

## MONTHLY BULLETIN OF ACTIVITIES OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

### APRIL 2010

#### US Congressional launch of IYB



Teddy Roosevelt Award recipients. Left: Prime Minister of Norway. Right: President of the Philippines.

At the kind invitation of the International Conservation Caucus Foundation of the U.S. Congress, the CBD Executive Secretary attended the US Congressional launch event of the International Year of Biodiversity which took place in Washington, D.C. on 13 April, organized with the support of the Secretariat of

the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The IYB event coincided with the award ceremony of the Teddy Roosevelt International Conservation Award to the President of the Philippines and the Prime Minister of Norway, in recognition of their innovative leadership in conservation. The CBD Executive Secretary was also invited to the dinner hosted by the GEF CEO and Chairperson, in honour of the President of the Philippines. While in Washington, Mr. Djoghlaif had an opportunity to meet with key congressmen and senior officials from the NOAA and the U.S. State Department to discuss among other issues the U.S. accession.



Dinner reception. From L-R: Jane Lubchenco (NOAA), the President of the Philippines, and Monique Barbut, GEF CEO.

#### Second meeting of the Commission for Biodiversity, Ecosystems, Finance and Development



Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES, with Rebeca Grynspan, UNDP Deputy Administrator.

The CBD Executive Secretary participated and addressed the Second Meeting of the Commission for Biodiversity, Ecosystems, Finance and Development, following the invitation from the UNDP Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, which was held on 12 April in New York.

In the margins of the meeting, meetings were held with the new UNDP Deputy Administrator, as well as with the UNDP Director of Environment and Energy Group of the Bureau for Development Policy. A meeting was also held with the Director of the United Nations Forum on Forests.



Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES, with Jan McAlpine, UNFF Director.

#### UNGA adopts draft resolution on the high-level meeting in September 2010 as a contribution to IYB



Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES, with Vijay Nambiar, UN Chief of Staff.

The Executive Secretary attended the 82nd plenary of the 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly, which adopted by consensus a draft resolution (A/64/L.49), which, among other issues, set the date of 22 September for the high-level meeting as a contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity.

While in New York, meetings were held with: the U.N. Chief of Staff, Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland, the heads of the Secretariat of the African Union; the Commonwealth Secretariat; Francophonie; and the Secretariat of the Chief Executive Board. A meeting was also held with the Ambassador of Andorra to the UN to discuss Andorra's accession.



Clockwise from top: N. Casal de Fonsdeviela, Ambassador of Andorra to the United Nations; Helen Grau, Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland; Tete Antonio, Permanent Representative for the African Union; Adjo Lessing, Permanent Representative of the Francophonie; and Seth Nikhil, ECOSOC Director, with Nandhini Krishna, UNCCD-CBD Liaison Officer in New York.

#### Ninth session of the UNPFII

The CBD Executive Secretary attended and delivered a statement at the ninth meeting of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous issues, convened under the theme "Indigenous peoples, development with culture and identity". The meeting was opened by the



Opening of the UNPFII meeting. From L-R: U.N. Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon, USG for Economic and Social Affairs, Sha Zukang, and President of 64th session of UNGA, Dr. Treki.

United Nations Secretary General, the President of the UNGA as well as the President of ECOSOC.

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## Highlights of the International Year of Biodiversity in April



Information session on IYB with the Canadian diplomatic corps in Ottawa. Inset picture: representative from Japan, Keith Christie, DFAIT, and Nancy Hamzawi, Environment Canada and CBD Focal Point.



### TREE PLANTING

Students planting trees for a 'green' project. Brunei will plant 60,000 trees to highlight the importance of biodiversity this year. Picture: Brunei Times

### Postage stamps issued for the International Year of Biodiversity



Royal Mail  
United Kingdom

For a **full report** of the International Year of Biodiversity celebrations and activities for **April 2010**, please visit:  
[www.cbd.int/iyb/doc/prints/iyb-report-2010-04-en.pdf](http://www.cbd.int/iyb/doc/prints/iyb-report-2010-04-en.pdf)

### ITALY-FRANCE ACCORD, BONIFACIO PARK CREATED

During 2010, International Year for Biodiversity, Italy and France have signed an agreement to set in motion the procedure for the creation of a new protected area: the Bocche di Bonifacio Transnational Marine Park. Ministers for the Environment Stefania Prestigiacomo and Jean Louis Borloo also pledged to set up a European group for territorial cooperation between the Maddalena Archipelago National Park and the Bocche di Bonifacio Natural Reserve, which are the two main areas of the new marine park.

### SHORT FILM CHALLENGE

SCINEMA will screen across Australia from August 14 to 22, 2010, to celebrate National Science Week. With 2010 being the International Year of Biodiversity, expect a program exploring the way we interact with the environment and the critters we share it with.

Australian students are being invited to take part in a short film challenge to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity.

For more information: <http://www.scinema.com.au>

### BOROUGH PLAYS HOST TO BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE

Newtownabbey Borough Council played host to a conference celebrating the essential role of biodiversity officers in protecting and promoting our natural environment. Representatives from local councils and other organisations across Northern Ireland which employ a biodiversity officer, and have produced a local biodiversity action plan, discussed their contribution to promoting and protecting our natural environment. The conference is one of a series of events being organised by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency to mark the International Year of Biodiversity.

### MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN DIPLOMATS TO PLANT A DIPLOMATIC FOREST

In 2010, to mark the International Year of Biodiversity, a project to revive the forest of Nevlje pri Kamniku that was destroyed in the 2008 storms was proposed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, with the aim of supporting protection of the environment and natural features. The project is entitled "the diplomatic forest". This reforestation initiative was joined by 21 embassies, the European Commission Representation in Slovenia, the Slovenia Forest Service, and the Municipality of Kamnik. In partnership with foreign embassies, the Ministry contributed to the purchase of a thousand seedlings (beech, cherry and maple) and to reforestation and tree care activities in 2011.

### QUR'ANIC GARDEN EXHIBITION OPENS

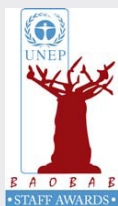


HH Sheikha Mozah bint Nasser Al Missned, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, and HRH the Prince of Wales together planted a Sidra sapling at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Kew Gardens marking the opening of the Qur'anic Garden Exhibition and to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity 2010. Picture: Kew Gardens

### NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

Nova Scotians can celebrate National Wildlife Week from April 4 to 10 by participating in a hike to learn more about lichen or in a student video contest. National Wildlife Week raises awareness about the importance of wildlife, wildlife habitat and biodiversity in Nova Scotia and throughout Canada. This year's theme, Biodiversity – dare to be different, dare to care, focuses on getting outdoors to discover Canada's biodiversity in your own backyard. For more information on the Biodiversity Challenge, visit <http://www.gov.ns.ca/news/details.asp?id=20100331011>.

**UNEP MEA SECRETARIAT AWARD**



**KALEMANI JO MULONGOY**, Head of Scientific, Technological and Technical Matters, **Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)** in Montreal, was awarded for his extraordinary sense of vision and pragmatism and his conscientious, diligent, professional, dedicated and result-oriented approach which has reaped rich dividends for the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity as well as UNEP.

**Indigenous and Local Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity Workshop Series**

On 6 - 8 April 2010 in Panama City, Panama, the Secretariat of the CBD delivered the “Workshop for Indigenous and Local Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) on Information Technologies, Tourism and Biodiversity in Forest Ecosystems – Workshop III: Forest Ecosystems”. The workshop was organized in collaboration with the UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean with the generous support of the Government of Spain.

Following Notification 2009-114 and as announced via Notification 2010-042, a total of 17 representatives of indigenous and local communities from Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Surinam, Ecuador, Colombia and Panamá were selected based on predetermined criteria, and received financial support to participate in the workshop. Another participant from Suriname and two representative of the Government of Panama also took part in the event. The workshop provided an opportunity to strengthen capacities of participants in understanding web based technologies and tools. The workshop also allowed the exchange of relevant national and regional experiences within the LAC region countries. At the end of the workshop, participants expressed that they felt better prepared to work on their tourism initiatives while promoting biodiversity and traditional knowledge on their web sites. The report will be made available (in Spanish) at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WSTOURIDG-03>

**Regional Workshop for Asia and Horn of Africa on the Fourth National Report**

This workshop was the first of a series of regional workshops supported by Japan. A total of 13 countries from the Middle East and Horn of Africa attended this workshop. All participants considered it very helpful for their preparation of the fourth national report. All the participating countries indicated that they would try to complete and submit their reports as early as possible, latest by mid-August 2010.



Participants at the meeting.

**Regional Workshop for Asia-Pacific Countries on the Fourth National Report**

A total of nine Pacific countries attended this workshop. Australia, SPREP, IUCN Oceania Office and AIT in Thailand sent resource persons to this workshop. All participating countries were of the view that this workshop had provided clear, useful suggestions for their work on the fourth national report. They said that they would complete and submit their reports before the end of July 2010.



Participants at the meeting.



Left: Participants at the meeting. Right: Viviana Figueroa (CBD) assisting participants.

**New addition to the CBD Museum: Portugal gift**



Ms. Angela Mendonca, teacher and President of the 2nd International School Congress: Natural Resources, Sustainability and Humanity, donates, on behalf of the children, the craftsmen, the scientists and researchers, the teachers and students and all the institutions involved in the International School Congress, a silver heart necklace as a contribution to the CBD Museum. Made by five year old children of the Meadala Kindergarten, Viana do Castelo, with recycled materials, and under the supervision of their teacher Maria da Conceicao Carvalho, the necklace was then made into a silver jewel by Dr. Freitas.

## Nordic Symposium: Synergies in the Biodiversity Cluster

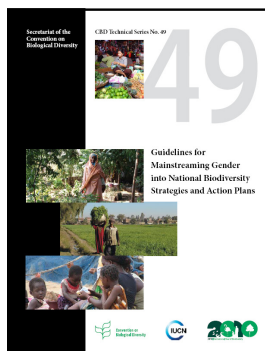
The Nordic Symposium on synergies in the biodiversity cluster was held the 8 – 9 April 2010 in Helsinki Finland. Opened by Minister Lehtomäki, the meeting brought together experts and policy makers from the Nordic region as well as representatives of the biodiversity-related MEAs and the Chemicals cluster to discuss how the experience in enhancing synergies within the Chemical cluster could be expanded to the biodiversity agreements. A representative of the CBD Secretariat delivered a presentation on key opportunities and questions to be considered at the national level and within the UN system when discussing enhanced synergies. Overall the meeting concluded that focusing on common themes and issues uniting the biodiversity-related MEAs would yield the greatest benefits in terms of reducing overlap and inconsistencies between biodiversity-related MEAs whereas focusing on procedural approaches to enhancing synergies would likely be costly and complicated. The report of the meeting is accessible at: [http://www.biodivcluster.fi/pdf/Report\\_3\\_May\\_2010%20Final.doc](http://www.biodivcluster.fi/pdf/Report_3_May_2010%20Final.doc).



Paula Lehtomäki, Minister of the Environment for Finland, delivering opening remarks (Photo credits: <http://www.biodivcluster.fi>)

## Planning meeting on Gender / CBD Technical Series 49

The CBD Programme Officer for Gender attended a 5-day planning meeting with the IUCN Global Sr. Gender Advisors Office in Costa Rica. A site visit was organized on the first day to the COOPE Tarcoles. The Fishermen's Cooperative of Tárcoles R.L., founded in 1986, is a cooperative that groups fishermen of the Central Pacific Ocean of Costa Rica, who have initiated a process for artisanal fishing, in line with both social and environmental responsibility. A meeting was also held with Vivienne Solis Rivera, one of the women managing the COOPE who explained some of the challenges they are facing. Discussion was held on the orientation session for national focal points at WGRI 3 on the CBD Technical Series No.49 *Guidelines for Mainstreaming Gender into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plan*. A meeting via teleconference was also held with staff from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility to discuss the agenda of the side-event at WGRI 3 on the importance of biodiversity data for the achievement of the MDGs, in particular, MDG 3 on gender equality. On a related topic, discussion has been initiated with the Global Gender and Climate Alliance members on possible joint activities in relation to COP 10.



CBD Technical Series 49: Guidelines for Mainstreaming Gender into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans.

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-49-en.pdf> (English)  
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-49-es.pdf> (Spanish)

## “Helping Island Adapt - Workshop on Regional Action to Combat Invasive Species on Islands to Preserve Biodiversity and Adapt to Climate Change”

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with the Government of New Zealand, Global Invasive Species Programme and other organizations, held “Helping Island Adapt - Workshop on Regional Action to Combat Invasive Species on Islands to Preserve Biodiversity and Adapt to Climate Change” on 12-16 April 2010, Auckland, New Zealand. Eighty-two participants from 18 countries and territories, and 26 national, regional and international organisations attended the workshop, which focussed on four major island regions—the Caribbean, the Coral Triangle, the Indian Ocean and the Pacific. The workshop collected best practices and discussed on actions to be a champion in addressing the issue of invasive alien species and island biodiversity, and further island biodiversity to engage to international fora, including CBD (SBSTTA14 and COP10), Commission on Sustainable Development, UN General Assembly and UNFCCC. Workshop report (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/INF/29) is available at <http://www.cbd.int/sbstta14/meeting/documents.shtml>.



Participants at the meeting.

## Sommet Biodiversité Montréal 2010



Ahmed Djoghlaif delivering opening remarks. (Photo credits: Catherine Aboumrad).

On 27 April, the Executive Secretary opened the Sommet Biodiversité Montréal 2010, organized by the Regional Environmental Council of Montreal in partnership with the City of Montreal with the support of the Agency of Health and Social Services, the National Institute of Public Health and Minister of Health and Social Services.

Participants included local and international experts on urban greenery and representatives of Canadian, German, Belgian and American municipalities. At the end of the meeting, several personalities from the Montreal area signed the Declaration of the Island of Montreal Community in Favour of Biodiversity and Greening, available here: [http://www.cremtl.qc.ca/fichiers-cre/files/SBM2010/Declaration\\_8\\_5x11.pdf](http://www.cremtl.qc.ca/fichiers-cre/files/SBM2010/Declaration_8_5x11.pdf).

## 2010 Indigenous Tourism and Biodiversity Website Award



Following the announcement of the winners and finalists of the 2010 Indigenous Tourism and Biodiversity Website award in March, the CBD Secretariat organized an award celebration and a web based technology training workshop to take place at the Reispavillon Tourism Conference in Berlin, Germany, from 22 to 25 April. However, due to the volcanic ash clouds, the two winners, six finalists, facilitator and CBD representatives could not attend the event. Instead, the web-based technologies and tools were used to promote the award. With the help of Ron Mader of Planeta.com, ITBW participants recorded and diffused their own videos (available here : <http://planeta.wikispaces.com/itbw> ) and the Secretariat prepared two video messages, including one by the Executive Secretary, which were presented at the opening ceremony and press conference of the Reispavillon. The video messages and the brochure are available here: <http://www.cbd.int/tourism/Award2010.shtml> . The winners and finalists will be invited to join the award ceremony at another international tourism event later this year (to be determined).

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## Second meeting of the Working Group on Information Knowledge Management for MEAs

The second meeting of the Working Group on Information and Knowledge Management (IKM) for MEAs was held on 20-21 April 2010 in Geneva with the participation of CBD, CITES, CMS, Basel, POPs & PIC, and WHC. Due to the severe disruptions caused by volcanic ash from Iceland, participants outside Geneva joined through video-conference and Skype. The topic of the meeting was the proof of concept project on interoperability among MEAs. The project goal is to demonstrate interoperability of COP decisions and major MEA meetings to the IKM Steering Committee in June. The discussions focused on the following aspects of the project: a) The user interface a future common web portal: Some mockups were pre-



## CBD and WFC partnership

The CBD Secretariat and the World Future Council have established a partnership for 2010 as a contribution to the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity.

The World Future Council has selected biodiversity as the topic for this year's Future Policy Award, which celebrates policies with particularly positive effects on the rights of future generations. The CBD Secretariat will host the award ceremony on 26 October 2010, in Nagoya, Japan, as part of the official programme of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

To view CBD Press release, please go to:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2010/pr-2010-04-22-wfc-en.pdf>.

presented and discussed; b) The technical interoperability mechanism: Participants discussed various technical options. Philippe Leblond contributed by making a presentation on the existing BCH indexer; and c) The definition of a common controlled vocabulary to be used for searching: Most of the time was dedicated to this topic.

Participants agreed to follow up on points 2 and 3 to finalize the web service API and the common controlled vocabulary.

## Federal/Provincial/Territorial Biodiversity Working Group on Biodiversity

The Secretariat of the CBD was invited to partake in the annual meeting of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Biodiversity Working Group on national biodiversity issues which took place on 13 April in Ile St-Bernard, Châteauguay. Mr Oliver Hillel of the CBD Secretariat presented the CBD Initiative on Cities and Biodiversity including examples of best practices from around the world. The presentation took place during the session on biodiversity management by cities and local governments.



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Oliver Hillel (CBD) delivering a presentation.

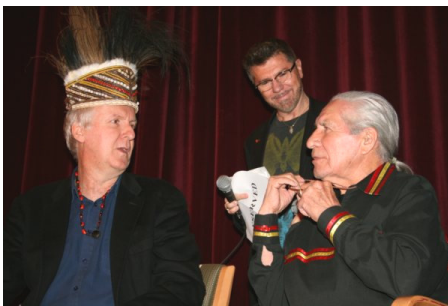
## Second meeting of the AHTEG on Risk Assessment and Risk Management

The Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Risk Assessment and Risk Management took place in Ljubljana, Slovenia from 20 to 23 April 2010. During the meeting, the AHTEG finalized the development of a "Guidance on Risk assessment of Living Modified Organisms" (LMOs), which includes a Roadmap for risk assessment as well as guidance on risk assessment of specific types of LMOs and traits (i.e. LMOs with stacked genes, LM crops with tolerance to abiotic stress and LM mosquitoes). The AHTEG also deliberated on possible modalities for cooperation in identifying LMOs or specific traits that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking into account human health. The final report of the AHTEG, including its recommendations to the COP-MOP, will be made available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSRARM-02>.

## Ninth session of the UNPFII (cont...)

In the margins of the UNPFII meeting, the Secretariat organized two side events, i.e. The International Years of Biological Diversity - and the Rapprochement of Cultures, Community Education and Public Awareness (SCBD, UNESCO and Tebtebba Foundations) on 19 April; and the Opening of the Exhibit and Cultural Event – Indigenous People, Development with Culture and Identity (SPFII, NGO Committee, Tribal Link, SCBD, UNESCO, UNDP Equator Initiative) on 20 April, as well as participated in a third side event on Indicators relevant for Indigenous peoples, a side event organized by the inter-agency support group on indigenous issues, on 22 April.

The Secretariat also lead a two hour in-depth dialogue with the UNPFII members and participants on Friday 23 April. The Secretariat also chaired the daily meetings of the IASG, participated in various side events, as well as engaged with relevant partner organizations for further enhance collaboration. John Scott (CBD) also acted as master of ceremonies for the special screening of the film "Avatar", which was followed by Q & A with Director James Cameron.



John Scott, CBD, during the Q & A session following the special screening of the film "Avatar", with Director James Cameron on the left. (Photo credits: Esperanza Sanchez)

## CBD Secretariat Built Close Collaboration with Japanese Ocean Communities in preparation for "Oceans Day in Nagoya", to be organized on 23 October 2010 at COP 10

Ms. Jihyun Lee, Environmental Affairs Officer in charge of marine and coastal biodiversity at the CBD Secretariat, was invited to Japan by the United Nations University - Institute of Advanced Studies and attended a series of meetings in Tokyo, Yokohama and Kanazawa. Through various meetings, she interacted with representatives from the Ministry of Environment and other relevant Ministries; Governor and other officials of Ishikawa Prefecture; Vice Mayor of Kanazawa City; representatives from Ocean Policy Research Foundation, various NGOs, universities and other civil society groups. She provided presentations on "conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity in the context of COP 10 Nagoya", with a purpose to mobilize participation of various Japanese partners relating to marine and coastal biodiversity, in the forthcoming COP 10 meeting in Nagoya. In particular, the discussion was focused on their participation and support for the organization of "Oceans Day" in Nagoya, scheduled for 23 October 2010.



Jihyun Lee (CBD), center, at the meeting.



Participants at the meeting.

Oceans Day in Nagoya will draw high-level policy attention to the need to address the major drivers of ocean and coastal biodiversity loss, take stock in progress (or lack thereof) in achievement of global biodiversity targets, and outline the next steps in the global oceans agenda through the launch of the *Nagoya Ocean Mandate*. Oceans Day will feature presentations from high-level representatives from all sectors, including government, NGOs, science, and industry, organized into thematic panels focused around major topics in marine and coastal biodiversity. The high-level forum will be also paralleled by various ocean-related activities organized by Japanese partners and civil society groups.

Dr. Cicin-Sain, the Co-Chair of the Global Forum of Oceans, Coasts and Islands, is currently coordinating the preparation for "Oceans Day", in collaboration with the CBD Secretariat and other various partners. Mr. Terashima (Executive Director, Ocean Policy Research Foundation) and Ms. Anne McDonald (Director, UNU-IAS Operating Unit Ishikawa/ Kanazawa) will coordinate and promote active participation of various Japanese partners.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS



**First edition of the LifeWeb Initiative e-Newsletter**  
<http://www.cbd.int/lifeweb/newsletters/april2010.html>



**REDD-plus & Biodiversity e-Newsletter**  
Volume 9, April 2010  
<http://www.cbd.int/forest/newsletters/redd-09.htm>

## Visitors this month

### RARE Conservation



A delegation from RARE Conservation, headed by its President and CEO, Brett Jenks, visited the Secretariat on 4 April. During an all staff meeting, Mr. Jenks made a presentation on “Exploring

potential synergy among behavior change strategy and global policy objectives”, which was followed by a short Q & A. The team had an opportunity to meet with the CBD Executive Secretary as well as with relevant divisions.

### Carole Robert and Bernard Colas



On 7 April, Ms. Carole Robert and Mr. Bernard Colas visited the Secretariat and met with the CBD Executive Secretary. They discussed, among other issues, the

Biotechnology for Sustainable Development in Africa Foundation (BDA) Foundation and its relevance to the work of the Convention. On 12 April, Ms. Roberts made a presentation on the BDA Foundation during the Brown Bag lunch held at the Secretariat office.

For more information on the BDA Foundation, please go to: <http://www.bdafoundation.org/fr/content/C3%A0-propos-de-nous>.

### Delegation from the City of Brest in Quebec City and at the CBD offices



On 12 April 2010, on the invitation of Mayor Cuillandre, President of Brest Métropole Océane, the Secretariat

joined the delegation of the City of Brest during the an event hosted in the old port of Quebec City, on the Jeanne d’Arc, a French National Navy ship.

On 16 April, a delegation of the City of Brest visited the Secretariat. Several presentations were made on the city’s activities related to biodiversity and notably on Brest Capitale Maritime de la Biodiversité and Oceanopolis. The City of Brest was invited to participate in the activities of the CBD initiative on Cities.

## Other meetings:

Meeting with Montreal international, 5 and 26 April

Meeting with Mr. Jean Lemire, 5 April

Telephone interview with Alice Hecht, 7 April

Teleconference with ABS Co-Chairs, 7 April

Teleconference with Mr. Gaskell, Commonwealth Forestry Association, 7 April

Breakfast meeting with Michele Bertrand and Mr. Gilles Vincent, 8 April

Interview with Etienne Plamondon Emond, Le Devoir, 8 April

Attend the UQAM Conférence à l’Institut des sciences de l’environnement, 8 April

Meeting with UNEP/UNEP and GTZ, 9-13 April 2010, Nairobi, Kenya

Attend the EAS Congress Follow-up Meeting, 12 April 2010, Tokyo, Japan

Attend the expert workshop on the role of biodiversity for food and agriculture in feeding the world and in light of global changes, organized by the Platform for Agrobiodiversity Research, 12-18 April 2010, Rome, Italy

Meeting with officials from the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, 13 April 2010, Tokyo, Japan

Attend the IUCN Steering Committee meeting of the Commission for Education and Communication, 14-16 April 2010, Edinburgh, Scotland

Attend the 2010 UN IYB Public Forum and the Biodiversity and Marine Sustainability Research Session, 14-16 April 2010, Kanazawa, Japan

Meeting with the Permanent Representative of Yemen and Chair of G77, 15 April, New York

Meeting with Veerle Vandeweerd, UNDP, 16 April New York

Meeting with Tariq Banuri, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, 16 April, New York

Meeting with Michael Mitchell, Commonwealth New York Officer, 16 April, New York

Meeting with H.E. Mr. Hamidon Ali, President of ECOSOC, 19 April, New York

Take part in the IAS Liaison Group Meeting, 19-20 April 2010, OIE, Paris, France

Attend the workshop “Spotlight on Bioenergy and Water”, 20-21 April 2010, Paris, France

Teleconference with SBSTTA Chair, 21 April 2010

Teleconference with Luc Gnacadja, UNCCD Executive Secretary, 21/22 April 2010

Meeting with UNEP Strategic ICT Advisor, 20 – 21 April

Meeting via teleconference with Director, RCEN, 21 April

Attend the Business for Environment Conference, 21-23 April 2010, Seoul, Korea

Teleconference with ABS Co-Chairs, 22/28 April 2010

Teleconference with COP-10 Presidency, 23 April 2010

Attend the “*Conférence sur la Convention sur la diversité biologique*”, 23 April 2010, Université de Sherbrooke, Quebec

Briefing session at the Ministry of Environment and Forests of India, 26 April 2010, New Delhi, India

Attend the Business and Biodiversity Colloquium, 27 April 2010, Dehradun, India

Take part in the meeting of the CPF on Common Understanding of SFM, and FAO meeting on Forest Degradation, 27-29 April 2010, New York, U.S.A.

Attend the International Symposium on “Linking Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction: What, Why and How”, 27-28 April 2010, London, U.K.

Participate in the Workshop on identifying and promoting co-benefits from REDD+, 27-29 April 2010, Cambridge, U.K.

Meet with the COP President, 29 April 2010, Dessau, Germany

Attend the XVII Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, 29 April, Panama City, Panama

The Role of Biodiversity and Healthy Ecosystems in Supporting Child Health, 30 April, New York



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