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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 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 this 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 July to 31 December 2014.

### I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

3. In July 2014, the Executive Secretary was in Rome, Italy to attend a special celebration to mark the 10th anniversary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture coming into force. He was invited to take part in the on “The perspective of the International Organizations”. In addressing the event, he highlighted the strong and fruitful partnership between the Secretariats of the CBD and the International Treaty, formalized through a memorandum of cooperation which established a framework of cooperation with a view to enhancing cooperation and exchange of information. He also highlighted the importance of the Nagoya Protocol and its entry into force and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and the importance to keep in mind the forthcoming Sustainable Development Goals and the importance of biodiversity, food and agriculture for achieving sustainable development in the post-MDG era.
4. The Executive Secretary was invited to take part in the Visionaries Unbound: The Future of Planetary Health meeting held in Bellagio, Italy in July 2014. The meeting was organized by The Rockefeller Foundation, in partnership with British medical journal The Lancet and with the active participation of The Economist Intelligence Unit. Key recommendations include: better governance structures for managing global resources; evidence-based input about the likely impact of land-use changes to influence decision-making; more evidence-based information about the potential benefits of ecosystems protection to spur policy change; new business models to deliver scarce resources to underserved and vulnerable regions; and the creation of an entirely new field to focus attention, resources and action on this area.
5. In the context of the celebration of 20 years of research, the Humboldt Institute organized a symposium on Institutional Innovations for Biodiversity of the XXI Century. The event focused on two panel discussions, i.e. on governance of biodiversity at all scales, and towards a culture of biodiversity. The Executive Secretary was one of the invited panel members on the discussion on governance. Participants had an opportunity to interact and have a dialogue with the panel members after each session.
6. Thanks to the generous financial contribution of the Government of Switzerland, the second meeting of the Friends of the Convention on Biological Diversity was held in Warth, Switzerland on 14-15 August 2014, and gathered the participation of more than 40 participants, which included representatives from governments, and representatives of international organizations and stakeholders. In discussing ways to improve the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, the participants took stock of the needs and challenges in the implementation of the Strategic Plan and explored ways to translate the next steps into elements of a “Pyeongchang Roadmap 2020”. They also discussed the upcoming COP 12, including its high-level segment, and how it can contribute to the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals. Taking advantage of the presence of the members of the Bureau in Switzerland, a Bureau meeting was held on 14 August. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss preparations for COP 12.

7. A meeting of the Biodiversity-related Conventions Liaison Group (BLG) was held on 14 August 2014 in Warth, Switzerland. The meeting, which was chaired by the Secretary of ITPGRFA, discussed a number of issues, including: Facilitation of access to GEF financial resources, cooperation among the group in support of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, IPPC and its interest to be a member of BLG, and enhancing cooperation and synergies among the group and also UNEP project on synergies in the implementation of the biodiversity-related MEAs. After further deliberations, the group unanimously agreed that IPPC join the group as its seventh member. The outcomes of the meeting are accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/cooperation/BLG-9-rep-final-en.pdf>.
8. With the generous support from the Governments of Japan, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland, as well as the European Commission, the Secretariat convened an international workshop on financing biodiversity on 18-19 August 2014 in Ittingen, Switzerland. The workshop provided technical follow-up to the elements of the recommendation on resource mobilization adopted by WGRI 5, and took into account the existing strategy for resource mobilization, including elements from all eight of its goals, the report of the High-Level Panel on the Global Assessment of Resources for implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the Co-Chair's Summary of the Second Dialogue Seminar on Scaling up Finance for Biodiversity, and the ongoing initiatives and activities on technical support and capacity-building.
9. The Executive Secretary was invited to attend the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States from 1 to 4 September 2014. The conference, under the theme "The Sustainable Development of SIDS through Genuine and Durable Partnerships", adopted the "SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway", which recognizes the need to support and invest in SIDS to achieve sustainable development and address the challenges in the post-2015 development agenda. Paragraphs 89-91 of the Samoa Pathway recognized the importance of biodiversity, by promoting cooperation and partnerships and information exchange. It also encourages active involvement of stakeholders in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, as well as their access to genetic resources. It also called on all SIDS to ratify the Nagoya Protocol. The Executive Secretary also highlighted the work of the Global Island Partnership and the Sustainable Ocean Initiative and for SIDS to take advantage of them.
10. With a view to strengthening partnership and involvement of the City of Montreal to the work of the Convention, a meeting was held with the Mayor of Montreal on 18 September. The meeting discussed a number of issues including: the Secretariat's work on cities and subnational governments; a summary of biodiversity-related work of the City of Montreal; activities of the Advisory Committee of Cities to the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity; the *Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal* and its potential contribution to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020; and CBD meetings/events in 2015-2016 that could foresee the possible attendance and involvement of the Mayor.
11. The Executive Secretary was in New York to attend the Climate Summit 2014, as well as the UN Climate Summit Forests Pavilion in September. He was also invited to the event entitled "Towards a Deforestation-Free Future: The Demand-Side Challenge", co-hosted by UNDP, UNEP, UNORCID, GCP and NWF, in partnership with IETA and Code REDD. In his remarks, echoing some points made by previous speakers, he noted that degraded land presented opportunities for sustainable increases in food production to meet demand, as well as reducing emissions and restoring ecosystem service function through rehabilitation. He also attended the Equator Prize 2014 Award Ceremony, which honoured the leadership by indigenous and local communities working to meet climate and development challenges through the conservation and sustainable use of nature.
12. A meeting of the joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions was held on 24 September in New York. The meeting discussed potential lines of cooperation within the JLG context for 2014-2015, specifically on: gender; landscape restoration for the achievement of climate change mitigation and

adaptation, reducing land degradation and desertification and sustaining biodiversity; mainstreaming Rio Conventions into national level policies; and the post-2015 development agenda.

13. The seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 7) took place in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea on 29 September-3 October 2014. The meeting adopted 14 decisions on a number of issues, including: operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House; matters related to the financial mechanism and resources; compliance; Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress; socio-economic considerations; risk assessment and risk management (Articles 15 and 16); ; unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Article 17); contained use of living modified organisms; handling, transport, packaging and identification (Article 18); monitoring and reporting (Article 33); assessment and review (Article 35); and administrative and budgetary matters. A meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau was held on 28 September to discuss the organization of work for the COP-MOP 7. A BCH Training workshop was also held on 26-27 September 2014.

14. The twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 12) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was held in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea from 6 to 17 October 2014. The meeting adopted 35 decisions. Some decisions form the Pyeongchang Roadmap for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets; while subsequent decisions focus on engaging actors in support of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, on traditional knowledge, access and benefit-sharing and liability and redress, on scientific and technical matters; as well as on procedural and organizational matters. A meeting of the COP Bureau was held on 5 October to discuss the organization of work for COP 12.

15. The fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* was launched at COP 12. The report draws on various sources of information to provide a mid-term assessment of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity. The report shows that there has been significant progress towards meeting some components of the majority of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. However, in most cases, efforts need to be scaled up and additional actions required to further implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The publication is accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/gbo4/>.

16. An informal meeting of the Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity was held in the margins of COP 12. Recalling discussions at their previous meeting, the group discussed ways and means to make much better use of the CSP members, individually and collectively, with the purpose of revitalizing its efforts towards COP 13.

17. The COP 12 high-level segment was held from 15 to 16 October 2014, under the theme “Biodiversity for sustainable development”. To facilitate active discussion and exchange, the event comprised of four panel discussions, which were divided into two sessions. The issues discussed were as follows: Panel 1 focused on “Integrating biodiversity into the sustainable development goals and post-2015 agenda”; Panel 2 on “Integrating national biodiversity strategies and action plans into national and local development and poverty eradication strategies and planning processes”; Panel 3 on “Nature-based solutions to global challenges”; and Panel 4 discussed “Biodiversity and creative economy”; and the two sessions were on “Integrating biodiversity into the sustainable development agenda at national and international levels” and the second on “Biodiversity, climate change and creative economy”.

18. A major outcome of the event was the adoption of the Gangwon Declaration on Biodiversity for Sustainable Development. The Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, who attended and addressed the event, took the opportunity in his statement of announcing that the Republic of Korea would double its financial contribution to official development assistance in relation to biodiversity and also announced three Korean initiatives: the BioBridge Initiative, aimed at narrowing the technical gap between developed and developing countries; the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Project, in which the Republic of Korea would offer its own experience in forest restoration to developing nations; and financial support for the full

implementation of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative. The outcomes of the discussions and recommendations are reflected in the Chair's Summary of the high level segment.

19. The first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing (COP-MOP 1) was held on 13-17 October 2014, concurrently with COP 12 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea. The meeting adopted 13 decisions on a number of issues, including, *inter alia*: rules of procedure for meetings of the COP-MOP to the Nagoya Protocol; ABS Clearing-House and information-sharing; monitoring and reporting; capacity-building; measures to raising awareness; the need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism; resource mobilization; and on budgetary and organizational matters.

20. The award ceremony for the MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity 2014 was held in the margins of the high level segment. A biennial international prize co-organized by the AEON Environmental Foundation and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the MIDORI Prize honours individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

21. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity co-organized the Guadeloupe 2014 Conference on 22-25 October, together with the European Commission, the French Government, the Guadeloupe Regional Council, the Government of the British Virgin Islands, the Association of Overseas Countries and Territories and the International Union for Conservation of Nature. The high-level international meeting adopted the "Message from Guadeloupe", a five-year roadmap that addresses five priorities: building resilience to climate change, addressing biodiversity loss, developing a green and blue economy; advancing research and facilitating access to resources. In his statement, the Executive Secretary, in highlighting the link between the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets with the role of overseas entities, the Executive Secretary urged the implementation of the five priorities identified in the Message from Guadeloupe.

22. The Executive Secretary participated in the 47th GEF Council Meeting held on 28-30 October 2014, in particular when Agenda Item 10 on "Conversation with the Executive Secretaries of the Conventions – Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions" was taken up. He informed that, in spite of increased actions, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets is unlikely to be met by the end of the decade; therefore, highlighted that the GEF could contribute to mainstreaming of biodiversity through an assessment of lessons learned, the provision of best guidance to countries on implementation, and further synergy among the Conventions as well as integration amount the Convention and its Protocols.

23. A delegation from the Secretariat attended the sixth International Union for Conservation of Nature World Congress on Protected Areas on 12-19 November 2014 in Sydney, Australia. The meeting provided an opportunity for the Secretariat to highlight the work of the CBD, in particular on the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The CBD Executive Secretary took part in a plenary panel discussion on "Parks, people, planet: inspiring solutions", in which he expressed the need to scale up efforts, promote synergies and new governance systems that include the involvement of indigenous and local communities; and the stream session on Improving Health and Well-Being which focused on the "Global environmental and health policy: a nexus for change", where he expressed his hope that, with governments and international policy goals operating through a silo approach, the SDGs and post-2015 development agenda will push for an integrated approach, in particular with regard to health. The World Parks Congress also provided opportunities for CBD staff to engage with relevant partner organizations and bodies, through bilateral meetings, side events, and other parallel events.

24. In early November, the Executive Secretary met with the Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie of the Province of Quebec. The meeting discussed enhancing collaboration, pursuant to COP decision XII/9 on the engagement with subnational and local governments, which invites Parties to increase their efforts towards sustainable urbanization, while also requesting the assistance of the Secretariat to integrate the contribution of local and subnational governments into the implementation of the Strategic

Plan. The meeting also takes note of Quebec's interest to host a meeting in 2015 of the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity, established to help facilitate contribution as requested in the COP decision on the engagement with subnational and local governments.

25. At the kind invitation of the Director-General of FAO and Director-General of WHO, the Executive Secretary attended the Second International Conference on Nutrition, held in Rome, Italy on 19-21 November 2014. In his statement, he highlighted the Cross-cutting Initiative on Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition that was adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the CBD at its eighth meeting, and also informed on the outcomes of recent meeting of the COP in Pyeongchang in October 2014, specifically in relation to the linkages between biodiversity and food and nutrition. He hoped that the importance of biodiversity to food security and nutrition would be recognized and incorporated in the outcomes of the Conference.

26. The Executive Secretary was in Nairobi in late November to attend the UNEP Executive Management Team meeting. A meeting was also held with the UNEP Committee of Permanent Representatives to provide a briefing on the major outcomes of the recently concluded meetings of COP-MOP 7 of the Cartagena Protocol, COP 12 and the COP-MOP 1 of the Nagoya Protocol. Meetings were also held with the UNEP Executive Director and other senior UNEP officials, as well as with meetings with UNEP Divisions.

27. In December, the Executive Secretary was invited to the Arctic Biodiversity Congress which was held in Trondheim, Norway. Organized by the Arctic Council's Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF) working group in cooperation with the Norwegian Environment Agency, the meeting aimed to promote the conservation and sustainable use of Arctic biodiversity through dialogue among scientists, policy-makers, government officials, industry, civil society and indigenous peoples. In his plenary address, the Executive Secretary underscored the need to scale up efforts and actions pursuant to the Arctic Biodiversity Assessment and relevant CBD COP decisions, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Pyeongchang Roadmap 2020. Recognizing the importance of arctic biodiversity globally, he highlighted the need for enhanced collaboration with CAFF. The Executive Secretary also took part in panel discussion on "International cooperation and global conventions: addressing Arctic biodiversity" and "The future of Arctic Biodiversity Assessments: exploring new ways to shorten the time between information and action".

28. During the reporting period, the Executive Secretary welcomed the Deputy Secretary-General of World Meteorological Organization, who paid a courtesy visit to the Secretariat office while in Montreal attending a conference. The visit provided an opportunity to discuss to further enhance collaboration. In December, the Executive Director of Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) visited the Secretariat and met with the Executive Secretary. A presentation was also made to staff on the work of CEC, followed by an exchange on how to enhance cooperation. The newly elected Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action was in Montreal and paid a courtesy visit to the Secretariat and had a brief meeting with the Executive Secretary.

## **MEMORANDA OF COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING**

Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

29. The purpose of the Memorandum of Cooperation is to promote cooperation in relevant aspects of the activities conducted in the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, and the Intergovernmental Platform, with a view to promoting synergy, avoiding overlaps and unnecessary duplication, and ensuring effective cooperation.

Secretariat of the International Tropical Timber Organization



30. Signed in the margins of COP 12, the Memorandum of Understanding aims at facilitating the implementation of activities linked to the conservation and sustainable use of tropical forest biodiversity within the ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2015-2016 and subsequent work programmes, the ITTO Thematic Programmes, the ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2013-2018 and any successor Strategic Plan; and the CBD programme of work on forest biodiversity in the context of the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

#### Oswaldo Cruz Foundation

31. In October 2014, the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation became the newest member of the Consortium of Scientific Partnership on Biodiversity. Established in March 2006 to development and implement training programmes, the Consortium has since then evolved and the Conference of Parties recognized its potential to support implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020 in a more continuous and sustained manner. In the context of the agreement, it is envisaged that the FioCruz, through its ongoing programmes and activities will promote the effective implementation of Convention and its Protocols.

#### Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

32. The purpose of the agreement is to provide a framework of cooperation and understanding, and the facilitate collaboration to further shared common objectives. The agreement will also ensure joint implementation of Pacific region's Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Island Region 2014-2020, and the Strategic Plan for Biological Diversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

## **II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

### **A. Personnel Arrangements**

33. During the period July-December 2014, there were 29.5 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved under the Convention. There were 3 vacant posts. Additionally, 4 professional staff members are regularized on posts funded by UNEP with the programme support funds with 1 vacant Professional post.

34. Under the Convention, there were 26 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget. There was 1 vacant post. Additionally, 13 General Service staff members are regularized on posts funded by UNEP with the programme support funds and 1 vacant General service post.

35. During the period under review for the Biosafety Protocol, there are 5.5 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved by the COP/MOP. There were 2 vacant posts in the Professional category. There were 5 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget. There was no vacant General Service post.

36. In addition to posts funded under the core budgets of the Convention and the Biosafety Protocol, there were a total of 18 professionals and 2 general services staff that were seconded or appointed through voluntary funds during the period under review. There was 1 vacant General service post funded through voluntary funds.

37. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annex I Appendix 1, and Annex II respectively).

## B. Financial Arrangements

38. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 December 2014, of the total pledged contributions of US\$13,497,493 for 2014 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$11,520,628 of which US\$2,029,232 were 2014 and future years pledges paid in 2013, and US\$9,491,396 were pledges paid in 2014 for 2014. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

39. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 December 2014, the total pledged for 2014 amounts to US\$2,794,242 of which US\$2,674,028 has been received. In addition, US\$ 349,392 was received with regards to prior year's pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2014 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$819,359. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.

40. As at 31 December 2014, US\$565,039 has been pledged in 2014 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**), which has all been collected in 2014. In addition, US\$ 204,117 was received with regards to prior year's pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2014 to the BZ Trust Fund, amount to US\$61,609. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

41. As at 31 December 2014, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,572,360 for 2014 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$2,964,420, of which US\$527,331 was 2014 and future years pledges paid in 2013 and US\$2,437,089 has been received in 2014 for 2014. In addition, US\$30,949 was received in 2014 with regards to prior year's pledges. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

42. As at 31 December 2014, four 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 2014 and prior years, to the BH Trust Fund, amounts to US\$2,399. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

43. As at 31 December 2014, six pledges, totalling US\$277,993 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 2014. The total amount pledged in 2014 to the VB Trust Fund (US\$277,993) was collected in 2014. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the VB Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

44. As at 31 December 2014, US\$66,547 has been pledged in 2014 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BI Trust Fund**). The total amount pledged in 2014 to the BI Trust Fund (US\$66,547) was collected in 2014. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

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

<b>SCIENTIFIC, ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING</b>
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#### **Decisions X/2 and XII/2: Support to the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans**

45. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat contributed to the workshop organized by UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in collaboration with ACB and CAEC (China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Centre) on knowledge-sharing and capacity building for ASEAN and China on the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (4-5 December 2014, Bangkok, Thailand).

#### **Decisions X/4 and XI/3: The Global Biodiversity Outlook**

46. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Finalized the production of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, including its underlying technical studies. The report was made available in the six United Nations languages as well as Korean in time for its official launch at COP12;
- (b) Organized or participated in several press conferences and side events during COP12 related to GBO-4;
- (c) Prepared documentation related to GBO-4 for COP12, including UNEP/CBD/COP/12/9 (Global Biodiversity Outlook – Fourth Edition) and UNEP/CBD/COP/12/9/ADD1 (Key Actions to Enhance Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020);
- (d) Organized, in collaboration with various partners, regional launches for GBO-4;
- (e) Started the preparation of communication products related to GBO-4 including presentations, flyers, and brochures;
- (f) Maintained the GBO-4 website with access to all materials; and
- (g) Liaised with partners on the preparation of targeted products for youth and for indigenous peoples and local communities.

*GBO-4, at its related reports, were completed and launched during COP12 for consideration by Parties. The preparation of its communication products will ensure that the main conclusions from GBO-4 reach a wide audience. Further information on GBO-4 can be accessed from <http://www.cbd.int/gbo4>. This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.*

#### **Decisions X/7 and XI/3: Indicators and monitoring progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan**

47. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Liaised with the UNEP-WCMC, Parties and other partners on the convening of a meeting an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;
- (b) Continued to liaise with partners, including UNCCD and UNSD on synergies on indicators and monitoring;
- (c) Issued Technical Series 78 on Progress Towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets: An Assessment of Biodiversity Trends, policy scenarios and key actions; and
- (d) See also under national reports for the role of the online reporting tool in enhancing monitoring of progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan.

*Processes have been put in place to better allow Parties and the Secretariat to monitor progress towards the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The information generated through these processes will facilitate the assessment of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.*

#### **Decisions X/10 and XII/2: National Reporting**

48. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Received a total of 128 final fifth national reports and 27 advanced draft reports as of the end of December 2014;
- (b) Continued facilitating the preparation and submission of the fifth national reports by sending regular reminders including letters to Ministers and helping countries review and finalize the reports as well as through face-to-face meetings with relevant Parties during COP 12;
- (c) Reviewed more fifth national reports to provide inputs to the analysis of progress towards the Aichi Targets made in the draft fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook;
- (d) Contributed to the preparation of relevant documentation for COP 12 in particular related to review of progress towards the Aichi Targets, support to countries for updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans, review of progress in the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and the improvement of the efficiency and processes of the Convention;
- (e) Continued facilitating access to funds by some countries for preparing the fifth national reports and updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
- (f) Prepared more updated country biodiversity profiles based on information from the fourth and fifth national reports;
- (g) Further developed an on-line reporting system to track progress towards the Aichi Targets;
- (h) As of the end of December 2014, received nominations from 45 countries of focal points for national reporting and national authorized users for the use of the on-line reporting system;
- (i) Held a consultation during COP 12 on the proposals for the sixth national report;
- (j) Further developed the national reporting webpage to allow for easier search of all national reports submitted so far;
- (k) Compiled all requests related to national reporting from relevant COP 12 decisions and posted them on the national reporting webpage; and
- (l) Provided inputs to the work coordinated by UNEP-WCMC on the synergies in the implementation of the biodiversity-related Conventions, including a project workbook in this regard.

#### **Decisions X/20, XI/16 and XII/6: Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and initiatives**

49. In response to these decisions the Secretariat:

- (a) Co-organized with WMO, FAO, UNCCD and UN-Water capacity-building workshops on national drought management policies for East Africa and the North Africa Near East regions;
- (b) Organized, in partnership with the Secretariat of the UNCCD, a joint workshop on aligning NBSAPs and NAPs;
- (c) Attended the Advisory Committee (Steering Committee) of the Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP); and
- (d) Attended the 18th meeting of the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel;

*The result of these actions has been: improved capacity of Parties to integrate biodiversity and ecosystem services as a key element of national drought management policies and actions; improved capacity of Parties to integrate the objectives and actions under the CBD and UNCCD; improved understanding by UN system agencies dealing with drought management of the role of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets; strengthened cooperation with the Ramsar Convention on scientific and technical matters.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 14 and 15.*

#### **Decision X/17 and XI/26: Global Strategy for Plant Conservation**

50. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Liaised with the chair of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and Botanic Gardens Conservation International on inputs to COP-12 and plans for 2015;
- (b) Co-organized several GSPC-related side events at COP-12;
- (c) Prepared draft modules on the implications of and requirements in light of the Nagoya Protocol for botanical collections and research;
- (d) Supported a regional plant conservation workshop for the Caucasus, jointly organized by Botanic Gardens Conservation International and the Millennium Seed Bank Partnership (Tbilisi, Georgia, 3 to 6 December 2014);
- (e) Supported a national capacity building workshop for Ethiopia in collaboration with the Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 30 October to 1 November 2014); and
- (f) Liaised with the Muséum national d'histoire naturelle (Paris) regarding options for joint activities with the Sud-expert Plantes pour le Développement Durable (SEPDD) programme in 2015 as well as opportunities to use the Eurogard VII Congress in July 2015 for a GSPC Liaison Group meeting.

*As a result of the actions taken Parties have enhanced their capacities for plant conservation and for mainstreaming the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation into their national planning processes.*

*This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.*

#### **Decisions X/28 and XI/23: Biological Diversity of Inland Waters**

51. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat attended the First International Environment Forum for Basin Organizations workshop on capacity building in basin organisations, the 21st meeting of UN-Water, and Stockholm Water Week.

*The result of these actions has been: improved capacity of Parties to integrate the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 into basin level planning; improved awareness of strategies and opportunities for mainstreaming biodiversity into the water resources management sector.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Target 14.*

#### **Decisions X/29, XI/17 and XI/18: Marine and coastal biodiversity**

52. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Organized and serviced the CBD expert workshop to provide consolidated practical guidance and a toolkit for marine spatial planning (9-11 September, Montreal, Canada);
- (b) Organized and serviced the CBD expert workshop to prepare practical guidance on preventing and mitigating the significant adverse impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity (2-4 December 2014, Baltimore, USA);
- (c) Produced for CBD Technical Series No. 75: An Updated Synthesis on the Impacts of Ocean Acidification on Marine Biodiversity, which was developed with the input of wide range of experts

from around the world and incorporates comments received from Parties and relevant organizations through official CBD peer-review process;

- (d) Developed an EBSA information-sharing website ([www.cbd.int/ebsa](http://www.cbd.int/ebsa)) to contribute to enhanced accessibility, outreach, coordination and understanding of the CBDs work on EBSAs;
- (e) Developed booklets based on the results of the (i) Western South Pacific regional EBSA workshop and (ii) the Wider Caribbean and Western Mid-Atlantic regional EBSA workshop. These booklets will present the detailed scientific and technical information synthesized at the workshops for each area described as meeting the EBSA criteria in a clear, easily-understandable and charismatic way so as to increase understanding and appreciation of the EBSA process by a broad range of stakeholders;
- (f) Initiated the development of training materials on the use of traditional knowledge in the application of the EBSA criteria. This entailed contracting a consultant to develop draft training materials and holding informal discussions with Parties, organizations and representatives of indigenous and local communities;
- (g) Collaborated with UNEP on the compilation and analysis of experiences on marine spatial planning by issuing notification requesting relevant information from Parties and relevant organizations (Ref. No. 2014-025, 19 February 2014), which was issued in conjunction with a survey on experiences in marine spatial planning by UNEP. Responses to the CBD notification and UNEP survey were subsequently analysed as part of the Marine Spatial Planning in Practical technical meeting;
- (h) Participated in the 20th session of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) Assembly (7-25 July 2014, Kingston, Jamaica) and delivered a statement on behalf of the Executive Secretary to update the ISA on progress in the CBD's work on EBSAs;
- (i) Organized and serviced the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) High-level Meeting at CBD COP 12 (16 October 2014, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea);
- (j) Developed, in collaboration with Parties and relevant organizations, a draft action plan for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative, which was subsequently finalized at the SOI Global Partnership Meeting and welcomed at the SOI High-level Meeting
- (k) Organized and serviced the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Global Partnership Meeting (3-4 October 2014, Seoul, Republic of Korea);
- (l) Serviced the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (6-17 October 2014, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea) in its deliberations and decisions XII/22 and XII/23;
- (m) Participated in the 20th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (1-12 December 2014, Lima, Peru), including by co-organizing and contributing to four side events and delivering a presentation on the Sustainable Ocean Initiative; and
- (n) Participated in the International Seminar on Marine Spatial Planning (6-7 November 2014), including by delivering a presentation on the CBDs relevant work on marine spatial planning.

*The result of these actions has been:*

- *Development of guidance to support parties to taking measures to address key threats and implement tools for improved conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity;*
- *Improved understanding of major threats to marine and coastal biodiversity and means to address these threats to achieve the Aichi Targets;*
- *Outreach and dissemination of the results of the CBDs work on marine spatial planning*
- *Improved engagement and outreach related to the CBDs work on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs)*
- *Contribution to the UNFCCC process and enhanced awareness of the CBDs relevant work on marine and coastal biodiversity in the context of climate change issues*

- *Successful partnership-building and strategic planning for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative, establishing foundation for long-term capacity building activities for marine and coastal biodiversity*
- *Improved understanding and engagement in the CBDs work on EBSAs;*
- *Successful adoption of decisions on marine and coastal biodiversity by COP at its 12th meeting*
- *Enhanced awareness and visibility of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas; and*
- *Enhanced coordination and linkages with relevant organizations and global fora.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 6, 10, 11.*

**Decisions X/33, XI/19, XI/20 and XI/21: Biodiversity and Climate Change and related issues**

53. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) With financial support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund, commissioned a team of experts to assist the Secretariat in re-aligning existing materials on climate change to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020, in particular Aichi Targets 5, 7, 10, 14, 15, and 17, to support countries to enhance implementation of the Strategic Plan; and II) to assist the Secretariat in developing capacity building materials on climate change and thereby assist towards capacity development of countries to achieve Aichi Targets 5, 7, 10, 14, 15 and 17. An online Q&A was held on October 22 – 24 through the UNEP Expert of the Day page on the IPCC findings and NBSAPs, with the participation of William Cheung and Guy Midgley. and
- (b) Participated in UNFCCC COP 20 and CMP 10, the 41th sessions of UNFCCC SBI and SBSTA, and the seventh part of the second session of ADP, held from 1-14 December in Lima, Peru, highlighting the importance of land use in a future climate agreement, following the negotiations on REDD+ and suggesting GBO-4 as well as the updated scientific study on ocean acidification for consideration by the Structured Expert Dialogue on the 2013-2015 review of the adequacy of the long-term global goal.

*Through these actions, there is a better understanding within the climate change community of the role and contribution of the CBD, and work taken under it, to the work of the UNFCCC. Parties have a better understanding of the impacts of climate change on biodiversity, how to integrate climate change and ecosystem-based adaptation into NBSAPs, and will have a better overview of available resources supporting them in their efforts to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Targets related to climate change.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 10, 14 and 15.*

**Decision X/34 and XI/27: Agricultural biodiversity**

54. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Attended the meeting of the FAO Committee on Agriculture;
- (b) Participated in, and contributed a background paper on biodiversity to, an OECD technical meeting on scenarios for food and agriculture; and
- (c) Contributed to, and attended a meeting of, an expert technical group on agro-ecosystem resilience indicators of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of the GEF.

*These actions strengthened the capacity of FAO Member States to integrate biodiversity into policies for agriculture including improved awareness of the contribution of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 to the Reviewed Strategic Framework of the FAO; increased awareness of the relevance of biodiversity to scenarios and policy options for food and agriculture in OECD member States, including mainstreaming key outcomes of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook; contributed to improved guidance for the GEF, and Parties, on biodiversity indicators to guide investments in agro-ecosystem resilience.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 7 and 13.*

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

55. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) With financial support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund, commissioned a team of experts to assist the Secretariat in re-aligning existing materials on dry and sub-humid lands to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020, in particular Aichi Targets 5, 7, 10, 14, 15, and 17, to support countries to enhance implementation of the Strategic Plan; and II) to assist the Secretariat in developing capacity building materials on dry and sub-humid lands and thereby assist towards capacity development of countries to achieve Aichi Targets 5, 7, 10, 14, 15 and 17;
- (b) Cooperated with the WMO, FAO, the UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development and the UNCCD Secretariat in the UN-Water Initiative “Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies” to convene Regional Workshops for East Africa (5-8 August 2014 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) and North Africa (17-20 November 2014 in Cairo, Egypt) . With financial support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund, 4 participants (4 for Addis Ababa and 5 for Cairo) nominated by CBD focal points were able to attend the workshop;
- (c) Co-sponsored with the George Mason University (GMU), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), as well as ten other co-sponsors, the International Symposium on Weather and Climate Extremes, Food Security and Biodiversity at the George Mason University in Washington from 20-24 October 2014. Experts from UN Agencies, governments, universities and research organizations and from private sector agencies in USA and 15 countries around the world participated in the Symposium. The SCBD organized a session on Climate, Ecosystems and Biodiversity with Thomas Lovejoy, Lars Laestadius (WRI), and Emma Woods (Royal Society); and
- (d) Convened, jointly with the UNCCD Secretariat, a workshop on synergies for the design, development and implementation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and National Action Programmes from 21 to 22 November 2014, in Cairo, Egypt. The workshop programme provided 34 participants from 16 countries with expert input from the CBD Secretariat, the UNCCD Secretariat, UNEP-WCMC, IUCN and BirdLife International, as well as structured opportunities to exchange experiences.

*These actions have resulted in drought practitioners at national level being provided with information on the role of biodiversity in national drought management policies. Furthermore, Parties will have a better overview of available resources supporting them in their efforts to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Targets related to dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity and to achieve synergies in the development and implementation of planning instruments. They also highlighted to academics and practitioners from the agriculture and agricultural meteorology sector, besides the negative impacts that climate change is predicted to have on biodiversity, the positive role of biodiversity, including ecosystem services, in mitigating climate change and coping with its inevitable impacts.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 14 and 15.*

#### **Decisions X/38 and XI/28: Invasive alien species**

56. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Developed and published a prototype of the CBD Toolkit for Parties to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9;
- (b) Developed documents on “Guidance on devising and implementing measures to address the risks associated with the introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait



and live food” that was adopted by the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (decision XII/16 annex);

- (c) Developed documents on invasive alien species : review and future works for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- (d) Developed and disseminated the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership Work Plan 2015-2016.
- (e) Organized the Expert Kiosk on Invasive Alien Species and Taxonomy on the margins of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- (f) Organized a side event on the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership on the margins of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- (g) Organized a side event on the International Islands Initiative for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on the margins of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- (h) Organized a side event on Island Resilience Campaign on the margins of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- (i) Provided information and presentations on invasive alien species to the participants of the IUCN World Parks Congress Sydney 2014 held from 12 to 19 November 2014 in Sydney, Australia;
- (j) Attended Regional Seminar-Workshop on Harmonizing Method in Risk Analysis of Invasive Alien Plant Species in Forestry in Southeast Asia SEAMEO BIOTROP, Bogor, Indonesia, 2 – 5 December 2014; and
- (k) Provided information on funding opportunities for the small island developing States which produced draft project proposals to address invasive alien species at the workshop Capacity-building workshop for Small Island Developing States to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on Invasive Alien Species held on 14-15 June 2014.

*The result of these actions has been:*

- *Filling the gaps and inconsistencies of international regulatory framework to address invasive alien species regarding introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food;*
- *Strengthened collaboration among the information providers of the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership and shared information for Parties to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9;*
- *Increased awareness on invasive alien species among Parties, in particular small island developing States and relevant international organizations;*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 9.*

### **Decisions X/39 and XI/29: The Global Taxonomy Initiative**

57. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Organized the Expert Kiosk on Invasive Alien Species and Taxonomy on the margins of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- (b) Organized a side event on Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership in the context of taxonomic information that became available on the Information Gateway of the Partnership on the margins of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- (c) Organized a side event for the International Islands Initiative for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 as a part of Technical and Scientific Cooperation on the margins of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

- (d) Initiated the organization of the Global Taxonomy Initiative Training Course on Rapid Identification of Invasive Alien Species for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 (Ref. No. 2014-141); and
- (e) Disseminated information on the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (Diagnostic Protocols) to call for taxonomic experts opinions.

*The result of these actions has been:*

- *Strengthened collaboration among technical and scientific experts in taxonomy for Parties to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Targets;*
- *Awareness improvement on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets that require taxonomic information and taxonomic research through the events on the margins of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, global and regional conferences and forums*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 9, 19.*

#### **Decision XI/16: Ecosystem restoration**

58. In response to these decisions the Secretariat:

- (a) In close partnership with FAO, organized a capacity-building workshop for Mesoamerica on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in San Jose, Costa Rica – 25 to 29 August 2014. The workshop received 40 participants from the region, the CBD and experts from ITTO, Bioversity, IUCN-ORMACC, UNEP-WCMC, Conservation International and the Republic of Korea;
- (b) On the margins of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a day of sessions focused on Ecosystem restoration was organized at the Rio Conventions Pavilion. The final session included the official launch of the Korea Forest Restoration Initiative with the Korea Forest Service;
- (c) With the support of the Japan Biodiversity Fund, organized a workshop in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC and COMIFAC on synergies between REDD+ and Ecosystem conservation and restoration in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (8 - 11 July 2014, Douala, Cameroon) with more information provided below in Decision X1/19; and
- (d) With the support of the Korea Forest Service of the Republic of Korea, in collaboration with FAO, and with support of partners organized a Capacity-building workshop for Central, South and East Asia on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (14-18 July 2014, Jeju, Republic of Korea).

#### **Decision X1/19: Biodiversity and climate change related issues: advice on the application of relevant safeguards for biodiversity with regard to policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries**

59. In response to this decision, the Secretariat

- (a) Prepared a progress report for SBSTTA 18 in June 2014;
- (b) Organized and serviced a workshop, in collaboration with the UNEP-WCMC and COMIFAC, on synergies between REDD+ and ecosystem conservation and restoration in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans held 8 to 11 July 2014 in Douala, Cameroon. The workshop was held in French. The meeting documents are available on the CBD website at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CBWECR-2014-08>;

- (c) Organized and serviced an inter-regional workshop, in collaboration with the UNEP-WCMC, on REDD+ and Aichi Biodiversity Targets in San José, Costa Rica from 29 to 31 August 2014. The meeting documents are available on the CBD website at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=FBWS-2014-01>;
- (d) Produced information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/INF/15), commissioned to the UNEP-WCMC, on National Level Synergies between REDD+ and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: A Review of Current Guidance and National Efforts, which was submitted to the UNFCCC, SBSTA;
- (e) Organized and carried out a side event, in collaboration with the UNEP-WCMC, at COP 12 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, entitled “Considering biodiversity in REDD+ planning and implementation - country experiences and future options”; and
- (f) Organized and carried out a side event, in collaboration with the UNEP-WCMC and Conservation International, at the second Global Landscape Forum in Lima, Peru, entitled “Integrating REDD+ and Aichi Biodiversity Targets: How to create synergies in countries’ implementation”.

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 5, 7, 11, 14, 15, 18 and 20.*

**Decision XI/25: Sustainable use of biodiversity: bushmeat and sustainable wildlife management**

60. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared a progress report for SBSTTA 18 in June 2014;
- (b) Participated in the third meeting of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW), 23 to 24 April 2014 in Milan, Italy, on the margins of the 61st General Assembly session of the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) and Global Summit “Hunters United against Wildlife Crime”;
- (c) Led CPW in the launch of the first CPW fact sheet on SWM and Biodiversity Conservation ” at COP12 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea;
- (d) Planned, organized and carried out a CPW side event on SWM at COP 12 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, entitled “Sustainable Wildlife Management in a Landscape Approach”;
- (e) Planned, organized and facilitated the 4th meeting of the CPW at COP 12 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea;
- (f) Managed and produced the 2nd Fact sheet of the CPW on “SWM and Wild Food”, launched at the World’s Parks Congress, in Sydney, Australia;
- (g) Participated in a joint CPW side event at the World’s Parks Congress, in Sydney, Australia;
- (h) Continues to led and coordinate the bushmeat e-sourcebook initiative;
- (i) Contributed to other ongoing CPW initiatives include a Wildlife Terminology Initiative; an assessment report on the economic contribution of sustainable wildlife management for local economies and livelihoods; and the series of sustainable wildlife management fact sheets;
- (j) Collaborated in the development of the CPW Retreat scheduled for 2015;
- (k) Launched a press release on the outcomes of COP12 related to SWM; and
- (l) Contributed to other awareness raising material.

**Decision XII/4: Integrating biodiversity into the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and the sustainable development goals**

61. In response to this decision, the Secretariat continued to provide inputs into the UN-Water led task force on the water SDG (Goal6) and in particular target 6.6 (ecosystems), including providing technical advice on monitoring frameworks, indicators and means of implementation.

*The result of these actions has been improved understanding by UN Agencies and negotiators from Member States of the role of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets in achieving sustainable water with regards to sustainable development.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Target 14.*

**Decision XII/20: Biodiversity and climate change and disaster risk reduction**

62. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Attended the first Preparatory Committee meeting for the Third United Nations Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction; and
- (b) Cooperated with partner organizations (including through PEDRR) to strengthen attention to ecosystem based disaster risk reduction, including incorporating the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and relevant CBD decisions into the DRR agenda and the outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

*These actions strengthened the awareness of Member States regarding the contribution of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 to disaster risk reduction and opportunities to integrate this into the second Hyogo Framework for Action on DRR.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 14 and 15.*

**Biodiversity and Sustainable Development Goals**

63. In view of the SDG process and OWG meetings, the Secretariat:

- (a) Followed up on the UN Technical Support Team Biodiversity Issue Brief for the Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- (b) Served on the CBD-SDG Task Force Team providing input in preparation for OWG8;
- (c) Facilitated planning for two side events during the 8th session of the Open Working Group Meeting of the SDGs; and
- (d) Examined and reviewed existing internationally agreed targets and indicators on biodiversity and forests and identified opportunities to mainstream these into SDG discussions.

*These results from these actions have lead to a recognized production of the UN TST Biodiversity Issue Brief; inputs to the co-chair's summary and synthesis report of the Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue; and input on forest related targets for the OWG discussions.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 1,2,5,7,10,11,14, 15, 20.*

**NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING**

**Decision X/1: Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization and Decision XI/I on Status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization and related developments**

64. In response to requests contained in the above decisions, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

Ratifications, Entry into Force and the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

(a) From 1-14 July, the Protocol received 10 instruments of ratification (Burundi, Gambia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Niger, Peru, Sudan, Switzerland, Vanuatu and Uruguay) bringing the required number of ratifications to enter into force on 12 October 2014. From July to December 2014, the Protocol received six more ratifications (Dominican Republic, Guinea, Lesotho, Malawi, Marshall Islands and United Arab Emirates) bringing the total number to 57. Entry into force of the Protocol on 12 October 2014 represents a major step towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 16, which requires that, “by 2015, the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization is in force and operational, consistent with national legislation.” The entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol also provides greater legal certainty and transparency for both providers and users of genetic resources, creating a framework that promotes the use of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, while strengthening the opportunities for fair and equitable sharing of benefits from their use.

(b) Following its ratification by 51 Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity on 14 July 2014 and its entry into force on 12 October, the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (COP-MOP/1) was held from 13 to 17 October 2014, concurrently with COP 12 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea. The Secretariat prepared 13 pre-session documents and 10 information documents for the COP-MOP/1 and serviced the meeting effectively. COP-MOP/1 adopted 13 decisions that will further facilitate effective implementation of the Protocol. Among the decisions adopted are mechanisms to ensure compliance with the Protocol, measures to assist institutional capacities in developing countries, and a strategy to raise awareness of the international instrument. COP-MOP/1 also adopted decisions on guidance to mobilize resources and measures to guide the countries through the use of the Access Benefit-Sharing Clearing House (ABS-CH).

The Access and Benefit Sharing Clearing House (ABS-CH)

(a) The main work on the ABS-CH during the period from July to December 2014 was ensuring the ABS-CH would be ready in time for a fully functional launch during the first meeting of the Party to the Nagoya Protocol and entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol. Ensuring the ABS-CH was fully functional meant that the system met the needs of user’s in all national circumstances. Fully functional also meant that the ABS-CH would contain all the available relevant national information. To accomplish these tasks a help desk and outreach and engagement campaign was launched with the main goals of training users to input information into the platform, resolving technical issues and gathering feedback and information on specific users’ needs. Each week the results of the campaign were translated back into requirements to guide and improve on the development of the functionality of the system. These requirements were then vetted by ABS-CH IAC for additional feedback and refinement before the programming team implemented the final changes to the system.

Development of the ABS-CH Platform

(a) From July to December 2014, the main activities on the ABS-CH platform included:

- The Launch of a fully functional ABS Clearing-House during a capacity-building workshop on 12 October, just prior to the entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol. Approximately 100 participants from all United Nations regions, including representatives from indigenous and local communities, took part in the all-day training on the use of the new system;
- Integration of a forum function, eliminating the barrier of users logging in to other websites;
- Integration of “news category”
- Testing and debugging
- Development of the help section including FAQs and an interactive e-learning game.
- Generation of pdfs for the internationally recognized certificates of compliance and checkpoint communiques
- Update of the country profiles
- Improvement of work flow navigation
- Improvement in the indexing for fast and robust search
- Implementation of a unified layout throughout all the pages of the website, offering a better user experience;
- Creation of a “development ABS-CH website”, providing an internal virtual space for testing;
- Development of a “training ABS-CH website”, allowing users to learn and test the functions with no risk to impact national information already published.

#### Outreach and Engagement

<b>PARTIES</b>	<b>NON-PARTIES</b>	<b>TOTAL OF COUNTRIES</b>
<b>33</b> publishing authorities	<b>18</b> publishing authorities	<b>51</b> publishing authorities
<b>13</b> with published ABS measures	<b>5</b> with published ABS measures	<b>18</b> with published ABS measures

- 90+ National Focal Points and publishing authorities contacted;
- 89 different users from Parties and non-Parties to the Protocol (PAs and NAUs);
- 124 national records published from 18 different countries;
- Development of communication materials (brochure, newsletter);
- Development of a survey to evaluate the ABS-CH and its activities of outreach and engagement, technical assistance and capacity building.

#### Results of technical support and capacity building

<b>PARTIES</b>	<b>NON-PARTIES</b>	<b>TOTAL OF COUNTRIES</b>
<b>17</b> countries participated in the webinar series	<b>10</b> countries participated in the webinar series	<b>27</b> participated in the webinar series
<b>20</b> countries participated in the	<b>17</b> countries participated in the	<b>37</b> participated in the COP-

PARTIES	NON-PARTIES	TOTAL OF COUNTRIES
COP-MOP workshop	COP-MOP workshop	MOP workshop

- 6 training webinars organized in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French;
- 49 webinar participants from 27 different countries;
- Support via Skype, ABS-CH website and phone when users need.

#### Participation in meetings and workshops

- Participated in the ‘ABS dialogue meeting’ of the ABS Capacity Development Initiative, Goa, India, 4-6 August 2014
- Participated in the first session of the Team of Technical and Legal Experts on Access and Benefit-sharing to the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Rome, Italy, 8-11 July 2014
- Represented the NP and CBD at the second session of the Team of Technical and Legal Experts on Access and Benefit-sharing to the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Rome, Italy, 27-30 November 2014
- Provided information on internationally recognized certificate of compliance at the International Chamber of Commerce conference on Nagoya Protocol, held in Paris, France, 24-25 November 2014
- Attended and made presentations at the third Caribbean Access and Benefit-sharing Workshop organized by the ABS Capacity Development Initiative in collaboration with the CARICOM Secretariat and SCBD, held in Rodney Bay Village, Saint Lucia, 24-27 November 2014
- Represented the NP and CBD at the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-Sharing held in Geneva, Switzerland, 8-11 December 2014
- Provided feedback and expert input into project at the Meeting of the Advisory Board to the BENELEX research project (Benefit-sharing for an equitable transition to the green economy – the role of law) held in Edinburgh, UK, 4 July 2014.

### TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION

#### Decision XI/2: Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation

65. During the second half of 2014, major activities related to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) can be summarized as follows:

(a) Further to the WGRI 5 and SBSTTA 18 meetings held in June 2014, in Montreal, Canada, an interactive online version of the recommendations made at these meetings was made available at [www.cbd.int/recommendations](http://www.cbd.int/recommendations);

(b) Several sections of the CBD website were updated, particularly in preparation for the Conference of the Parties (COP 12) and other major meetings held in October 2014 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea ([www.cbd.int/cop2014](http://www.cbd.int/cop2014)). The main pages were made available in the following target

languages: Arabic, French, Russian and Spanish. Overall web translation increased by a total of approximately 200,000 words thanks to support provided by the Government of Japan.

(c) In terms of web-based systems, the online reporting system available for demonstration was tested and suggestions for improvements were compiled. Progress was made in populating the new online library into which 230 new records were entered.

(d) A Progress report on technical and scientific cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism was prepared as a pre-session document (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/11) for the Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 12). Further details were also provided in an information document entitled Additional information on progress on the clearing-house mechanism (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/INF/2). CHM discussion at COP 12 led to the adoption of section B.3 of decision XII/2.

(e) A meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the clearing-house mechanism (CHM-IAC) was held in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea on 5 October 2014, prior to COP 12, thanks to the financial support of the Government of Canada. The purpose of the meeting was to follow up progress made on the clearing-house mechanism and prepare for the discussion of the corresponding agenda item during COP 12. The documentation of the meeting is available at [www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=chmiac-2014-02](http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=chmiac-2014-02).

(f) A side-event entitled "Latest developments of the Clearing-House Mechanism" was organized on 8 October 2014 in the margins of COP 12, thanks to the support of the Government of Japan. This side-event presented an overview of the new information services of the central CHM, support provided to Parties to develop their national clearing-house mechanisms, and some of the partners' contributions to the CHM network.

(g) The CBD Secretariat was represented at, and contributed to the outcomes of, the following partner meetings related to the clearing-house mechanism:

(h) The "MEA Information and Knowledge Management (MEA-IKM) working meeting on thesaurus", held on 1-2 December 2014 in Bonn, Germany, and organized by UNEP/DELG;

(i) The "BISE-CHM expert meeting on sharing national information in support of the assessment of progress to 2020 biodiversity targets", held on 4 December 2014 in Copenhagen, Denmark, and organized by the European Environmental Agency (EEA);

(j) The *Technical meeting on interoperability between the CBD reporting tool and the Target Cross-linking Tool*, held on 5 December 2014 in Copenhagen, Denmark, and organized by the European Environmental Agency (EEA);

(k) The *Expert meeting on enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of MEA implementation: interoperability between reporting systems for biodiversity data*, held on 15-16 December 2014 in Geneva, Switzerland and co-organized by UNEP-WCMC and CITES.

#### **Decision XI/4: Resource Mobilization, Decision XI/5: The Financial Mechanism, Decision XI/30: Incentive measures**

66. The period under review saw the finalization of preparations for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in particular 17 pre-session documents as requested under the decisions above, as well as the servicing of associated preparatory meetings. The CBD Secretariat serviced COP 12 held on 6-17 October 2014 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, in its deliberations and decisions of the topics above, including co-organization of pertinent side-events, and developed its work plan for the biennium ahead for supporting the implementation of decision XI/4 on resource mobilization, including incentive measures, and decision XI/5 on the financial mechanism. The CBD Secretariat undertook the following activities for COP 12:



- (a) In preparation for COP 12, the CBD Secretariat organized and serviced the meeting of the Biodiversity Liaison Group held on 16 August 2014 at the Kartause Ittingen, Switzerland, and the International Workshop on Financing for Biodiversity, held on 18-19 August 2014 at the same location. The International Workshop on Financing for Biodiversity, attended by 32 Parties and 8 observers, considered practical and action-oriented elements for inclusion into a Pyeongchang Roadmap 2020 for implementation of the targets for resource mobilization to support the achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. It also developed delivery and support mechanisms for the Pyeongchang Roadmap, including technical support and capacity building and other concrete initiatives. The meeting was financed by the Governments of Japan, Republic of Korea and Switzerland and the European Union. A report of the meeting was submitted as an information document to COP 12 (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/INF/5);
- (b) Serviced the Contact Groups on Resource Mobilization and the Financial Mechanism and the Friends of the COP President for COP 12 and COP/MOP 1 of the Nagoya Protocol; and
- (c) Organized and participated in several side-events on financial resources and the financial mechanism during COP 12, and made over 70 presentations available on the CBD website.
- (d) The CBD Secretariat participated in the Third Experts' Meeting and workshop of the Joint ENVIRONET and WP-STAT Task Team on improving Rio markers, environment and development finance statistics held on 18 September 2014 in Paris, France, and represented the CBD in the context of work on reporting biodiversity finance and on indicators to measure progress towards the implementation of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization.
- (e) The CBD Secretariat participated as an observer in the meeting of the Committee on Trade and Environment of the World Trade Organization (WTO/CTE) held on 23 October 2014 in Geneva, Switzerland, and provided a briefing on recent developments, including decisions of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of relevance to the CTE.
- (f) The CBD Secretariat participated in the writers' workshop of the Giz ValuES project on integrating biodiversity values into development planning using ecosystem, held on 12-14 November 2014 in Frankfurt, Germany. The purpose of the workshop was to support development of guidance on ways and means to enhance the political traction of ecosystem assessment/valuation studies under the Giz project.
- (g) The CBD Secretariat continued its close cooperation with the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and the TEEB Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in the implementation of the joint project on Advancing Natural Capital Accounting (ANCA), through its global work stream as well as by developing national programmes of work on ecosystem accounting in seven pilot countries, including with a view to achieve integration and synergy with the Quick Start Package on ecosystem accounting commissioned by the CBD Secretariat (see SCBD Technical Series No. 77) and the associated training framework that has been rolled out on the margins of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The ANCA project is funded by the Government of Norway.
- (h) Participated in the 47th meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility held on 28-30 October 2014. The CBD statement and a joint summary of the meeting are available online;
- (i) Participated in the IPPC Secretariat Enhancement Evaluation conducted by FAO Office of Evaluation held on 5 November 2014; and
- (j) Collected and compiled case studies and country examples on financial resources and mechanism.

### Other TSI activities

67. The Secretariat organized several online webinars and web meetings using professional online meeting services. These modern alternatives reduced the cost of meetings and the carbon footprint from air transportation, in particular of capacity-building activities such as smaller regional workshops to present the Nagoya Protocol and the ABS Clearing-House Mechanism.

68. In October 2014 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, the Secretariat organized its first paperless COP and COP-MOPs. Using a web interface developed by the CBD Secretariat, delegates and meeting participants were able to view or print on demand the meeting documents in all 6 languages. The project enabled the Secretariat to reduce the amount of paper used by more than 60% compared to the previous COP and COP-MOP.

## MAINSTREAMING, PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH

### Decision XI/7: Business and Biodiversity

69. In response to this and previous decisions, the Secretariat has undertaken a number of activities in the period July-December 2014 as follows:

(a) WBCSD Cement Sustainability Initiative 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum: Cartagena, Colombia, 15-17 September 2014: The theme of the forum was “Conserving Nature’s Foundations: Biodiversity and Ecosystems”. CSI had requested the CBD Secretariat to deliver a keynote speech on engagement with business vis-à-vis biodiversity related issues. The forum was spread over two days. The first day featured several panel discussions (following the CBD keynote) on biodiversity management and conservation activities. In the parallel sessions, there were discussions focussed on specific issues related to this topic, looking at how to create a biodiversity plan, how to assess biodiversity on a given site, and several examples of best practices. The second day started with a site visit to an area owned by a cement plant (Argos) where they explained their conservation and restoration efforts, including the modelling they were using to take into account changes caused by the development of the site. The forum concluded with a panel discussing some of the challenges inherent in producing a sustainability plan (including costs and uncertainties). In addition to this sector-based meeting, there were a number of side meetings taken with Colombian government, NGOs and business associations (including CECODES the Colombian chapter of WBCSD and the Humboldt Institute). The objective of these was to encourage Colombian participation in the Global Partnership. All of the stakeholders expressed interest in working together to form a National Initiative and indicated that they hoped to join in either late 2014 or early 2015. They also expressed an interest in holding a multi-sectorial workshop on biodiversity in 2015 as a potential “launch event”.

(b) COP 12 Business and Biodiversity Forum: On 12-14 October 2014, the Secretariat, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of Germany, hosted a three-day business and biodiversity forum in parallel with COP 12. The themes that were prioritized for the business forum - mainstreaming, capacity-building and reporting - were selected to reflect parts of the COP 12 business draft decision that were under negotiation at that time. On the first day, the focus areas were Sustainable Tourism, Commodities, Bio Trade and the Global Partnership. On the second day and third day, discussion groups focused on the issues and concerns surrounding the implementation of the aforementioned key themes. All sessions focused on presentations and interactive discussions which led to expressions of interest for concrete actions by Parties to create enabling environments so that businesses can integrate values of biodiversity into their operations and strategies. The forum used a mix of panel presentations followed by smaller discussion groups. This format received a lot of positive feedback from participants.

(c) *IUCN World Parks Congress*: Through the Secretariat's participation in a number of the events related to business and tourism, the COP 12 decisions and deliberations, as well as the discussions that took place at the CBD Business Forum in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, as part of COP 12) were referenced in the congress talks. There was also a willingness on the part of the IUCN Business and Biodiversity programme to explore closer linkages with the Secretariat's business engagement programme to further the overall agenda. In terms of specific events, the following were some where SCBD had particular profile:

- Business as Unusual---What should business bring to the IUCN World Parks Congress? Bold messages from business: The discussion focussed the role that business can play with regard to fulfilling the Aichi Targets and how they can mainstream biodiversity/sustainability into their day-to-day operations).
- Outcomes of the CBD COP 12 and Biodiversity Indicators: This session was organized by the SCBD and featured interventions from IUCN (Netherlands and France) and EDF. This session was split between two (interconnected) themes, the COP 12 mandate and reporting indicators.
- The Extractive Industry, Protected Areas and Competing Claims---Enhancing Dialogue: This was an extensive panel discussion involving the corporate sector, Civil Society Organizations, government, and the SCBD . This panel focussed upon the impacts of mining on different societies and the type of engagement and dialogue that needs to occur in order to build trust between the companies, the communities affected and the governments.
- Global Partnership Side Event---Business and Biodiversity an Opportunity for Protected Areas: This event was co-organized by the SCBD and the Biodiversity Partnership Mesoamerica (BPM—a regional member of the Global Partnership) to both raise awareness about the Partnership and to highlight the business opportunities regarding protected areas.
- Tourism Events: SCBD prepared and delivered presentations at two events organized by the IUCN WCPA Tourism & Protected Areas Specialist Group (TAPAS Group). The first event was focussed on tourism as a nature-based solution, featuring extensive discussions from different stakeholders noting how best tourism can be developed in a sustainable manner that both reflects concerns for natural systems and the local communities. The second event was a TAPAS Group strategy session looking at how best to mobilize the existing membership as well as engaging new partners.

In addition to the events noted above, the Secretariat was involved in many bilateral meetings and networking events and played a supportive role in a number of other sessions and panels throughout the congress, being asked to briefly comment during the sessions on both the COP 12 decisions (and how these could impact the WPC outcome document the "Promise of Sydney") as well as the ongoing development of the Global Partnership.

(d) *Responsible Business Forum (RBF): Singapore, 24-26 November 2014*: This event attracted some 400-500 people from across the region. The Secretariat primarily used this meeting as a network opportunity and was able to raise awareness, and secure interest in working on, the CBD's ongoing business engagement agenda, in particular to strengthen the connection with the Natural Capital Coalition (NCC). The Secretariat was a panellist in a session involving discussions on Natural Capital. Other sessions were highly interactive, and the Secretariat took part in these and, where appropriate, highlighted the CBD process and COP 12 decisions. In conjunction with this meeting, SCBD held a meeting with key Singaporean companies and associations to spur Singapore's entry into the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity. Through contacts made at the Responsible Business Forum a significant number of Singaporean companies and associations expressed interest in participating in the Partnership. This meeting was very encouraging as there have been a couple of previous attempts made to engage Singapore in this process, which had not previously achieved critical mass. In this instance, due to the mandates coming from COP 12 and the more formal structure that has been developed for the Global Partnership, the interest seemed deeper and should lead to positive actions.

#### Other Activities

- COP 12: Serviced the meeting through the provision of documents and preparation of final outcome document based on negotiations, also took part in a number of business related side-events. The COP 12 business forum is noted above.
- Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity Membership: Following the dissemination of criteria and application forms, SCBD has been continuing to receive and process application forms for membership. There are currently 20 national and regional members with several other applications pending.
- Initiative for Biodiversity Impact Indicators for Commodity Production: The initiative, which will identify major types of impacts on biodiversity caused by global agricultural commodity production and provide basic guidance on how to reduce these impacts, was officially launched during COP 12.
- Newsletters: Two editions of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity were prepared in the period covered by this document.
- Global Platform Website: Ongoing work has been undertaken to continue to improve the content and usability of the website. The initial results of the business and biodiversity mapping exercise have been included on the site.

### **Decisions IX/28, XI/8 and X/22: Plan of action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity**

70. In response to these decisions, the following activities were conducted in support of Parties' increasing efforts to facilitate subnational implementation of the Convention, the Secretariat engaged in a number of initiatives, with partners, including the following:

- (a) A meeting of the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity was convened in Chuncheon, Republic of Korea from 2 to 4 July, to develop the agenda of the Global Partnership. The meeting was held in conjunction with an awareness-raising workshop for Korean local and subnational governments, focusing on the subnational implementation of the CBD and preparation for the upcoming CBD COP.
- (b) ICLEI's secondment of an "expert on mission" to the CBD, with a focus on subnational implementation of the Convention, was renewed for a fourth year from 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2015.
- (c) At CBD COP 12 decision XII/9 on "Engagement with subnational and local governments", with a strong focus on steps towards sustainable urbanization, was adopted.
- (d) The Biodiversity Summit for Cities and Subnational Governments was held in parallel with CBD COP 13. The event was attended by about 500 people, including several mayors and governors from around the world, and focused on mechanisms for cooperation between levels of government, with strong participation from national government representatives
- (e) Completion of a pilot project, funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan to assist key cities in India, Malawi and South Africa to develop local biodiversity strategies and action plans, in line with the relevant national biodiversity strategies and action plans, was completed.
- (f) A pilot project assessing the links in biodiversity planning between levels of government in three countries – Canada, Brazil and South Africa, funded by the Government of Canada, is nearing completion, with final drafts of country reports received and participants' attendance of CBD COP 12 facilitated.

### **Decision XI/14: Article 8(j) and related provisions**

71. In response to this decision, the Secretariat has undertaken the following:

- (a) Organized a Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for the Pacific, in Apia, Samoa, from 26 to 28 August 2014. A total of 29 indigenous and local community representatives, as well as other partners (17 women and 12 men) participated in the workshop. The workshop was organized back to back with a capacity building workshop for indigenous and local community representatives on intellectual property and traditional knowledge, facilitated by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), on 29 August. These workshops have been organized in partnership with the World Indigenous and Local Community Land and Sea Managers Network (WIN), managed by the Equator Initiative (EI), United Nations Development Agency (UNDP);
- (b) Supported indigenous and local community trainers in the organization and facilitation of various national workshops in Nicaragua, Bolivia, El Salvador, Chile, Morocco, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Nepal. Those national and sub-national workshops were organized through \$5000 USD training grants provided to participants of the Regional workshops based on competitive project proposals.
- (c) Participated in the World Conference held from 22 to 23 September 2014, as well as in a capacity building workshop on 21 September for the 25 Equator Prize winners and also attended the Equator Award Ceremony at the Lincoln Centre, New York;
- (d) Serviced the COP and various working groups, friends of the chair and contact groups to advance the draft decisions from 9 WG8(j). As a result COP 12 adopted useful decisions that will take the 8(j) work forward to achieve target 18. On particular interest, COP 12 adopted a global plan of action on the customary sustainable use of biological diversity and also decided to use the terminology “indigenous peoples and local communities” as appropriate in future decisions, documentation, publications and notices including correspondence;
- (e) Organized activities for biological and cultural diversity, customary sustainable use and community conservation called “Contributions of biological and cultural diversity, community conservation, customary sustainable use and power of local actions to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets” during the COP 12, from 11 to 12 October 2014. The activities were held in collaboration with UNESCO with the following partners: Korea Civil Net on the CBD, International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB), Forest People Programme (FPP), the Biodiversity Foundation, Institute for Biodiversity (ibn), Indigenous Women Network on Biodiversity LAC, Natural Justice, The ICCA Consortium among others and thanks to the generous contributions of the donors: Woljeongsa Temple, The GEF Small Grants Programme, WIN initiative, Suncheon-si City, Stockholm Resilience Center-Stockholm University, Conservation International, Korea Green Foundation, Ramsar Network Japan, Japan Civil Network for the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity;
- (f) Participated in the World Parks Congress, in particular presented and took part in the ICCA Consortium Preparatory meeting for WPC, Blue Mountains, 8-11 Nov; facilitated with WIN EI UNDP, the WIN Pacific Pavilion, 12-19 Nov; and presented on two expert panels – (a) IPs and LCs and contributions to the Promise of Sydney 12 Nov. and (b) IPs and LCs contributions towards the global conservation targets; and
- (g) Participated in the annual meeting of the Inter-Agency support Group on Indigenous issues (IASG) in Geneva from 1 to 3 December, The IASG agreed to establish two (2) IASG Working Groups for the SWAP and Operationalising agreed to indicators, respectively. Informal meetings were also held on Sunday 30 November with the focal points for UNEP, IFAD, OHCHR to prepare for the indicators discussions amongst other issues.

*All these activities were relevant to Aichi Biodiversity Target 18.*

### **Decision XI/15: Review of the programme of work on island biodiversity**

72. In response to these decisions, the following activities were conducted in support of Parties' increasing efforts to facilitate subnational implementation of the Convention, the Secretariat engaged in a number of initiatives, with partners, including the following:

*Programme of Work on Island Biodiversity (PoWIB), SIDS and the Global Islands Partnership (GLISPA) UNSIDS Conference*

73. The Secretariat contributed to the 'SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action' (SAMOA) Pathway as a result of the Third International UN Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) from 1-4 September 2014 in Apia, Samoa, attended by twenty-one heads of state and government and 3,500 delegates. From 01 to 04/09/14, MPO supported the activities of the Executive Secretary. On the occasion, the SCBD also contributed to a Private Sector Forum, co organized with the UN Office of the High Representative for Least Developing Countries, Landlocked Countries and SIDS (UN OHRLLS) and Sustainable Tourism International, and facilitated meetings between leading Canadian sustainable tour operator G Adventures and Samoa Travel Corporation's CEO Sonja Hunter. G Adventures also contribute to COP 12's Tourism side events and are willing to share product development/sustainability CSR experience with Parties in support of SCBD. As a platform to mobilize island Parties and Parties with islands, the Secretariat supported the activities of the Global Islands Partnership (GLISPA), such as the brightspots side event and celebration dinner on Wednesday Sept 3, 2014. A VIP dinner "Leaders inspiring Action: A celebration of commitments to build resilient and sustainable island communities through innovative partnerships" witnessed the official launch of Western Indian Ocean Coastal Challenge (WIOCC), with the presence and supportive statements of the Prime Ministers of Samoa, Palau, Seychelles, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Vice-President of Zanzibar and the PM of the Cook Islands, as well as the Deputy PM of the UK's BVI.

*GLISPA at COP 12*

74. The Global Island Partnership, as a mechanism to support the implementation of the CBD programme of work on island biodiversity, supported the Secretariat of the CBD in celebrating the International Day in 2014 and through various side events at CBD COP 12, including a reception on October 15, 2014.

*Guadeloupe Conference*

75. The Secretariat co-organized the International Conference on Biodiversity and Climate Change in Guadeloupe, with the French Region of Guadeloupe, the Association of Overseas Countries and Territories of the EU (OCTA), the British Virgin Islands, the French Ministry of Environment and of Overseas ministries, IUCN and the European Commission, immediately after COP 12 (October 21-27, 2014). The conference brought together 250 participants from more than 40 countries and territories, including several high-level representatives and personalities, and was timed after other international events in 2014 related to islands and biodiversity (UN SIDS Conference, CBD COP 12), as to allow drawing from conclusions reached at these meetings, as well as for upcoming UNFCCC COPs in Lima (December 2014) and Paris (2015). The goal was to develop a 5-year roadmap defining actions to counter biodiversity loss and climate change impacts in EU Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories (ORs and OCTs) and their regional neighbours, called the Message from Guadeloupe (see [http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/message\\_\\_from\\_guadeloupe\\_en\\_\\_2\\_.pdf](http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/message__from_guadeloupe_en__2_.pdf)), which was signed by dignitaries from the organizing parties, the ORs and OCTs, their regional neighbours and ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific group of States) countries. The Secretariat used the occasion to meet with Ms. Ségolène Royale (Environment Minister of France), Ms. Carmen Guerrero Perez (Environment Minister of Puerto Rico), Mr Victorin Lurel (President of the Region of Guadeloupe), and representatives from French Polynesia (Environment Minister), Ms. Julia Marton Lefevre (IUCN Director General), Mr. Nicolas Hulot,

a francophone global communicator and lobbyist, Saint Martin (French Outermost Region), SAERI (scientific institution based in the Falkland Islands) and Mr. Luc Bas, EU Director of IUCN.

*Review of the User's Manual and side events on Biodiversity and Tourism Development*

76. The Secretariat, with the kind support of the Government of Germany, revised the User's Manual of the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development, as per decision XI/8 item B (see <https://www.cbd.int/tourism/wstour-01.shtml>), and organized, with relevant organizations and partners and as part of the CBD COP 12 Business and Biodiversity Forum, a full day of consultations on 12 October 2014, in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea. The full report is available at: [https://www.cbd.int/tourism/doc/COP12\\_Tourism\\_Event/COP12\\_Report\\_of\\_Tourism\\_Session\\_final.pdf](https://www.cbd.int/tourism/doc/COP12_Tourism_Event/COP12_Report_of_Tourism_Session_final.pdf).

**Decisions XI/6: Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations, and initiatives,  
Section E on Collaboration on biodiversity and tourism development**

*Environment Management Group (EMG)*

77. The Executive Secretary and senior staff participated in the 20th Senior Officials meeting of the Environment Management Group (EMG) held on 25 September 2014, hosted by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) in New York. The EMG meeting made the decision to conclude the work of the Issues Management Group on Biodiversity, citing the good work that had been accomplished, and the fact that other collaborative mechanisms could take up similar work.

*Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG)*

78. In its capacity as the secretariat of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG), the Secretariat prepared and convened the ninth regular meeting of the BLG that was held on 16 August 2014 at the Kartause Ittingen, in Warth, Switzerland. The meeting addressed, among other issues: facilitation of access to financial resources from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for Conventions other than the CBD; UNEP project on synergies among the biodiversity related MEAS; the online reporting system developed by UNEP WCMC; cooperation among BLG secretariats in support of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and; enhanced coordination, coherence and national-level synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions. The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat participated as an observer in the meeting and was invited, and accepted, to become a seventh member of the BLG. The report is available online at: <http://www.cbd.int/cooperation/BLG-9-rep-final-en.pdf>. A note regarding the form and content of a process to enhance coordination, coherence and national-level synergies among the biodiversity-related Conventions, taking into account the work being undertaken in this respect by UNEP, was submitted to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting.

*Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions*

79. The Executive Secretary participated in the 13th meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions held in New York on 24 September 2014 at the margins of the United Nations Climate Summit. The report of the meeting is available on the CBD website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/cop/cop-12/information/cop-12-inf-40-en.pdf>

*Cooperation in the context of the processes towards the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals (SDG)*

80. Throughout 2014, the CBD Secretariat actively engaged in the ongoing processes towards the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and sustainable development goals (SDGs) and, as a member of the United Nations inter-agency Technical Support Team (TST), supported the work of the Open Working Group (OWG) on SDGs. In September 2014, the OWG transmitted to the General Assembly a proposal for 17 sustainable development goals with corresponding targets. Two of the goals are directly related to biodiversity and targets relevant to biodiversity and ecosystems and/or natural resources were included in several other goals.

*United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)*

81. The Secretariat participated in the UNEP/MEA Task Force that continued its work aiming at improving administrative and programmatic arrangements between UNEP and MEAs. The CBD Secretariat takes part in both the working group on Programmatic Matters and the working group on the Effectiveness of Administrative Arrangements, and is chairing the discussions on programmatic cooperation with the goal of identifying practical and concrete ways in which the organizations can work more effectively together, while being mindful of the respective mandate of each.

*United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)/ Decade on Education for Sustainable Development*

82. The Secretariat participated in the World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan from 10-12 November 2014. Amongst other activities, the Secretariat organized, in collaboration with UNESCO and IUCN, a biodiversity workshop “ESD as a critical lever for advancing biodiversity policies and practices”, held on 11 November 2014 within the programme of events on “Accelerating Action for Sustainable Development”.

*Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties*

83. In October 2014, at its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision XII/6 on cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives<sup>1</sup> that, among other things, requests further actions with a view to enhancing synergies and improving efficiency among various biodiversity-related conventions. The Executive Secretary has initiated the planning of necessary actions by the Secretariat in this respect.

**Decisions XI/8 and XII/8: Stakeholder engagement**

*Children and Youth*

84. Through decision XII/8 on stakeholder engagement, the COP demonstrated its support to the engagement of Youth under the Convention by encouraging Parties to promote practices and mechanisms to enhance their participation in consultations and decision making processes and to effectively engage youth in the development and implementation of the new generation of revised national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

85. Following the participation of members of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) in WGRI 5 and SBSTTA 18, three other GYBN members were selected to receive support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund to take part in activities at and in the margins of COP 12 and its High Level Segment. Amongst other outcomes, GYBN has introduced a youth-led capacity building project “Youth Voices: Mainstreaming GBO4 – Catalyzing the implementation of Aichi Targets and the Pyeongchang Roadmap” to Parties and partners present at COP 12. The project will be implemented in collaboration with the Secretariat, JBF and interested Parties in the lead to COP 13.

*Non-Governmental Organizations*

86. The Secretariat provided support to non-governmental organizations, including the CBD Alliance in preparation for and during COP 12 including in organizing briefing sessions and media activities in the margins of the meeting. In July 2014, the CBD Secretariat and CBD Alliance jointly published [square brackets] issue #9, available at the following address: <http://www.cbd.int/ngo/square-brackets/square-brackets-2014-07-en.pdf>.

*Informal Dialogues*

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<sup>1</sup> CBD COP 12 decision XII/6 on ‘Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives’. On line: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/cop/cop-12/official/cop-12-29-en.pdf> (page 57)



87. To provide an additional opportunity for stakeholders to engage in the processes and implementation of the CBD, the Secretariat organized an informal dialogue session at COP12 that took place in plenary setting on 10 October 2014. Representatives from governments and major groups discussed “areas of need” regarding mainstreaming biodiversity, underscoring political will, visionary leadership, improved communication, and convincing policymakers of the economic value of biodiversity and its contribution to the national economy. Delegates considered ways of reversing biodiversity loss, highlighting the need for, inter alia: political will; synergies among biodiversity-related conventions; diversified funding for biodiversity protection; achieving political coherence in governments; and addressing perverse incentives. The result of this dialogue as well as both dialogues that took place during WGRI 5 may help inform on these key issues notably in the context of the SDGs and Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020.

#### **Decisions XI/9 and XII/7: Gender mainstreaming**

88. Throughout 2014 and in preparation for COP 12, the Secretariat prepared a revised Gender Plan of Action for the period 2015-2020, with a view to align the objectives of the Plan with the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The updated Gender Plan of Action is expanded in scope to include possible actions by Parties as well as a framework for actions by the Secretariat, both divided into four subsections addressing policy, organizational, delivery and constituency spheres. The Gender Plan of Action was welcomed by COP 12, which, among other things, requested the Executive Secretary to continue to provide input to the ongoing discussion on the post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs on links between gender and biodiversity; and to support the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action, including at the national level.

#### **Report on outreach activities**

##### *Twelfth Meeting of the CBD Conference of the Parties*

##### COP 12 Press and Media

- Between 24 September and 14 October, the 12th Conference of Parties and 7th Meeting of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity generated approximately 700 news mentions in 57 countries globally.
- News reports of the CBD Meeting appeared in AP, AFP, Reuters, Le Monde, German press Agency DPA, The Guardian, Al Jazeera (Inside Story), Der Spiegel, Russian newswire RIA Novosti, Yonhap News Agency, Bloomberg Business Week, 20 Minutes, Huffington post and the print editions of the Arab Times and Estado de S.Paulo, among other top news outlets.
- Other issues that have received moderate mention in the news are the success of Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas in the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity targets and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.
- The ratification of the Nagoya Protocol generated coverage from 12 October 2014. As of, 14 October, approximately 65 articles had been published.
- In addition, a series of Press Briefings were organized and interviews scheduled with the Executive Secretary.

##### Launch of the Global Biodiversity Outlook 4

- On the opening day of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 12), the CBD Secretariat and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) released the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-4). The report serves as a mid-term assessment of implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, as well as the UN Decade on Biodiversity.
- The report highlights good progress towards achieving targets on protected areas, access and benefit sharing, and national biodiversity strategy and action plans (NBSAPs). However, GBO-4

concludes that significant additional effort is required to meet the objectives of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and to achieve many of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

- The launch of the Global Biodiversity Outlook 4 report generated at the COP- approximately 343 news articles; followed closely by the launch of the Updated Synthesis of the Impacts of Ocean Acidification on Marine Biodiversity which generated approximately 134 news mentions.
- Published news articles of the GBO4 launch also widely referenced the WWF Living Planet report that was released a week before the COP.

#### CEPA Fair

- The CEPA Fair held at the margins of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 12) provided a good opportunity for participants to exchange ideas, establish new partnerships and highlight their work contributing to CEPA, the Strategic Plan (in particular Aichi Biodiversity Target 1) and the UNDB. The CEPA Fair (COP-MOP 7 and COP 12 combined) welcomed government representatives of Belgium, Benin, Germany, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Namibia, Norway, Saudi Arabia, and Sweden, as well as the Deputy Minister for Environment and Energy of the Maldives H.E. Mr. Abdulla Mohamed Didi, who participated in the High-Level Event during “UNDB Day”. A full list of participants is available on the CEPA Fair website [www.cbd.int/cepa/fair/2014](http://www.cbd.int/cepa/fair/2014).
- A High-Level Event took place during the “UNDB Day” on 14 October to showcase the progress made by the Biodiversity Champions initiative, and to rekindle the participation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets Task force (ABTTF). Follow up will ensure that the new collaborations bear fruit in the context of the Strategic Plan, the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity and Aichi Biodiversity Target 1.
- The CEPA Fair was funded by the Government of the Republic of Korea.

#### Rio Conventions Pavilion (RCP)

- Launched during the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010, the Rio Conventions Pavilion is a platform for raising awareness and sharing information about the latest practices and scientific findings on the co-benefits that can be realized through implementation of the three Rio Conventions. It has since convened at the COPs to the three Rio Conventions between 2010-2014.
- During the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP12), hosted by the Government of the Republic of Korea, the Secretariats of the Rio Conventions and the Global Environment Facility convened the Rio Conventions Pavilion (RCP) and explored the following sub-themes:
  - Integrated National Planning and Strategy
  - Protected Areas for Multiple Benefits
  - REDD+ / Ecosystem-based Adaptation
  - Tree Diversity Day”
  - Ecosystem-based Adaptation
  - Community Conservation and Customary Sustainable Use - the Power of Local Action
  - REDD+
  - Ecosystem Restoration
  - Disaster Risk Reduction
  - Transformative Initiatives in Biodiversity Mainstreaming and Finance
- Running in parallel with the COP, the Rio Conventions Pavilion brought together presentations, panel discussions and workshops designed around cross-cutting issues of relevance to the three Rio Conventions, such as reduced emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, climate change adaptation and sustainable land management.

World Park Congress (WPC)

- The Information officer attended the World Parks Congress in his capacity as a member of the Steering Committee of the CEC for IUCN. His role was to serve as coordinator for the events under: “the Urban Gateway” which took place on 17 November from 13:00 to 17:00. In addition, he assisted the CBD Secretariat to highlight the outcomes of the meeting and the relevance to work of the Convention by issuing Press Releases, updating the social media pages, monitoring the Twitter account, uploading photos etc.

**JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND**

89. During the reporting period, the Secretariat carried out the following activities through the Japan Biodiversity Fund:

*Japan Biodiversity Fund Core Activities***Analysis of contents of the revised Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)**

The JBF team has developed an ongoing internal analysis of the revised (post-2010) national biodiversity strategies and action plans submitted to the Secretariat. An information document was prepared for COP 12 [UNEP/CBD/COP/12/INF/32](#)) with some of the results, based on 29 NBSAPs that were received by 1 September 2014, and considering the following categories: (a) basic information; (b) revision process; (c) components of the NBSAP; and (d) mainstreaming.

**A proposed methodology for the pilot phase voluntary peer review of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) revision and implementation**

Thanks to the financial and technical support from the Governments of Norway, Switzerland and Japan, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) convened an informal advisory meeting on the Voluntary Peer Review of the preparation and implementation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), from 11 to 12 September 2014, in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting was convened in response to a request made at the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation (WGRI 5), whereby Parties requested the Executive Secretary “to prepare a proposal for voluntary peer-review of the preparation and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, taking into account the views expressed by Parties, designed to be implemented on a voluntary pilot basis by interested Parties. Based on the discussion held during this workshop, a proposed methodology for the pilot phase voluntary peer review of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) revision and implementation was agreed during the COP 12 held in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea from 6 to 17 October 2014. More details on this methodology can be found at the following link: [UNEP/CBD/COP/12/INF/24](#) (see also [UNEP/CBD/COP/12/25/ADD3](#)). At COP-12, the JBF unit organized a side event on the above mentioned topic which was attended by around 25 participants representing Parties and international organizations.

**Technical support**

Technical support and advice continued to be provided to Parties and regional partners on their national biodiversity strategies and actions plans (NBSAPs). Substantive input and guidance was also provided to partners on developing capacity building materials and initiatives relating to NBSAPs. This support continued to be provided through the NBSAP Forum ([www.nbsapforum.net](http://www.nbsapforum.net)) a partnership between SCBD, UNDP and UNEP-WCMC established in early 2013 to support countries with their activities related to NBSAP revision. Also, the JBF unit participated in the NPASP 2.0 meeting held in Namibia from 23 to 25 July 2014 and organized by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) (see <http://www.iied.org/nbsaps-20-mainstreaming-biodiversity-development>).

**CBD NBSAP Webpages**

The CBD NBSAP Webpages continue to be updated with new information received from Parties. During this reporting period, for instance, seven Parties (Bhutan, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Mauritania, Netherlands, and United Arab Emirates) submitted their post Nagoya NBSAPs. Further information including updated country profiles is available at the following webpages: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/about/latest/default.shtml> and <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/targets/default.shtml>.

### **Documentation of NBSAP Development and Revision Processes**

The Japan Fund Team contracted IUCN and worked closely with them on the project: “Documentation of NBSAP Development and Revision Processes”. National researchers were selected for this project, to produce monographs documenting the revision process in their countries. An inception meeting took place in Bangkok Thailand. The draft report was introduced at COP-12 as an information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/INF/38) and early outcomes were presented at a side-event.

### **Pilot projects on the incorporation of spatial biodiversity data into NBSAP process**

The Japan Fund team initiated in late 2014 a pilot project on the incorporation of spatial biodiversity data into NBSAP process. This project aims to implement pilot activities (a minimum of 5 countries) on the incorporation of spatial biodiversity data, including socio-economic data, into the biodiversity planning process and NBSAP implementation and to disseminate the results for capacity-building purposes.

#### *Japan Biodiversity Fund Support to the CBD Activities*

### **West Asia and North Africa Sub-regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Resource Mobilization**

The JBF supported a thematic capacity building workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Resource Mobilisation, held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 16 to 20 November 2014. A General Service JBF staff member provided logistic and technical support to the workshop. The goal of the workshop was to enhance the capacity of Parties in the sub-region to advance the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and its Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress through integration of biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans, in line with the Strategic Plan for the Protocol and the relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

### **Capacity building workshops**

The JBF has supported thematic capacity building workshops including regional workshops on ecosystem conservation and restoration, resource mobilization, biosafety, protected areas. The complete list of these workshops is as follows:

- Workshop on synergies between REDD+ and Ecosystem conservation and restoration in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (8 - 11 July 2014, Douala, Cameroon)
- Capacity-building workshop for Central, South and East Asia on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (14 - 18 July 2014, Jeju, Republic of Korea)
- Eastern Africa Regional Workshop of the UN-Water Initiative “Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies” (5 - 8 August 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)
- International Workshop on Financing for Biodiversity (18 - 19 August 2014, Kartause Ittingen, Switzerland)
- Capacity-building workshop for Mesoamerica on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (25 - 28 August 2014, San José, Costa Rica)
- Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for the Pacific Region on Traditional Knowledge and Customary sustainable use under the CBD (26 - 28 August 2014, Apia, Samoa)
- Inter-regional capacity-building workshop on REDD+ and Aichi Biodiversity Targets (29 - 31 August 2014, San José, Costa Rica)

- Workshop on “Understanding and Strengthening the Role of Protected Areas for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation” (10-11, November 2014, Sydney, Australia)
- West Asia and North Africa Sub-regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Resource Mobilization (16 - 20 November 2014, Dubai, United Arab Emirates)
- North Africa Regional Workshop of the UN-Water Initiative “Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies” (17 - 20 November 2014, Cairo, Egypt)
- Joint workshop of the secretariats of the CBD and of UNCCD on synergies for the design, development and implementation of NBSAPs and NAPs (21 - 22 November 2014, Cairo, Egypt)
- Caribbean Sub-regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Resource Mobilization (1 - 5 December 2014, Bridgetown, Barbados)
- Latin America Sub-regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Resource Mobilization (8 - 12 December 2014, Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Subnational workshop for the North Atlantic Autonomous Region (RAAN) on Traditional Knowledge under the CBD (7-10 July 2014, Waspan, Nicaragua)
- Workshop on traditional knowledge under the CBD (31 July to 1 August 2014, Lonquimay, Chile)
- Subnational Capacity-building Workshop on Community Protocol on access to genetic resources, benefit sharing and prior informed consent on TK associated with Biodiversity ( 17 - 18 September 2014, Carapari, Bolivia)
- Subnational Capacity-building Workshop on Community Protocol on access to genetic resources, benefit sharing and prior informed consent on TK associated with Biodiversity (16-17 October 2014, Tarija, Bolivia.)
- Capacity building Workshop on Traditional Knowledge and Access and Benefit-Sharing, (31October to 2nd November 2014 ,Agadir Morocco)
- Strengthening Indigenous Peoples participation in Biodiversity conservation and upholding traditional knowledge as stipulated in Articles 8(j), 10(c) and related provisions of the CBD, (29th September to 1st October 2014, Nairobi, Kenya)
- Traditional Knowledge, customary sustainable use and Access and Benefit-Sharing capacity-building training workshop for local communities and relevant stakeholders, (12-13 November 2014, Harare, Zimbabwe)
- Strengthening the capacity of indigenous peoples and local government environmental officers on the CBD, traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use, (24th -26th October 2014, Namanga, Tanzania)
- Local capacity-building workshop on traditional knowledge in Nepal, (20-21 December 2014 Rasuwa, Nepal)
- Local capacity-building workshop on traditional knowledge for eastern Nepal, (26-27 December 2014. Sunsari, Nepal)

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

## CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

### **BS-VI/3: Capacity-building**

90. Two Capacity-building Workshops on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Resource Mobilization were convened by the Secretariat during the reporting period. The first was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 16-20 November 2014; the second was held in Montevideo, Uruguay from 8-12 December 2014.

91. During these workshops, participants shared information on the status of implementation of the Protocol in the region and the experiences and lessons learned. They also discussed possible measures and actions to foster regional cooperation in the implementation of the Protocol in the region and expedited ratification/accession to the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol. Participants took part in various group discussions and engaged in an individual exercise to identify potential entry points and specific areas within their old NBSAP, or draft new revised NBSAP where biosafety could be integrated. On the last day of the workshop the participants discussed the way forward and identified possible mechanisms and opportunities for regional cooperation. They agreed in principle to revive regional biosafety cooperative activities including regional projects.

### **BS-VII/1: Compliance**

92. The election of five new members of the Compliance Committee took place on 3 October 2014 during the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP 7).

93. In its decision at the seventh meeting of the COP-MOP, Parties, other governments and relevant organizations were invited to undertake or support capacity-building initiatives on the use of the BCH to facilitate the submission of up-to-date information, particularly amongst developing country Parties, through the BCH, including their national reports. Furthermore the COP-MOP also urged the implementation of requirements under Article 23 of the Protocol by making effective use of the various tools, materials and mechanisms established through the BCH. The COP-MOP finally, encouraged Parties that are facing difficulties complying with one or more of their obligations under the Protocol to seek assistance from the Compliance Committee or the Secretariat.

### **BS-VII/2: Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House**

94. In its decision, the COP-MOP requested the Executive Secretary to, *inter alia*, facilitate communication for the editing and updating of records submitted by Parties to the BCH, continue developing the BCH and online forums and continue its collaboration with other biosafety databases and platforms. The COP-MOP also urged Parties and invites other governments to register in the BCH all their final decisions on the first intentional transboundary movement of LMOs, with special emphasis on LMOs intended for field trials. The COP-MOP further invited Parties, other governments and relevant organizations to undertake or support capacity-building initiatives on the use of the BCH to facilitate the submission of up-to-date information, particularly amongst developing country Parties, in facilitating them meeting their obligations under Protocol Article 20. The COP-MOP also invites UNEP, in its implementation of the BCH III project, to develop further guidance on the use of the BCH with special attention to customs and border control officials, and promotion of public awareness, education and participation and to start assessing further needs of developing country Parties relating to the use of the BCH, with the aim of promptly submitting to the GEF proposals for new capacity-building projects.

**BS-VII/3: Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol**

95. In its decision, the COP-MOP decided that the third assessment and review of effectiveness of the Protocol be combined with the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan at COP-MOP 8 with the evaluation drawing upon information from the third national reports as a primary source, the BCH, and, where appropriate, additional data collected through surveys. Information will be collected, compiled and analyzed by the Executive Secretary in preparation for COP-MOP 8. Parties are urged to contribute effectively to the data collection process through, *inter alia*: timely submission of their third national reports. The COP-MOP requested the relevant subsidiary body and the compliance committee to review the information gathered and undertake the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and to submit its findings to COP-MOP 8.

**BS-VII/4: Contained use of living modified organisms**

96. The COP-MOP took up the issue of contained use of LMOs for the first time during this meeting and, in its decision, invited Parties and other governments to submit to the Executive Secretary information, tools, practical experience and guidance related to their existing mechanisms and requirements relating to the contained use of living modified organisms, including any specific requirement relating to the type and level of containment. The views submitted are to be compiled in the BCH and will be considered at COP-MOP 8 taking into account the gaps and needs identified by Parties.

**BS-VII/8: Handling, transport, packaging and identification**

97. In its decision, the COP-MOP decided that a further review of the need for a stand-alone document is not required unless a subsequent meeting of the Parties so decides in light of the experience gained. The COP-MOP requested Parties and urged other governments to continue to take measures to ensure the implementation of requirements in paragraph 2(a) of Article 18 of the Protocol (HTPI), as well as cooperate to build capacity to implement the identification requirements and to continue to identify transboundary movements of LMO-FFPs, by incorporating the information identified in decision BS-III/10 into existing documentation accompanying LMOs, and to make available to the BCH any domestic regulatory requirements related to the identification and documentation of LMO-FFPs.

**BS-VII/9: Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Protocol and on budgetary matters: improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the convention and its Protocols**

98. The COP-MOP decided, on improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention and its Protocols, decided that the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (later established by COP12) would also serve the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety with terms of reference that would apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation when serving the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The COP-MOP also decided to hold its future ordinary meetings concurrently with the meetings of the COP in the same two-week period in which the meetings of the COP are held.

**BS-VII/10: Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures**

99. In its decision, the COP-MOP requested the organization of online discussions through the Network of Laboratories and the organization, in cooperation with relevant organizations, subject to the availability of funds, capacity-building activities focusing on the detection and identification of LMOs. The COP-MOP also invited Parties and other governments to submit information on actual cases of unintentional transboundary movement and case studies related to their existing mechanisms for emergency

measures as well as views on what constitutes unintentional transboundary movements in contrast with illegal transboundary movements. The COP-MOP, finally, encouraged Parties and other governments without prejudice to Article 21 on confidential information, to ensure that, for regulatory purposes, the information provided by a notifier at the time of notification includes all the information necessary to detect and identify the living modified organism.

#### **BS-VII/11: Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress**

100. In its decision, the COP-MOP welcomed Parties that have deposited their instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and called upon other Parties to expedite their internal processes and to deposit their instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in time for the Supplementary Protocol to come into force by COP-MOP 8.

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

101. The selection of five new AHTEG members took place in December 2014, after the nominations of new experts and confirmation of existing experts to the Online Forum were received.

102. In its decision, the COP-MOP welcomed the results of the testing of the Guidance on Risk Assessment of LMOs and invited Parties, other governments and relevant organizations to test or use it, as appropriate, in actual cases of risk assessment and as a tool for capacity-building activities in risk assessment. The COP-MOP extended the Online Forum and the AHTEG, and expanded the composition of the AHTEG to include one new member from each region. The Online forum and AHTEG will revise the Guidance on Risk Assessment of LMOs to take into account comments and suggestions generated from the results of the testing process, with a view to having an improved version of the Guidance for consideration by the COP-MOP at its eighth meeting. The COP-MOP further invited Parties to submit existing guidance, as well as information on their priorities for further guidance on specific topics of risk assessment of LMOs. A synthesis of the views submitted are to facilitate discussions at COP-MOP 8, to consider the need for the development of further guidance on prioritized topics.

103. The COP-MOP also welcomed the package that aligns the Guidance and the Training Manual and invited Parties to test or use it, as appropriate, while requesting the Executive Secretary to use it, subject to the availability of funds, to conduct capacity-building activities in risk assessment. Finally, the COP-MOP also recommended a coordinated approach with the COP on the issue of synthetic biology.

#### **BS-VII/13: Socio-economic considerations**

104. In the decision, the COP-MOP, *inter alia*, decided that the AHTEG on Socio-economic Considerations shall be extended to further develop conceptual clarity on socio-economic considerations arising from the impact of LMOs on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and to develop an outline for guidance with a view to making progress towards achieving operational objective 1.7 of the Strategic Plan.

105. The Executive Secretary was requested to, *inter alia*, convene online discussion groups to facilitate the exchange of views, information and experiences on socio-economic considerations in the context of Protocol Article 26(1) as well as to compile and prepare a synthesis of the views and comments on submissions regarding “Elements of a Framework for Conceptual Clarity on Socio-Economic Considerations” from Parties other Governments, relevant organizations and ILCs for consideration by the AHTEG on socio-economic considerations.



### **BS-VII/14: Monitoring and Reporting**

106. In its decision, the COP-MOP requested revisions to the reporting format for the third national report and to make it available through the BCH. It further requested Parties to use it to prepare, through a consultative process, their third national reports and submit their results 12 months prior to COP-MOP 8 in an official UN language.

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

107. As of 7 January 2015, 168 countries had ratified or acceded to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The list of Parties to the Protocol is available on the Secretariat's website at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>

108. India, Switzerland, and the United Arab Emirates deposited their instruments of ratification or accession to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress in the reporting period, bringing the total number of countries to 28, as of 7 January 2015. The status of signature, and ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Supplementary Protocol is available 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 30 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 5 Professional and 1 General Services vacant posts for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 22 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

1. During the second half of 2014, 13 pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. Canada pledged CAD4,675 towards the opening reception of the WGRI-5; FAO pledged USD30,000 for a Capacity Building workshop; France pledged EUR200,000 as part of a Memorandum of Understanding on Sustainable Oceans Initiatives (2014-2017); The Global Environment Forum (GEF) pledged USD 10,000 to support the participation of journalists to COP12; Germany pledged the equivalent of USD212,807 towards the Global Life Web initiative; the Korea Forest Service pledged USD 90,000; Korea pledged USD92,926 towards COP12 and USD1,214,379 towards COP12 HGA; Norway pledged NOK 830,000; Sweden pledged SEK380,000 for the Expert Meeting on Alien Invasive Species and the United Kingdom pledged GBP 3,000 for Peer Review of documents on Synthetic Biology.

2. Notwithstanding the pledges listed above, the European Union through its UNEP directed ENRTP programme has pledged to the BE Trust Fund over the period 2012-2014 a total of EUR2,988,000 in support of intercessional activities prior to COP-11; Support to implementation and capacity-building activities relating to COP-11 activities; support for the Nagoya Protocol, support for COP-11 and Rio+20 follow-up on oceans and marine protected areas, and support for mainstreaming of biodiversity in key sectors.

3. The Government of Japan has, through its Japan Biodiversity Fund, contributed a total of US\$50,000,000 to the BE Trust Fund for use over the period 2010-2016 for support to the implementation of the Aichi-Nagoya Outcomes.

4. For 2014 a total of US\$2,794,242 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund of which US\$2,674,028 or 95.7% has been collected as at 31 December 2014. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

5. The total amount pledged for the **BY Trust Fund** in 2014 is US\$13,497,493. Of this amount, US\$11,520,628 or 85.4% has been received as at 31 December 2014, including a total of US\$2,029,232 that was collected in 2013 as advance payments for 2014 and future years. Additionally, US\$179,335 has been collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2014. US\$430,139 has also been collected in 2014 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

6. As at 31 December 2014, US\$565,039 has been pledged for 2014 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). 100% of the total pledged for 2014 has been collected. A total of US\$204,117 has been collected in 2014 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

7. As at 31 December 2014, a total of US\$2,356,296 was paid to the **BG Trust Fund**, representing 91.6% of pledges for 2014, including US\$527,331 received in 2013 as advance payments for 2014 and future years. US\$30,949 has also been collected in 2014 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

8. As at 31 December 2014, two Parties have contributed a total of US\$830,325 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 2014. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

9. As at 31 December 2014, two pledges have been received for the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BI Trust Fund**) from Finland (EUR20K) and Norway (NOK 233.3K) towards participation of Parties in the 7th meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP/7). Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex X.

10. As at 31 December 2014, four 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**) from Germany (EUR83.9K), Korea (USD 67,8K), New Zealand (NZD 15K) and Norway (NOK 500K). Details of the VB Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

### III Accounting and Reporting

#### Status of Expenditure

11. COP-11 approved a budget of US\$13,580,800 for the BY Trust Fund for 2014. As at 31 December 2014, a total of US\$13,237,159 was spent or committed. This represents 97% of the approved amount.

12. COP/MOP-6 approved a budget of US\$2,963,149 for the BG Trust Fund for 2014. As at 31 December 2014, a total of US\$2,594,308 was spent or committed. This represents 88% 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); Budget and Finance Officer (P-4); Administrative Officer (P-3); two Finance and Budget Officer (P-3); Senior Finance Assistant (G-7); two (2) Finance Assistants (G-5); Finance Assistant (G-4); Personnel Assistant (G-6); Personnel Assistant (G-5); Documents Assistant (G-6) 3 Administrative Assistants (G-6); two (2) Travel Assistants (G-6); Programme Assistant (G6) and Administrative Clerk (G-4).

**Appendix I**

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

**July to December 2014**

<b>Post #</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Staff member</b>
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. B. Ferreira de Souza Dias
1102	D1	Principal Officer (OES)	Vacant
1103	D1	Principal Officer (SAM)	Mr. D. Cooper
BGL 1101	D1	Principal Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. C. Gbedemah
1105	D1	Principal Officer (TSI)	Mr. R. Sharma
1106	P5	Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish (Post funded by UNEP)
	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (RMCS)	Ms. M. Christin (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (TSI)	Mr. Y. Xiang
1108	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (OES)	Mr. W. Yifru
1109	P4	Economist (TSI)	Mr. M. Lehmann
1110	P4	PO, Conservation Ecology (SAM)	Ms. C. Santamaria
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (TSI)	Mr. O. De Munck
1114	P4	Chief, Conference Services (RMCS)	Vacant
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (MPO)	Mr. J. Scott
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (MPO)	Mr. N. Pratt
1117	P3	PO Knowledge Management Officer (TSI)	Ms. K. Koppel
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. Paulo Tagliari
1119	P4	Information Officer (MPO)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (TSI)	Mr. F. Vogel
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (SAM)	Ms. J. Lee
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (TSI)	Mr. A. Rafalovitch
1123	P4	Finance and Budget Officer (RMCS)	Mr. I. Ahmed (Post funded by UNEP)
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Mr. V. Ogbuneke (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1126/BYL	P4	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety/MPO)	Mr. E. Tamale
BGL 1103	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1128	P3	Computer Systems Officer (TSI)	Mr. Q. Nguyen
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (SAM)	Mr. D. Coates

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1132	P4	PO, Scientific/Tech. Assessments (SAM)	Mr. R. Hoft
1133	P5	SPO, Access & Benefit Sharing (MPO)	Ms. V. Normand
BGL 1134	P4	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety)	Mr. G. Ferraiolo
1134	P2	Assoc. Information Officer (RMCS)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1135	P4	Editor (RMCS)	Mr. Orestes Plasencia
1136	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (RMCS)	Post vacant (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (SAM)	Ms. J. Shimura
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (SAM)	Ms. S. Koketso
1142	P3	PO, Reports (TSI)	Mr. L. Cai
1143	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (MPO)	Mr. O. Hillel
BGL 1102	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
BGL 1105	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Ms. M. Pessoa de Miranda
1145	P3	Special Assistant to the ES (OES)	Ms. A. Rego
1146	D1	Principal Officer (MPO)	Ms. A. Fraenkel
1147	P2	Associate Information Officer (MPO)	Mr. J. Hedlund
BGL 1151	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. P. Leblond
1148	P4	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation (SAM)	Mr. V. Gidda
BGL 1104	P2	Assoc. Public Information Officer (BS)	Ms. U. Nilsson
BGL 1146	P2	Assoc. Systems Information Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. S. Bilodeau
1155	P3	PO, Access and Benefit Sharing (NP)	Ms. K. Garforth
1301	G7	Senior Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. R. Alum (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G6	Senior Staff Assistant to the Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. F. Blot
1303	G5	Staff Assistant (MPO)	Mrs. D. Ibragimova
1304	G6	Programme Assistant (SAM)	Ms. A. Cung
1305	G6	Programme Assistant (SAM)	Ms. J. Grekin
1306	G7	Programme Assistant (TSI)	Ms. S. Meehan
BGL 1301	G5	Staff Assistant (BS)	Ms. M. Willey
1308	G7	Programme Assistant (TSI)	Ms. M. Chiasson
1309	G7	Programme Assistant (MPO)	Mr. D. Monnier
1310	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. M. Lefevbre (Post funded by UNEP)

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1311	G7	Conference Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. N. Ibrahim
1358	G6	Programme Assistant (SAM)	Ms. L. Janishevski
1312	G6	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. G. del Carpio (Post funded by UNEP) on loan from ICAO
1313	G5	Staff Assistant (SAM)	Ms. V. Allain
1314	G5	Staff Assistant (TSI)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
1315	G6	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (TSI)	Mr. V. Gopez
1318	G6	Programme Assistant (MPO)	Mr. M. Banski
1319	G6	Programme Assistant, (NP)	Ms. J. Huppé
BGL 1302	G6	Programme Assistant (Biosafety)	Ms. P. Scarone
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (TSI)	Ms. X. Liang
1331	G6	Programme Assistant (TSI)	Ms. G. Dosen
1332	G4	Information Assistant (CS/TSI)	Ms. L. Allain
1333	G4	Fund Mgmt Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. N. Diallo (Post funded by UNEP)
1334	G4	Administrative Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik (Post funded by UNEP)
1335	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. L. Piscopo (Post funded by UNEP)
1336	G5	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Vacant (Post funded by UNEP)
1322	G5	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. X. H. Yan (Post funded by UNEP)
1321	G5	Human Resources Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. G. Alexandre (post Funded by UNEP)
1337	G6	Conference Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by UNEP)
	G6	Programme Assistant – Japan Fund	Ms. C. Paguaga (post Funded by UNEP)
1338	G6	Travel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. N. Al Saheb (Post funded by UNEP)
1339	G6	Travel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. G. Sabatini (Post funded by UNEP)
1350	G6	Programme Assistant (SAM)	Ms. J. Martinez
1351	G6	Programme Assistant (OES)	Ms. M. Crespo
1352	G6	Programme Assistant (MPO)	Ms. F. D'Amico
1353	G6	Programme Assistant (NP)	Ms. A. Bateman
BGL 1353	G6	Programme Assistant (BS)	Mr. A. Bowers
1354	G6	Programme Assistant – Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (MPO)	Ms. C. Robichaud
1355	G7	Editorial Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. V. Lefebvre
1356	G7	Programme Assistant (TSI)	Mr. K. Noonan-Mooney
1357	G6	Meeting Services Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. L. Pedicelli

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1359	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS/OES)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1304	G6	Programme Assistant Risk Assess. (BS)	Ms. D. Abdelhakim

#### Temporary Staff

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1125	P4	Programme Officer (OES)	Mr. Y. Lee

#### Staff funded under the Japan Fund

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
BEL 1101	D1	Global Coordinator - OES	Mr. A. Yoshinaka
BEL 1102	P5	Senior Programme Officer - OES	Mr. D. Duthie
BEL 1103	P4	Programme Officer - OES	Mr. N. Van Der Werf
BEL 1104	P4	Programme Officer - OES	Ms. N. Saad
BEL 1301	G6	Programme Assistant - OES	Ms. G. Talamas
BEL 1302	G6	Programme Assistant - OES	Post vacant
BEL1303	G6	Programme Assistant - OES	Mr. M. Abi Chahine

#### Seconded/Project staff members/JPOs

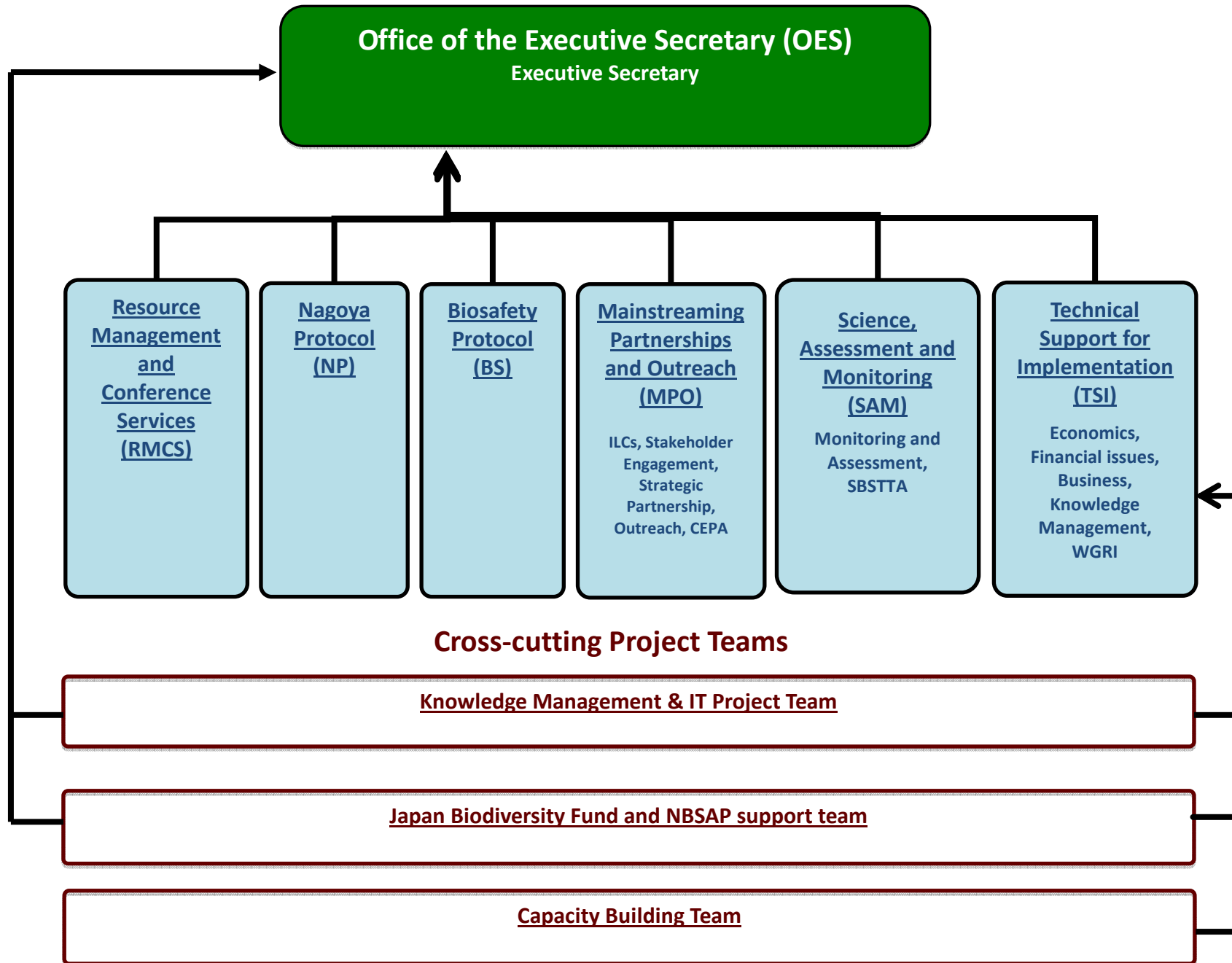
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Viviana Figueroa	Argentina	Government of Spain	06.05.09
Beatriz Gomez Castro	Spain	Government of Spain	04.02.10
Didier Babin	France	Government of France	22.03.10
Andre Mader	South Africa	ICLEI – South Africa	22.06.11
Charles Besancon	United States of America	Government of Germany	28.07.12
Simone Schiele	Germany	Government of Germany	05.10.12
Ponggyun Park	Republic of Korea	Government of Korea	07.01.13
Kristina Neumann	Germany	Government of Germany	24.9.13
Matthew Dias	Canada	European Union	01.12.13
Joseph Appiott	United States of America	Government of Japan	27.12.13
Blaise Fonseca	India	Japan/Switzerland	10.3.14
Seishu Okuda	Japan	Government of Japan	23.4.14
David Steuerman	Canada	CNI-Brazil	17.6.14
Aleke Stoefen-O'Brien	Germany	Government of Germany	1.10.14
Vacant		Government of Finland	

**Interns working at SCBD during the period of July to December 2014**

Name	Nationality	University	Programme Area Worked on	Entry Date	Departure Date
André Rochon	Canadian	Concordia University	Biodiversity for Sustainable Development	08.01.14	10.07.14
Esteban Salcedo	Colombian / Canadian	University of Montreal	GBO-4	01.05.14	14.08.14
Drury Sara-Louise	Canadian	University of Ottawa	Business and Biodiversity	12.05.14	15.08.14
Ron Strangway	Canadian	Concordia University	Sustainable Development Goals	02.06.14	29.08.14
Changsub Lee	Republic of Korea	Seoul National University	Nagoya Protocol-Capacity Building	27.01.14	18.07.14
Haein Kim	Republic of Korea	Yonsei (Republic of Korea)	Resource Mobilization	17.02.14	15.07.14
Dennis Scherer	German	Freie University Berlin, Germany	Biosafety Outreach Activities	24.03.14	23.09.14
Ugo Joulin	French	Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg(Germany)	Resource Mobilization	25.04.14	27.10.14
Fernanda Fernandez Krassuski	Brazilian/ Italian	University of Montreal	Cooperation at the Subnational Level	05.05.14	04.09.14
Michael Twigg	Canadian	Concordia University	Subnational Biodiversity Summit	05.05.14	05.09.14
Alexandra Noel	Canadian	McGill University	National Reports	07.05.014	06.08.14
Elisa Aredda	Canadian/Ethiopian	McGill University	Biosafety Policy and Law	12.05.14	11.08.14
Lauren Farmer	Canadian	Concordia University	National Reports	12.05.14	08.08.14
Anne-Marie Asselin	Canadian	Concordia University	LifeWeb	09.06.14	09.09.14
Aline Ducoulombier	Spanish / French	McGill University	Media and Communications	13.06.14	12.09.14



ANNEX II  
Organizational Chart of the CBD Secretariat  
**OVERALL STRUCTURE**



**Legend:**

Core /OTL budget posts

Project funded posts

Dual reporting with KM/IT (\*)



Dual reporting with TSI (\*\*)



Dual reporting with MPO (\*\*\*)



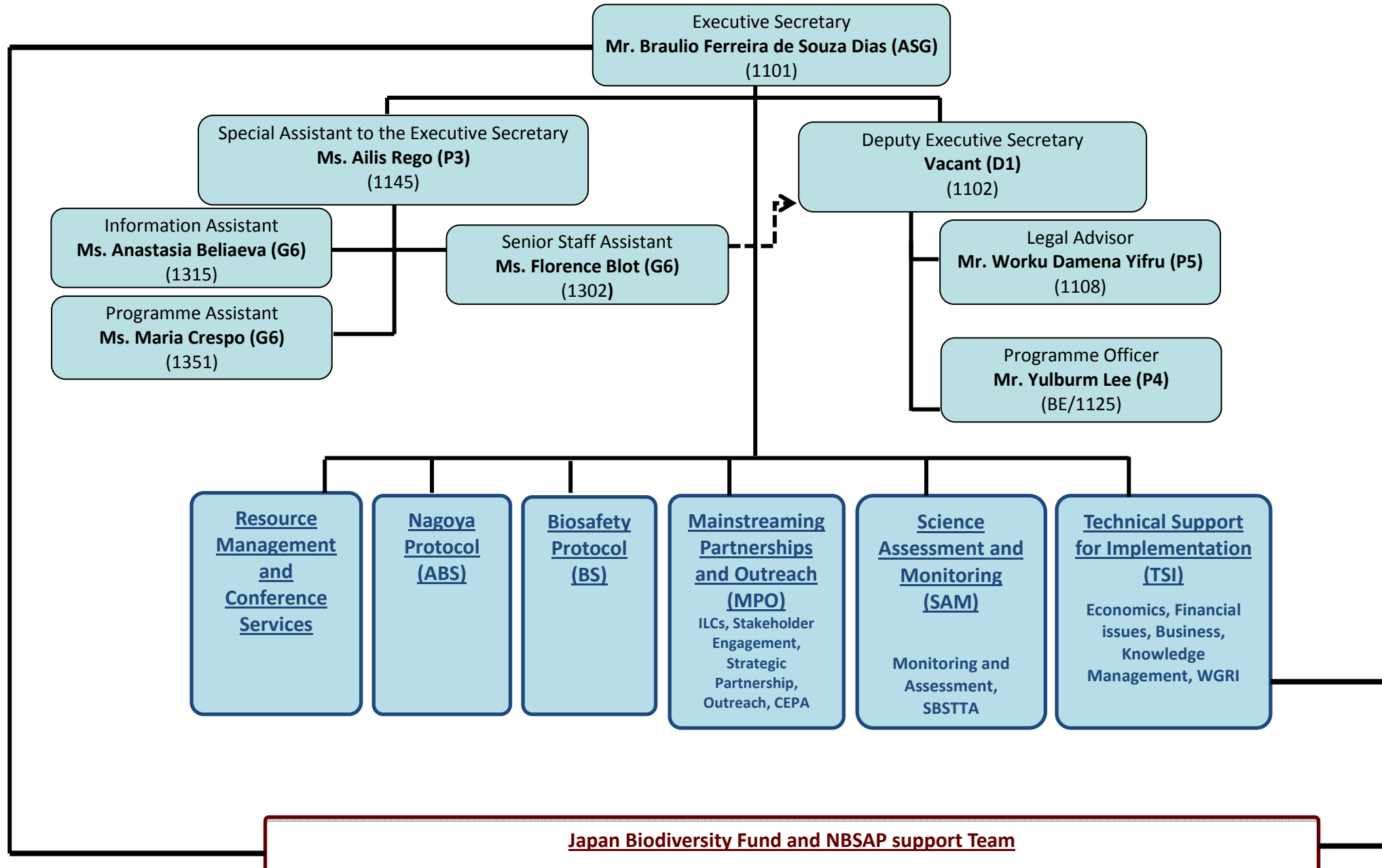
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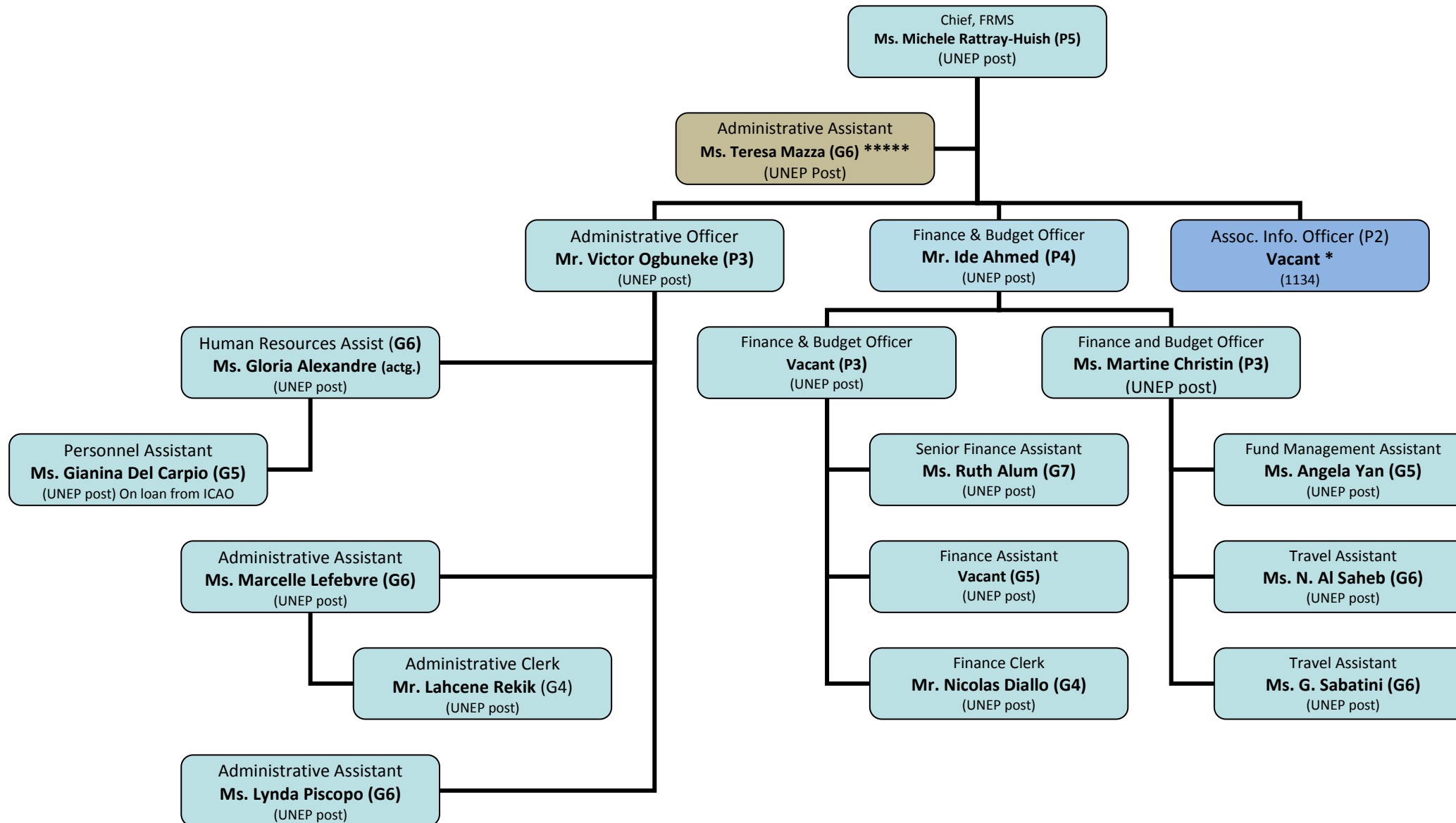
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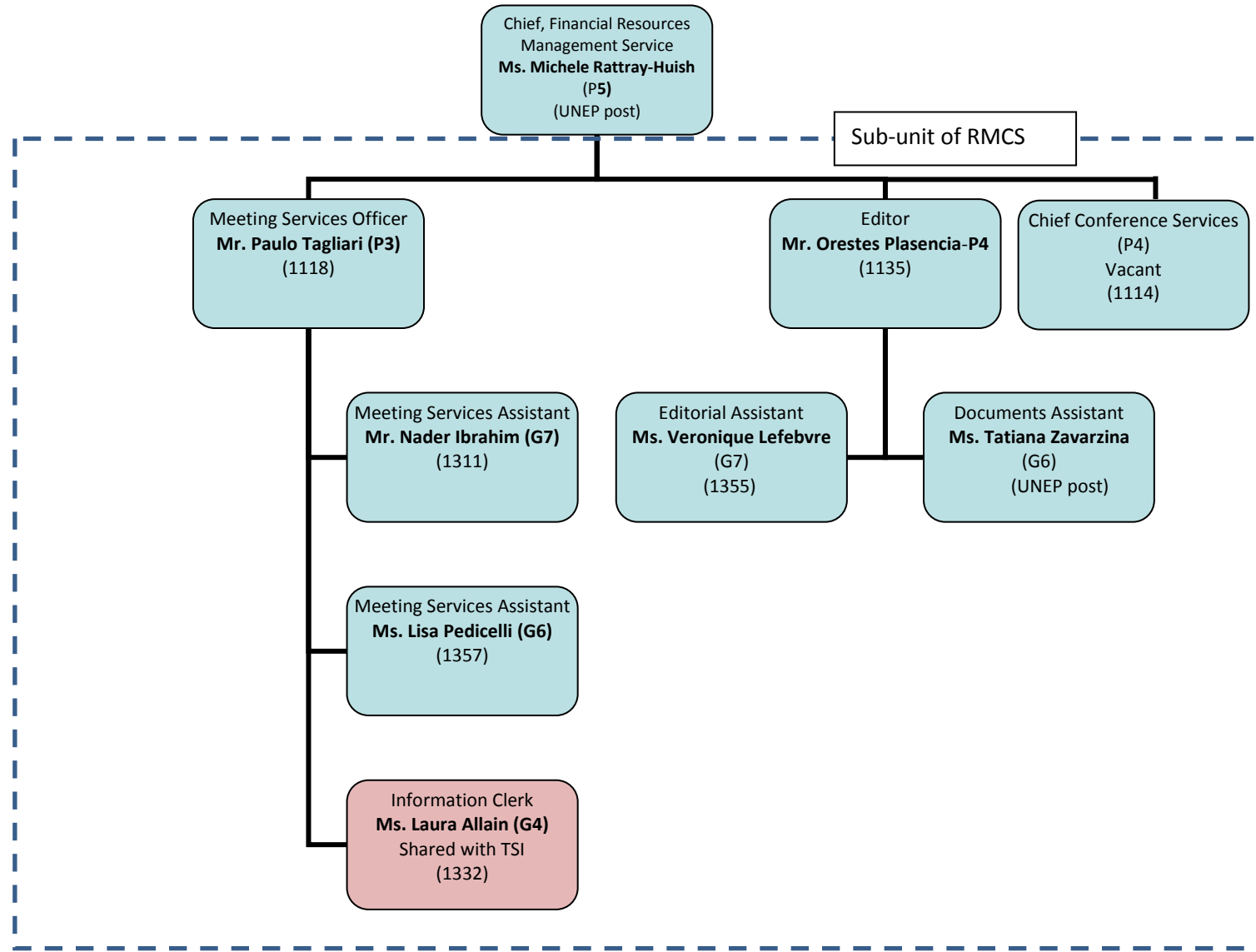
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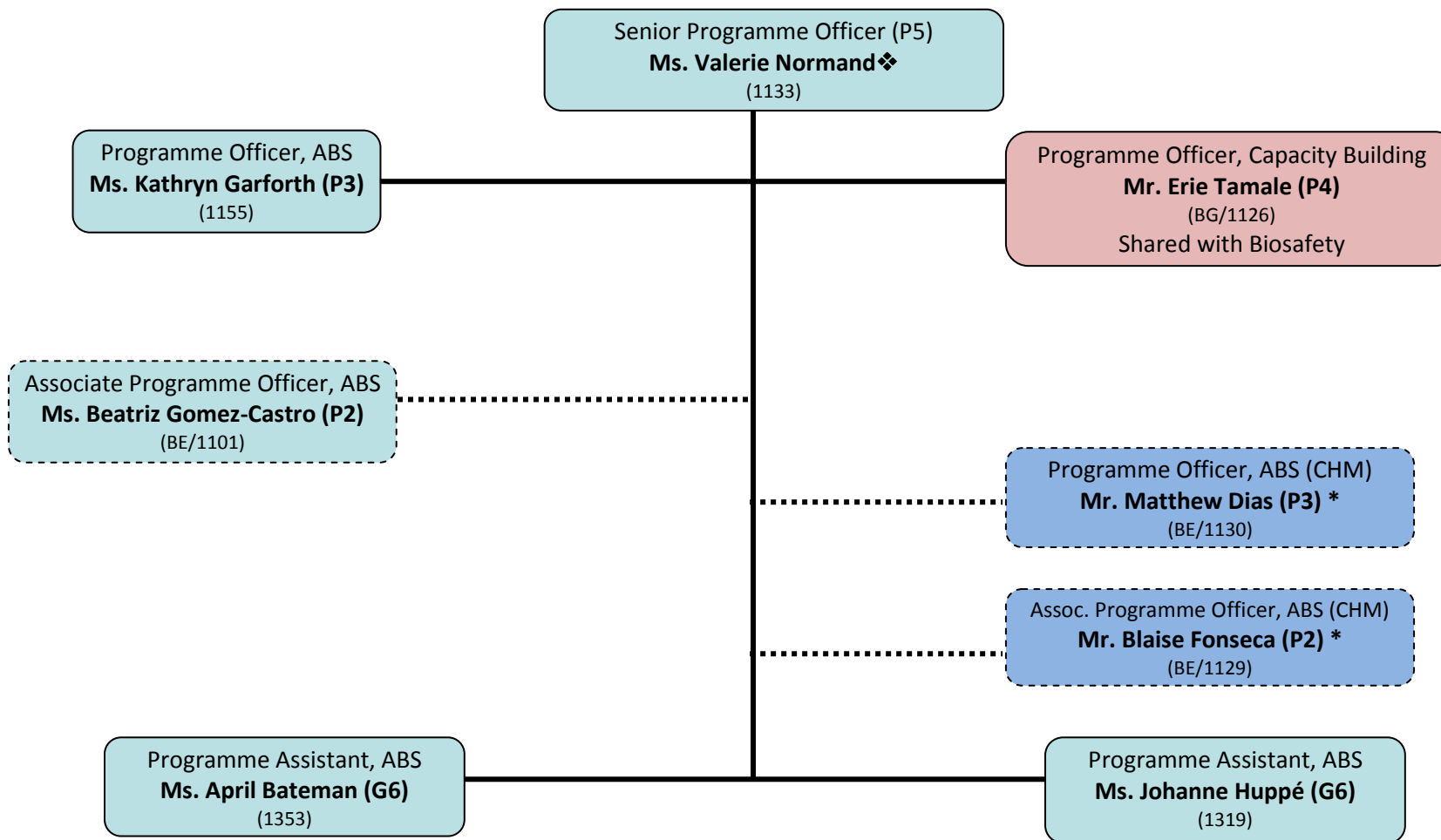
## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



## CONFERENCE SERVICES

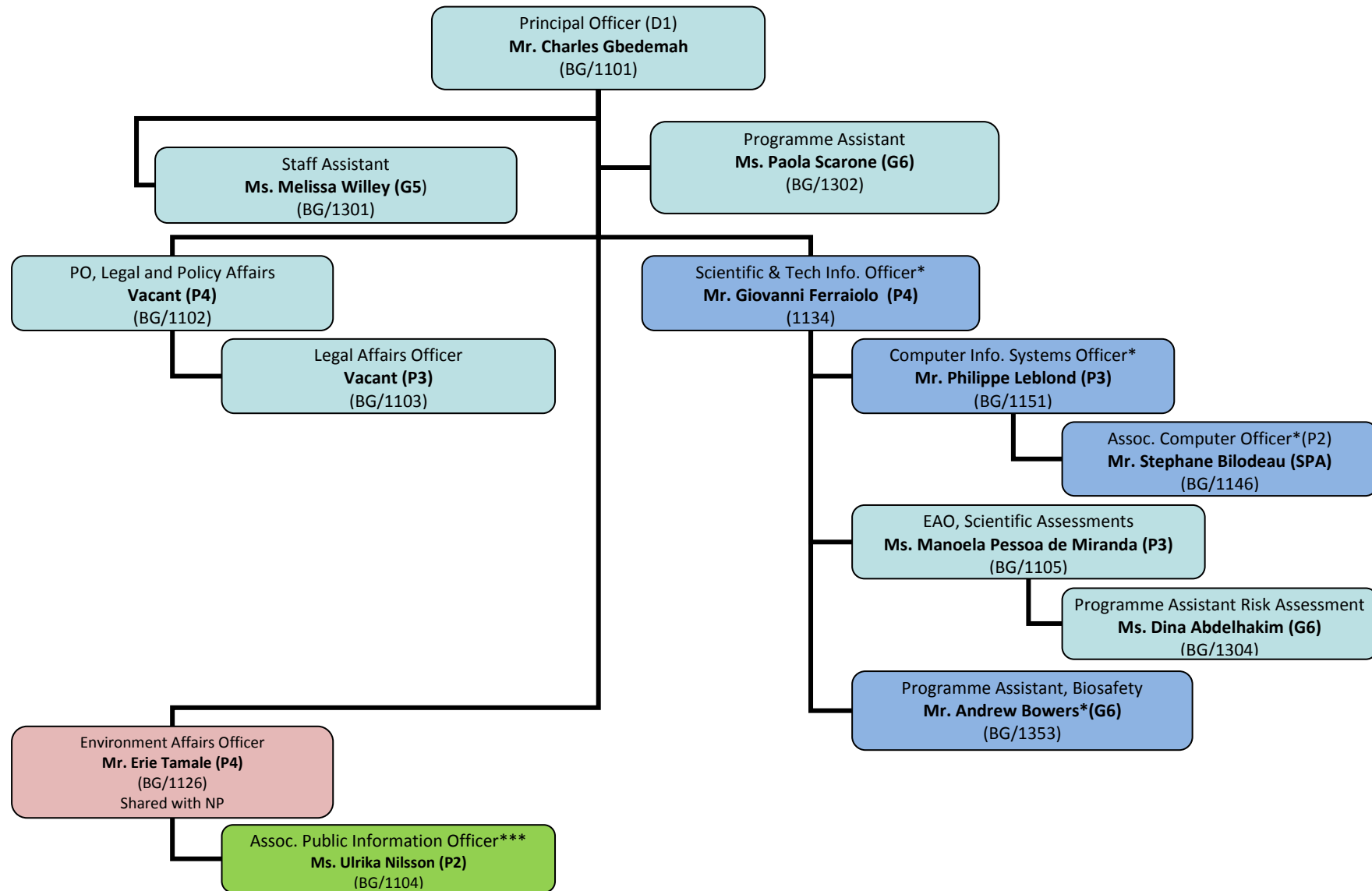


## NAGOYA PROTOCOL (NP)

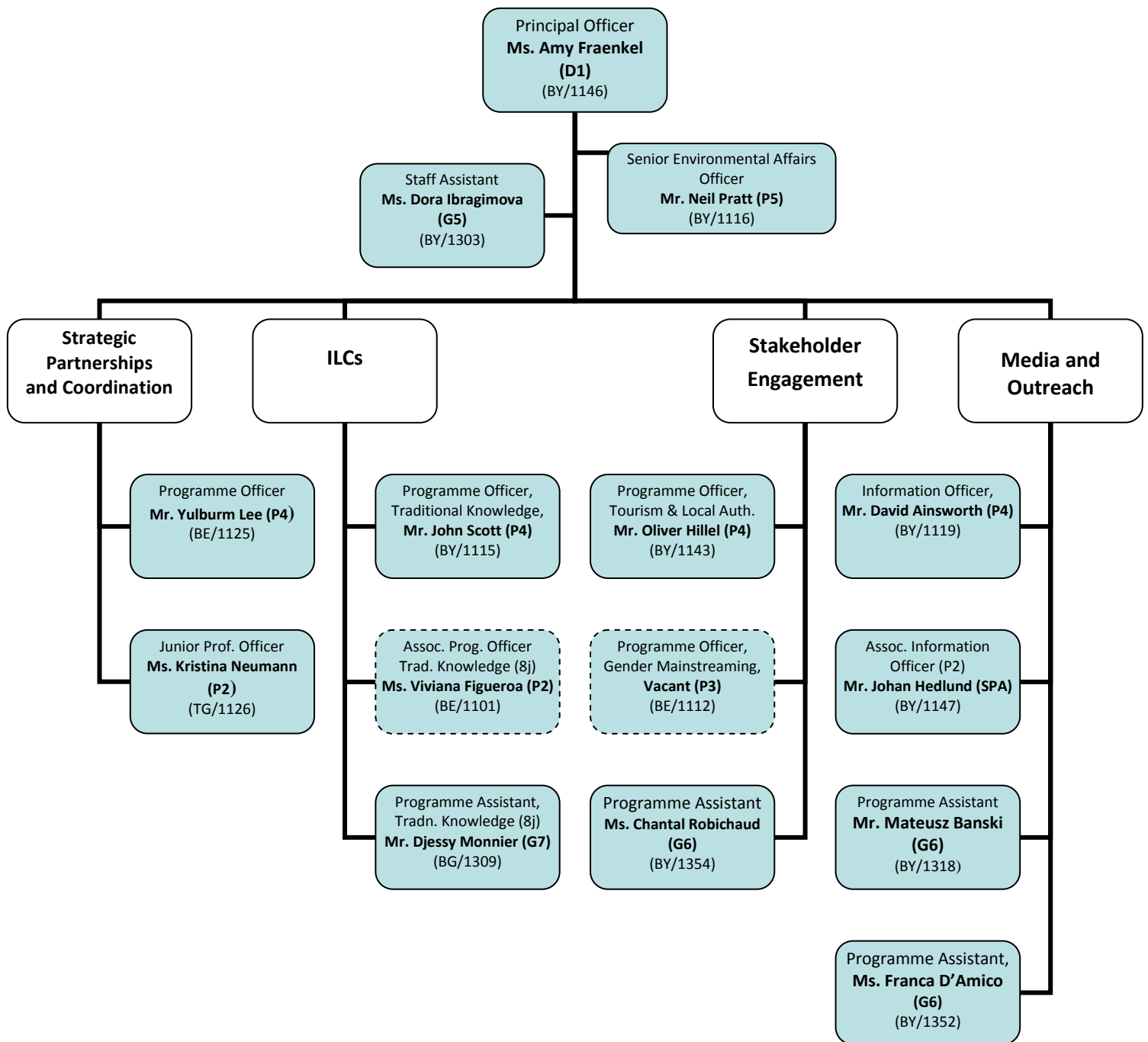


❖ S. Gidda will be acting Snr. Programme Officer for the Nagoya Protocol until the return of Valerie Normand

## BIOSAFETY PROTOCOL (BS)



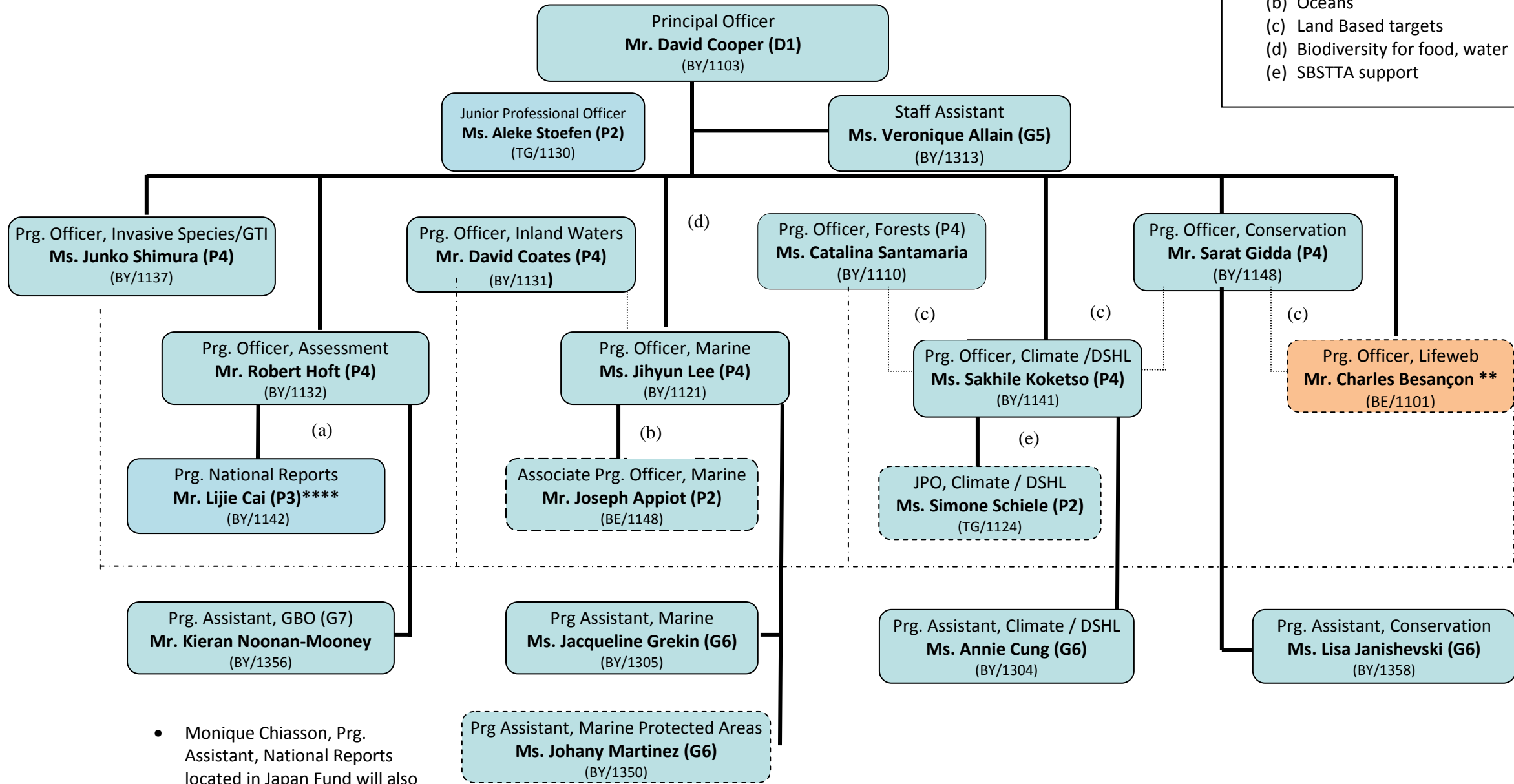
## MAINSTREAMING, PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH (MPO)





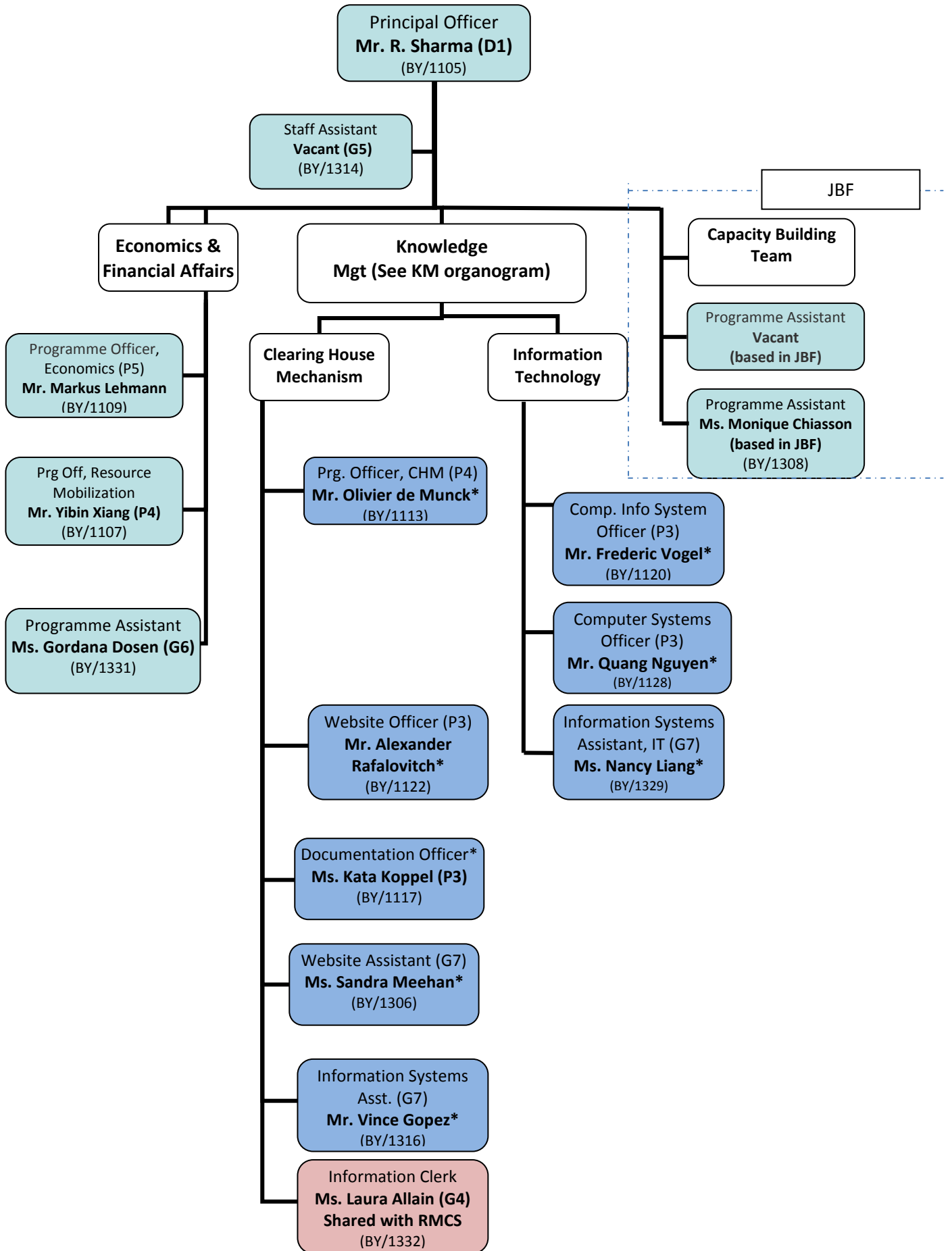
## SCIENCE, ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING (SAM)

Coordination  
 (a) Assessment and monitoring  
 (b) Oceans  
 (c) Land Based targets  
 (d) Biodiversity for food, water  
 (e) SBSTTA support

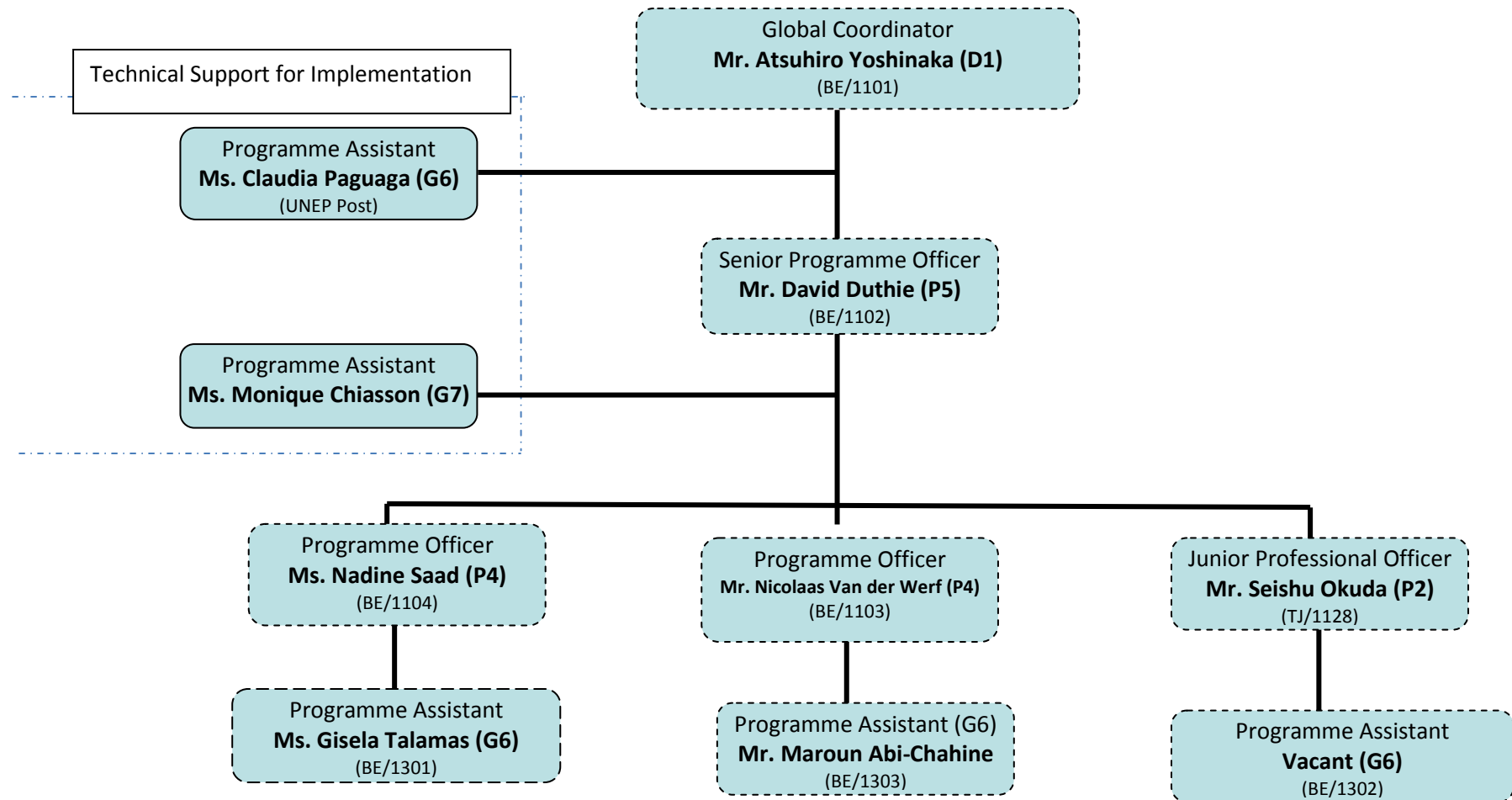


- Monique Chiasson, Prg. Assistant, National Reports located in Japan Fund will also provide support to this unit

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION (TSI)**



### JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND AND NBSAP TEAM



## 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 December 2014 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.13		Adjustments	Pledges for 2014		Collections in 2014 for prior years	Collections in 2014 for 2014 & future years	Unpaid pledges for 2014 & prior years
Canada	1,300				1/			1,300
Canada	431,260				2/	123,002		308,258
Canada				49,240	18/		49,240	0
Canada				4,241	35/		4,241	0
COMIFAC	15,872				3/			15,872
Denmark	109,270		161		12/	109,431		0
EC				67,534	23/		67,534	0
FAO				30,000	33/			30,000
Finland				84,298	19/		84,298	0
Finland				50,000	20/		50,000	0
France	27,473				4/			27,473
France	86,305				5/	86,305		0
France				80,214	31/			80,214
Global Environment Forum (GEF)				10,000	34/			10,000
Germany	42,000				7/			42,000
Germany				81,997	22/		81,997	0
Germany				212,807	27/		212,807	0
India	105,807				8/			105,807
Korea	90,000				9/			90,000

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.13	Adjustments	Pledges for 2014		Collections in 2014 for prior years	Collections in 2014 for 2014 & future years	Unpaid pledges for 2014 & prior years
Korea	30,654			10/	30,654		0
Korea			151,740	10/		151,740	0
Korea			60,000	25/		60,000	0
Korea			60,000	26/		60,000	0
Korea			90,000	28/		90,000	0
Korea			92,926	29/		92,926	0
Korea			1,214,379	30/		1,214,379	0
Norway	51,480		0	11/		0	51,480
Norway			120,647	36/		120,647	0
South Africa			50,000	16/		50,000	0
Sweden			50,103	38/		50,103	0
Switzerland	4,343			13/			4,343
Switzerland			56,528	21/		56,528	0
Switzerland			111,508	24/		111,508	0
The Global Mechanism	5,000			6/			5,000
UK	41,118			14/			41,118
UK	6,494			15/			6,494
UK	0		61,253	17/		61,253	0
UK	0		4,827	32/		4,827	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,048,376</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>2,794,242</b>		<b>349,392</b>	<b>2,674,028</b>	<b>819,359</b>

1/Canada pledge CAD 47,000 - Expert Meeting on Marine Biodiversity. Paid CAD 44,650 (US\$ 42,218.23) on 25 November 2009

2/Canada pledge CAD 525,000 - CAD 175,000 annually to 2015 allocated as CAD 473,310 to BE Trust Fund & CAD 51,690 to BZ Trust Fund. Changed to CAD 451,098 for BE Trust Fund & CAD 73,902 to BZ Trust Fund per MR email dated 22 April 2014

3/COMIFAC pledge EUR 25,000 - Implementation of CBD in Central Africa

4/France pledge EUR 20,000 - Expert Workshop on Marine Protected Areas

- 5/France pledge EUR 95,000 - Sustainable Ocean Initiative
- 6/Global Mechanism pledge US\$ 5,000 - Eco-pavilion
- 7/Germany pledge US\$ 241,073 - Pilot Phase of the ABS Clearing House - US\$ 199,073 in 2011; US\$ 42,000 in 2012
- 8/India pledge US\$ 286,443 - ICNP-2
- 9/Korea pledge US\$ 90,000 - Nagoya Protocol
- 10/Korea pledge US\$ 345,750 - Host Government Agreement for ICNP-3; US\$ 345,750 in 2013; US\$ 151,740 in 2014
- 11/Norway pledge NOK 350,000 - CBD Expert meetings
- 12/Denmark pledge DKK 600,000 - Negotiations/workshops on resource mobilization with focus on African Region leading up to COP 12 in October 2014.
- 13/Switzerland pledge CHF 4,000 - Launch of UN decade
- 14/UK pledge GBP 25,000 - Geo-engineering
- 15/UK pledge GBP 4,000 - Production of a Report on Climate-related Geo-engineering
- 16/South Africa pledge US\$ 50,000
- 17/UK pledge GBP 37,062 - R & D contribution
- 18/Canada pledge CAD 55,370 - North Atlantic Workshop
- 19/Finland pledge US\$ 84,298
- 20/Finland pledge US\$ 50,000 - Article 8(j)-8 meeting which took place in October 2013
- 21/Switzerland pledge CHF 50,000 - GBO-4
- 22/Germany pledge EUR 60,350 - Biodiversity and Tourism
- 23/EC pledge EUR 639,200 - CBD Support for implementing COP10/MOP5 Decisions - EC ref. 21.0401/2010/581495/SUB/E2
- 24/Switzerland pledge CHF 100,000 - Friends of CBD
- 25/Government of Korea pledge US\$ 60,000 towards the convening of a Workshop on financing for biodiversity to provide technical inputs to the Pyeongchang 2020 Roadmap, 18-19 August 2014, Zurich, Switzerland.
- 26/Korea, Republic of Business and Biodiversity Forum (\$60,000)
- 27/Germany pledge - Global Life Web
- 28/Korea Forest Service pledge of US\$ 90,000
- 29/Korea pledge US\$ 92,926 - COP 12
- 30/Korea pledge US\$ 1,214,379 - COP 12 HGA
- 31/France pledge EUR 200,000 - Memorandum of Understanding (2014-2017) on Sustainable Oceans Initiative. 2014 - EUR 60,000; 2015 EUR 40,000; 2016 EUR 40,000; 2017 EUR 60,000
- 32/United Kingdom pledge GBP 3,000 for Peer Review of documents on Synthetic Biology
- 33/FAO pledge US\$ 30,000 - Capacity building workshop
- 34/GEF pledge US\$ 10,000 towards the support to the participation of journalists to COP 12
- 35/Canada pledge CAD 4,675 towards Opening reception of the WGRI 5
- 36/Norway pledge NOK 830,000
- 37/Norway pledge NOK 870,000 for new fund BXL temporarily parked here as fund operational in 2015
- 38/Sweden pledge (SEK 380,000) Expert Meeting on Alien Invasive Species

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 December 2014 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.13	Adjustments		Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2014 for prior years	Collections in 2014 for 2014 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2014 & prior years
Canada	70,652		1/		36,119		34,533
Denmark	27,076		2/				27,076
Denmark	91,058	135	3/		91,193		0
European Commission	76,805		4/		76,805		0
Finland			7/	27,174		27,174	0
Finland			8/	40,761		40,761	0
Germany			9/	135,870		135,870	0
Norway			5/	16,430		16,430	0
Norway			6/	158,899		158,899	0
Sweden			10/	100,821		100,821	0
Sweden			12/	42,452		42,452	0
Switzerland			11/	42,633		42,633	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>265,591</b>	<b>135</b>		<b>565,039</b>	<b>204,117</b>	<b>565,039</b>	<b>61,609</b>

1/Canada pledge CAD 525,000 - CAD 175,000 annually to 2015 allocated as CAD 473,310 to BE Trust Fund & CAD 51,690 to BZ Trust Fund.

Changed to CAD 451,098 for BE Trust Fund & CAD 73,902 to BZ Trust Fund per MR email dated 22 April 2015

2/Denmark pledge DKK 150,000 - SBSTTA-12 and WGRI-2 meetings

3/Denmark pledge DKK 500,000 - Participation of developing countries in the first COP-MOP of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing in October 2014.

4/EC pledge EUR 234,300 - CBD Support for implementing COP10/MOP5 Decisions - EC ref. 21.0401/2010/581495/SUB/E2

5/Norway pledge NOK 100,000 - Participation of indigenous and local communities in the third meeting of the Intergovernmental

Committee of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 24-28 February 2014

6/ Norway pledge NOK 941,667 - Support of the participation of developing countries, economies in transition and indigenous and local communities in the various meetings of the Secretariat in 2014

- 7/ Finland pledge EUR 20,000 - Participation of delegates from developing countries and economies in transition in the WGRI-5 and SBSTTA-18 meetings, 16-27 June 2014, Montreal, Canada
- 8/ Finland pledge EUR 30000 - Participation of delegates from developing countries and economies in transition in the meetings of the COP-12 and COP-MOP/1 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 6-17 October 2014
- 9/ Germany pledge EUR 100,000 - COP 12
- 10/ Sweden pledge SEK 700,000 - COP 12
- 11/ Switzerland pledge CHF 40,000 for COP-12 and COP-MOP/1 NP meetings
- 12) Sweden pledge SEK 325,000 - Ninth Working Group on Article 8j and related provisions



## ANNEX V

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

as at 31 December 2014

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & future years	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges for 2014 & Priors Years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	0	615	615			0	0	0
Albania	0	1,538	0		1,538	0	0	0
Algeria	18,779	19,687	0			18,779	19,687	38,466
Angola	2,316	1,230	0			2,316	1,230	3,546
Antigua & Barbuda	293	308	0			293	308	601
Argentina	42,106	44,142	0	42,106	44,142	0	0	0
Armenia	0	769	0		769	0	0	0
Australia	0	297,307	297,307			0	0	0
Austria	0	130,889	0		130,889	0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	2,307	0		2,307	0	0	0
Bahamas	0	2,769	0			0	2,769	2,769
Bahrain	0	5,998	0			0	5,998	5,998
Bangladesh	0	1,230	0			0	1,230	1,230
Barbados	0	1,230	1,230			0	0	0
Belarus	25,243	6,460	0	8,790	6,460	16,453	0	16,453
Belgium	0	165,342	0		165,342	0	0	0
Belize	90	154	0			90	154	244
Benin	1,299	461	0	407		892	461	1,353

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Bhutan	0	154	154			0	0	0
Bolivia	1,995	1,077	0			1,995	1,077	3,072
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	2,153	0		2,153	0	0	0
Botswana	2,641	2,769	0	2,641	2,769	0	0	0
Brazil	236,495	247,782	0	236,495	247,586	0	196	196
Brunei Darussalam	0	4,307	4,307			0	0	0
Bulgaria	0	5,845	5,845			0	0	0
Burkina Faso	850	461	0			850	461	1,311
Burundi	434	154	0			434	154	588
Cambodia	1,240	461	0	431		809	461	1,270
Cameroon	862	1,692	0			862	1,692	2,554
Canada	0	493,257	493,257		457,177	0	(457,177)	(457,177)
Cape Verde	162	154	0			162	154	316
Central African Rep.	925	154	0			925	154	1,079
Chad	865	308	0			865	308	1,173
Chile	0	36,298	0		36,298	0	0	0
China	0	490,488	134,127		356,361	0	0	0
Colombia	0	22,148	0		22,148	0	0	0
Comoros	3,818	154	0			3,818	154	3,972
Congo	1,802	461	0			1,802	461	2,263
Congo Dem. Rep	8,248	461	0			8,248	461	8,709
Cook Islands	0	154	0		154	0	0	0
Costa Rica	1,667	5,229	0	1,667	3,048	0	2,181	2,181
Cote d'Ivoire	8,908	1,538	0			8,908	1,538	10,446

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Croatia	0	14,919	0		14,919	0	0	0
Cuba	79,262	10,920	0			79,262	10,920	90,182
Cyprus	0	7,075	0		7,075	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	53,678	53,678		59,139	0	(59,139)	(59,139)
Denmark	0	113,201	0		113,201	0	0	0
Djibouti	434	154	0	307		127	154	281
Dominica	0	154	154			0	0	0
Dominica Republic	21,587	6,460	0			21,587	6,460	28,047
Ecuador	0	6,152	0		6,252	0	(100)	(100)
EEC	0	307,561	0		307,561	0	0	0
Egypt	0	14,458	14,458			0	0	0
El Salvador	8,227	2,922	0			8,227	2,922	11,149
Equatorial Guinea	4,625	1,230	0			4,625	1,230	5,855
Eritrea	0	154	154			0	0	0
Estonia	0	6,152	0		6,152	0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	1,230	0		1,230	0	0	0
Fiji	0	615	961			0	(346)	(346)
Finland	0	87,054	0		87,054	0	0	0
France	0	941,755	0		941,755	0	0	0
Gabon	0	2,153	13,166			0	(11,013)	(11,013)
Gambia	147	154	0	147	154	0	0	0
Georgia	0	923	0		923	0	0	0
Germany	0	1,233,218	0		1,233,218	0	0	0
Ghana	2,598	923	0			2,598	923	3,521

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Greece	0	106,280	0			0	106,280	106,280
Grenada	704	154	0			704	154	858
Guatemala	24,071	4,307	0			24,071	4,307	28,378
Guinea	0	308	308			0	0	0
Guinea-Bissau	3,339	154	0			3,339	154	3,493
Guyana	0	154	1		154	0	(1)	(1)
Haiti	0	461	461			0	0	0
Honduras	2,379	1,230	0	1,174		1,205	1,230	2,435
Hungary	19	44,758	0	19	44,758	0	0	0
Iceland	0	6,460	6,460			0	0	0
India	78,344	82,133	0	78,344	82,133	0	0	0
Indonesia	0	36,606	0		36,606	0	0	0
Iran	149,961	35,837	0			149,961	35,837	185,798
Iraq	0	3,076	0		3,076	0	0	0
Ireland*	28	76,595	76,595	28	64,042	0	(64,042)	(64,042)
Israel	0	59,062	59,062			0	0	0
Italy	0	768,877	0		768,877	0	0	0
Jamaica	2,079	2,153	0			2,079	2,153	4,232
Japan	0	1,927,192	0		1,927,192	0	0	0
Jordan	0	2,153	0		2,153	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	0	11,689	0		11,689	0	0	0
Kenya	1,761	1,846	0			1,761	1,846	3,607
Kiribati	0	154	154			0	0	0
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	0	1,077	0			0	1,077	1,077

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Korea, Rep. of	0	347,602	0			0	347,602	347,602
Kuwait	0	40,451	0		40,451	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	219	154	0	219	154	0	0	0
Lao PDR	0	154	154			0	0	0
Latvia	0	5,845	5,845		7,201	0	(7,201)	(7,201)
Lebanon	25,450	5,076	0			25,450	5,076	30,526
Lesotho	0	154	154			0	0	0
Liberia	704	154	0			704	154	858
Libya	67,714	19,841	0			67,714	19,841	87,555
Liechtenstein	0	1,384	0		1,280	0	104	104
Lithuania	0	9,997	0		9,997	0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	13,843	17,613			0	(3,770)	(3,770)
Macedonia (The former Yugoslav Republic of)	3,735	1,077	0			3,735	1,077	4,812
Madagascar	299	461	0			299	461	760
Malawi	704	154	0			704	154	858
Malaysia	0	38,913	38,913		43,052	0	(43,052)	(43,052)
Maldives	0	154	154			0	0	0
Mali	1,551	461	0			1,551	461	2,012
Malta	5,055	2,615	0	5,055	2,615	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	817	154	0			817	154	971
Mauritania	2,649	154	0			2,649	154	2,803
Mauritius	0	1,692	0		1,692	0	0	0
Mexico	13,675	362,367	0	13,675	362,367	0	0	0

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Micronesia (Fed. States of)	919	154	0			919	154	1,073
Moldova, Rep. of	0	308	308			0	0	0
Monaco	0	461	0		461	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	308	0		308	0	0	0
Montenegro	0	615	595			0	20	20
Morocco	8,755	8,921	0	8,755	9,531	(0)	(610)	(610)
Mozambique	0	461	1,362			0	(901)	(901)
Myanmar	906	923	0			906	923	1,829
Namibia	0	1,230	1,230			0	0	0
Nauru	459	154	0			459	154	613
Nepal	875	923	0	875	890	0	33	33
Netherlands	0	285,311	285,311			0	0	0
New Zealand	0	41,989	41,989		38,762	0	(38,762)	(38,762)
Nicaragua	2,055	461	0	2,055	461	0	0	0
Niger	4,105	308	0			4,105	308	4,413
Nigeria	0	11,997	11,997			0	0	0
Niue	0	154	154			0	0	0
Norway	0	133,965	0		133,965	0	0	0
Oman	0	13,227	0		13,227	0	0	0
Pakistan	25,731	12,612	0	15,381		10,350	12,612	22,962
Palau	712	154	0			712	154	866
Panama	1,389	3,384	0	1,389	3,384	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	311	308	0			311	308	619
Paraguay	6,459	1,077	0	6,459	1,001	(0)	76	76

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Peru	0	13,843	0		12,675	0	1,168	1,168
Philippines	0	13,843	0		13,843	0	0	0
Poland	0	127,352	127,352		141,106	0	(141,106)	(141,106)
Portugal	74,970	78,595	0			74,970	78,595	153,565
Qatar	0	20,764	0		20,764	0	0	0
Romania	25,968	27,224	0	25,968	27,224	0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	246,398	0		246,398	0	0	0
Rwanda	0	154	129			0	25	25
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	2,989	154	0			2,989	154	3,143
Samoa	0	154	154			0	0	0
San Marino	0	461	0		461	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	1,491	154	0			1,491	154	1,645
Saudi Arabia	0	127,659	0		127,659	0	0	0
Senegal	1,256	923	0			1,256	923	2,179
Serbia	0	5,691	0		5,691	0	0	0
Seychelles	0	308	0		308	0	0	0
Sierra Leone	0	154	154			0	0	0
Singapore	0	51,525	51,525			0	0	0
Slovak	0	21,840	21,840			0	0	0
Slovenia	0	15,842	0			0	15,842	15,842
Solomon Islands	0	154	154			0	0	0
Somalia	583	154	0			583	154	737
South Africa	0	59,215	59,215			0	0	0
Spain	0	488,642	0		488,642	0	0	0

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Sri Lanka	5,650	2,922	0	5,650	2,922	0	0	0
St. Lucia	166	154	0	166	135	(0)	19	19
St. Kitts & Nevis	318	154	0	318	114	0	40	40
Sudan	7,274	1,230	0	5,757		1,517	1,230	2,747
Suriname	83	461	0			83	461	544
Swaziland	0	461	461			0	0	0
Sweden	0	163,650	163,650			0	0	0
Switzerland	0	173,801	0		173,801	0	0	0
Syria	10,886	3,845	0			10,886	3,845	14,731
Tajikistan	698	308	0			698	308	1,006
Thailand	0	32,145	423		27,616	0	4,107	4,107
Timor - Leste	298	154	0	298	154	0	0	0
Togo	722	154	0	722	129	0	25	25
Tonga	714	154	0			714	154	868
Trinidad & Tobago	0	6,767	6,767			0	0	0
Tunisia	0	4,614	0		4,614	0	0	0
Turkey	0	94,898	0		94,898	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	3,815	3,999	0			3,815	3,999	7,814
Tuvalu	147	154	0			147	154	301
U. K.	0	1,015,736	0		1,015,736	0	0	0
Uganda	0	923	780		118	0	25	25
Ukraine	0	13,381	0			0	13,381	13,381
Un.Rep. of Tanzania	0	1,230	11,741			0	(10,511)	(10,511)
United Arab Emirates	0	60,138	0		60,138	0	0	0



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Uruguay	0	4,153	16,039			0	(11,886)	(11,886)
Uzbekistan	12,216	1,538	0		1,538	12,216	0	12,216
Vanuatu	704	154	0			704	154	858
Venezuela	93,370	48,295	0			93,370	48,295	141,665
Viet Nam	4,841	5,076	0	4,841	5,076	0	0	0
Yemen	7,456	1,230	0			7,456	1,230	8,686
Zambia	0	615	615		1,871	0	(1,871)	(1,871)
Zimbabwe	440	461	0			440	461	901
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,172,905</b>	<b>12,302,446</b>	<b>2,029,232</b>	<b>470,139</b>	<b>10,342,884</b>	<b>702,766</b>	<b>(69,670)</b>	<b>633,096</b>

<b>Additional Contributions</b>								
Canada	0	1,015,712	0		0	0	1,015,712	1,015,712
Quebec	0	126,727	0		126,727	0	0	0
Quebec	0	52,608	0		52,608	0	0	0
Quebec	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,172,905</b>	<b>13,497,493</b>	<b>2,029,232</b>	<b>470,139</b>	<b>10,522,218</b>	<b>702,766</b>	<b>946,042</b>	<b>1,648,808</b>

## ANNEX VI

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

as at 31 December 2014

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & Futures	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges For 2014 & Prior Years
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Afghanistan	88	145	0	88	145	0	0	0
Albania	0	362	0			0	362	362
Algeria	0	4,637	0		4,637	0	0	0
Angola	0	257	0			0	257	257
Antigua and Barbuda	0	72	72			0	0	0
Armenia	0	181	0		181	0	0	0
Austria	0	30,832	0		30,832	0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	543	0		543	0	0	0
Bahamas	0	652	643			0	9	9
Bahrain	0	1,413	0			0	1,413	1,413
Bangladesh	0	257	257			0	0	0
Barbados	286	290	0			286	290	576
Belarus	0	1,522	0		1,522	0	0	0
Belgium	0	38,947	0		38,947	0	0	0
Belize	0	36	0			0	36	36
Benin	330	109	0	116		214	109	323
Bhutan	36	36	0	36	36	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & Futures	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges For 2014 & Prior Years
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Bolivia	0	254	0		254	0	0	0
Bosnia Herzegovina	0	507	0		507	0	0	0
Botswana	669	652	0	669	652	0	0	0
Brazil	32,257	58,367	0			32,257	58,367	90,624
Bulgaria	0	1,377	0		1,377	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	66	109	0			66	109	175
Burundi	162	36	0			162	36	198
Cambodia	297	109	0			297	109	406
Cameroon	548	399	0			548	399	947
Cape Verde	51	36	0			51	36	87
Central African Republic	158	36	0			158	36	194
Chad	216	72	0	216	72	0	0	0
China	0	115,538	0		115,538	0	0	0
Colombia	0	5,217	0		5,217	0	0	0
Comoros	133	36	0			133	36	169
Congo, P.R.	444	109	0			444	109	553
Costa Rica	0	1,232	0		1,232	0	0	0
Croatia	0	3,514	0		3,514	0	0	0
Cuba	15,729	2,572	0			15,729	2,572	18,301
Cyprus	0	1,667	0		1,667	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	12,644	12,644		14,455	0	(14,455)	(14,455)
Democratic Republic Of Congo	418	109	0			418	109	527

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	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Denmark	0	26,665	26,279			0	386	386
Djibouti	100	36	0			100	36	136
Dominica	286	36	0			286	36	322
Dominican Republic	333	1,522	0	284		49	1,522	1,571
Ecuador	0	1,449	100		1,528	0	(179)	(179)
Egypt	0	3,406	0			0	3,406	3,406
El Salvador	678	688	0			678	688	1,366
Eritrea	0	36	36			0	0	0
Estonia	0	1,449	0		1,449	0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	257	0		1,449	0	(1,192)	(1,192)
European Community	0	64,246	0		64,246	0	0	0
Fiji	175	145	0			175	145	320
Finland	0	20,506	0		20,506	0	0	0
France	0	221,836	0		221,836	0	0	0
Gabon	260	507	0	260	19	0	488	488
Gambia	0	36	36			0	0	0
Georgia	0	217	0		217	0	0	0
Germany	0	290,492	290,492		267,241	0	(267,241)	(267,241)
Ghana	594	217	0			594	217	811
Greece	0	25,035	0			0	25,035	25,035
Grenada	286	36	0			286	36	322
Guatemala	1,994	1,014	0			1,994	1,014	3,008
Guinea	0	72	0			0	72	72

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	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Guinea Bissau	113	36	0			113	36	149
Guyana	36	36	0	36	36	0	0	0
Honduras	286	290	0	286	116	0	174	174
Hungary	44	10,543	0	44	10,543	0	0	0
India	19,121	19,347	0			19,121	19,347	38,468
Indonesia	0	8,623	0		8,623	0	0	0
Iran	33,344	8,442	0	16,759		16,585	8,442	25,027
Iraq	0	425			425	0	0	0
Ireland	0	18,043	0		18,043	0	0	0
Italy	0	181,114	0		181,114	0	0	0
Jamaica	511	507	0	511	507	0	0	0
Japan	0	453,962	0		453,962	0	0	0
Jordan	0	507	0		507	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	0	2,753	0		2,728	0	25	25
Kenya	0	435	0			0	435	435
Kiribati	0	36	36			0	0	0
Korea, Democratic Republic	0	254	72			0	182	182
Korea, Republic of	0	81,880	81,880		74,623	0	(74,623)	(74,623)
Kyrgyzstan	0	36	0		36	0	0	0
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	0	36	36			0	0	0
Latvia	0	1,377	1,377			0	0	0
Lebanon	771	1,195	0			771	1,195	1,966
Lesotho	0	36	0			0	36	36

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	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Liberia	56	36	0			56	36	92
Libya	24,093	4,674	0			24,093	4,674	28,767
Lithuania	0	2,355	0		2,355	0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	3,261	0		3,261	0	0	0
Macedonia (The former Yugoslav Republic of)	999	254	0			999	254	1,253
Madagascar	0	109	695			0	(586)	(586)
Malawi	151	36	0			151	36	187
Malaysia	0	9,166	9,166		10,516	0	(10,516)	(10,516)
Maldives	0	36	0		36	0	0	0
Mali	0	109	5			0	104	104
Malta	1,210	616	0			1,210	616	1,826
Marshall Islands	286	36	0			286	36	322
Mauritania	257	36	0			257	36	293
Mauritius	0	399	0		399	0	0	0
Mexico	0	85,358	0		85,358	0	0	0
Mongolia	71	72	0	71	57	0	15	15
Montenegro	45	145	0	45	145	0	0	0
Morocco	2,142	2,101	0	2,142	2,101	(0)	0	(0)
Mozambique	20	109	0	20	109	0	0	0
Myanmar	248	217	0			248	217	465
Namibia	0	290	0		290	0	0	0
Nauru	286	36	0			286	36	322

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & Futures	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges For 2014 & Prior Years
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Netherlands	0	67,207	67,207			0	0	0
New Zealand	0	9,891	0		9,891	0	0	0
Nicaragua	297	109	0	297	109	0	0	0
Niger	384	72	0			384	72	456
Nigeria	0	2,826	0			0	2,826	2,826
Niue	0	36	0		36	0	0	0
Norway	0	31,556	0		31,556	0	0	0
Oman	0	3,116	0		3,116	0	0	0
Pakistan	11,117	2,971	0			11,117	2,971	14,088
Palau	286	36	0			286	36	322
Panama	786	797	0	786	797	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	0	72	5			0	67	67
Paraguay	417	254	0			417	254	671
Peru	18	3,261	0	18	8,666	0	(5,405)	(5,405)
Philippines	0	3,261	0		3,261	0	0	0
Poland	0	29,998	29,998		34,467	0	(34,467)	(34,467)
Portugal	18,245	18,514	0			18,245	18,514	36,759
Qatar	0	4,891	0		4,891	0	0	0
Republic of Moldova	0	72	72			0	0	0
Romania	0	6,413	0		6,413	0	0	0
Rwanda	25	36	0			25	36	61
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	36	0		36	0	0	0
Saint Lucia	36	36	0	36	36	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & Futures	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges For 2014 & Prior Years
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Saint Vincent & Gren.	286	36	0			286	36	322
Samoa	0	36	0		36	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	0	30,071	0			0	30,071	30,071
Senegal	637	217	0			637	217	854
Serbia	1,321	1,341	0	1,321	1,341	0	0	0
Seychelles	0	72	72			0	0	0
Slovakia	0	5,145	0		5,145	0	0	0
Slovenia	0	3,732	0		3,732	0	0	0
Solomon Islands	72	36	0			72	36	108
Somalia	106	36	0			106	36	142
South Africa	0	13,949	0		13,949	0	0	0
Spain	0	115,103	0		115,103	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	1,353	688	0			1,353	688	2,041
Sudan	1,752	257	0			1,752	257	2,009
Suriname	208	109	0			208	109	317
Swaziland	0	109	0			0	109	109
Sweden	0	38,549	0		38,549	0	0	0
Switzerland	0	40,940	0		40,940	0	0	0
Syria	2,999	906	0			2,999	906	3,905
Tajikistan	220	72	0			220	72	292
Thailand	16,670	7,572	0	4,766		11,904	7,572	19,476
Togo	36	36	0			36	36	72
Tonga	0	36	2,723			0	(2,687)	(2,687)



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & Futures	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges For 2014 & Prior Years
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Trinidad and Tobago	0	1,594	0		1,594	0	0	0
Tunisia	6	1,087	0		1,087	6	0	6
Turkey	0	22,354	0		22,354	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	1,110	942	0			1,110	942	2,052
Uganda	0	217	3,174			0	(2,957)	(2,957)
Ukraine	0	3,152	0			0	3,152	3,152
Uruguay	964	978	0	964		0	978	978
United Arab Emirates	0	774	0			0	774	774
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	239,263	0		433,079	0	(193,816)	(193,816)
United Republic of Tanzania	669	257	0			669	257	926
Venezuela	36,634	11,376	0			36,634	11,376	48,010
Viet Nam	1,178	1,196	0	1,178	1,196	0	0	0
Yemen	947	257	0			947	257	1,204
Zambia	0	145	145			0	0	0
Zimbabwe	0	109	109			0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>239,461</b>	<b>2,572,360</b>	<b>527,331</b>	<b>30,949</b>	<b>2,437,089</b>	<b>208,512</b>	<b>(392,060)</b>	<b>(183,548)</b>

<b>Additional Contributions</b>								
Canada		0			0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>239,461</b>	<b>2,572,360</b>	<b>527,331</b>	<b>30,949</b>	<b>2,437,089</b>	<b>208,512</b>	<b>(392,060)</b>	<b>(183,548)</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 December 2014 (in United States dollars)

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.13</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2014</b>		<b>Collections in 2014 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2014 for 2014 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2014 &amp; prior years</b>
European Commission	3,698			1/	3,698		0
Germany	50,000	(180)		2/	49,820		(0)
Republic of Korea			150,000	3/		147,601	2,399
Republic of Korea			522,200	4/		522,200	0
Republic of Korea			131,453	5/		131,453	0
Norway			29,071	6/		29,071	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,698</b>	<b>(180)</b>	<b>832,724</b>		<b>53,519</b>	<b>830,325</b>	<b>2,399</b>

1/EC pledge EUR 126,500 - CBD Support for implementing COP10/MOP5 Decisions - EC ref. 21.0401/2010/581495/SUB/E2

2/Germany pledge US\$ 50,000 - AHTEG on Risk Assessment and Risk Management in 2014

3/Korea, Republic of, pledge US\$ 150,000 -Support for the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-economic Considerations

4/Korea, Republic of, pledge US\$ 522,200 - COP / MOP 7 HGA

5/Korea, Republic of, pledge US\$ 131,453 - COP / MOP 7 HGA

6/Norway pledge NOK 200,000

## ANNEX VIII

**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)**

Status as at 31 December 2014 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.13	Adjustments		Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2014 for prior years	Collections in 2014 for 2014 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2014 & prior years
Germany			1/	44,272		44,272	0
Germany			3/	70,289		70,289	0
Republic of Korea			5/	67,800		67,800	0
New Zealand			6/	12,371		12,371	0
Norway			2/	41,075		41,075	0
Norway			4/	42,186		42,186	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>277,993</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>277,993</b>	<b>0</b>

1/ Germany pledge EUR 32,806 - Organization of the African regional Workshop for ILCs & development of trainers' material for ILCs

2/ Norway pledge NOK 250,000 - Participation of indigenous and local communities in the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 24-28 February 2014

3/ Germany pledge EUR 51,100 - Support to VB Trust Fund

4/ Norway pledge NOK 250,000 - Support of the participation of developing countries, economies in transition and indigenous and local communities in the various meetings of the Secretariat in 2015

5/ Korea pledge US\$ 67,800 - COP 12 - ILC Participation

6/ New Zealand pledge NZD 15,000 to facilitate ILCs participation in CBD meetings

## ANNEX IX

**Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Parties, in particular the Least Developed and the Small Island Developing States amongst them, and Parties with Economies in Transition (BI)**

Status of Contributions as at 31 December 2014 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.13		Adjustments	Pledges for 2014		Collections in 2014 for prior years	Collections in 2014 for 2014 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2014 & prior years
Finland	0			27,174	2/		27,174	0
Norway	0			39,373	1/		39,373	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>66,547</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>66,547</b>	<b>0</b>

1/ Norway pledge NOK 233,333 - Support of the participation of developing countries, economies in transition and indigenous and local communities in the various meetings of the Secretariat in 2015

2/ Finland pledge EUR 20,000 - Participation of delegates from developing countries and economies in transition in the meeting of COP - MOP 7 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 29 September - 3 October 2015

**ANNEX X**

**List of meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity  
(as at 31 December 2014)**

**2013**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
28 January - 1 February 2013	First Regional Workshop for African Least Developed Countries on the preparation of the Fifth National Report and Global Biodiversity Outlook and regional policy scenarios	Nairobi, Kenya
4 - 8 February 2013	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-Building Workshop for West Africa	Dakar, Senegal
8 February 2013	Biodiversity Indicators Partnership – Steering Committee Meeting	Teleconference
11 - 14 February 2013	Subregional Capacity-building Workshop to Address Invasive Alien Species and to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 in the Arab region	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
25 February - 1 March 2013	North Pacific Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Moscow, Russian Federation
4 - 7 March 2013	Global Taxonomy Initiative Capacity-building Workshop towards Achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets 9 and 19 for Western and Central Africa	Dakar, Senegal
4 - 8 March 2013	Regional Workshop on Reflecting the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Singapore, Singapore
4 - 8 March 2013	Caribbean Sub-regional Workshop on Capacity-building for the effective implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Saint George's, Grenada
10 March 2013	CBD-UNCCD Joint Workshop on the role of biodiversity in national drought management policies	Geneva, Switzerland
18 - 22 March 2013	Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) regional training workshop on adaptation for Francophone Least Developed Countries (LDCs) (organized by UNFCCC)	Lomé, Togo
19 - 22 March 2013	Western Balkans Capacity-building Workshop on Indicators as part of NBSAP updating	Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina
24 - 27 March 2013	Sub-regional Workshop for Anglophone Africa on the Integration of Climate Change and Ecosystem-based Adaptation in National Biodiversity Planning Processes	Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania
25 - 29 March 2013	Asia-Pacific regional training workshop on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs	Hanoi, Viet Nam
2 - 5 April 2013	Regional Workshop on the Inter-Linkages between Human Health and Biodiversity in Africa	Maputo, Mozambique
8 - 12 April 2013	South-Eastern Atlantic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Swakopmund, Namibia
8 April - 24 May 2013	Online discussion groups on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing	On-line
9 - 10 April 2013	Regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for Middle East region and Djibouti, Libya, Mauritania	Amman, Jordan
15 - 19 April 2013	Deuxième atelier régional pour les pays moins avancés d'Afrique sur la préparation des cinquièmes rapports nationaux et de la quatrième édition des Perspectives mondiales de la diversité biologique (GBO-4), et les scénarios pour la politique régionale	Yaoundé, Cameroon
17 April 2013	Eighth Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Biosafety Clearing-House	On-line
6 - 10 May 2013	Regional Workshop for Latin America on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)	Villa de Leyva, Colombia
6 - 10 May 2013	Regional Workshop for Latin America on the Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM)	Villa de Leyva, Colombia
14 - 17 May 2013	Sub-regional Workshop on Valuation and Incentive Measures for Sub-Saharan West Africa	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
15 - 17 May 2013	Mediterranean Biodiversity Network: from ecological urban planning to management in the Mediterranean – subnational cooperation and knowledge transfer	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
20 - 24 May 2013	Regional Workshop for South, East and Southeast Asia on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report and Global Biodiversity Outlook and regional policy scenarios	Incheon City, Republic of Korea
29 - 31 May 2013	Tenth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
30 - 31 May 2013	First meeting of the second phase of the High-level Panel on the Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Trondheim, Norway
3 - 5 June 2013	Expert Meeting to Develop a Draft Strategic Framework for Capacity-building and Development in Support of the Effective Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada
4 - 5 June 2013	CBD-GEF Retreat to work together for a robust GEF-6 replenishment and leveraging of other resources for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity	Montreal, Canada
5 June 2013	Webinar on Incorporating Biodiversity and Ecosystem Values into NBSAPs: Introduction and biophysical approaches	Online
7 June 2013	Webinar on Incorporating Biodiversity and Ecosystem Values into NBSAPs: Economic approaches	Online
13 June 2013	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety): Western Europe and Others Group and Central and Eastern Europe	Online
17 June 2013	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety): Asia-Pacific	Online
18 - 20 June 2013	Second meeting of the Advisory Committee of Subnational Governments of the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity	Barcelona, Spain
20 June 2013	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety): Africa	Online
25- 28 June 2013	Atelier régional sur les indicateurs et l'intégration des objectifs de la CMS et de la CITES dans le cadre de la mise à jour des Stratégies et Plans d'Action Nationaux pour la Biodiversité (SPANB)	Douala, Cameroon
27 June 2013	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety): Latin America and the Caribbean (Spanish)	Online
22 - 26 July 2013	Regional Workshop for the Pacific Countries on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report	Nadi, Fiji
29 July - 2 August 2013	LDC Expert Group (LEG) regional training workshop on adaptation for African Anglophone Least Developed Countries (organized by UNFCCC)	Kigali, Rwanda
20 - 24 August 2013	LDC Expert Group (LEG) regional training workshop on adaptation for Asian Least Developed Countries (organized by UNFCCC)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
16 - 17 September 2013	Meeting of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)	Montreal, Canada
16 - 20 September 2013	Regional Workshop for the Caribbean Countries on the Clearing-House Mechanism	Gros Islet, Saint Lucia
16 - 20 September 2013	Regional Workshop for the Caribbean Countries on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report	Gros Islet, Saint Lucia
17 - 19 September 2013	Expert Meeting on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada
2 - 3 October 2013	Third Meeting of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity	Montreal, Canada
2 - 4 October 2013	Informal Advisory Committee to the pilot phase of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-house	Montreal, Canada
7 October 2013	Sixth Meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (CSAB)	Formia, Italy
7 - 11 October 2013	Eighth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity	Montreal, Canada
12 October 2013	Expert Workshop on enhancing biodiversity data and observing systems in support of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Montreal, Canada
13 October 2013	Second meeting of the Global Biodiversity Outlook 4 Advisory Group	Montreal, Canada
14 - 18 October 2013	Seventeenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	Montreal, Canada

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
15 October 2013	First meeting of the Steering Committee for the Global Invasive Alien Species Information	Montreal, Canada
11 - 15 November 2013	Global Workshop on Reviewing Progress and Building Capacity for the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans Revision Process	Nairobi, Kenya
12 - 15 November 2013	Workshop on the assessment of plant extinction risk in megadiverse countries	Villa de Leyva, Colombia
25 - 27 November 2013	Workshop of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms	Ispra, Italy
25 - 29 November 2013	Capacity-building workshop for the Pacific on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Suva, Fiji
25 - 29 November 2013	Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for the Pacific	Suva, Fiji
2 - 4 December 2013	Second meeting of the second phase of the High-level Panel on the Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Chennai, India
2 - 6 December 2013	Regional Workshop for Latin America on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report and Indicators	Cochabamba, Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
3 - 7 December 2013	Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for East, South and South-East Asia	Chennai, India
4 - 6 December 2013	Second Meeting of the Expert Group on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development	Chennai, India
9 - 11 December 2013	Regional Capacity-building Workshop for Latin America and Caribbean Region on Traditional Knowledge under the CBD	Cochabamba, Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
9 - 12 December 2013	Regional Capacity-building Workshop to Address Invasive Alien Species and to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 in the Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
9 - 13 December 2013	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-building Workshop for East, South and South-East Asia	Guangzhou, China
14 - 17 December 2013	Regional Workshop for Middle East and North Africa on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report	Doha, Qatar
16 - 20 December 2013	Central and Eastern Europe Regional Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Measures	Batumi, Georgia

## 2014

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
20 - 24 January 2014	Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report	Minsk, Belarus
1 - 5 February 2014	Capacity-building workshop for West Asia and North Africa on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Amman, Jordan
11 - 13 February 2014	Regional Workshop on Resource Mobilization for Africa	Entebbe, Uganda
17 - 21 February 2014	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety)	Seoul, Republic of Korea
23 February 2014	ABS Clearing-House Capacity-building Workshop Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea	Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea
24 - 28 February 2014	Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea
3 - 7 March 2014	Arctic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Helsinki, Finland
24 - 28 March 2014	Capacity-building workshop for South America on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Linhares, Brazil
24 - 28 March 2014	Regional Capacity-building Workshop for Latin America on Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montevideo, Uruguay
24 - 28 March 2014	North-west Atlantic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Montreal, Canada
26 - 28 March 2014	Regional Capacity-building Workshop for the African Region on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use under the CBD	Nairobi, Kenya

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
31 March - 4 April 2014	Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Minsk, Belarus
2 - 4 April 2014	Ninth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-IAC)	Ispra, Italy
7 - 9 April 2014	Tenth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Budapest, Hungary
7 - 11 April 2014	Mediterranean Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Málaga, Spain
9 - 12 April 2014	Second Dialogue Seminar on Scaling up Finance for Biodiversity	Quito, Ecuador
14 - 15 April 2014	Third meeting of the second phase of the High-level Panel on the Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Brasilia, Brazil
15 - 17 April 2014	Regional Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on Resource Mobilization	Brasilia, Brazil
28 April - 2 May 2014	Capacity-building workshop for the Caribbean on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Belize City, Belize
28 April - 2 May 2014	Capacity-building workshop for Southeast Asia on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Jambi, Indonesia
28 April - 16 May 2014	Online Forum on Public Participation Concerning Living Modified Organisms	Online
5 - 9 May 2014	Regional workshop for African countries on the Clearing-House Mechanism	Buea, Cameroon
6 - 8 May 2014	Regional workshop for resource mobilization for Asia and the Pacific	Bangkok, Thailand
6 - 9 May 2014	Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop of the UN-Water Initiative "Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies"	Hanoi, Viet Nam
12 - 16 May 2014	Capacity-building workshop for Eastern and Southern Africa on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Livingstone, Zambia
19 - 22 May 2014	Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for the Caribbean	Georgetown, Guyana
21 - 23 May 2014	Workshop on Biodiversity Corridors in the Guiana Shield to streamline support for the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Kurupukari, Guyana
21 - 24 May 2014	Regional Workshop for East/South/ Southeast Asia on Cities and Biodiversity	Qingdao, Province of Shandong, China
21 - 24 May 2014	Regional Workshop for East, South and Southeast Asia on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development	Qingdao, Province of Shandong, China
22 May 2014	International Day for Biological Diversity 2014	Multiple venues, Multiple Venues
26 - 28 May 2014	Regional Workshop on Resource mobilization for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Vilm, Germany
28 - 30 May 2014	Eleventh meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
1 - 5 June 2014	Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for West Asia and North Africa	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
2 - 4 June 2014	Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for Asia on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use under the CBD	Chiang Mai, Thailand
2 - 6 June 2014	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management	Bonn, Germany
2 - 6 June 2014	Capacity-building workshop for Europe on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Isle of Vilm, Germany
6 - 7 June 2014	Regional Workshop on Community-Based Monitoring and Information Systems (CBMIS)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
9 - 13 June 2014	Regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for Africa	Kampala, Uganda
13 - 14 June 2014	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM-IAC)	Montreal, Canada
14 - 15 June 2014	Capacity-building workshop for Small Island Developing States to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on Invasive Alien Species	Montreal, Canada
16 - 20 June 2014	Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention	Montreal, Canada
21 June 2014	Workshop on the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO 4)	Montreal, Canada



<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
22 June 2014	SCBD Dialogue Forum on Integrating the perspectives of Indigenous and Local Communities (ILCs) in the application of the scientific criteria for ecologically or biologically significant areas (EBSAs)	Montreal, Canada
23 - 28 June 2014	Eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	Montreal, Canada
8 - 11 July 2014	Workshop on synergies between REDD+ and Ecosystem conservation and restoration in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Douala, Cameroon
14 - 18 July 2014	Capacity-building workshop for Central, South and East Asia on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Jeju, Republic of Korea
5 - 8 August 2014	Eastern Africa Regional Workshop of the UN-Water Initiative "Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies"	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
18 - 19 August 2014	International Workshop on Financing for Biodiversity	Kartause Ittingen, Switzerland
25 - 28 August 2014	Capacity-building workshop for Mesoamerica on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	San José, Costa Rica
26 - 28 August 2014	Inter-regional capacity-building workshop on REDD+ and Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Apia, Samoa
29 - 31 August 2014	Inter-regional capacity-building workshop on REDD+ and Aichi Biodiversity Targets	San José, Costa Rica
9 - 11 September 2014	CBD Expert Workshop to Provide Consolidated Practical Guidance and a Toolkit for Marine Spatial Planning	Montreal, Canada
26 - 27 September 2014	Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) Training Workshop	Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea
29 September - 3 October 2014	Seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea
6 - 17 October 2014	Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea
12 October 2014	Capacity-building workshop on the Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House	Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea
13 - 17 October 2014	First meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea
16 October 2014	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) High-level Meeting	Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea
17 - 20 November 2014	North Africa Regional Workshop of the UN-Water Initiative "Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies"	Cairo, Egypt
21 - 22 November 2014	Joint workshop of the secretariats of the CBD and of UNCCD on synergies for the design, development and implementation of NBSAPs and NAPs	Cairo, Egypt
2 - 4 December 2014	Expert Workshop to Prepare Practical Guidance on Preventing and Mitigating the Significant Adverse Impacts of Marine Debris on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity	Baltimore, United States of America
8 - 12 December 2014	Latin America Sub-regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Resource Mobilization	Montevideo, Uruguay

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