

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

### NOVEMBER 2010

#### U.N. New York Briefing on Nagoya Biodiversity Summit

On 1 November, the CBD Executive Secretary travelled to New York and presented to the Second committee of the United Nations General Assembly the successful outcomes of the COP-MOP 5 and the COP10 meetings. A briefing was also made to representatives of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York. Also on the same day, a press conference on the ABS Protocol to Convention on Biological Diversity was also held. A breakfast briefing, hosted by the U.K. Permanent Representative, was held at the U.K. Mission, with the participation of more than 25 Permanent Representatives to the U.N. Meetings were also held with senior U.N. officials, as well as representatives of Permanent Missions to the U.N. in New York. To view the Press Release issued by the U.N. on the outcomes of the Nagoya Biodiversity Summit, please go to:

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=36628&Cr=sustainable&Cr1=>

For more information on the press conference held on 1 November, please go to:

[http://www.un.org/News/briefings/docs//2010/101102\\_Biodiversity.doc.htm](http://www.un.org/News/briefings/docs//2010/101102_Biodiversity.doc.htm)

To view the statement by the U.N. Secretary General in welcoming the Nagoya Protocol, please go to: <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sgsm13216.doc.htm>



Briefing on Nagoya outcomes.

#### 39th GEF Council Meeting Washington, D.C., U.S.A

The thirty-ninth meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility was held from 16-18 November 2010 in Washington, D.C., United States of America. The GEF Council noted the success of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and discussed the proposal of a Japanese ABS Trust Fund to support a multilateral benefit sharing mechanism and technology transfer as well as the request for establishing a South-South Biodiversity Fund. The Council agreed that the GEF shall launch a pilot on accrediting new agencies under Paragraph 28 of the Instrument, and priority shall be given to the accreditation of national institutions. The CBD Executive



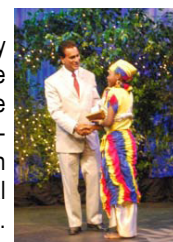
Meeting in Washington.

Secretary also met with senior staff from The World Bank, as well as from the Global Environment Facility, among others.

#### Highlights of the International Year of Biodiversity in November

##### > TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Corpus Christi College and Holy Faith Convent Couva came away with top honours in the two categories of the Third Annual Eco-Song Competition hosted by the Environmental Management Authority (EMA). Twelve contestants, representing 10 schools, faced off against each other in performances that spanned a variety of musical genres including soca, chutney soca, calypso and rapso. The theme for the competition was Biodiversity is Life, Biodiversity is Our Life, in keeping with the international observance of the IYB. (<http://www.ema.co.tt/cms/images/stories/pdf/ecosong%20finals.pdf>)



##### > MALTA



To celebrate the IYB, schools are given an action guide with 30 activities teachers can carry out with students. These

activities comprise lessons and games teachers can use to bring to life different aspects of the environment. Activities focus on a wide range of issues, ranging from climate change to waste management and pollution. (<http://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20101107/environment/schoolchildren-for-biodiversity>)

##### > DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

As part of the IYB the Natural History Museum held a photo exhibition, Fauna Dominicana, to celebrate the first year of "The Last Survivors" project – a project aimed at raising awareness of the last surviving Caribbean endemic land mammals, as well as focusing attention on these valuable but highly threatened species.

*For a full report of the International Year of Biodiversity celebrations and activities for November 2010, please visit:*  
[www.cbd.int/iyb/doc/prints/iyb-report-2010-11-en.pdf](http://www.cbd.int/iyb/doc/prints/iyb-report-2010-11-en.pdf)

## Regional Workshop on biodiversity and finance - Cairo, Egypt



Participants at the Cairo meeting.

The CBD Secretariat in collaboration with League of Arab States and UNEP/ROWA organized the regional workshop on biodiversity and finance in Cairo, Egypt from 29-30 November 2010. The meeting was attended by 51 participants, from 17 Arab countries and 14 regional and international organizations, and agreed to a 16-point Arab regional statement for action on the 2020 biodiversity targets, funding strategies and innovative financial mechanisms in response to the Aichi Target, which will be implemented by the Arab region with support from regional and international organizations.

To view the Communiqué issued by the CBD, please go to: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2010/pr-2010-11-08-rm-en.pdf>

## A Table from the Sea's Edge

During the Nagoya Biodiversity Summit, a large table and chairs created by British furniture-maker and artist Silas Birtwistle, gained great attention from the delegates. Crafted from driftwood, the striking artwork was unveiled to the public for the first time and was exhibited in the courtyard of the Nagoya Congress Center throughout the conference. The project is supported by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, WWF, the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the shipping line Maersk, as well as numerous other organizations. FSC will be using the artwork as a centerpiece of its communications during the 2011 International Year of Forests and aim to take it to a number of cities around the world. The next port of call for the Table from the Sea's Edge will be Liverpool, U.K., where it will be exhibited at the city's World Museum. Plans are also under way for its exhibition and use at other international gatherings early in the New Year, including the 2011 annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland.



Driftwood table at COP10.

To view the Press Release issued by the CBD, please go to: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2010/pr-2010-11-11-table-en.pdf>

## Other meetings:

Attend the International Scientific Symposium on "Biodiversity and Sustainable Diets: United Against Hunger", 3-5 November, Rome, Italy  
Take part in the 20th anniversary of the German National Agency for Nature Conservation, 3-5 November, Isle of Vilm, Germany  
Participate in the International Conference on desserts and desertification, 8-11 November, Jerusalem, Israel  
M. Philippe Carlevan, Conseiller pour la Science et la Technologie à l'Ambassade de France à Canada, 9 November, Montreal  
Interview with Research Africa, 10 November, Montreal  
Meeting with Charles-Mathieu Brunelle and Pierre Meunier, followed by a working lunch with Ambassador Magno of Brazil, 12 November, Montreal  
Attend the International Symposium on EXPO 2012 YEOSU Korea and the World Ocean Forum 2010, 14-17 November, Busan, Republic of Korea  
Participate in the Ecosystem Service Indicators Workshop, 15-18 November, Cambridge, U.K.  
Take part in the Seminar "Positive Visions for Biodiversity", 16-19 November, Brussels, Belgium (also attend the Conference "Rebuilding the Natural Heart of Europe")  
Meeting with Mr. Jean Lemire, The Green Wave Ambassador, 18 November, Montreal  
International Tiger Forum, 21-22 November, St. Petersburg  
Briefing to Permanent Missions of Geneva on outcomes of COP-10; followed by meeting with Lasse Gustavsson, Conservation Director, WWF, 24 November, Geneva  
Meeting with IUCN, 24 November, Geneva  
Meeting with James Griffith, Managing Director: Ecosystems, Water and Sustainable Forest Products Industry, WBCSD, 24 November, Geneva  
Déjeuner-conférence à la Société des relations internationales de Québec (SORIQ), 25 November, Quebec City  
Attend the second national review meeting of the Cameroon assessment, 25-27 November, Yaoundé, Cameroon  
Teleconference with World Future Council, 29 November, Montreal  
Teleconference with Ambassador Raymundo Magno, 29 November, Montreal  
Presentation at Edouard-Montpetit College, 29 November, Longueuil  
Teleconference with COP10 Presidency, 29 November, Montreal  
Teleconference with the Economist, 30 November, Montreal

## VISITORS IN NOVEMBER



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