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Global Biodiversity Outlook

The Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO) series is a periodic report prepared by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The third edition of the report was one of the main publications released during the 2010 International Year on Biodiversity. While the target audience for the report is policy makers, it is written to be accessible to the general public. The report is available in all six United Nations languages and Portuguese.

The third edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-3) presents the status and trends of biodiversity at global, regional and national levels. It analysed the steps taken by the international community to implement the Convention and to reach the 2010 Biodiversity Target of significantly reducing the current rate of biodiversity loss as a contribution to poverty alleviation and to the benefit of all life on Earth.

The report examines the direct and indirect causes of biodiversity loss and the implications of current biodiversity trends for human well-being in the future. Possible actions, which can be taken to improve the status of biodiversity and to address the obstacles to the implementation of the Convention, are also presented.

The GBO-3 is based on multiple sources of information. Drawing on more than 100 national reports provided by Parties to the Convention, as well as information provided by the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (BIP) and scientific articles and assessments, the GBO-3 was an important source of information in the development of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.



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Fast Facts

- ▶ Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 provides up-to-date information on the status and trends of biodiversity and the responses to its loss
- ▶ GBO-3 provides an assessment of the progress towards meeting the 2010 Biodiversity Target
- ▶ GBO-3 identifies obstacles to the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and proposes several possible actions which can be taken to overcome them
- ▶ GBO-3 was an important source of information in the development of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- ▶ The findings of GBO-3 were discussed during the 14th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-10) and at the UN General Assembly

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