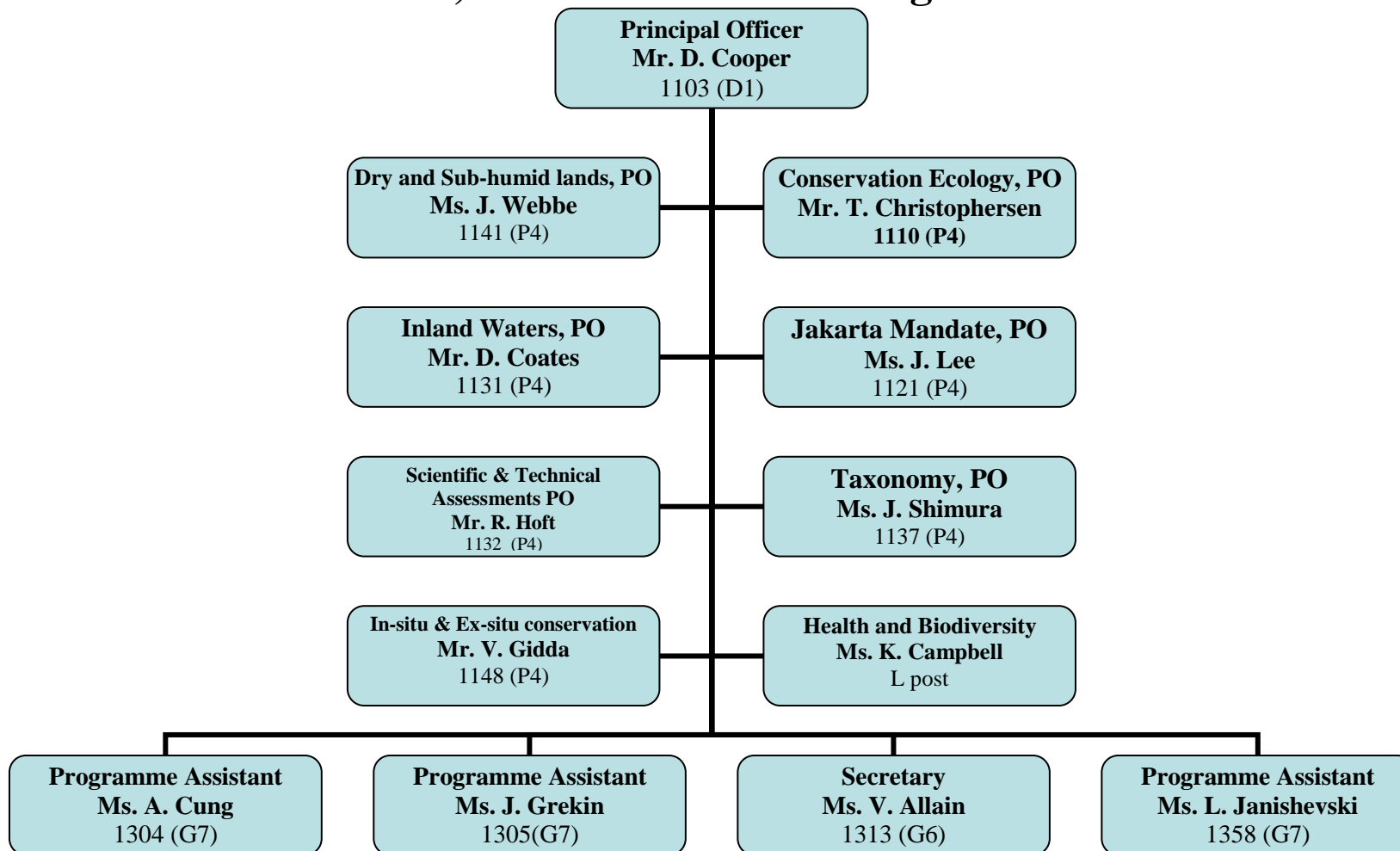
**Interns working at SCBD during the period of January to March 2012**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>Working on</b>	<b>Entry date</b>	<b>Departure date</b>
Alice Barbe	France	University of Siena, Italy	Lifeweb	05.09.11	02.03.12
Jorge Negrin	Spain	University of the Basque Country	Marine and Coastal Biodiversity	12.09.11	30.03.12
Kaia Tombak	Canada	McGill University	Business and Biodiversity	19.09.11	06.01.12
Dina Dajani	Jordan	McGill University	Gender Programme	03.10.11	30.03.12
Misaki Hayashi	Japan	Nagoya City University	UN Decade of Biodiversity	17.10.11	17.02.12
Tommaso Depalma	Italy	Univ. of Edinburgh, UK	Forests	23.01.12	25.05.12
Elysia Donald	Canada	McGill , Canada	Knowledge Management	11.01.12	05.04.12
Mi-Jin Lee	Korea	Yonsei Univ., Seoul, Korea	Social, Economic and Legal Matters	16.01.12	06.07.12
Anteneh Meshesha	Ethiopia	McGill, Canada	Business and Biodiversity	12.01.12	05.06.12
Jai-Won Lee	Korea	Yonsei Univ., Seoul, Korea	Public Awareness	06.02.12	03.08.12

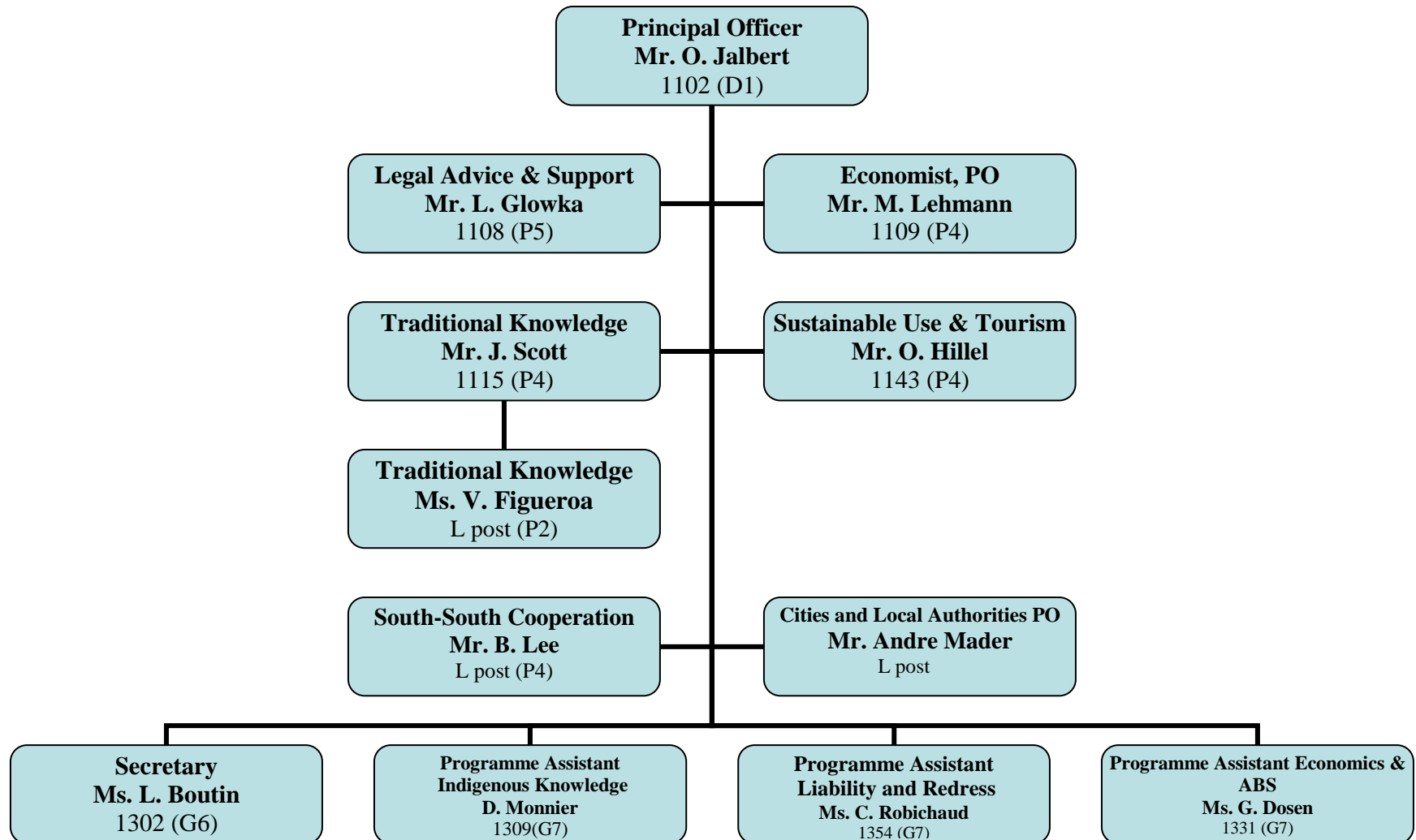
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Organizational Chart of the CBD Secretariat  
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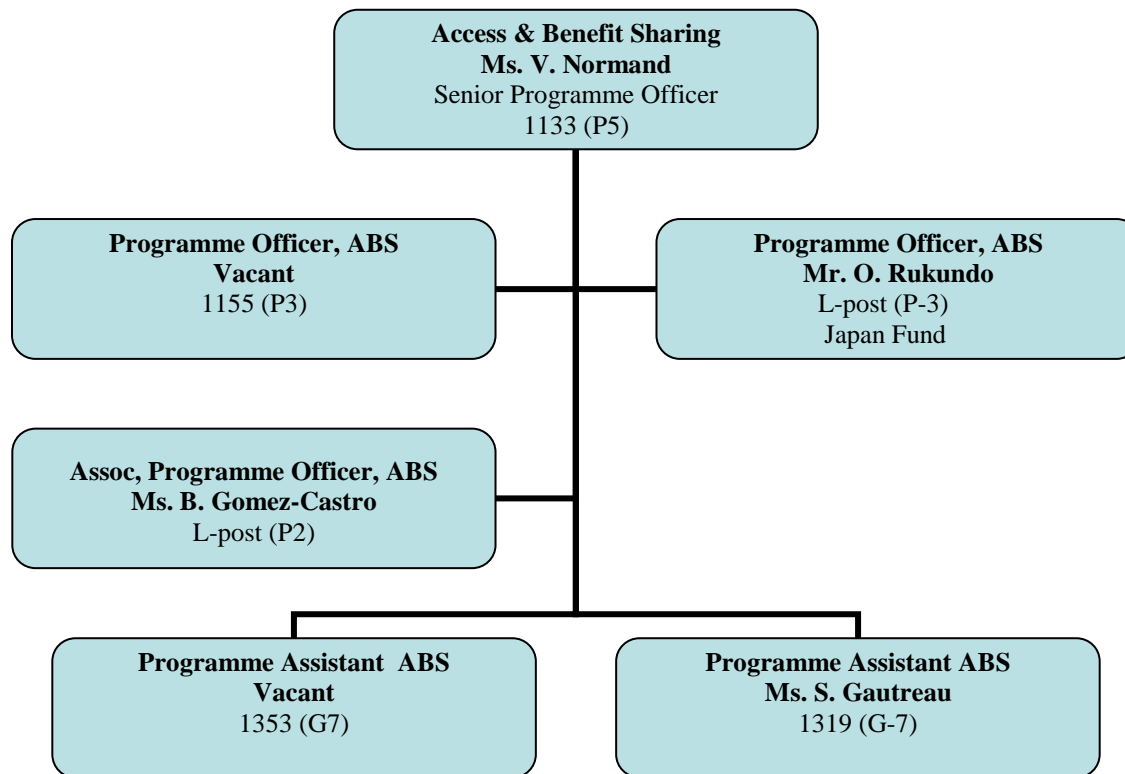
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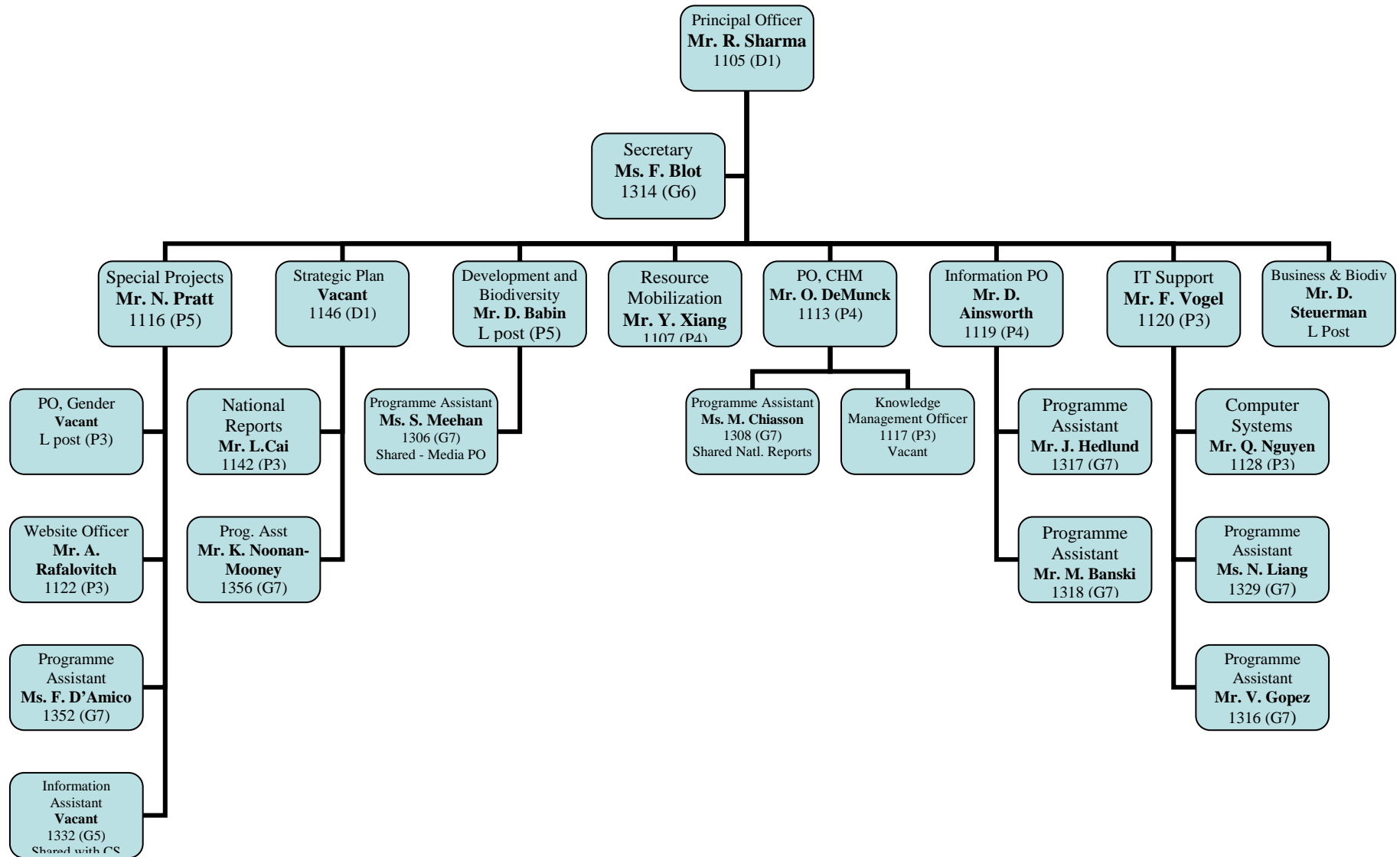
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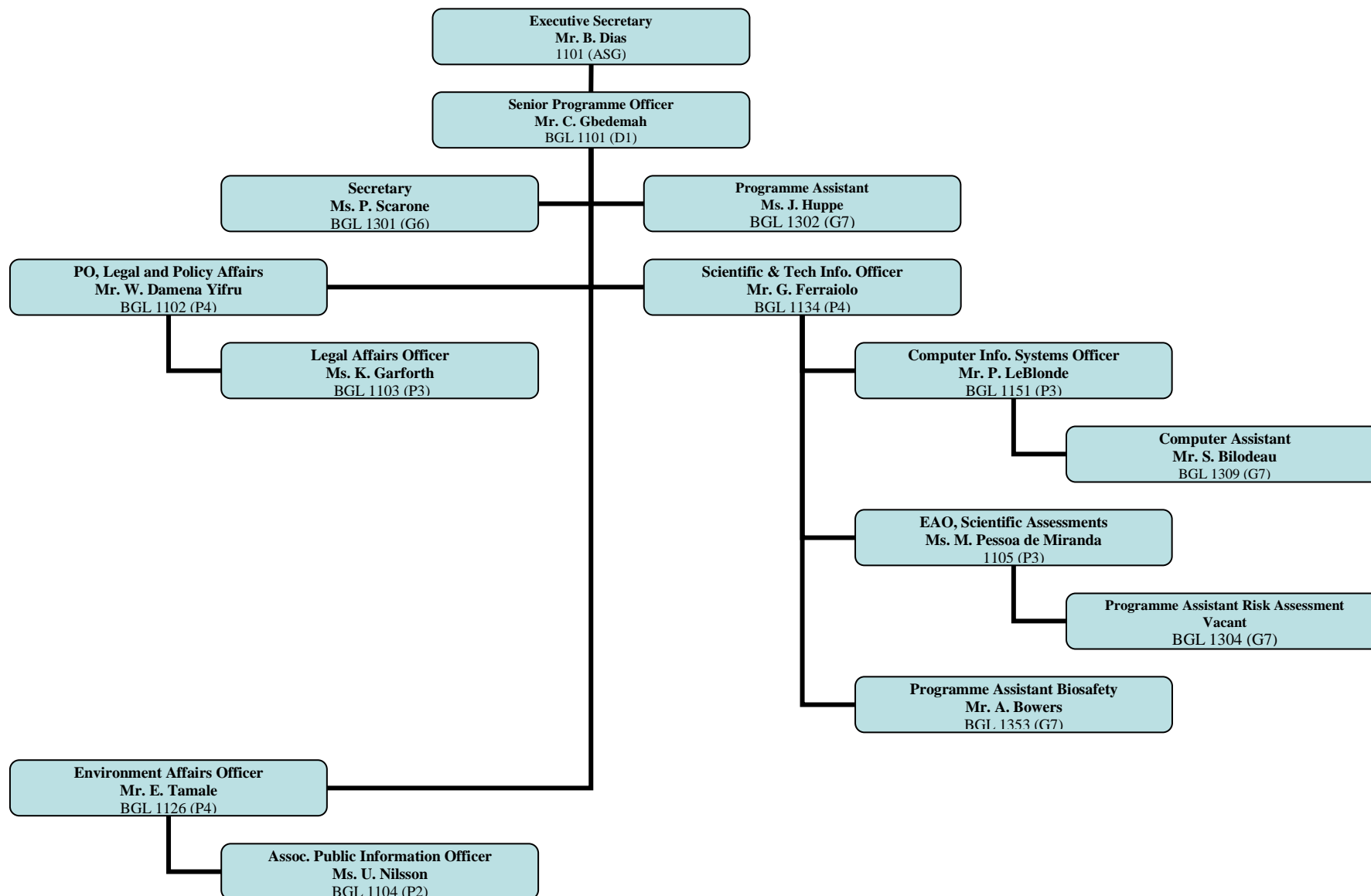
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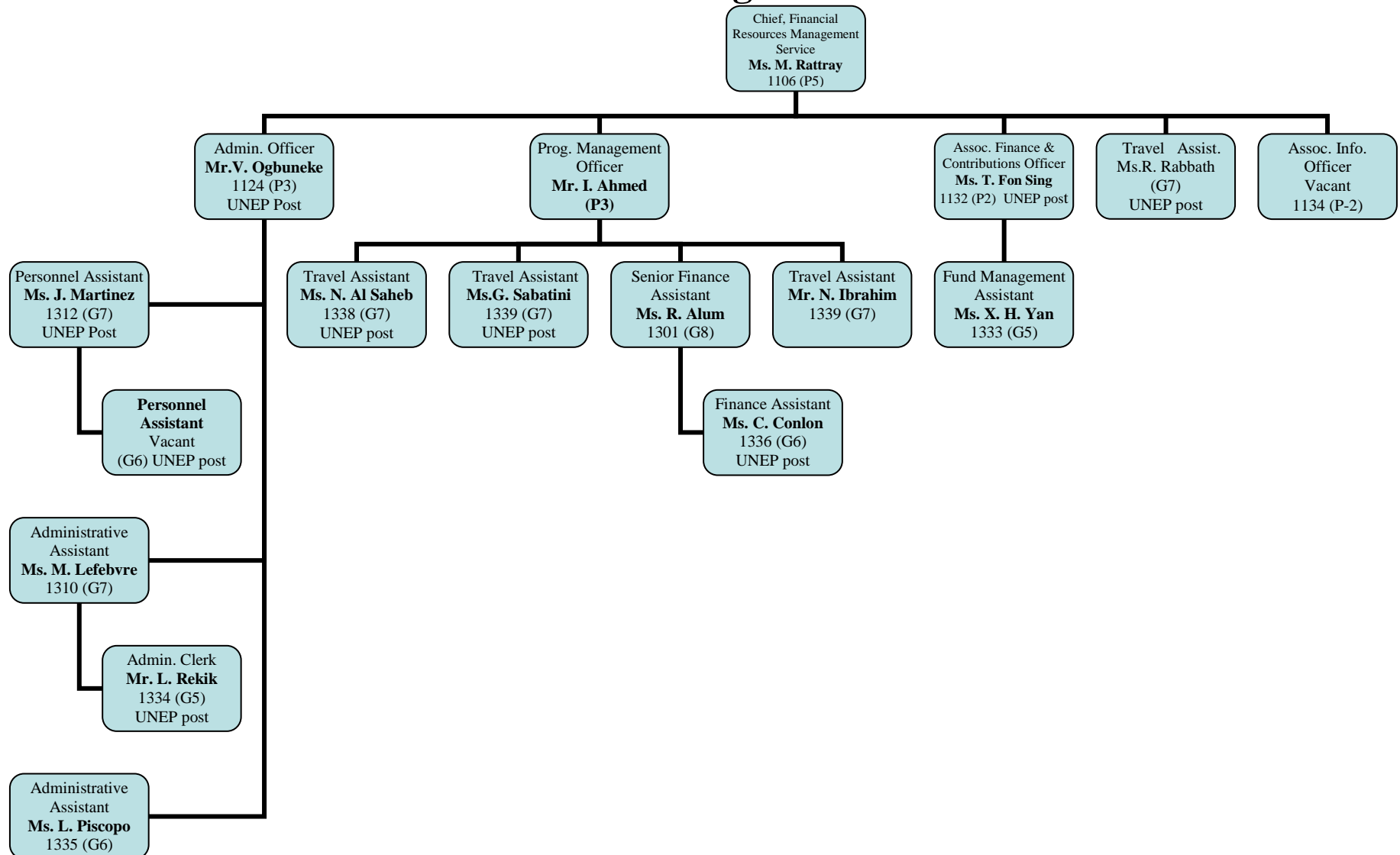


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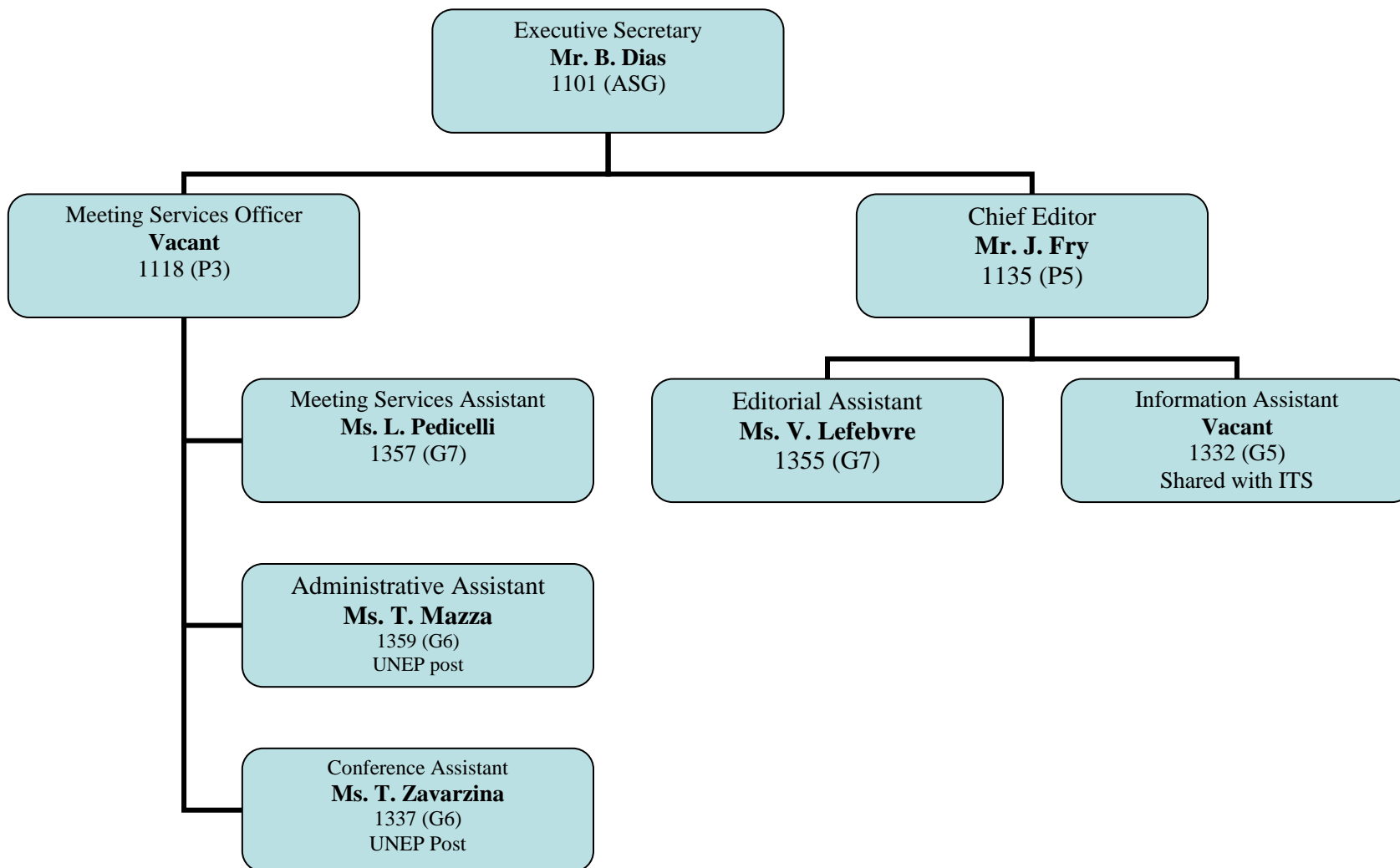




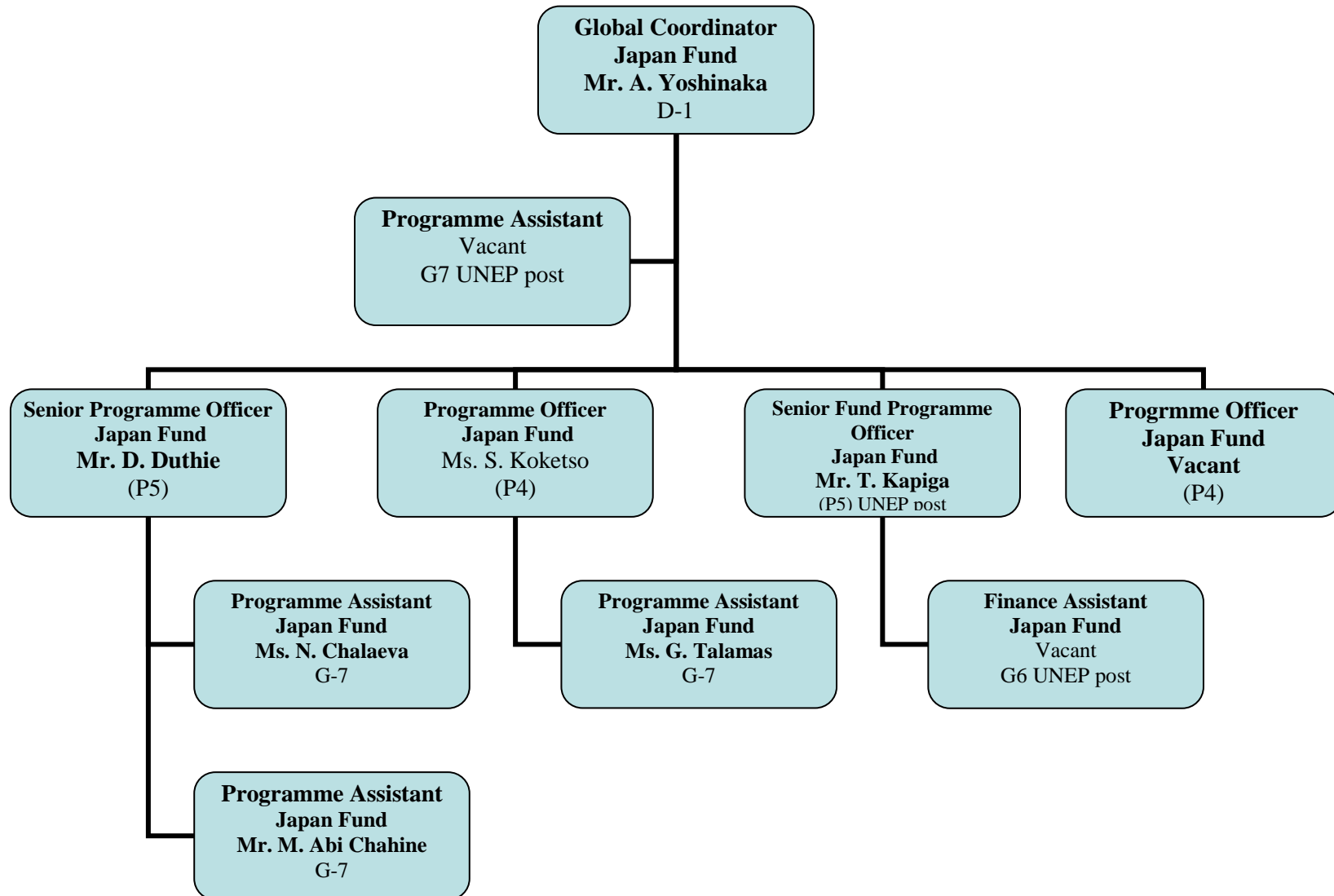
# Resource Management



## Conference Services



## JAPAN FUND



## ANNEX III

**General Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities under the Convention on Biological Diversity (BE)**

Status of Contribution as at 31 March 2012 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.11	Adjustments	Pledges for 2012		Collections in 2012 for prior years	Collections in 2012 for 2012 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2012 & prior years
Canada	1,300			1/			1,300
Canada	170,482		20,060	2/			190,542
Canadian Model Forest Network	44,444			3/	40,611		3,833
COMIFAC	15,872			4/			15,872
European Commission	59,065			5/			59,065
European Commission	74,759			6/			74,759
European Commission	103,493			7/			103,493
European Commission	71,666			8/			71,666
European Commission	348,338			9/			348,338
European Commission	544,959			10/			544,959
European Commission			76,144	26/		60,916	15,228
France	27,473			11/			27,473
France			124,509	29/		38,204	86,305
GEF	20,000			12/	20,000		0
Germany			42,000	15/			42,000
Germany			458,873	27/		229,436	229,436
Germany			39,242	34/			39,242
IBRD			3,700	30/		3,700	0
IUCN	30,962			16/	30,962		0

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.11	Adjustments	Pledges for 2012		Collections in 2012 for prior years	Collections in 2012 for 2012 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2012 & prior years
Japan	228,169		14,316	17/	228,169	14,316	0
Japan			12,291,052	31/		12,291,052	0
Japan			36,210,018	32/		36,210,018	0
Norway	27,738		49,834	18/			77,572
Saudi Arabia	10,030			19/			10,030
Switzerland	4,343			21/			4,343
Switzerland	52,363			22/	52,363		0
Switzerland			26,455	20/			26,455
The Global Mechanism	5,000			14/			5,000
The Nature Conservancy			3,000	28/			3,000
UK	41,118			23/			41,118
UK	46,133			24/	46,133		0
UK	6,494			25/			6,494
UK			312,207	33/		312,207	0
UK			50,000	13/			50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,934,201</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49,721,409</b>		<b>418,238</b>	<b>49,159,849</b>	<b>2,077,523</b>

1/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 47,000 towards the Marine Expert Meeting on Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas

2/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 275,000 plus Cdn\$ 20,000 as Approved Activities of the Convention

3/Canadian Model Forest Network pledged Cdn\$ 45,200 for Biodiversity conservation and sustainable use

4/COMIFAC pledged EUR 25,000 towards the Poverty Alleviation Project

5/EC pledged EUR 50,000 towards the Expert Workshop on Protected Areas, Curitiba, Brazil, 17-18 March 2006

6/EC pledged EUR 220,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2

7/EC pledged EUR 400,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2008/514760/SUB/E2

8/EC pledged EUR 130,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2009/540979/SUB/E2

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.11	Adjustments	Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2012 for prior years	Collections in 2012 for 2012 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2012 & prior years
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9/EC pledged EUR 639,200 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2010/581495/SUB/E2

10/EC pledged EUR 1,000,000 towards the Programme of Work on Protected Areas - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2010/581594/SUB/B2

11/France pledged EUR 20,000 for the Expert Workshop on Marine Protected Areas

12/GEF pledged US\$ 20,000 towards the joint reception of Heads of Delegations attending the UNGA in September 2011

13/UK pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the Rio Pavilion

14/The Global Mechanism pledged US\$ 5,000 for the Eco Pavilion

15/Germany pledged US\$ 42,000 for the Pilot Phase of ABS Clearing House, for 2012

16/IUCN pledged US\$ 31,000 for NBSAPs Workshops - Economic Clusters

17/Japan pledged US\$ 328,060 towards the secondment of a Programme Officer and US\$14,316 for travel expenses

18/Norway pledged 300,000 NOK for 2012 towards the CBD Secretariat's REDD + activities

19/Saudi Arabia pledged US\$ 30,000 for the Arabic translation of CBD website

20/Switzerland pledged CHF 25,000 for the Pilot Phase of ABS Clearing House, for 2012

21/Switzerland pledged CHF 4,000 for activities to the launch of the UN Decade

22/Switzerland pledged CHF 50,000 for the 3rd meeting of Bogis-Bossey

23/UK pledged GBP 25,000 for a study on Existing Regulatory Frameworks and Mechanisms for Geo-Engineering Activities

24/UK pledged GBP 60,000 towards the CBD Regional Workshop on Biodiversity Safeguards in Forests, Cape Town, South Africa, 20-23 September 2011

25/UK pledged GBP 4,000 for the production of a Report on Climate-related Geo-Engineering

26/EC pledged EUR 58,935.60 towards the Ecosystem based approaches to Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

27/Germany pledged EUR 350,119.82 towards the Life Web Initiative, for 2012

28/The Nature Conservancy pledged US\$ 3,000 for the Rio Pavilion

29/France pledged EUR 95,000 towards the Sustainable Ocean Initiative

30/IBRD pledged US\$ 3,700 towards the Connect4Climate event

31/Japan pledged JPY 1 billion for the 2012 Japan Biodiversity Fund

32/Japan pledged JPY 3 billion for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 Japan Biodiversity Fund

33/UK pledged GBP 200,000 towards the UK/Brazil NBSAP Workshop

34/Germany pledged US\$ 39,242 towards the COP Bureau Meeting

## ANNEX IV

**General Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Process of the Convention on Biological Diversity (BZ)**

Status as at 31 March 2012 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.11	Adjustments		Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2012 for prior years	Collections in 2012 for 2012 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2011 & prior years
Denmark	27,076		1/				27,076
European Commission	135,062		2/				135,062
European Commission	127,684		3/				127,684
Germany			6/	268,097			268,097
Japan	50,000		4/		50,000		0
Japan			5/	130,000		130,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>339,822</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>398,097</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>557,919</b>

1/Denmark pledged DKK 150,000 towards the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007

2/EC pledged EUR 245,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2009/540979/SUB/E2

3/EC pledged EUR 234,300 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2010/581495/SUB/E2

4/Japan pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the SBSTTA-15 Meeting

5/Japan pledged US\$ 130,000 towards the participation of delegates in WGRI-4 and ICNP-2 Meetings

6/Germany pledged EUR 200,000 towards the SBSTTA-16, WGRI-4 and ICNP-2 Meetings

## ANNEX V

## General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (BY)

as at 31 March 2012

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/11	Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2011 for 2012 & future Yrs	Collections in 2012 for Prior Years	Collections During 2012 for 2012 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2012	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 & Prior Years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	0	603	593			0	10	10
Albania	0	1,506	1,506			0	0	0
Algeria	0	19,282	19,282			0	0	0
Angola	0	1,205	62			0	1,143	1,143
Antigua & Barbuda	0	301	301			0	0	0
Argentina	38,921	43,234	0			38,921	43,234	82,155
Armenia	0	753	0			0	753	753
Australia	0	291,192	291,192			0	0	0
Austria	0	128,197	0		128,197	0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	2,260	0			0	2,260	2,260
Bahamas	0	2,712	0			0	2,712	2,712
Bahrain	0	5,875	0			0	5,875	5,875
Bangladesh	1,416	1,205	0			1,416	1,205	2,621
Barbados	2,353	1,205	0			2,353	1,205	3,558
Belarus	25,243	6,327	0			25,243	6,327	31,570
Belgium	0	161,941	0			0	161,941	161,941
Belize	0	151	208			0	(57)	(57)
Benin	407	452	0			407	452	859
Bhutan	0	151	151			0	0	0
Bolivia	949	1,054	0			949	1,054	2,003
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	2,109	0			0	2,109	2,109
Botswana	0	2,712	2,712			0	0	0
Brazil	96	242,685	0			96	242,685	242,781
Brunei Darussalam	0	4,218	4,218			0	0	0



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/11	Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2011 for 2012 & future Yrs	Collections in 2012 for Prior Years	Collections During 2012 for 2012 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2012	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 & Prior Years
Bulgaria	0	5,724	5,724			0	0	0
Burkina Faso	490	452	0			490	452	942
Burundi	651	151	0			651	151	802
Cambodia	348	452	0			348	452	800
Cameroon	4,298	1,657	0			4,298	1,657	5,955
Canada	0	483,110	483,110			0	0	0
Cape Verde	4,262	151	0			4,262	151	4,413
Central African Rep.	627	151	0			627	151	778
Chad	271	301	0			271	301	572
Chile	0	35,552	32,005			0	3,547	3,547
China	0	480,398	97,905			0	382,493	382,493
Colombia	0	21,692	7,201			0	14,491	14,491
Comoros	3,520	151	0			3,520	151	3,671
Congo	910	452	0			910	452	1,362
Congo Dem.Rep	7,356	452	0			7,356	452	7,808
Cook Islands	406	151	0			406	151	557
Costa Rica	2,337	5,122	0	2,337	1,909	0	3,213	3,213
Cote d'Ivoire	5,935	1,506	0			5,935	1,506	7,441
Croatia	0	14,612	0			0	14,612	14,612
Cuba	58,149	10,696	0			58,149	10,696	68,845
Cyprus	0	6,930	0		6,930	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	52,574	0			0	52,574	52,574
Denmark	30	110,873	0			30	110,873	110,903
Djibouti	136	151	0			136	151	287
Dominica	855	151	0			855	151	1,006
Dominica Rep.	9,098	6,327	0			9,098	6,327	15,425
Ecuador	2,215	6,026	0			2,215	6,026	8,241
EEC	0	301,234	0			0	301,234	301,234
Egypt	0	14,160	14,160			0	0	0
El Salvador	2,577	2,862	0			2,577	2,862	5,439
Equatorial Guinea	2,246	1,205	0			2,246	1,205	3,451

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/11	Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2011 for 2012 & future Yrs	Collections in 2012 for Prior Years	Collections During 2012 for 2012 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2012	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 & Prior Years
Eritrea	0	151	151			0	0	0
Estonia	0	6,026	0		5,996	0	30	30
Ethiopia*	0	1,205	1,185		20	0	0	0
Fiji	0	603	2,151			0	(1,548)	(1,548)
Finland*	0	85,264	85,264			0	0	0
France	0	922,383	0		922,383	0	0	0
Gabon	0	2,109	17,329			0	(15,220)	(15,220)
Gambia	0	151	151			0	0	0
Georgia	0	904	394			0	510	510
Germany	0	1,207,850	0		1,207,850	0	0	0
Ghana	814	904	0			814	904	1,718
Greece	93,710	104,094	0			93,710	104,094	197,804
Grenada	406	151	0			406	151	557
Guatemala	15,745	4,218	0			15,745	4,218	19,963
Guinea	2,092	301	0			2,092	301	2,393
Guinea-Bissau	3,041	151	0			3,041	151	3,192
Guyana	0	151	0		151	0	0	0
Haiti	1,594	452	0			1,594	452	2,046
Honduras	0	1,205	0			0	1,205	1,205
Hungary	0	43,837	0			0	43,837	43,837
Iceland	0	6,327	6,327			0	0	0
India	72,453	80,443	0			72,453	80,443	152,896
Indonesia	0	35,853	35,853			0	0	0
Iran	80,677	35,100	0			80,677	35,100	115,777
Iraq	2,712	3,013	0	2,712		0	3,013	3,013
Ireland*	0	75,020	74,992		28	0	0	0
Israel	0	57,847	0			0	57,847	57,847
Italy	0	753,061	0		753,061	0	0	0
Jamaica	1,899	2,109	0			1,899	2,109	4,008
Japan	0	1,887,549	0			0	1,887,549	1,887,549
Jordan	0	2,109	0			0	2,109	2,109

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/11	Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2011 for 2012 & future Yrs	Collections in 2012 for Prior Years	Collections During 2012 for 2012 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2012	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 & Prior Years
Kazakhstan	31	11,449	0			31	11,449	11,480
Kenya	0	1,808	1,808			0	0	0
Kiribati	0	151	154			0	(3)	(3)
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	5,055	1,054	0			5,055	1,054	6,109
Korea, Rep. of	0	340,452	59,100			0	281,352	281,352
Kuwait	0	39,619	0			0	39,619	39,619
Kyrgyzstan	0	151	79			0	72	72
Lao PDR	0	151	151			0	0	0
Latvia	0	5,724	5,724			0	0	0
Lebanon	15,638	4,971	0			15,638	4,971	20,609
Lesotho	0	151	126			0	25	25
Liberia	406	151	0			406	151	557
Libya	78,610	19,433	0	9,167		69,443	19,433	88,876
Liechtenstein	0	1,356	1,356			0	0	0
Lithuania	0	9,792	0			0	9,792	9,792
Luxembourg	0	13,558	0			0	13,558	13,558
Macedonia, TFYR of	1,654	1,054	0			1,654	1,054	2,708
Madagascar	0	452	593			0	(141)	(141)
Malawi	406	151	0			406	151	557
Malaysia	0	38,113	38,113			0	0	0
Maldives	136	151	0			136	151	287
Mali	659	452	0			659	452	1,111
Malta	0	2,561	0			0	2,561	2,561
Marshall Islands	519	151	0			519	151	670
Mauritania	2,351	151	0			2,351	151	2,502
Mauritius	0	1,657	0			0	1,657	1,657
Mexico	383,182	354,913	0	50,000		333,182	354,913	688,095
Micronesia, Fed. States	621	151	0			621	151	772
Moldova, Rep. of	0	301	301			0	0	0
Monaco	0	452	0		452	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	301	301			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/11	Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2011 for 2012 & future Yrs	Collections in 2012 for Prior Years	Collections During 2012 for 2012 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2012	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 & Prior Years
Montenegro	567	603	0			567	603	1,170
Morocco	248	8,737	0			248	8,737	8,985
Mozambique	0	452	452			0	0	0
Myanmar	794	904	0	794	806	0	98	98
Namibia	0	1,205	1,205			0	0	0
Nauru	161	151	0			161	151	312
Nepal	2,397	904	0			2,397	904	3,301
Netherlands	10	279,442	0		279,442	10	0	10
New Zealand	0	41,125	41,125			0	0	0
Nicaragua	1,163	452	0			1,163	452	1,615
Niger	3,511	301	0			3,511	301	3,812
Nigeria	23,548	11,750	0			23,548	11,750	35,298
Niue	0	151	151			0	0	0
Norway*	30	131,209	0	30	131,209	0	0	0
Oman	0	12,955	0			0	12,955	12,955
Pakistan	10,224	12,353	0			10,224	12,353	22,577
Palau	414	151	0			414	151	565
Panama	0	3,314	3,314			0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	0	301	283			0	18	18
Paraguay	6,863	1,054	0			6,863	1,054	7,917
Peru	12,205	13,558	0			12,205	13,558	25,763
Philippines	0	13,558	1,353			0	12,205	12,205
Poland	0	124,732	124,732			0	0	0
Portugal	0	76,978	0			0	76,978	76,978
Qatar	0	20,337	20,337			0	0	0
Romania	0	26,664	26,664			0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	241,329	0		241,329	0	0	0
Rwanda	136	151	0			136	151	287
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	2,691	151	0			2,691	151	2,842

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/11	Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2011 for 2012 & future Yrs	Collections in 2012 for Prior Years	Collections During 2012 for 2012 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2012	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 & Prior Years
Samoa	0	151	319			0	(168)	(168)
San Marino	0	452	0		452	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	1,193	151	0			1,193	151	1,344
Saudi Arabia	30	125,033	0			30	125,033	125,063
Senegal	0	904	528			0	376	376
Serbia	0	5,574	5,574			0	0	0
Seychelles	0	301	0		301	0	0	0
Sierra Leone	918	151	0			918	151	1,069
Singapore	0	50,465	50,465			0	0	0
Slovak	0	21,391	21,391			0	0	0
Slovenia	0	15,516	15,516			0	0	0
Solomon Islands	0	151	151			0	0	0
Somalia	285	151	0			285	151	436
South Africa	0	57,997	57,997			0	0	0
Spain	430,848	478,591	0	430,848		0	478,591	478,591
Sri Lanka	0	2,862	0			0	2,862	2,862
St. Lucia	0	151	132			0	19	19
St.Kitts &Nevis	406	151	0			406	151	557
Sudan	11,702	1,205	0			11,702	1,205	12,907
Suriname	0	452	810			0	(358)	(358)
Swaziland	0	452	452			0	0	0
Sweden	0	160,283	0		160,283	0	0	0
Switzerland*	0	170,226	170,201		25	0	0	0
Syria	3,452	3,766	0			3,452	3,766	7,218
Tajikistan	104	301	0			104	301	405
Thailand	0	31,484	3,218			0	28,266	28,266
Timor - Leste	277	151	0			277	151	428
Togo	424	151	0			424	151	575
Tonga	416	151	0			416	151	567
Trinidad & Tobago	5,967	6,628	0			5,967	6,628	12,595
Tunisia	0	4,519	4,519			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/11	Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2011 for 2012 & future Yrs	Collections in 2012 for Prior Years	Collections During 2012 for 2012 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2012	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 & Prior Years
Turkey	0	92,946	0			0	92,946	92,946
Turkmenistan	4,372	3,917	0			4,372	3,917	8,289
Tuvalu	0	151	151			0	0	0
U. K.	0	994,842	0		994,842	0	0	0
Uganda	0	904	2,564			0	(1,660)	(1,660)
Ukraine	0	13,106	0			0	13,106	13,106
Un.Rep. of Tanzania	0	1,205	14,120			0	(12,915)	(12,915)
United Arab Emirates	95,704	58,901	0	95,704		0	58,901	58,901
Uruguay	3,662	4,067	0	3,662		0	4,067	4,067
Uzbekistan	12,216	1,506	0			12,216	1,506	13,722
Vanuatu	406	151	0			406	151	557
Venezuela	68,441	47,302	0	68,441		0	47,302	47,302
Viet Nam	4,475	4,971	0			4,475	4,971	9,446
Yemen	6,251	1,205	0			6,251	1,205	7,456
Zambia	66	603	0			66	603	669
Zimbabwe	0	452	452			0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,657,091</b>	<b>12,049,392</b>	<b>1,860,108</b>	<b>663,695</b>	<b>4,835,666</b>	<b>993,396</b>	<b>5,353,617</b>	<b>6,347,013</b>

<b>Additional Contributions</b>								
Canada	0	1,011,500	0				1,011,500	1,011,500
Quebec	0	306,104	0		306,104		0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,657,091</b>	<b>13,366,996</b>	<b>1,860,108</b>	<b>663,695</b>	<b>5,141,771</b>	<b>993,396</b>	<b>6,365,117</b>	<b>7,358,513</b>

## ANNEX VI

## General Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BG)

as at 31 March 2012

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/11	Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2011 for 2012 & Future Yrs	Collections in 2012 for Prior Years	Collections During 2012 for 2012 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2012	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 & Prior Years
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Albania	0	355	0			0	355	355
Algeria	0	4,551	4,551			0	0	0
Angola	0	252	0			0	252	252
Antigua and Barbuda	56	71	0	56	71	0	0	0
Armenia	0	178	0			0	178	178
Austria	0	30,209	30,209			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	532	0		532	0	0	0
Bahamas	0	639	0			0	639	639
Bangladesh	0	252	252			0	0	0
Barbados	0	284	0			0	284	284
Belarus	24	1,491	0			24	1,491	1,515
Belgium	0	38,161	0			0	38,161	38,161
Belize	62	36	0	62	36	0	0	0
Benin	116	107	0			116	107	223
Bhutan	0	36	0			0	36	36
Bolivia	797	248	0			797	248	1,045
Bosnia Herzegovina	0	498	0			0	498	498
Botswana	0	639	613			0	26	26
Brazil	73,861	57,187	0			73,861	57,187	131,048
Bulgaria	0	1,349	1,349			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/11	Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2011 for 2012 & Future Yrs	Collections in 2012 for Prior Years	Collections During 2012 for 2012 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2012	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 & Prior Years
Burkina Faso	0	107	148			0	(41)	(41)
Burundi	90	36	0			90	36	126
Cambodia	83	107	0			83	107	190
Cameroon	1,860	390	0			1,860	390	2,250
Canada	0	0	0			0	0	0
Cape Verde	179	36	0			179	36	215
Central African Republic	86	36	0			86	36	122
Chad	74	71	0			74	71	145
China	0	113,302	0			0	113,302	113,302
Colombia	0	5,112	0			0	5,112	5,112
Comoros	61	36	0			61	36	97
Congo, P.R.	230	107	0			230	107	337
Costa Rica	2,046	1,207	0			2,046	1,207	3,253
Croatia	0	3,444	0			0	3,444	3,444
Cuba	10,674	2,520	0			10,674	2,520	13,194
Cyprus	0	1,633	0		1,633	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	12,389	0			0	12,389	12,389
Democratic Republic Of Congo	204	107	0			204	107	311
Denmark	0	26,127	0			0	26,127	26,127
Djibouti	28	36	0			28	36	64
Dominica	214	36	0			214	36	250
Dominican Republic	0	1,491	1,969			0	(478)	(478)
Ecuador	0	1,420	0			0	1,420	1,420
Egypt	0	3,337	3,337			0	0	0
El Salvador	2,331	675	0			2,331	675	3,006



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/11	Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2011 for 2012 & Future Yrs	Collections in 2012 for Prior Years	Collections During 2012 for 2012 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2012	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 & Prior Years
Eritrea	0	36	0		36	0	0	0
Estonia	0	1,420	0		1,395	0	25	25
Ethiopia	0	284	0			0	284	284
European Community	0	62,914	0		62,914	0	0	0
Fiji	131	142	0			131	142	273
Finland	25	20,092	0			25	20,092	20,117
France	0	217,355	0		217,355	0	0	0
Gabon	0	497	737			0	(240)	(240)
Gambia	60	36	0			60	36	96
Georgia	0	213	0			0	213	213
Germany	0	284,624	284,624			0	0	0
Ghana	167	213	0			167	213	380
Greece	19,208	24,529	0			19,208	24,529	43,737
Grenada	214	36	0			214	36	250
Guatemala	2,746	994	0			2,746	994	3,740
Guinea	182	71	0			182	71	253
Guinea Bissau	41	36	0			41	36	77
Guyana	0	36	0		36	0	0	0
Honduras	294	284	0			294	284	578
Hungary	8,089	10,330	0			8,089	10,330	18,419
India	14,864	18,956	0			14,864	18,956	33,820
Indonesia	0	8,448	0		8,448	0	0	0
Iran	16,754	8,271	0			16,754	8,271	25,025
Ireland	0	17,678	17,678			0	0	0
Italy	0	177,456	32,532		144,924	0	0	0
Japan	0	444,792	0			0	444,792	444,792
Jordan	0	497	0			0	497	497

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/11	Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2011 for 2012 & Future Yrs	Collections in 2012 for Prior Years	Collections During 2012 for 2012 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2012	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 & Prior Years
Kazakhstan	0	2,697	0			0	2,697	2,697
Kenya	22	426	0			22	426	448
Kiribati	0	36	36			0	0	0
Korea, Democratic Republic	1,873	248	0			1,873	248	2,121
Korea, Republic of	0	80,226	80,226			0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	28	36	0			28	36	64
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	28	36	0			28	36	64
Latvia	0	1,349	1,332			0	18	18
Lesotho	0	36	0		36	0	0	0
Liberia	0	36	16			0	20	20
Libya	14,908	4,579	0			14,908	4,579	19,487
Lithuania	0	2,307	0			0	2,307	2,307
Luxembourg	0	3,195	0			0	3,195	3,195
Macedonia, TFYR of	501	248	0			501	248	749
Madagascar	0	107	909			0	(802)	(802)
Malawi	79	36	0			79	36	115
Malaysia	0	8,981	8,953			0	29	29
Maldives	0	36	28			0	8	8
Mali	204	107	0			204	107	311
Malta	0	603	0			0	603	603
Marshall Islands	214	36	0			214	36	250
Mauritania	185	36	0			185	36	221
Mauritius	0	390	0			0	390	390
Mexico	0	83,633	0		83,633	0	0	0
Mongolia	56	71	0	56	71	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/11	Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2011 for 2012 & Future Yrs	Collections in 2012 for Prior Years	Collections During 2012 for 2012 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2012	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 & Prior Years
Montenegro	25	142	0			25	142	167
Morocco	705	2,060	0			705	2,060	2,765
Mozambique	0	107	0			0	107	107
Myanmar	230	213	0			230	213	443
Namibia	0	284	284			0	0	0
Nauru	214	36	0			214	36	250
Netherlands	0	65,849	0			0	65,849	65,849
New Zealand	0	9,691	9,691			0	0	0
Nicaragua	207	107	0			207	107	314
Niger	242	71	0			242	71	313
Nigeria	2,150	2,769	0			2,150	2,769	4,919
Niue	0	36	0			0	36	36
Norway	0	30,918	0		30,888	0	30	30
Oman	0	3,052	0		3,052	0	0	0
Pakistan	5,278	2,911	0			5,278	2,911	8,189
Palau	214	36	0			214	36	250
Panama	0	781	0			0	781	781
Papua New Guinea	0	71	147			0	(76)	(76)
Paraguay	0	248	82			0	167	167
Peru	2,502	3,195	0			2,502	3,195	5,697
Philippines	0	3,195	1,789			0	1,407	1,407
Poland	0	29,393	0			0	29,393	29,393
Portugal	0	18,140	18,140			0	0	0
Qatar	0	4,792	4,792			0	0	0
Republic of Moldova	0	71	0			0	71	71
Romania	0	6,283	0		6,283	0	0	0
Rwanda	0	36	0			0	36	36

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/11	Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2011 for 2012 & Future Yrs	Collections in 2012 for Prior Years	Collections During 2012 for 2012 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2012	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 & Prior Years
Saint Kitts and Nevis	28	36	0			28	36	64
Saint Lucia	0	36	36			0	0	0
Saint Vincent & Gren.	214	36	0			214	36	250
Samoa	0	36	0			0	36	36
Saudi Arabia	0	29,463	1,884			0	27,579	27,579
Senegal	210	213	0			210	213	423
Serbia	1,739	1,313	0	1,313		426	1,313	1,739
Seychelles	0	71	0		71	0	0	0
Slovakia	0	5,041	5,041			0	0	0
Slovenia	0	3,656	3,656			0	0	0
Solomon Islands	0	36	0			0	36	36
Somalia	34	36	0			34	36	70
South Africa	0	13,667	13,667			0	0	0
Spain	88,312	112,778	0	88,312		0	112,778	112,778
Sri Lanka	0	675	0			0	675	675
Sudan	1,247	252	0			1,247	252	1,499
Suriname	83	107	0	83	7	0	101	101
Swaziland	0	107	107			0	0	0
Sweden	0	37,771	0		37,771	0	0	0
Switzerland	0	40,113	40,088			0	25	25
Syria	1,219	887	0			1,219	887	2,106
Tajikistan	78	71	0			78	71	149
Thailand	12,068	7,419	0			12,068	7,419	19,487
Togo	82	36	0			82	36	118
Tonga	116	36	0			116	36	152
Trinidad and Tobago	1,223	1,562	0			1,223	1,562	2,785
Tunisia	0	1,065	0			0	1,065	1,065

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/11	Pledges for 2012	Collections in 2011 for 2012 & Future Yrs	Collections in 2012 for Prior Years	Collections During 2012 for 2012 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2012	Unpaid Pledges for 2012 & Prior Years
Turkey	17,151	21,902	0			17,151	21,902	39,053
Turkmenistan	1,111	923	0			1,111	923	2,034
Uganda	0	213	3,601			0	(3,388)	(3,388)
Ukraine	0	3,089	0			0	3,089	3,089
Uruguay	0	880	0			0	880	880
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	234,430	0		234,430			0
United Republic of Tanzania	132	284	0					0
Venezuela	14,276	11,147	0					0
Viet Nam	0	1,172	0					0
Yemen	685	252	0			685	252	937
Zambia	0	142	263			0	(121)	(121)
Zimbabwe	0	107	0			0	107	107
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>325,724</b>	<b>2,516,115</b>	<b>572,765</b>	<b>89,882</b>	<b>833,622</b>	<b>235,842</b>	<b>1,109,728</b>	<b>1,345,570</b>

## ANNEX VII

**Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BH)**

Status as at 31 March 2012 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.11		Adjustments	Pledges for 2012		Collections in 2012 for prior years	Collections in 2012 for 2012 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2012 & prior years
European Commission	10,585				1/			10,585
European Commission	25,873				2/			25,873
European Commission	49,615				3/			49,615
European Commission	68,937				4/			68,937
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,010</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>155,010</b>

1/EC pledged EUR 40,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2

2/EC pledged EUR 100,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2008/514760/SUB/E2

3/EC pledged EUR 90,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2009/540979/SUB/E2

4/EC pledged EUR 126,500 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2010/581495/SUB/E2

**ANNEX VIII**

**Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BI)**

Status as at 31 March 2012 (in United States dollars)

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.11</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2012</b>	<b>Collections in 2012 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2012 for 2012 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2012 &amp; prior years</b>
European Commission	11,813			1/		11,813
European Commission	19,807			2/		19,807
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,620</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,620</b>

1/EC pledged EUR 50,000 towards the Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 20-24 February 2006

2/EC pledged EUR 35,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2009/540979/SUB/E2

**ANNEX X**

**List of meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**  
(as at 31 March 2012)

**2011**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
17 - 19 January 2011	First meeting on the Implementation of the Plan of Action on Sub-National Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Montpellier, France
2 February 2011	Opening for signature at United Nations Headquarters of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity	New York, USA
13 February 2011	Fourth meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions	Gland, Switzerland
16 - 18 February 2011	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group meeting on addressing the risks associated with the introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food	Geneva, Switzerland
17 - 18 February 2011	Central Africa Regional Workshop on Biodiversity and Finance in Support of the Nagoya Outcomes	Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
21 - 25 February 2011	Briefing Sessions and Side Event about the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress during the UNEP Governing Council meeting	Nairobi, Kenya
7 March 2011	Opening for signature of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress	New York, USA
14 - 20 March 2011	Regional Workshop for Southern Africa on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: Incorporating work on valuation and incentive measures	Kasane, Botswana
15 - 18 March 2011	Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation and Capacity-building Workshop on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries, including on Relevant Biodiversity Safeguards	Singapore City, Singapore
16 - 18 March 2011	Latin American and Caribbean Indigenous and Local Community Capacity-building Workshop on the CBD including issues relevant to Article 8(j), Traditional Knowledge and ABS	Georgetown, Guyana
21 March - 8 May 2011	Online discussion groups on socio-economic considerations under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Online
25 March 2011	Eastern Europe Regional Workshop on Biodiversity and Finance in support of the Nagoya Outcomes	Kiev, Ukraine



<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
30 March - 1 April 2011	Sixth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-IAC)	Montreal, Canada
4 - 6 April 2011	Seventh Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing and/or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities	Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
7 - 8 April 2011	Eighth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
8 April 2011	Asia Regional Workshop on Biodiversity and Finance in support of the Nagoya Outcomes	Da Lat City, Viet Nam
11 - 14 April 2011	Expert Meeting on the Modalities of Operation of the ABS Clearing House	Montreal, Canada
11 - 15 April 2011	Central and Eastern European Regional Training of Trainers' Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Ljubljana, Slovenia
15 - 19 April 2011	Regional Workshop for Europe on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Isle of Vilm, Germany
30 April 2011	South America Regional Workshop on Biodiversity and Finance	Cartagena, Colombia
2 - 7 May 2011	Regional Workshop for North Africa and the Middle East on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Beirut, Lebanon
5 May 2011	Central America Regional Workshop on Biodiversity and Finance	Panama City, Panama
9 - 16 May 2011	Regional Workshop for East, South and Southeast Asia on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Xi'an, China
18 - 20 May 2011	Third Expert Meeting for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development	Incheon City, Republic of Korea
22 - 26 May 2011	Regional Workshop for West Africa on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Dakar, Senegal
22 - 26 May 2011	Sub-Regional Workshop for West Africa on Capacity-building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Dakar, Senegal
27 May 2011	Roundtable on Financing Protected Areas in West Africa	Dakar, Senegal
30 May - 3 June 2011	Third meeting of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	Mexico City, Mexico
31 May - 3 June 2011	International meeting on Article 10 (Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity) with a focus on Article 10(c) (Customary Use of Biological Diversity)	Montreal, Canada
3 - 4 June 2011	The eleventh meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative	Montreal, Canada
4 June 2011	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Montreal, Canada
4 - 5 June 2011	Capacity-building Workshop on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
5 June 2011	Preparatory meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on ABS	Montreal, Canada
6 - 10 June 2011	<b>First Meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on ABS (ICNP 1)</b>	Montreal, Canada
7 - 10 June 2011	Joint Meeting of the CBD Liaison Group on Bushmeat and the CITES Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group	Nairobi, Kenya
16 June 2011	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations in Decision-making concerning Living Modified Organisms: Africa (English)	Online
16 - 17 June 2011	Central and Eastern European Regional Workshop on the Nagoya - Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Ljubljana, Slovenia
19 - 23 June 2011	Regional Workshop for Central Africa on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Brazzaville, Congo
20 - 24 June 2011	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	High Wycombe, UK
21 June 2011	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations in Decision-making concerning Living Modified Organisms: Western Europe and Others Group and Central and Eastern Europe (English)	Online
22 June 2011	South East Asia's Capacity-building and Orientation of GTI National Focal Points on Species and Protected Areas Database Interface	Manila, Philippines
23 June 2011	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations in Decision-making concerning Living Modified Organisms: Latin America and the Caribbean (Spanish)	Online
27 - 30 June 2011	Regional Workshop for Eastern Africa on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Kigali, Rwanda
29 June - 1 July 2011	Liaison Group Meeting on Climate-Related Geo-Engineering as it relates to the Convention on Biological Diversity	London, UK
30 June - 1 July 2011	Capacity-Building Workshop on Updating and Revising National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Geneva, Switzerland
5 July 2011	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations in Decision-making concerning Living Modified Organisms: Africa (French)	Online
5 - 7 July 2011	International Conference: A Global Partnership for Plant Conservation - Supporting the worldwide implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation	St. Louis, United States of America

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
5 - 8 July 2011	Latin America and Caribbean Regional Consultation and Capacity-building Workshop on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries, including on Relevant Biodiversity Safeguards	Quito, Ecuador
7 July 2011	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations in Decision-making concerning Living Modified Organisms: Asia-Pacific (English)	Online
8 - 9 July 2011	Liaison Group on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation	St. Louis, United States of America
9 July 2011	Seventh Regional Workshop on Biodiversity and Finance in Support of the Nagoya Outcomes	Dakar, Senegal
11 - 12 July 2011	Workshop on the Amazon Regional Biodiversity Strategy	Quito, Ecuador
13 - 15 July 2011	Regional Workshop on the updating and revision of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP) for South America	Quito, Ecuador
14 - 16 July 2011	Ad hoc Expert Group Meeting of Local-community Representatives	Montreal, Canada
21 - 22 July 2011	African Regional Workshop on the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
22 July 2011	Eighth Regional Workshop on Biodiversity and Finance in Support of the Nagoya Outcomes	Monrovia, Liberia
25 - 26 July 2011	First Expert Team Meeting on the GEF-6 Replenishment	Montreal, Canada
20 - 23 September 2011	African Regional Consultation and Capacity-building Workshop on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries, including on Relevant Biodiversity Safeguards	Cape Town, South Africa
26 - 30 September 2011	Caribbean Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms	Belize City, Belize
3 - 7 October 2011	Sub-Regional Workshop for the Pacific on Capacity Building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Nadi, Fiji
3 - 7 October 2011	Regional Workshop for Pacific region on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: Incorporating work on valuation and incentive measures and in collaboration with PoWPA (NBSAP CBW Pacific 2)	Nadi, Fiji
5 - 7 October 2011	Eighth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
11 - 13 October 2011	Third Expert Workshop on the City Biodiversity Index (Singapore Index)	Singapore City, Singapore
14 October 2011	Central Asia workshop on biodiversity and finance	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
17 - 20 October 2011	Regional Workshop for Central Asia on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Istanbul, Turkey

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
17 - 21 October 2011	Regional Workshop for Caribbean countries on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	St-George's, Grenada
19 - 20 October 2011	Expert Meeting to Develop a Series of Joint Expert Review Processes to Monitor and Assess the Impacts of Ocean Acidification on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity	Montreal, Canada
28 October 2011	Eastern Africa Workshop on Biodiversity and Finance	Nairobi, Kenya
29 - 30 October 2011	Capacity-building Workshop on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada
30 October 2011	Meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau	Montreal, Canada
30 October 2011	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Montreal, Canada
31 October - 4 November 2011	<b>Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions</b>	Montreal, Canada
4 November 2011	Southern Africa Workshop on Biodiversity and Finance	Cape Town, South Africa
5 November 2011	Meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau	Montreal, Canada
5 - 6 November 2011	Twelfth meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative	Montreal, Canada
7 - 11 November 2011	Latin American Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms	Havana, Cuba
7 - 11 November 2011	<b>Fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice</b>	Montreal, Canada
12 - 13 November 2011	Regional Workshop for Group of Latin American Countries of the CBD Programme of Invasive Alien Species and Taxonomy	Montreal, Canada
14 - 16 November 2011	Workshop on Capacity-building for research and information exchange on socio-economic impacts of Living Modified Organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	New Delhi, India
17 - 18 November 2011	Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	New Delhi, India
21 - 25 November 2011	Asia Sub-regional Training of Trainers' Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms	New Delhi, India
22 - 25 November 2011	Western South Pacific Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Nadi, Fiji
28 - 30 November 2011	Pacific Sub-regional Workshop on Capacity-building for the Effective Implementation of the Biosafety Protocol	Nadi, Fiji
28 November - 2 December 2011	Regional Workshop for Mesoamerica on Updating National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans	San José, Costa Rica
5 - 8 December 2011	Regional Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Minsk, Belarus

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
6 - 10 December 2011	Sub-Regional Workshop for South, East, and South-East Asia on Capacity-building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Dehradun, India
6 - 10 December 2011	Second Regional Workshop for South, East, and South-East Asia on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Dehradun, India
7 - 9 December 2011	African Sub-Regional Workshop to strengthen capacity for the CBD Programmes of Work relevant to Invasive Alien Species	Nairobi, Kenya
7 - 9 December 2011	Joint Expert Meeting on addressing biodiversity concerns in sustainable fishery	Bergen, Norway
12 - 16 December 2011	Sub-Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for South Asia on the Clearing-House Mechanism	Dehradun, India

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<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
5 - 7 January 2012	Informal Expert Meeting on the Impacts of Climate-related Geo-engineering on Biological Diversity	Newport Pagnell, UK
17 - 19 January 2012	Mediterranean Regional Workshop for Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: Coordinating Local and National Action in the Mediterranean Basin	Montpellier, France
30 January - 3 February 2012	Sub-Regional Workshop for Central, South and East Africa on Capacity-building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Cape Town, South Africa
13 - 15 February 2012	Meeting of the Sub-working Groups of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management	Bonn, Germany
13 - 16 February 2012	Sub-regional Workshop for Southern Africa on the integration of responses to the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation into NBSAPs	Johannesburg, South Africa
16 - 17 February 2012	SBSTTA Bureau Meeting	Montreal, Canada
21 - 23 February 2012	Capacity-building Workshop for North Africa and the Middle East on The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB)	Beirut, Lebanon
27 February - 1 March 2012	Regional Workshop for Africa on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
28 February - 1 March 2012	Expert Meeting on cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing and to address cases of non-compliance	Montreal, Canada
28 February - 2 March 2012	Wider Caribbean and Western Mid-Atlantic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Recife, Brazil
6 - 9 March 2012	Dialogue seminar on scaling up finance for biodiversity	Quito, Ecuador

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
12 - 14 March 2012	Eighth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing and/or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities	Prague, Czech Republic
12 - 14 March 2012	Global Workshop on National Experiences in implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Brasilia, Brazil
12 - 16 March 2012	Sub-Regional Workshop for Latin America on Capacity-building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Bogota, Colombia
15 - 16 March 2012	Ninth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Prague, Czech Republic
22 - 23 March 2012	Third meeting on the Implementation of the Plan of Action on Sub-National Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Nagoya, Japan
24 - 28 March 2012	Southeast Asia Capacity-building Workshop on Indicators as part of NBSAP updating	Tam Dao, Viet Nam
25 March 2012	Fifth meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions	Dublin, Ireland
28 - 30 March 2012	Seventh meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Biosafety Clearing-House	Montreal, Canada

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