

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

### DECEMBER 2010

#### First meeting of the Bureaux of COP-MOP 5 and COP 10

The COP 10 Bureau held its first meeting on 19 December in Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture in Japan. Items discussed included: Work programme for the implementation of COP10 decisions; early entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS, celebration of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity, preparations for COP11 and COP-MOP 6, among other matters. The next Bureau meeting is scheduled to take in June 2011, in the margins of the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and Equitable Benefit-sharing Arising from their Utilization. The minutes of the COP Bureau meeting is accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/cop-bureau/cop-bur-2010/cop-bur-2010-12-19-minutes-en.pdf>.

Immediately after the Bureau meeting, the first meeting of the COP-MOP 5 Bureau was held to discuss the draft Biosafety Programme of Work including proposed Calendar of Biosafety meetings 2011-2012, and the ceremony for the opening for signature of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, among other issues. It was agreed that the next meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau will be held back-to-back with the second meeting of the COP 10 Bureau in June 2011. The report of the COP-MOP Bureau is accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/bs/mop-bureau/mop-bur-2010-12-19-en.pdf>.



COP and COP-MOP Bureau members.

#### UNFCCC COP 16 Cancun, Mexico



A delegation from the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity participated in the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP 16) in Cancun, Mexico. The meeting was an opportunity for the staff to participate in various events relevant to the work of the CBD, as well as meet and engage with relevant partner organizations and bodies.

During the plenary of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technological Advice, the CBD Secretariat delivered a statement on the outcomes of CBD's tenth meeting  
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#### BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP



Photo: Dr Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the CBD, signs the agreement in the presence of BirdLife's Honorary President, Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado (Photo courtesy: Birdlife International)

A partnership agreement established between the CBD Secretariat and Birdlife International to support implementation of the Strategic Plan and attainment of the Aichi Targets, launched at COP-10 was

formalized on 20 December by signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the presence of BirdLife International's Honorary President, Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado of Japan. The agreement aims to enhance cooperation on issues of common interest relating to the threefold objective of the Convention in order to support its effective implementation. A news piece on the agreement was published by Birdlife International, which is accessible at: <http://www.birdlife.org/community/2010/12/birdlife-and-the-convention-on-biological-diversity-sign-partnership-agreement/>.

## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY: CLOSING CEREMONY

### CANADA

A Canadian reception to mark the closing of the International Year of Biodiversity was held in Montreal, Canada on 6 December. The event gathered the participation of representatives of the Diplomatic Corps in Ottawa and Montreal, relevant partners, as well as senior staff from the City of Montreal attended the event. Statements were also made by: the Consul General of Japan in Montreal (representative of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties); the Director General of the Quebec Region at Environment Canada; Director of International Organization, Ministry of International Relations, Province of Quebec; Senior Vice President for The Americas region, Japan Airlines; Senior staff from AIRBUS; Director of the Environment, General Council of Moselle; Mayor of the City of Montreal and the CBD Executive Secretary. A special video on the closure of the International Year of Biodiversity was shown, highlighting the efforts made by the global community to celebrate the important Year. A fresco to celebrate the Biodiversity Year, created at the initiative of four artists from the Quebec region, was also presented.



Mayor of Montreal addressing the event



Presentation of fresco in celebration of IYB

### KANAZAWA, ISHIKAWA PREFECTURE

The official closing of the International Year of Biodiversity was held in Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan, on 18 and 19 December 2010. Opening remarks were made by Japan's Environment Minister Ryu Matsumoto, followed by welcoming remarks from Ishikawa Governor Masanori Tanimoto. Statements were also made by: the UN Secretary General (presented by Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES); the representative from UNEP and from IUCN-Regional Office in Asia; and by MISIA, COP10 Honorary Ambassador. The results of the Nagoya Biodiversity Summit were presented, as well as a report on the International Year of Biodiversity. A ceremony bridging the International Year of Biodiversity to the International Year of Forests was also organized. A commemorative symposium and other events were held to promote a future rich in biodiversity.



Closing ceremony of the IYB in Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan

### OTHER EVENTS



At this year's Green Awards, the Best Green International Campaign was awarded to the Convention on Biological-International Year of Biodiversity, which, according to the judges, was a "very beautiful, well executed and informative campaign".



The Czech Republic organized a series of workshops in support for the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework for the Czech Republic to celebrate the International Year of Biological Diversity. For instance, a workshop was held in Prague

which highlighted examples of the use of genetic modifications in biochemical research, in pharmacy, medicine and food production, questions around genetically modified salmon, and example of risk assessment procedure of GMOs. The workshop was organized by the Czech Commission on the Use of Genetically Modified Organisms and Genetic Products, in cooperation with the Institute of Chemical technology, and was open to the public. A number of outreach and promotional materials were displayed and disseminated during the workshops.



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of the Conference of the Parties (CBD COP 10). This statement was supported by a follow-up statement by the Government of Japan in its capacity as the President to the CBD COP 10. Furthermore, the CBD COP 10 outcomes and proposals on how the outcomes will be considered by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) were presented in a side event co-hosted by the Secretariats of the CBD and UNCCD. A number of



View of the plenary

bilateral meetings were also held with Parties on how the CBD COP 10 decision on biodiversity and climate change could be considered by meetings of the UNFCCC and regarding collaboration for Rio +20.



The Rio Conventions' Ecosystems and Climate Change Pavilion, a collaborative outreach activity involving the Rio Convention secretariats, with the Global Environment Facility and other important partners, launched during COP 10 in Nagoya, was also convened during COP 16 in Cancun. In Cancun, the Ecosystems Pavilion had an exhibit, a meeting space, and a se-

ries of associated events on topics highlighting the linkages between biodiversity, climate change and sustainable land management. The CBD Secretariat co-hosted three side events, on cooperation among the Rio Conventions, REDD and biodiversity, and ecosystem-based approaches for adaptation.

Presentations and recordings from all Ecosystems Pavilion events can be accessed at: <http://www.ecosystemspavilion.org/en/cancun>, and videos, photos and interviews are available at: <http://www.facebook.com/ecosystemspavilion>

The Secretariat was one of the co-hosts of the 4th Forest Day. Forest Day 4 brought together more than 1,500 of the world's leaders and experts, practitioners and policy makers, advocates and investors, indigenous people, community representatives, and the media to discuss the integration of forests into climate mitigation and adaptation from local to global levels. A summary of Forest Day 4 is available



Mexican President H.E. Felipe Calderón at Forest Day 4 (Photo credit: CIFOR)



CBD exhibition kiosk



Launch of the 2011 Rio Conventions calendar (Photo credit: UN Climate Talks)

at: <http://www.forestclimatechange.org/?id=412>

The CBD Executive Secretary participated in the launch of the 2011 Rio Conventions Calendar. Bilateral meetings were held with Ministers of Environment from Costa Rica, South Africa, and Japan among others, as well as with the Executive Secretary of UNCCD and senior staff from organizations such as UNDP.



Ahmed Djoghlaif, ES-CBD and Luc Gnacadja, ES-UNCCD (Photo credit: IISD-ENB)

The staff also took part in meetings for the development of a gender action plan for UNCCD and a meeting between the Rio Conventions, the GEF, WEDO and IUCN to discuss how to harmonise gender mainstreaming in the three Rio Conventions and its financial mechanism.

**UNCCD Technical Workshop on Impact Indicators Refinement**

The CBD Secretariat attended a technical workshop on impact indicators refinement, held on 16 and 17 December 2010 in Bonn, Germany at the Headquarters of the UNCCD secretariat. The workshop discussed on the best way to refine the UNCCD set of impact indicators provisionally accepted at COP 9 and contributed to the scientifically rigorous and credible assessment of the impact of desertification and land degradation at the national, regional and global levels. The technical workshop provided an excellent opportunity to exchange views on and recommend how to ensure sustainability of the iterative process, and for continuous involvement of the various actors, including the scientific community. The workshop also allowed the participants to have an opportunity to exchange views and share experience on the use of impact indicators, particularly in the context of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements. The representative of the CBD Secretariat delivered a presentation on "Indicators under the Convention on Biological Diversity: Potential for synergies with UNCCD" which is accessible at: <http://www.unccd.int/science/announce/docs/ImpactIndicators/3-CBD%20on%20indicators%20for%20UNCCD.pdf>.



Participants at the technical workshop (Photo credits: UNCCD)

## Getting Post 2010 Biodiversity Targets Right Sao Paulo, Brazil



International Conference:  
Getting Post 2010  
Biodiversity Targets Right

An international conference "Getting Post-2010 Biodiversity Targets Right" was held on 11-15 December 2010, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, organized by the Biota-FAPESP Program. The CBD Executive Secretary was invited to deliver opening remarks on Post 2010 Biodiversity Targets. Gathering some key players from the Nagoya Biodiversity Summit, the meeting established important new science-based targets for the conservation of biodiversity, as well as mechanisms to monitor the implementation of targets. The meeting focused on four main topics: Post 2010 Biodiversity Targets; National and International Interoperability Among Biodiversity Information Systems; Metagenomics as a Tool to Assess Micro-Biodiversity; and Impacts of Local & Global Changes on the Atlantic Rainforest.

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## Sustainable Water Management in Cities: Engaging stakeholders for effective change and action Zaragoza, Spain



David Coates, CBD, delivering a statement at the Zaragoza meeting (Photo credits: Conference organizers).

The Secretariat participated in the conference on 'Sustainable Water Management in Cities - Engaging stakeholders for effective change and action', held from 13 to 17 December 2011 in Zaragoza Spain, which was co-organized by the United Nations Office to Support the International Decade for Action "Water for Life" 2005-2015, which implements the UN-Water, Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication (UNW-DPAC); the City of Zaragoza, Spain; the SWITCH project Consortium for the conference on Urban Water Management; and the UN-Habitat. With over 200 participants gathered to share their experiences on water management in an urban context, the conference

also served as a roadmap leading to World Water Day 2011. The representative of the CBD Secretariat delivered a keynote address on "Biodiversity, Water and Cities, Outcomes of CBD-COP10, Nagoya 2010" and also took part as one of the panellists in the side event on "Insights and feedback to the conference on the messages of World Water Day 2011". The CBD also co-organized a side event with the UNW-DPAC on "Bringing nature back into cities for water".

## International Conference on Biodiversity, Livelihood and Climate Change in the Himalayas Kathmandu, Nepal

At the kind invitation of the SBSTTA Bureau member from Nepal, the Secretariat attended the International Conference on "Biodiversity, Livelihood and Climate Change in the Himalayas" (ICBLCC-2010), jointly organized by the Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, the Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, and the Ministry of Environment, Government of Nepal, in Kathmandu, Nepal from December 12-14, 2010. The conference, organized in collaboration with the International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), WWF Nepal, National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC), and University of Bergen (Norway), and supported by

## New addition to the Consortium of Scientific Partnership on Biodiversity

The Natural History Museum of London, one of the world's most preeminent centres of biodiversity research, has joined the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity's (CBD) Consortium of Scientific Institutions. The Museum, home to life and science specimens comprising more than 70 million items collected since 1660, specializes in taxonomy, identification and conservation. The Consortium, which now comprises 15 member institutions from 10 countries, came into being in March 2006 in Curitiba, Brazil, at the margins of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 8). The Scientific Consortium will be central to the successful implementation of the new Aichi Biodiversity Targets and in building the capacity of developing countries and promoting a forum of exchange of experience between its members.

Nepal Academy of Science & Technology (NAST), Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC), University Grants Commission (UGC) Nepal, and Norwegian Research Council (NRC), was also held as a contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity. Participants to the ICBLCC-2010 discussed issues related to biodiversity and climate change as well as cross-sectoral issues with particular emphasis on natural resources of the Himalayan region. They also assessed achievements on the Convention on Biological Diversity 2010 target to reduce the rate of biodiversity loss and an international regime on access and benefit sharing at regional and national levels.

The representative of the CBD Secretariat delivered a presentation during one of the parallel symposia on "The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity targets", and also chaired one of the parallel lectures on the theme "Biodiversity Conservation Assessment and Conservation". The draft conference resolution can be found at: <http://icblcc2010.cdbtu.edu.np/conference-resolution>

## Forty-sixth Session of the International Tropical Timber Council (ITTC-46) and Associated Sessions of the Committees Yokohama, Japan

The CBD Secretariat participated in the forty-sixth session of the International Tropical Timber Council (ITTC) and the associated sessions of its four Committees, which took place in Yokohama, Japan, from 13-18 December 2010. Issues discussed included: an update on the International Year of Biodiversity and International Year of Forests was made, as well as the adoption of eight decisions, including on the ITTO/Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) collaborative initiative and the International Year of Forests. A review of the agreement signed between the CBD and ITTO was made, as well as on various activities undertaken by ITTO during 2010 in support of the International Year of Biodiversity. The CBD Programme Officer for forest biological diversity also highlighted relevant decisions of COP 10; the rationales for closer cooperation between the two organizations; and the recommended areas of cooperation under a possible Initiative, including enhanced biodiversity conservation in production forests and improved conservation and management of protected areas, including transboundary conservation areas.



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