

Role and Functioning of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)

**Training workshop in preparation for
SBSTTA 13**

17 February 2008 in Rome, Italy

**In the Preamble of the Convention,
it is recognized that there is:**



an urgent need to
develop scientific,
technical and
institutional capacities
to provide the basic
understanding upon
which to plan and
implement appropriate
measures

The three Rio Conventions and their scientific organs



Convention on Biological Diversity



Subsidiary
Body on
Scientific,
Technical and
Technological
Advice
(SBSTTA)



**UN Framework
Convention on Climate
Change**



Subsidiary
Body for
Scientific and
Technological
Advice



Intergovernmental
Panel on Climate
Change (IPCC)



**UN Convention to combat
desertification**



Committee for
science and
technology

Article 25 of the Convention



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Other biodiversity related Conventions



**CITES (International
Trade in Endangered
Species)**



**Animal
Committee**



**Plant
Committee**



**RAMSAR Convention on
Wetlands**



**Scientific and
Technical
Review Panel**



**Convention on Migratory
Species (Bonn
Convention)**



**Scientific
council**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP)

Open-ended Working
Groups

Subsidiary Body on Scientific,
Technical and Technological Advice

Ad Hoc Technical Expert
Groups

Liaison groups

Expert groups

SECRETARIAT

SBSTTA mandate (CBD article 25)

Multidisciplinary

Provide timely advice relating to the implementation of CBD

Report to COP



SBSTTA mandate (CBD article 25)

Following COP guidelines and upon its request:

- 1. Scientific and technical assessments of status of biodiversity.**
- 2. Scientific and technical assessments on the effects of types of measures taken**
- 3. Innovative, efficient and state-of-the-art technologies and know-how relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and promotion of development and/or transfer of such technologies**

SBSTTA mandate (CBD article 25)

- 4. Advice on scientific programmes and international cooperation in research and development**
- 5. Response to scientific, technical, technological and methodological questions from COP and its subsidiary bodies**

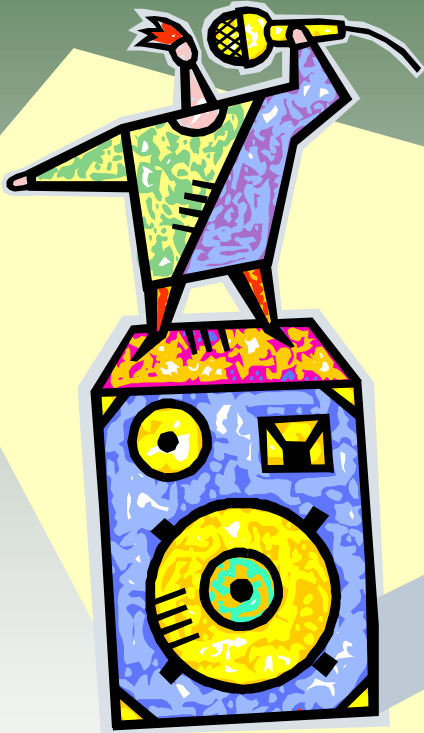


SBSTTA mandate

Other relevant Articles include:

- **Article 7:** Identification and monitoring
- **Article 8:** *In-situ* conservation
- **Article 9:** *Ex-situ* conservation
- **Article 10:** Sustainable use of biodiversity components
- **Article 12:** Research and information
- **Article 18:** Technical and scientific cooperation
- **Article 19:** Handling of biotechnology and distribution of its benefits

FUNCTION OF THE SECRETARIAT



- **INTRODUCE THE SUBJECT**
- **TAKE NOTES**
- **PROVIDE ADVICE (including on procedures)**
- **WRITE THE REPORT**

SBSTTA ADOPTS RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES ADOPTS DECISIONS

Consensus principle



SECRETARIAT ISSUES NOTIFICATIONS TO THE PARTIES



SBSTTA ADOPTS RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP

Recommendations may include

Options or alternatives

Brackets [.....]



AGENDA IS ESTABLISHED BY THE COP

**SBSTTA make
recommendations to
CoP on agenda**



PARTICIPANTS

PARTIES

OBSERVERS

NON PARTY STATES

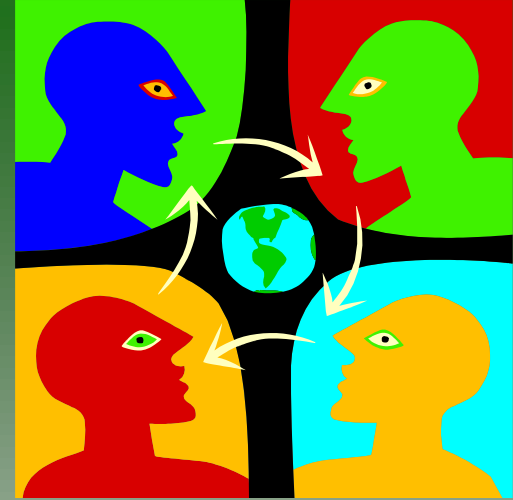
NON GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANISATIONS

INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

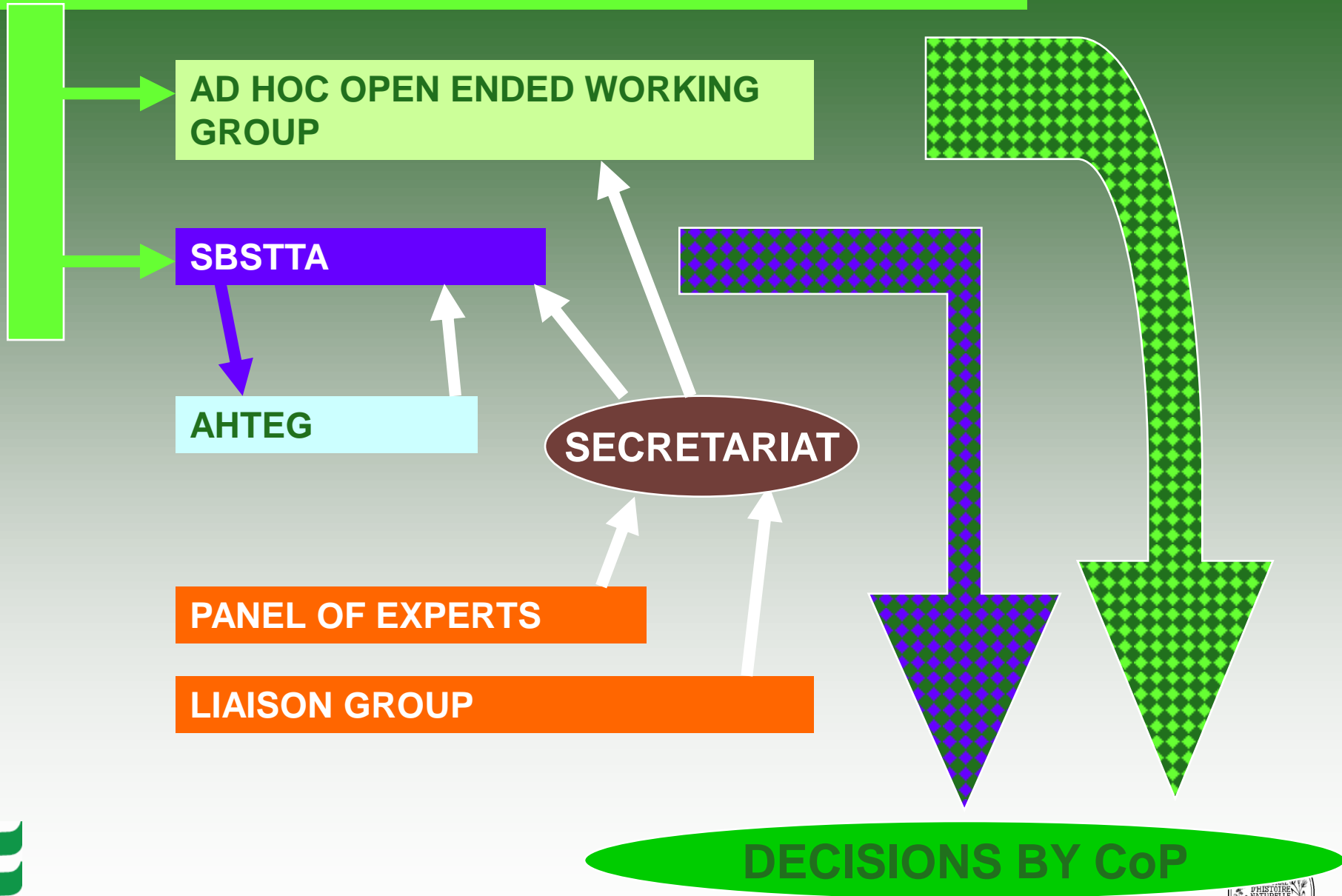
CONSERVATION NGOs

INTERNATIONAL
GOUVERNMENTAL
ORGANISATIONS

INDUSTRIES



DECISION BY COP TO CONSIDER AN ISSUE



SBSTTA meetings

- SBSTTA 1: UNESCO, Paris, 4 - 8 September 1995
- SBSTTA 2: Montreal, 2 - 6 September 1996
- SBSTTA 3: Montreal, 1 - 5 September 1997
- SBSTTA 4: Montreal, 21 - 25 June 1999
- SBSTTA 5: Montreal, 31 January - 4 February 2000
- SBSTTA 6: Montreal, 12 - 16 March 2001
- SBSTTA 7: Montreal, 12 - 16 November 2001
- SBSTTA 8: Montreal, 10 - 14 March 2003
- SBSTTA 9: Montreal, 10 - 14 November 2003
- SBSTTA 10: Bangkok, 7 - 11 February 2005
- SBSTTA 11: Montreal, 28 November - 2 December 2005
- SBSTTA 12: UNESCO, Paris, 1-6 July 2007
- SBSTTA 13: FAO, Rome, 18 - 22 February 2008

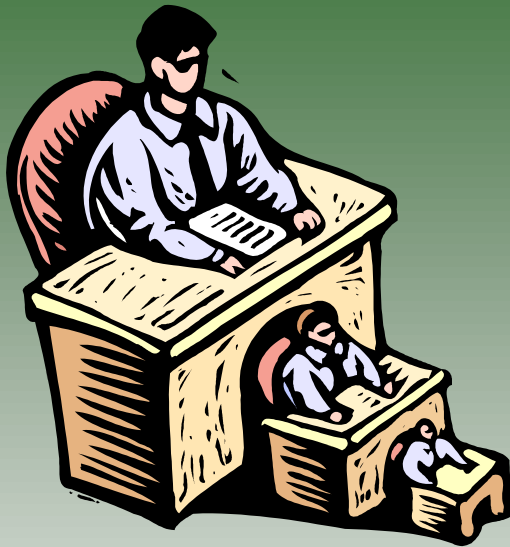
***Modus operandi* of SBSTTA**

Rules of procedure of COP applied *mutatis mutandi*

- **Annex I of decision IV/16**
- **Amended by decision V/20, Section III**
- **Decision VIII/10 Annex III**

CONSOLIDATED *MODUS OPERANDI* OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

Annex III of decision VIII/10



- Functions
- Operating principles
- Rules of procedure
- Frequency and timing of SBSTTA meetings
- Documentation
- Organization of work during the meetings
- Scientific and technical assessments
- Ad hoc technical expert group meetings
- Contribution of non-governmental organizations
- Cooperation with other relevant bodies
- Regional and subregional preparatory meetings
- Focal points

INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS



AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP

REPORT DIRECTLY TO CoP



Article 8j (Decision IV/9)

Access and benefit sharing (Decision V/26)

**Review of implementation of the Convention
(Decision VII/30)**

Protected areas (Decision VII/28)

AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP

AHTEG

**ESTABLISHED BY SBSTTA
REPORT TO SBSTTA**

INDICATORS



TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP PANEL OF EXPERTS

**EXPERTS SELECTED BY THE SECRETARIAT
UPON PROPOSALS FROM PARTIES**



**TAKE IN CONSIDERATION GEOGRAPHICAL
REPARTITION**

NUMBERING OF DOCUMENTS

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/6/Add1

ON ALL
DOCUMENTS

TYPE OF MEETING
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REVISION
OR ADDITION

In the 6 languages of the United Nations

COP/...:	Conference of the Parties of the CBD
ExCOP/...:	Extraordinary meeting of the COP of the CBD
BS/...:	Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
COP-MOP/...:	COP acting as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol
ICCBD/...:	Intergovernmental Committee for the CBD
ICCP/...:	Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol
SBSTTA/...:	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

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ADD:	Addenda (additional notes)
ANNEX:	Annex
COMP:	Composition of the members of the group
CORR:	Correction
CRP:	Conference Room Paper
INF:	Information document
INV/LETTER (also INVITATION):	Letter of invitation
L.:	Limited Document
Org:	Organizational meeting
PART:	Part of a document
REP (also REPORT, RPT):	Report
REV:	Revision
TBL:	Table

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CONFERENCE
ROOM
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(Proposed by
the Chair)

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SESSION
DOCUMENT

HISTORY OF A DOCUMENT

UNEP/CBD/**SBSTTA**/13/6

Prepared by the Secretariat



UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/**CRP**/1



CONFERENCE ROOM DOCUMENT
(Proposed by the Chair)

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SESSION DOCUMENT, SUBJECT TO
CONSIDERATION BY PLENARY OF SBSTTA

UNEP/CBD/COP/9/1

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INFORMATION
DOCUMENT

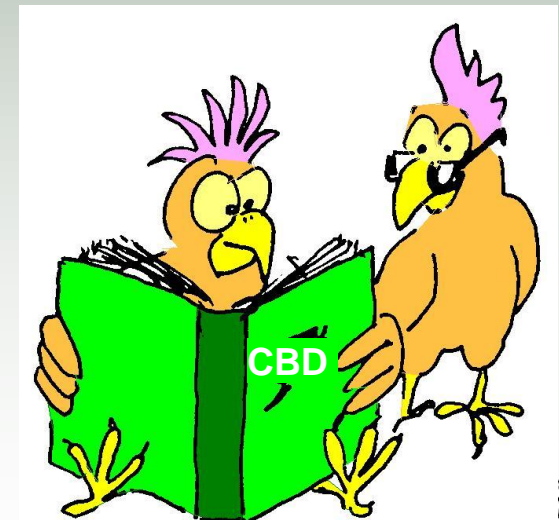
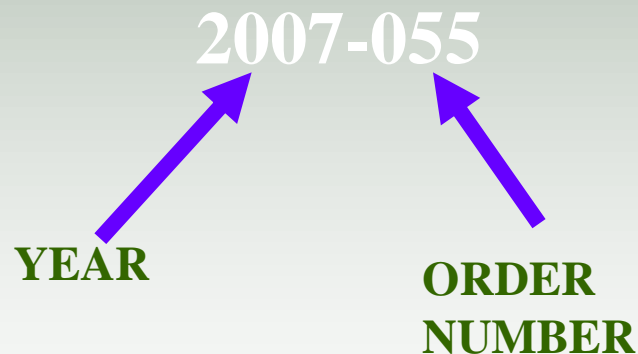
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NUMBERING OF CoP DECISIONS



NUMBERING OF NOTIFICATIONS



REGIONS

Latin America and Caribbeans (LAC)

Africa

Asia and Pacific

Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)

**Western Europe, North America
and OTHER GROUPS (WEOG)**



GROUPS OF PARTIES

DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

**26 PARTIES AND 2 NON
PARTIES (USA and Andorra)**

COUNTRIES WITH ECONOMY IN TRANSITION

22 PARTIES

DEVELOPPING COUNTRIES

OTHERS GROUPS OF PARTIES

G77 + CHINA

**26 PARTIES AND 2 NON
PARTIES (USA and Andorra)**

G7/G8, G8+5

6/7 PARTIES + USA, 5 PARTIES

EUROPEAN UNION

**27 PARTIES + EUROPEAN
COMMISSION**

OTHER GROUPS OF PARTIES

GROUPE OF MEGADIVERSE COUNTRIES IN THE SAME OPINION

**15 PARTIES OWNING 70% OF THE
WORLD BIODIVERSITY**

JUSCANZ

**DEVELOPPED COUNTRIES OUTSIDE EUROPEAN
UNION**

**Japan, Switzerland, Canada, Australia,
Norway, New-Zealand, United States**

SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPPING STATES (SIDS)

43 ISLAND STATES

Thematic programmes of work and work on cross-cutting issues



**Marine and
coastal
biodiversity**



**Mountain
biodiversity**



**Dry and sub-
humid
lands biodiversity**



**Island
biodiversity**



**Forest
biodiversity**



**Agricultural
biodiversity**



**Inland waters
biodiversity**



Protected areas

Structure of the programmes of work



Tools

Approaches



Ecosystem approach

Objectives



2010 targets

Strategies



Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

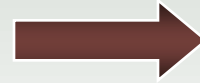
Guidelines



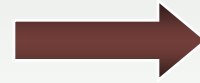
Environmental Impact Assessment



Sustainable use principles and guidelines

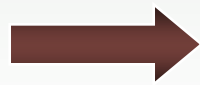


Guidelines for invasive alien species



Guidelines for tourism development

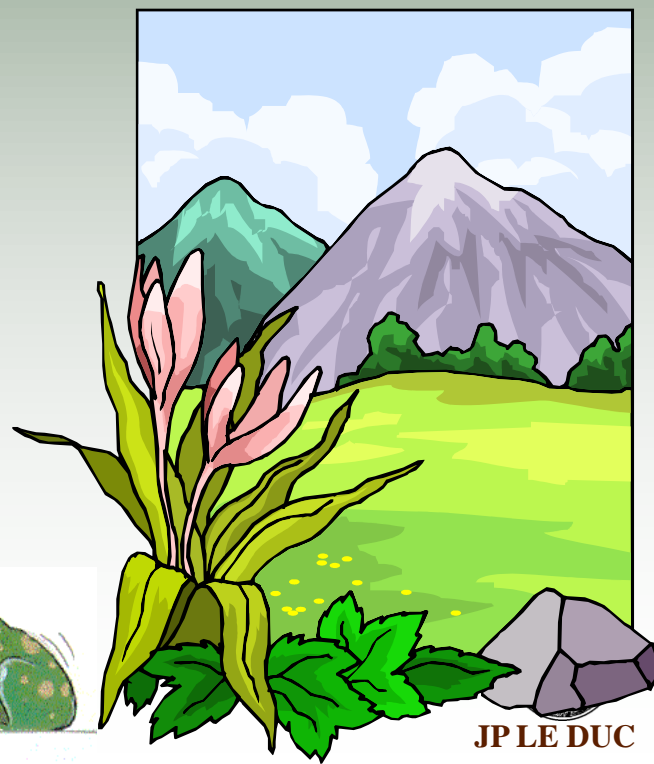
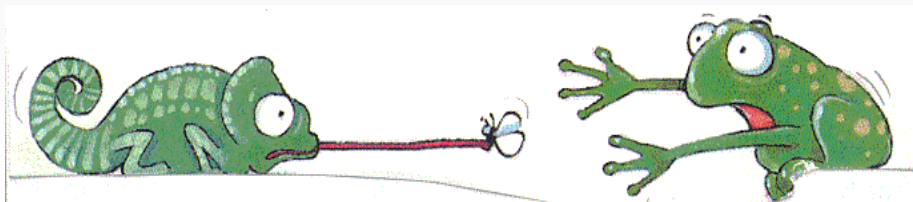
Initiatives



Global Taxonomy Initiative



AGENDA OF AGENDA OF SBSTTA 13



JPLE DUC

ROME

18-22 FEBRUARY 2008



IN-DEPTH REVIEWS

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMMES OF WORK

AGRICULTURAL BIODIVERSITY



FOREST BIODIVERSITY



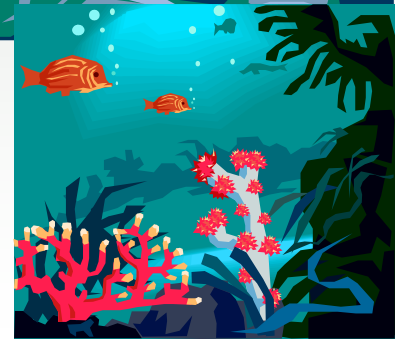
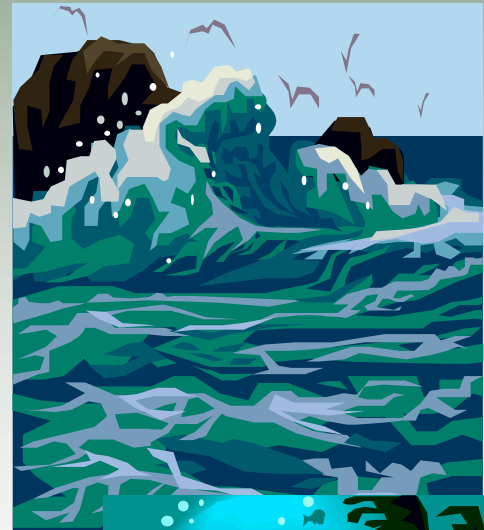
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ISSUES

Relevant to the implementation of the 2010 target:

MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY

Options for preventing and mitigating the impact of some activities to selected seabed habitats,

and ecological criteria and biogeographical classification systems of marine areas in need of protection



BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATERS ECOSYSTEMS

Recent developments on Ramsar site designation criteria, streamlining the work and harmonization of national reporting frameworks between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention



ALIEN INVASIVE SPECIES

Report on consultations regarding international standards



CLIMATE CHANGE

Options for mutually supportive actions addressing climate change within the three Rio Conventions

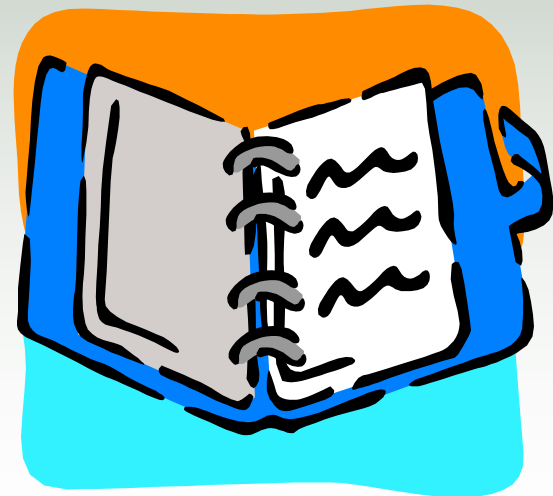


EMERGING ISSUES

New and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity .



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THANKS

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- LAVAL UNIVERSITY (QUEBEC)