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INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared pursuant to decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties, which requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff list, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditure report. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and the United Nations Environment Programme, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.

2. Therefore, the Executive Secretary has prepared this report, which contains a summary of key activities in implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 July to 31 December 2017.

I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

3. In July 2017, the Executive Secretary was in Rome to attend the 40th session of the FAO Conference. The conference provided an opportunity to the Executive Secretary for an introduction and exchange with the Director General of FAO, as well as with other senior officials at FAO, since taking up her new position as Head of the Biodiversity Convention last March. Building on the long and strengthened relationship between CBD and FAO, opportunities to further enhance cooperation were discussed, including through FAO's Platform on Biodiversity Mainstreaming, as well as contribution to the post-2020 process and discussion on strategies to facilitate and integrate cross-sector dialogue in the next biodiversity conference in Egypt and in China, among others. In the margins of the conference, the Executive Secretary provided some remarks via video interview on the importance of the CBD-FAO partnership and also participated in a side event on "Sustainable Agriculture for Biodiversity and Biodiversity for Sustainable Agriculture: mainstreaming biodiversity into agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture". In the capacity of Mexico as President of CBD COP 13, the Ambassador of Mexico to FAO delivered the statement of the Executive Secretary at the introduction of Agenda 17 on the outcomes of the UN Biodiversity in Cancun, which was followed by its adoption, with the full support of FAO Member States.

4. While in Rome, the Executive Secretary paid a courtesy visit to His Eminence Cardinal Peter Turkson. In their meeting, collaboration with the Vatican was discussed; including participation in the next biodiversity conference, possible cooperation on the post-2020 process, and the invitation made by the previous Executive Secretary to the Holy See to become a Party to the CBD was also discussed. In connection to this, during the United Nations General Assembly in September, the Executive Secretary had a meet with Archbishop Gallagher with a view to follow up on ways to further engage the Holy See in the work of the Convention and its Protocols, taking into account the Papal Encyclical message and how it can advance the 2020 biodiversity goals and 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

5. Also in July, the Executive Secretary travelled to Brussels to pay a courtesy visit to the European Commission to meet with a number of senior officials, including the Commissioner and the Director-General for Environment, and the Director for Natural Capital in the Environment Directorate General, as well as the Director-General for Climate Action and the Policy Advisor in the Climate Action Directorate-General. The bilateral meetings provided an opportunity for the Executive Secretary to put across her vision and priorities for the Convention, reiterate CBD gratitude for the continued support from the European Commission, and welcome views on how the Commission can further enhance its contribution to the work of the Convention, in particular to the post-2020 process, taking into account raising the biodiversity profile, engagement in the biodiversity conference in Egypt and in China, and opportunities for mainstreaming biodiversity. While in Brussels, a meeting was also held with representatives of the Working Party on International Environmental Issues.

6. In July, the High-Level Political Forum was convened under the auspices of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), under the theme "Eradicating poverty and promoting

prosperity in a changing world”. The Executive Secretary attended the ministerial meeting of the Forum, including the ministerial luncheon hosted by the President of the ECOSOC. In the margins of the Forum, the Executive Secretary also addressed the side event on “Accelerating Progress on Agenda 2030: Biodiversity and Healthy Ecosystems at the Heart of Sustainable Development”, in which she had an opportunity to highlight the importance of mainstreaming biodiversity with several key partners and representatives of Parties to the CBD, and had fruitful discussions on the way forward in preparation for next year’s Forum, which will discuss progress on Sustainable Development Goal 15 on terrestrial ecosystems and biodiversity. Bilateral meetings were also with key partners, including H.E. The Most Reverend Archbishop, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations; the UNDP Administrator; the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations; the Vice-Minister of Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, Foreign Affairs of Mexico; the FAO Deputy Director General, Climate and Natural Resources; the Deputy Permanent Representative of Egypt; and the Head of Avaaz, among others. The meetings provided an opportunity to outline her vision on raising the political profile and visibility of the Convention, including through the next biodiversity conference, explore ways to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals as well as contribute to the post-2020 process.

7. In early September, the Secretariat welcomed the three-day visit of the Chairman of COP 14 Preparatory Committee of Egypt. The purpose of the visit was to discuss preparations for the next UN Biodiversity Conference, including the ministerial segment and parallel events prior to and during the conference, as well as other logistical arrangements. A presentation was made to Secretariat staff on Egypt’s vision and roadmap to COP 14, which was followed by Q & A. Further exchange took place during follow up discussions with relevant divisions/units.

8. In September, the Executive Secretary travelled to China to take part in a number of meetings, which included meetings with high-level officials from the Government of China, and attending the UNCCD COP 13 and the 22nd General Assembly of the United Nations World Tourism Organization. At her meeting in Beijing with the Environment Minister of China and other senior officials from the Government of China, issues discussed included: preparations for COP 15; strengthened collaboration among the current and future COP Presidencies (Mexico, Egypt and China) or a biodiversity “troika”; and opportunities for increased political visibility of biodiversity issues at upcoming related UN processes, among others. A site visit of the proposed venue of COP 15 was arranged. While in Beijing, the Executive Secretary attended and addressed a stakeholder dialogue, organized by the Chinese Academy of Environmental Sciences, with the participation of representatives of the Chinese science community, civil society organizations and business community. A meeting was also held with the Special Representative on Climate Change of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, which discussed among other issues, increased political visibility of biodiversity issues and opportunities to leverage synergies through the Rio Conventions, in light of the upcoming UNFCCC COP 23 and the Climate Summit 2019.

9. After Beijing, the Executive Secretary travelled to Ordos, Inner Mongolia, China to participate in the opening of the high-level segment of the UNCCD COP 13, with the participation of the Vice Premier of China. She was also invited to moderate one of the parallel ministerial roundtables on “Land degradation neutrality: “From targets to action...what will it take?”, which was chaired by the Environment Minister of Madagascar. In challenging countries to take further action, she also encouraged them to design transformative national LDN targets and explore innovative forms of development finance to achieve these targets, as well as unlock private sector investments. She also attended and intervened in the SIDs high-level ministerial breakfast positioning the role that biodiversity plays for many vulnerable low-lying states, challenged by the impacts of climate change. While in Ordos, bilateral meetings were held with: the UNCCD Executive Secretary; the GEF CEO; the Director-General of Environment in the European Commission; and representatives of non-governmental organizations, among others.

10. The Executive Secretary travelled after to Chengdu to attend the ministerial segment of the 22nd General Assembly of the United Nations World Tourism Organization, held under the theme of

“Tourism and the Sustainable Development Goals – Journey to 2030”. In addressing participants during the general debate, she highlighted the critical role that the tourism sector has in efforts to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity; the adoption of the Cancun Declaration on Mainstreaming the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity for Well-Being, by the Tourism and Environment Ministers at the high-level segment of the United Nations Biodiversity Conference held in Cancun in December 2016; the COP 13 decision on mainstreaming biodiversity into the tourism sector; and some suggestions to take action to mainstream biodiversity into the tourism sector to contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. In the margins of the ministerial segment, the “Guidelines for Tourism Partnerships and Concessions for Protected Areas: generating sustainable revenues for conservation and development”, prepared in partnership with UNWTO and IUCN and supported by Germany and the Government of Korea through the Bio-Bridge Initiative. Press release on the launch is accessible at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2017/pr-2017-09-14-tourism-en.pdf>. Also in the margins of the meeting, bilateral meetings were held with: the Secretary-General of UNWTO; the Tourism Vice-Minister of Brazil; and representatives from the Sichuan Province Department of Environmental Protection. A courtesy meeting was also held with the UNWTO Secretary General-elect. A visit to the Giant Panda Research and Breeding Base was also organized.

11. The Executive Secretary was in New York in September to take part in high-level meetings during the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly. She attended the opening of the general debate of the General Assembly, and was also invited to take part in the 9th annual United Nations Private Sector Forum, which was hosted by the United Nations Secretary-General, held under the theme “Unlocking Prosperity: Financing the 2030 Agenda”. The Forum discussed innovative forms of financing, redirecting existing financial flows to be consistent with sustainable development, and to catalyze responsible business growth to achieve the SDGs. In the margins of the General Assembly, a meeting was held with the Environment Minister of Egypt to discuss preparations for COP 14 as well as roadmap from now to November 2018. The meeting presented an opportunity for the signing of the host government agreement with Egypt with regard to the hosting of the UN Biodiversity Conference in November 2018 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

12. While in New York, a meeting was also held with the Environment Minister of France, where they discussed: opportunities to raise biodiversity profile through the upcoming high-level fora, including EU-China Summit 2018, G7 Summit 2019; France contribution and role at COP 14; as well as preparations for the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, among others. She was invited to attend the French Summit on Global Pact on the Environment. She also met with the Assistant Deputy Minister for Environment and Climate Change of Canada, in which Canada’s contribution in the CBD processes, including views on COP 14 role and the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, and ways to further raise the biodiversity profile through upcoming events, for instance the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the CBD in Canada planned in May 2018, were discussed. A meeting also took place with the UNFCCC Executive Secretary, where potential CBD involvement at UNFCCC COP 23 and strengthened CBD-UNFCCC collaboration were explored. Positioning stronger political attention to biodiversity was explored, as well as strengthening collaboration and communication and outreach opportunities during the meetings held with the World Bank Vice-President for Sustainable Development, the UNICEF Deputy Executive Director (Management), and also with the Prime Minister of Bhutan.

13. The Executive Secretary participated in the 23rd Senior Officials’ Meeting of the Environment Management Group. During the meeting, she emphasized among other issues the importance of further strengthening engagement with partner UN agencies to raise biodiversity political profile and mainstreaming, communication approaches and ideas, opportunities to leverage joint messages in upcoming high-level international meetings, briefing on COP 14 agenda and preparations for the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

14. A meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions was held on 28 September 2017 in Rome, Italy, and was chaired by the Secretary Ad-interim of ITPGRFA. Key items discussed included: review of implementation of outcomes of the eleventh meeting of the Liaison

Group; review of developments, including outcomes of recent meetings; preparations for upcoming meetings under the Conventions, including respective governing bodies and intersessional meetings, as well as inputs to other relevant intergovernmental meetings; elevating global visibility and political attention to biodiversity; follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020: the process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; cooperation and synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions, including implementation of CBD decision XIII/24; and next meetings of the Liaison Group. A meeting between the members of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions and the international organizations hosting the secretariats of these conventions was convened back-to-back with the Liaison Group meeting on 29 September 2017. Chaired by the CBD Executive Secretary, the meeting provided an opportunity to exchange views and identify ways to promote strengthening interagency coordination and cooperation in support of the biodiversity and sustainable development agendas, particularly implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions at the national level. The meeting also took stock of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development and the sustainable development goals, as well as follow up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

15. The Executive Secretary was in Bucharest in early October to take part in the Bucharest Forum. She was invited to speak at the plenary session on “Reshaping Global Trade – China’s Belt and Road Initiative”, which discussed and explored the newest and future developments of the initiative, its economic and political implications, as well as challenges and opportunities. She also attended and contributed to other sessions and events during the three-day forum. A meeting was also held with the State, Head of Sustainable Development Department in the Office of the Prime Minister of Romania where further strengthening collaboration in support of the biodiversity agenda was discussed.

16. Also in October, the Executive Secretary was in Incheon to meet with senior government officials and representatives from civil society and key stakeholder organizations. Bilateral meetings were held with the Ministers in charge of environment, forestry, and oceans and fisheries, which provided an opportunity to discuss ways to further strengthen contribution and engagement of the Republic of Korea in the work of the Convention and its Protocols, including through scientific and technical cooperation and capacity-building initiatives and collaboration at the next Biodiversity Summit and other high-level events and fora. The Executive Secretary also participated and delivered a lecture at the symposium to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the National Institute of Biological Resources, which was attended up over 300 participants. The Secretariat also convened the first regional Bio-Bridge Initiative round table for Asia and the Pacific in Incheon on 16-19 October 2017, aimed to raise awareness of the Initiative and its operational modalities, provide updates on recent developments, facilitate exchange experiences and lessons learned, and discuss potential opportunities for upscaling Bio-Bridge-facilitated projects. .

17. The Executive Secretary attended the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CMS in Manila, Philippines convened on 23-28 October 2017, where she had an opportunity to address participants during the opening plenary. She emphasized the strong collaboration between CBD and CMS and other biodiversity-related conventions, and the importance of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions as an effective mechanism for coordination and avoiding duplication. The Executive Secretary moderated the side event on “Follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity beyond 2020”, which was organized by the Secretariat in collaboration with CMS, CITES and the Ramsar Convention. The event provided opportunity to discuss the preparation process of the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity beyond 2020, and the efforts made by the secretariats of the Biodiversity-related Conventions to align and synergize in terms of their respective strategic plans and actions. The Executive Secretary also participated in the Leader’s Breakfast meeting held on 22 October, organized by the Governance Affairs Office of the United Nations Environment Programme, in close collaboration with the CMS Secretariat. The high-level event addressed the impacts of pollution, specifically on marine debris, and pesticide and lead ammunition pollution, as well as their impact on migratory species. In the margins of the CMS COP 12, bilateral meetings were also held with: the CMS Executive Secretary; the Philippine Environment Minister and other senior representatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines; the Executive Director and staff from the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity; the SBSTTA Chair; senior staff

from Birdlife International and UNEP-WCMC; and with representatives of the Taal Volcano Protected Landscape.

18. In November, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, with the generous support from the Government of Switzerland, convened the first of a series of dialogues to kick-start a transformational process that will contribute to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Gathering experts from various organizations and fields of work, participants at the dialogue reflected on CBD's achievements, took stock of shortcomings and identified innovative ways to advance implementation. Issues covered included application of systems thinking research and transformation management, impact investment and finance, technologies and the use of big data, as well as communication and partnerships. The Executive Summary of the report of the dialogue was forwarded to SBSTTA 21 as an information document (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/9275/a98b/ed07b3d583d07a51860c9111/sbstta-21-inf-19-en.pdf>).

19. The Executive Secretary was in Bonn in December 2017 to attend the UNFCCC COP 23 and a number of events, as well as hold bilateral meetings to discuss matters of relevance to biodiversity and climate change linkages. In the margins of the Conference, the Executive Secretary hosted a High-level Breakfast Round table on “One Action, Five Outcomes: Aligning National Actions to Amplify Achievement of Global Goals”, with the participation of the President of Palau as well as 14 ministers from countries that are progressive on implementation of synergies between biodiversity and climate change. The event encouraged the invited guests to champion actions that achieve multiple outcomes at the national, regional and global levels, particularly on poverty eradication, climate change, disaster risk reduction, land degradation and desertification, and biodiversity goals, by acting to conserve, sustainably use and restore biodiversity and ecosystems. The Executive Secretary also participated in the WWF High-Level Dialogue session on “Framing the Future: climate, Biodiversity and SDGs – How to bring it all together for 2020?”, and also held bilateral meetings with: the President of Palau; the Environment Minister of South Africa; the Environment Minister of Rwanda; the IUCN Director General, the IPBES Executive Secretary, and representatives of the German NGOs.

20. At the invitation of the Founding President and CEO of the World Ocean Council, the Executive Secretary attended the Council's 5th Sustainable Ocean Summit held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, and delivered a keynote speech during the opening plenary session on “Blue Sky Thinking for a Blue Ocean and Blue Economy”, briefing the participants on the COP 13 outcomes, informed them about the forthcoming COP 14 and stressed the important role of the business community in ensuring ocean sustainability and to becoming champions for biodiversity. In the margins of the Summit, meetings were also held with: the French Ambassador for the Oceans, the Executive Secretary of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization, the CEO of the Halifax Port Authority, and the head of the Blue Globe Solutions.

21. The Executive Secretary was in Nairobi in December 2017 to attend the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 3), held under the theme “Towards a Pollution-Free Planet.” In her intervention, she informed participants that, while Aichi Target 8 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 seeks to bring pollution to levels that are not detrimental to ecosystem function and biodiversity, unfortunately, the target will not be achieved by 2020; and therefore called for intensified efforts to elevate political attention given to biodiversity and greatly increase public awareness and engagement to accelerate implementation of the biodiversity targets and to ensure the greatest and widest possible attention to the preparation of the post-2020 framework.

22. In the margins of the UNEA 3, the Executive secretary took part in the high-level dialogue on “Science, evidence and citizens' awareness for change”, which provided participants an opportunity to discuss and exchange experiences and ideas on how to generate the science, turn it into evidence, enhance the awareness of the public and galvanize action in support of a pollution-free planet. She also attended the UNEA 3 ministerial breakfast with the head of UN Environment and heads of the MEA Secretariats; and also the side event on “Building Community of Ocean Action on Marine Pollution”, convened by the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean Ambassador and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with UN Environment, with a view to provide participants an exchange of views and ideas on innovative

solutions for tackling marine pollution through their voluntary commitments, and build up the Communities of Ocean Action practitioners on marine pollution. Meetings were also held with a number of Environment Ministers attending the assembly; also with the Executive Director of UN Environment and staff; the President of the United Nations ECOSOC; the Head of International Institutional Agenda, Executive Committee, World Economic Forum; among others. Following the UNEA 3, the Executive Secretary participated in the UN Environment Leadership Group two-day retreat.

23. The twenty-first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was held on 11-14 December 2017. The meeting resulted to the adoption of seven recommendations, which include: scenarios for the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity; sustainable wildlife management: guidance for a sustainable wild meat sector; health and biodiversity; mainstreaming of biodiversity in the sectors of energy and mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and processing and health; fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook: considerations for its preparation; tools to evaluate the effectiveness of policy instruments for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020; and new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use. The draft decisions contained within the recommendations from SBSTTA 21 will be submitted to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity for consideration at its fourteenth meeting.

24. The tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions was convened on 13-16 December 2017. The meeting adopted six recommendations, namely: The Rutzolijirisaxik Voluntary Guidelines for the Repatriation of Traditional Knowledge Relevant for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity; glossary of relevant key terms and concepts within the context of Article 8(j) and related provisions; ways and instruments for achieving full integration of Article 8(j) and provisions related to indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention and its Protocols, with full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities and aiming at enhancing efficiencies, coherence and coordination; resource mobilization: assessing the contribution of collective actions of indigenous peoples and local communities and safeguards in biodiversity financing mechanisms; in-depth dialogue on thematic areas and other cross-cutting issues; and recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to the Convention on Biological Diversity. All the draft decisions contained within the recommendations from WG8J 10 will be submitted to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity for consideration at its fourteenth meeting, with the exception of the draft recommendation on resource mobilization, which, together with revised relevant documents, will be submitted to the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for its consideration.

25. A meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau was held on 10 December, which discussed preparations for SBSTTA 21, as well as update on the preparations for SBSTTA 22, including the outcomes of the recently concluded expert meetings on synthetic biology, invasive alien species and pollinators, and on documents that will be made available for review. A meeting of the COP Bureau was also held on 10 December. Items discussed included: preparations for WG8J 10, as well as update on preparations for COP 14 and SBI 2 meetings. The Bureau was also briefed on the status of contributions in the BE and BZ trust funds. A joint COP-SBSTTA Bureaux lunch was held after, which was followed by an informal joint meeting of the COP and SBSTTA Bureaux to ensure coordination between the two bodies and to consider any matters of common interest.

26. Other meetings organized by the Secretariat held prior to and after SBSTTA 21 and WG8J 10 include: meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on synthetic biology; Expert Workshop on Invasive Alien Species in preparation for SBSTTA 22; meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism; Global Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on the IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; Workshop on the preparation of the sixth national report; Workshop on spatial tools for the preparation of the sixth national report; and Meeting of the informal advisory group on synergies among biodiversity-related conventions. In partnership with the Secretariat, the Carnegie Climate Geoengineering Governance Initiative convened a workshop on transdisciplinary research and governance on climate-related geoengineering.

27. During the reporting period, the Executive Secretary also met with the Korean Ambassador to ICAO and Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Montreal; the President and CEO of Montreal International; the Director of Future Earth - Montreal Hub; the Secretary General of Botanic Gardens Conservation International, and representatives from WWF. She also took part in the TEEB Advisory Board Meeting. The Deputy Executive Secretary participated in the IPBES Second Author Meeting for the Global Assessment, and also in the Bogis-Bossey Dialogue for Biodiversity, the Regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Biodiversity and Health for the European Region, as well as took part in the Mandatory UN Leaders' Training Programme. The Senior Legal Officer attended the UNICRI-UN Environment Expert meeting on "Combatting Crimes that have Serious Impacts on the Environment".

28. Visitors to the Secretariat during the second half of 2017 included: the UN Environment Chief Scientist; President of the Federation of International Civil Servants Associations); delegation from China's National Development and Reform Commission; and the Professor of Practice, Strategic Global Affairs, Institute for the Study of International Development at McGill University.

A. Memorandum of Cooperation/Understanding

Joint Programme of Work with the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention

29. The joint work plan addresses major activities in 2017-2018 for bilateral cooperation, in particular eight activities as identified and agreed upon, subject to availability of resources.

Future Earth International

30. The purpose of the agreement is to provide a framework of cooperation and understanding, and to facilitate collaboration to further achieve shared goals and objectives in regard to the conservation, protection, and enhancement of nature and natural resources, including biological diversity and ecosystem services worldwide, and to mainstream biodiversity in different sectors to ensure sustainable use of biological diversity and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the use of genetic diversity in order to contribute to the achievement of the sustainable development goals.

B. Monitoring, Review and Reporting

Progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

31. In response to decisions XIII/1 (as well as decisions XII/2, XI/2, XI/3 and X/10 relating to NBSAP support), the Secretariat:

- (a) Reviewed, at the request of Parties, draft updated NBSAPs and provided inputs on their finalization;
- (b) Facilitated the finalization and submission of updated NBSAPs. As of December 2017, 151 updated NBSAPs have been received (5 NBSAPs were received during this reporting period). These NBSAPs are posted at the country profile webpages, as well as summarized at the Latest NBSAPs webpage (<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/about/latest/default.shtml>). In addition, all national targets contained in the NBSAPs have been loaded in the targets database (<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/targets/default.shtml>). Information presented at the NBSAP webpages (see <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/>) has been updated and maintained, as have records on NBSAP submissions in the CBD database;
- (c) Maintained and updated the database with information on updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the fifth national reports;
- (d) Contributed to a workshop organized by UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean to facilitate the development and implementation of updated NBSAPs in the Caribbean countries;

- (e) Discussed with UNDP, UNEP and other partners about the continued operation of NBSAP Forum, a platform that provides support to the development and revision of NBSAPs;
- (f) Prepared documentation on and liaised with partner conventions in preparation for a comprehensive and inclusive process to discuss the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;
- (g) Prepared draft documentation related to... the twenty second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Enhancing integration among the Convention and its Protocols and the organization of meetings

32. In response to decision XIII/26, the Secretariat prepared draft documentation related to experiences with convening concurrent meetings of the Convention and its Protocols for the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and made these available for peer review.

National Reporting

33. In response to decision XIII/27 (as well as decisions XII/29, XII/2, XI/2, XI/3 and X/10 relating to national reporting), the Secretariat:

- (a) Convened, in collaboration with UNEP, UNDP and FAO two workshops related to the preparation of the sixth national reports on 9 and 10 December 2017.
- (b) Set up a Help Desk for the sixth national report during SBSTTA-21 to demonstrate the online reporting tool and respond to Parties' questions about the reporting guidelines, resource manual, etc.
- (c) Continued to facilitate the submission of the fifth national reports. As of the end of December 2017, a total of 190 countries had submitted their final fifth national reports (3 reports had been received during this reporting period);
- (d) Held conversations with the GEF Secretariat, UN Environment and UNDP regarding their support to the preparation of the sixth national reports;
- (e) Worked together with UNDP and UNEP to make funds available to eligible countries for the preparation of the sixth national report, including through facilitating the submission of required documents for disbursement of funds.
- (f) Worked with UNDP and UNEP in the development of additional technical guidance/supporting materials for the preparation of the sixth national report.
- (g) Conducted regional webinars with Parties on the guidelines for the sixth national report. Held, at the request of Parties, one on one conversations regarding their plans for the preparation of their sixth national reports, including the use of the online reporting tool;
- (h) Registered persons to the roles of Publishing Authority and/or National Authorized User for the National Report and Strategic Plan in the CHM upon receipt of official nominations from Parties;
- (i) Maintained the information portal for the sixth national report;
- (j) Raised awareness on the CHM, including the online reporting tool for the sixth national report, in formal acknowledgements of receipt of NBSAPs and national reports submitted to the CBD National Focal Points.
- (k) Provided support to the JBF Team in relation to activities concerning the Voluntary Peer Review (Montenegro) (decision XII/29); and
- (l) Provided support to the ABS Unit by updating and maintaining an Excel analysis document containing data on the global status of ratification of the Nagoya Protocol, planned and/or implemented legislative, administrative or policy measures for access and benefit-sharing, extracted from NBSAPs and 5NRs.

This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Indicators and monitoring progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan

34. In response to decision XIII/28, the Secretariat:

- (a) Participated in relevant meetings of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership; and
- (b) Continued to liaise with the UN Statistics Division and the Interagency and Expert Group on indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals as well as partner organizations on the further development of indicators for the SDGs

This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

The Global Biodiversity Outlook and Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

35. In response to decision XIII/29, the Secretariat held discussions with the Forest Peoples Programme on a possible follow up to the “Local Biodiversity Outlooks - Indigenous Peoples’ and Local Communities’ Contributions to the Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020”.

This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Scientific assessment of progress towards selected Aichi Biodiversity Targets

36. In response to decision XIII/30, the Secretariat:

- (a) Recruited 14 interns to assist with the collection of relevant information required to undertake the scientific assessment of progress towards selected Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
- (b) Prepared draft document related to the updated assessment of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets for consideration during the twenty second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice; and
- (c) Discussed the delivery, by members of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, of updated indicators information as a contribution to the updated scientific assessment of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

37. In response to decisions XII/15, XI/26 and X/17, the Secretariat, in collaboration with Botanic Gardens Conservation International:

- (a) Prepared a series of training modules on Red listing of tree species to complement existing training materials on the IUCN Red List website. The modules are all scripted and voice-overs and translations will be completed early in 2018;
- (b) Prepared three training modules on ecological restoration focusing on forest restoration planning, species selection for forest restoration and sourcing material for forest restoration, respectively;
- (c) Held a Red List Workshop in Haiti from 6-9 November, 2017. The workshop was hosted by the Jardin Botanique des Cayes and included training on the fundamental process of creating a red list assessment using the IUCN Categories and Criteria, the creation of a priority list of tree species and the carrying out of red list assessments for the priority species;
- (d) Held a training course on ex situ conservation in Nepal and awarded two small grants seed collecting of threatened species in Pakistan and India;
- (e) Pursued plans for a conference of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation to be hosted by SANBI in Cape Town in August 2018.

This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

A. Personnel Arrangements

38. During the period July to December 2017, 45 of the 49 professional posts approved under the core budgets of the Convention, the Biosafety Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol, were regularized. The filling of 3 professional posts is currently being finalized and 1 vacant professional post is currently under recruitment. One professional post is currently being filled using a staff member partially funded with voluntary funding.

39. Of the 29 General Services posts approved under the core budget for 2017-2018, 26 posts were regularized with 2 vacant posts under recruitment.

40. In addition to the posts funded under the core budgets, 19 posts (4 Professionals and 15 General Services) are filled with funding from the Programme Support Costs (PSC) charged by the UN Environment Programme. There are 2 additional vacant posts funded by the PSC that are under recruitment.

41. There were a total of 5 professional project or seconded staff and 2 general services project staff working at the Secretariat during the period under review. Additionally, 3 professional project posts and 1 general services project posts are under recruitment.

42. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annex I Appendix 1, and Annex II respectively).

B. Financial Arrangements

43. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 December 2017, of the total pledged contributions of US\$12,362,146 for 2017 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounts to US\$10,622,873 of which US\$ 566,219 were received in 2016 and US\$ 10,056,654 has been received in 2017. Total unpaid pledges for 2017 and prior years to the BY Trust Fund is US\$ 2,879,865 Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

44. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 December 2017, the total pledges for 2017 amounts to US\$ 4,483,569 of which US\$ 4,366,223 has been received. In addition, US\$ 74,738 has been received with regards to prior year's pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2017 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$ 583,182. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.

45. As at 31 December 2017, US\$ 524,559 has been pledged in 2017 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). All pledges for 2017 and prior years have been paid. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

46. As at 31 December 2017, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,606,205 for 2017 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$2,206,414 of which US\$60,369 was received in 2016 and US\$ 2,146,045 has been received in 2017. In addition, US\$ 414,989 was received in 2017 with regards to prior year's pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2017 and prior years to the BG Trust Fund, amount to US\$ 703,426. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

47. As at 31 December 2017, several parties have pledged to the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (**VB Trust Fund**) in 2017. The total pledges amount to US\$ 152,300 of which US\$ 141,997 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2017 and prior years is US\$ 10,331. 2017. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the VB Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

48. As at 31 December 2017, two Parties have pledged and paid US\$14,285 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BH Trust Fund**). Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

49. As at 31 December 2017, of the total pledged contributions of US\$1,455,861 for 2017 to the Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol (**BB Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$ 1,267,607 of which US\$ 9,505 were received in 2016 and US\$ 1,258,102 has been received in 2017. Total unpaid pledges for 2017 and prior years to the BB Trust Fund, amount to US\$ 361,802. Details of the BB Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

50. As at 31 December 2017, total unpaid pledges for 2017 and prior years to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities (**BX Trust Fund**), amount to US\$20,001. Details of the BX Trust Fund are contained in Annex X.

C. Conference and Editorial Services

Conference Services

51. In the reporting period (July to December 2017), the Conference Services Unit continued preparations for the convening of SBSTTA-21 and WG8J-10 meetings from 10 to 16 December 2017 in Montreal and related meetings and workshops in the margins, including all required procurement, security arrangements, review, update and adjustments to meetings related software (in cooperation with IT Unit), hiring and scheduling of Interpretation and Remote Translation teams, contracting of Report writers, recruiting and training of volunteers and scheduling of shifts for all related pre-session and in-session conference services.

52. Additionally, the Unit liaised with Programme Officers and external partners to provide guidance on preparations for 27 regional meetings workshops and capacity building initiatives, 13 of them away from the seat of the Secretariat, following up with conducting the procurement for venues, equipment, catering, transport, interpretation and arrangement of all required conference services.

53. In preparation for 2018 UN Biodiversity Conference (14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing and related parallel events) in Egypt in 2018, the Conference Services Unit continued to liaise with the Government of Egypt to negotiate and complete the content of the Host Country Agreement and its annexes. Negotiations were completed and the Agreement was signed on 29 September 2017. The Unit remains engaged in providing guidance and expertise to the Host Government in the preparations for all logistical requirements for the meetings. Presently, the Unit is working in close cooperation with the Host Government planners to finalize the requirements for the venue facilities and associated floor plans. Simultaneously, in close liaison with the United Nations Department of Safety and Security, the Unit is focused on the planning of security arrangements for the Conference.

54. Meanwhile, the Unit continues guiding and supporting substantive programmes in the preparations for all regional meetings and capacity building workshops scheduled for 2018 as well as offering advice on planning and preparations for events associated to the 2018 UN Conference on Biodiversity.

55. Finally, the Unit acted a focal point at the CBD to compile and report the Secretariat's carbon emissions related to its activities, which resulted in the CBD Secretariat being recognized as a UN Carbon Neutral Agency.

Editorial and Translation Services

56. During the period under review, Editorial and Translation services finalized editing, translation and posting of the reports of the COP-13, CP COP-MOP-8 and NP COP-MOP-2 meetings, including publication and posting of the decisions adopted at those meetings both as part of the reports and as individual documents on the Secretariat website. Books compiling the decisions of COP 13 were prepared, proofread and issued in electronic form with a limited print run. Additional documents: agendas, pre-session working documents and final reports of six meetings/workshops, were edited and posted. Translation of documents was provided for two of the meetings.

57. In-session documentation for the twenty-first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity was issued with minimal delays and in very good condition. Only two pre-session documents, for the Working Group, were issued very late, and this was for reasons beyond the control of the Secretariat.

58. Translation teams in five languages were secured for the upcoming SBSTTA-21 and WG8J-10 meetings in December 2017 as well as for the SBSTTA-22 and SBI-2 meetings in July 2018 and for COP-14 and associated meetings in November 2018.

59. Work was also done on increasing the roster of translators for various languages by contacting potential new translators, verifying credentials, providing examinations, receiving and reviewing examination results and comments, deciding and proceeding with the hiring process as needed. The template to be used for all CBD meeting documentation was also revised.

III. SCIENTIFIC AND POLICY SUPPORT

A. Conservation and Sustainable Use

Protected Areas

60. Pursuant to decision XIII/2 (para. 5 to 10) of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention, as well as previous COP decisions XI/24 (Para.10); X/31 (Para.7); IX/18 (para.15 to 20), the Program of Work on Protected Areas, the observations in the fourth Global Biodiversity Outlook regarding Target 11, activities concentrated on different types of analyses to evaluate the progress in the elements of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, as well as highlight the multiple benefits and synergies that could result from effective implementation of the various commitments by Parties to the Convention. The Secretariat also continued to regularly inform and encourage Parties, partners, potential coordination agencies in the different regions, to strengthen cooperation, and promote concerted efforts among all to facilitate implementation for the achievement of Target 11 by 2020.

Decision XIII/2 on progress towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12

61. Pursuant to paragraph 9 (a(i-iv)) of decision XIII/2, the Secretariat is closely working with partners such as International Union for the conservation of Nature (IUCN)–World Commission on Protected Areas, IUCN-Global Protected Areas Programme, Deutsche *Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)*, United Nations Development Programme, among others, to respond to COP's invitation to undertake a review of experiences on: (i) Protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, taking into account the work of the IUCN and other appropriate expert bodies; (ii) Additional measures to enhance integration of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures into the wider land and seascapes; (iii) Mainstreaming of protected areas and other effective areas-based conservation measures across sectors to contribute, *inter alia*, to the Sustainable Development Goals and as natural solutions to combat climate change; and (iv) Effective governance models for management of protected areas, including equity, taking into account work being undertaken under Article 8(j).

62. A notification, [2017-065](#), calling for submission of information and experiences on various elements of protected areas and other effective areas-based conservation measures (OECMs) was issued pursuant to paragraph 9(a (i-iv)) above and 10(a) of the same decision. A total of 39 documents were received from 21 Parties and organizations. This included the European Union with additional supplements from its member countries, Belgium and Finland. The relevant sections of the submissions will be used to inform the Technical Expert Workshop mentioned below, and will also be used for the collaborative studies that are being undertaken with partners to respond to 9(a(ii and iii, as well as iv).

63. Responding to the request of COP to the Executive Secretary, the *Technical expert Workshop on Other Effective Areas-Based conservation Measures for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11* has been organized to be held in Montreal, 6-9 February 2018, pursuant to paragraph 10(b) of decision XIII/2. Notification [2017-099](#), a call for nomination of experts was issued on 5 October 2017. The main purpose of this workshop is to 1) discuss and develop scientific and technical advice on definition, management approaches and identification of other effective area-based conservation measures and their role in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, pursuant to paragraph 10(b) and ii) develop the necessary voluntary guidance in line with *paragraph 10(a)* of this same decision. After selection of experts in consultation of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, another notification ([2018-003](#)) was issued to provide the information on the selected participants of the workshop.

64. The IUCN-World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) Task Force, created in 2015 pursuant to paragraph 10 of decision XI/24, developed *Draft Guidelines for Recognizing and Reporting Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures*, after extensive consultations with more than 120 conservation experts globally and benefiting from several workshops, as well as consultations with Parties at side events held on the margins of meetings of SBSTTA. In accordance with paragraph 9(a(i)) of decision XIII/2, and with the collaboration of the Secretariat, through notification [2017-112](#), dated 2 November 2017, Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, United Nations/International organizations were invited to review this draft guidelines document and provide feedback and comments. A total of 31 Parties and organizations submitted their comments and feedback. The Task Force has revised the draft guidelines. This document is made available for the participants of the above mentioned workshop to provide background information for deliberations, together with other relevant documents.

Twenty-First Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 21)

65. The document, [CBD/SBSTTA/21/INF/15](#), on *options on how to make the best use of existing programmes of work to further enhance the implementation of the Convention in the light of mainstreaming needs and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020* was prepared and presented to inform SBSTTA 22. This study indicated that the programmes of work (PoWs) of the Convention (thematic and cross-cutting) provide guidance; tools; and guidelines directly relevant for implementing the Strategic Plan and that they incorporate provisions for various broad mainstreaming needs which when implemented invariably contribute to the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. It also highlighted that as new and emerging issues arise, the focus of the work under the Convention will continue to incorporate additional actions on mainstreaming and the PoWs will continue to guide and support such efforts, among others.

66. A side event on the contributions of the Like-Minded Megadiverse Countries LMMCs to the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 was also organized and took place on 12 December 2017 at the margin of SBSTTA 22. The aim was to encourage active engagement and discuss ways and means of facilitating implementation on the ground in order to enhance progress of the elements of Target 11 and achieve this target by 2020. The side event covered the status of the elements of Target 11 and various commitments of the LMMCs, the prospects for achievement of Target 11, the multiple benefits and synergies that would result, including to other Aichi Targets, Multilateral Environmental Agreements and SDGs. The importance of the LMMC Carta, welcomed by COP 13, and the huge contributions and difference that the LMMCs can make considering that they hold over 50% of the population of the world

and approximately 70% of its biodiversity and the related wealth of traditional knowledge, were also highlighted. The side event was attended by over 60 delegates and experts. The presentation was shared with the LMMCs and other partners who requested for a copy.

Contribution of an Article to the Parks Journal – the International Journal of Protected Areas and Conservation – IUCN-WCPA

67. The article entitled “*Status and Prospects for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11: Implications of National Commitments and Priority Actions*” was finalized and printed in the Parks Journal, volume 23.2. This paper reviews the current status of Target 11 at the global level, highlights how the full implementation of agreed national priority actions and other commitments, *inter alia*, will expand global oceans beyond 10% and result in more than 17% coverage of terrestrial and inland waters. The paper also showcases the multiple benefits for the well-being of society by contributing solutions to the most important global challenges, to other Aichi Targets and globally agreed goals, and highlights that concerted efforts by all stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of commitments towards achieving Target 11 will be a wise investment. This work is selected for citing in Chapter 3 on assessing progress towards meeting major international objectives related to biodiversity and ecosystem services of IPBES Global Assessment–Aichi Target 11; and Figure 1 of the article will be used in the report. The paper has also been featured in the IUCN Protecting the Planet Newsletter of November 2017. Copies of the article were distributed at the above mentioned side event.

Assessment of Commitments by CBD Parties to Evaluate Progress in the Implementation of the Elements of Target 11 and Presentation on Synergies

68. Commitments by the Parties to the Convention in their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), approved projects of the Global Environment Facility’s fifth and sixth replenishments and National Priority Actions, among others, are currently being analysed to assess progress in implementation of the elements of Target 11 using a ranking method developed for the purpose. The assessment started with the LMMCs and the elements connectivity, integration and equitable governance. The same ranking method will be used to assess progress in the remaining elements Target 11 and will cover all regions as well.

69. A presentation on synergies depicting how implementation of actions identified under various elements of Target 11 not only contribute to achieving those elements but also other relevant Aichi Targets, SDG targets, Paris climate agreement was also produced. The presentation also included case studies from Brazil’s, one of the LMMCs, commitments. It also highlighted the associated multiple benefits. The presentation was made to the *Information Advisory Group on Synergy* on 17 December 2017.

Contributions to the Fourth International Marine Protected Areas (IMPAC4) and Other Events, Internal or External Publications

70. As for the Oceans Conference of June 2017, the Secretariat was represented at the fourth International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC4) that was held from 4-8 September 2017, in La Serena-Coquimbo, Chile. A very concise flyer with data and information related to marine and coastal areas was prepared and widely distributed. The flyer contained, *inter alia*:

- a) An assessment of the Contribution of the Convention to Marine Protected Areas. This showed that the extent of MPAs within national jurisdiction grew from 2.9% in 2004 to 15.9% by August 2017. This would amount 23.7% coverage with implementation of the commitments. The global ocean protected also grew from 1.1% in 2004 to 6.3% in August 2017. The implementation of the commitments will also increase this figure to 10.3% coverage.
- b) Highlight on progress related to the elements of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in the marine and coastal realm; and
- c) Few concrete examples of the multiple benefits, contributions of MPAs to the 2030 Agenda – Sustainable Development Goals.

71. Feedback and comments on various partners' or internal publications, as well as input to briefing and information notes and document on subjects related to protected areas were also provided during this period under consideration.

72. The Secretariat has also been actively exploring and seeking additional sources of funding to facilitate implementation on the ground and achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 by 2020.

Activities to Support the Implementation of National Priority Actions and other Commitments identified by Parties to the Convention

73. Various meetings were held with partners at the margin of SBSTTA 22: among others, with the Asean Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) and GIZ, and the relevant National Priority Actions identified by Parties, the Concept Note describing the Phase II (2017-2020) Strategy, and submissions from Parties and organizations were shared with them. Accordingly, ACB, for instance, is making the National Priority Actions identified by the CBD Parties, part of its plans and strategies for 2018 and 2019 to help achieve Target 11 in East and South East Asian countries; and GIZ has promised to share studies and contribute to the work on equitable governance. Discussions have also continued with other potential regional implementing agencies such as the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and REDPARQUES which are already involved in conservation and evaluating the National Priority Actions of the countries in their region.

74. The Secretariat continued work on various subjects, *inter alia*, the socio-economic and environmental implications of achieving Target 11, the opportunities for contributions and synergies of activities with requirements of other MEAs, 2030 Agenda – Sustainable Development Goals and sharing the various information with partner organizations and experts, funding agencies, and the participants of the regional capacity building workshops that were held during Phase I. The aim is still to continue dialogue with experts and implementing partners about the importance of this implementation process and the need for concerted efforts by all; encourage engagement in the *Regional Implementation Support Network* and assist countries with the implementation their National Priority Actions and other commitments, in a decentralized manner; and encourage alignment and synergy of activities to facilitate implementation in a time- and cost-effective manner.

Marine and coastal biodiversity

75. In response to decisions XIII/9, XIII/10, XIII/11, XIII/12, XII/22, XII/23, XI/17, XI/18 and X/29, the Secretariat:

- Attended the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, 10-21 July 2017;
- Issued notification 2017-083 to request information on experiences in the implementation of marine spatial planning on 1 September 2017
- Issued notification 2017-082 to request information on experiences in the use of measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate the significant adverse impacts of anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity on 1 September 2017
- Contributed to the 4th International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC4), 4-8 September 2017, La Serene, Chile, including through input to the High-Level Call to Action, and contributions to and organization of various side events and workshops at the Congress, as follows:
 - Symposium: Sharing experiences in achieving Target 11 in marine and coastal areas (co-organizer)
 - Workshop: Using EBSA information to establish and manage MPAs (co-organizer)

- Symposium: Regional approach for enhancing national capacity to implement cross-sectoral marine spatial planning and marine protected areas (co-organizer)
- Knowledge Café: Building a learning network gathering marine and coastal protected areas managers from the Regional Seas of the EU (speaker)
- Symposium: Protecting Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems in the high seas from bottom fishing impacts (speaker)
- Workshop: Enhancing south-south cooperation towards global MPA targets in South America and the Caribbean (speaker)
- Special event: IMPANA—Towards a global network of MPAs (speaker)
- Symposium: Moving Beyond Numbers—MPAs and MMAs as tools and pathways to achieving Target 11 and SDG 14 (speaker)
- Participated in and provided input (through the delivery of a statement on behalf of the Executive Secretary) to the 39th Annual Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO), 18-22 September 2017, Montreal, Canada
- Organized and serviced the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Training of Trainers Workshop, 25-29 September 2017, Seocheon, Republic of Korea
- Worked with FAO and IUCN-Fisheries Expert Group to identify elements of the FAO Questionnaire on the Code of Conduct on Responsible Fisheries to support reporting on the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 6 and the drafting of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, October 2017
- Coordinated the mission of the Executive Secretary to the Republic of Korea, including through the coordination and support of bilateral meetings with various high-level stakeholders, visits to various offices, headquarters and events, and statements delivered by the Executive Secretary at various events, 14-19 October 2017, Republic of Korea
- Issued notification 2017-121 to request information on experiences in mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries on 16 November 2017
- Participated in, provided input to, and supported the participation of the Executive Secretary in the Sustainable Ocean Summit, 29 November – 1 December 2017, Halifax, Canada, including through the drafting of a statement delivered by the Executive Secretary at the opening ceremony, speaking role during a session on “Marine Sound: Tackling a Global Problem through Industry Leadership and Collaboration”, and various bilateral meetings with ocean industry stakeholders
- Organized and serviced the Expert Workshop to Develop Options for Modifying the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas, for Describing New Areas, and for Strengthening the Scientific Credibility and Transparency of this Process, 5-8 December 2017, Berlin, Germany
- Supported the twenty-first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, including through supporting deliberations on mainstreaming agenda item, contributing to the drafting of statements by the Executive Secretary, delivering a presentation at a side event on “Mainstreaming Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services into the Fisheries Sector for Sustainable Development”
- Supported the participation of the Head of MCO in the 20th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Barcelona Convention (UNEP-Mediterranean Action Plan), through the drafting a statement and a presentation delivered to the meeting, December 2017
- Collaborated with the Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative to develop an outreach film on Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)

- Disseminated, through the SOI website and social media, a series of videos of expert interviews conducted during the UN Ocean Conference on various issues related to marine and coastal biodiversity and the CBD
 - Developed a draft global coral reef portal, to be launched in early 2018, in line with the International Year of the Reef
 - Supported the role of the Executive Secretary as a focal point for the Community of Ocean Action on Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Management
 - Coordinated preparations for the CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of EBSAs in the Baltic Sea, to be convened 19-24 February 2018, Helsinki, Finland
 - Coordinated preparations for the Expert Workshop on Marine Protected Areas and Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in Marine and Coastal Areas, to be convened 6-9 February 2018, Montreal, Canada
 - Coordinated preparations for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative National Capacity-Building Workshop for Cameroon, convened 17-19 January 2018 in Cameroon
 - Recruited consultant to advance improvements to the functionality of the EBSA repository.
76. The result of these actions has been:
- Profile of the CBD and work under the CBD raised through targeted participation in specific meetings, especially with regards to the international MPA community, the ocean business community, and regional organizations
 - Awareness of the CBD and work under the CBD among the public and other stakeholder audiences raised through outreach and communication materials
 - Workshops provided with the logistical, technical and substantive preparations necessary for successful convening
 - Information on experiences by Parties synthesized as input to forthcoming 22nd meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
 - Provided relevant scientific and technical advice to relevant global and regional processes related to conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity
 - Engaged and enabled a significant number of country Parties and partner organizations in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets as well as Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 14, in marine and coastal areas through sharing of scientific and technical information, learning exchanges, training on specific tools and guidelines, etc.
 - Engaged various global and regional partners to contribute to long-term capacity development for national implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets, as well as Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 14.

Biodiversity and Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

77. In response to decisions XIII/4, XII/20, XI/19, XI/20, XI/21 and X/33, the Secretariat:
- (a) Participated in the UNFCCC Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) and the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Technical Working Group regional training workshop on national adaptation plans for the Pacific, held 10-13 July 2017, in Nadi, Fiji.
 - (b) Collaborated with BirdLife International and UNEP-WCMC to convene an informal meeting on negative emissions technologies and biodiversity held 26 July 2017 in Cambridge, UK.
 - (c) Participated in the UNFCCC Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) and the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Technical Working Group regional training workshop on national adaptation plans for Latin America and the Caribbean held 5-7 September in San Jose, Costa Rica. Contributed

- a presentation on the importance of and practical ways to work towards synergies between the Rio Conventions.
- (d) Co-organized, with SwedBio at the Stockholm Resilience Centre the “Regional Dialogue and Learning Mission on Integrating Climate Change and Biodiversity at the National Level” held 2-6 October 2017 in Durban, South Africa. The meeting welcomed over 50 participants and provided an important opportunity to share experiences and lessons learned with ecosystem based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, as well as forest and ecosystem restoration.
 - (e) Co-organized, with SwedBio at the Stockholm Resilience Centre the “Regional Dialogue and Learning Mission on Integrating Climate Change and Biodiversity at the National Level in the Pacific” held 23- 27 October 2017 in Suva, Fiji. The meeting welcomed close to 50 participants and provided an important opportunity to share experiences and lessons learned with ecosystem based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, as well as coral reef and ecosystem resilience.
 - (f) The Executive Secretary hosted a High-Level Breakfast Roundtable on 19 November 2017, on the margins of the UNFCCC COP 23, on the topic of “One Action, Five Outcomes: Aligning National Actions to Amplify Achievement of Global Goals”. Moderated by Luc Gnacadja, former Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, the thirteen high-level participants expressed their convictions on the importance to achieve multiple outcomes at the national, regional and global levels, particularly on: poverty eradication, climate change, disaster risk reduction (DRR), land degradation and desertification, and biodiversity goals, by acting to conserve, sustainably use and restore biodiversity and ecosystems. (IISD coverage: <http://enb.iisd.org/climate/cop23/cbd/>)
 - (g) Participated in the 23rd meeting of the UNFCCC COP held 6-17 November 2017 in Bonn, Germany. On the margins, the Executive Secretary and CBD staff conducted several bilateral meetings including with: high-level representatives from WRI, IUCN, and IPBES; high-level country representatives from Argentina, Germany, Palau, Rwanda, and South Africa; and a coalition of German NGOs. SCBD also contributed to a WWF High Level Dialogue, an IUCN high level panel discussion, and to the EU pavilion on the use of ecosystem based approaches for climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.
 - (h) Undertook preparations towards developing the “guidelines for ecosystem-based approaches for climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction”, including an informal scoping workshop (held in Cambridge in July 2017), and a technical workshop where 21 country-nominated experts, 19 experts from agencies, and two representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities reviewed a draft of the guidelines (held 20-22 November in Bonn);
 - (i) Co-organized, with SwedBio at the Stockholm Resilience Centre, the “Regional Dialogue and Learning Mission on Integrating Climate Change and Biodiversity at the National Level in South America” through the support of the Government of Colombia, the European Union and SwedBio at the Stockholm Resilience Centre, held 27 November to 1 December, in Bogota, Colombia. Participants included: 12 country-nominated experts from 7 countries, 4 representatives from IPLCs, and 6 experts including CBD staff;
 - (j) Supported the organization of SBSTTA 21, and conducted a side event on the margins to discuss the guidelines for ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, and provide country experiences.

Through these actions, there is a better understanding within the climate change community of the role and contribution of the CBD, and work taken under it, to the work of the UNFCCC. Parties have a better understanding of the impacts of climate change on biodiversity, how to integrate climate change and ecosystem-based adaption into NBSAPs, and will have a better overview of available resources supporting them in their efforts to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Targets related to climate change.

Dry and Sub-humid Lands

78. During the reporting period, the Secretariat:
- (a) Participated in the high-level segment of UN Convention on Combatting Desertification COP13 (Ordos, Inner Mongolia, 6-16 September 2017). Facilitated and intervened in ministerial-level discussions at the high-level segment of UNCCD COP 13, reinforcing the role that biodiversity plays in the context of sustainable land and natural resource management and sustainable development, and reinforcing synergies between biodiversity and the land-degradation global agendas.
 - (b) Increased political visibility and support to global biodiversity issues, including towards accelerating the implementation of the current Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and mobilizing political support to shaping an ambitious post-2020 global biodiversity agenda.
 - (c) Moderated the ministerial roundtable discussion on "Land Degradation Neutrality – from targets to actions", at UNCCD COP 13 in Ordos, Inner Mongolia, and intervened in the SIDS ministerial breakfast positioning the role that biodiversity plays for many vulnerable and risk prone low-lying states, challenged by the impacts of climate change.
 - (d) Several bilateral meetings were organized with representatives participating at UNCCD COP 13, including with Chinese regional authorities, as well as the DG Environment of the European Commission, the Chief Executive Officer of the Global Environment Facility and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

The Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative (PBDI)

79. The Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative successfully continues its work and is strongly aligned with the priority areas for action in 2017 and 2018 set by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres. He has taken office with a call for peace to be the watchword. At the same time, conflicts have deepened, and new dangers have emerged. Mr. Guterres highlighted parts of the world requiring attention: the Korean Peninsula, Eastern Ukraine, Georgia, and others. All these regions are constantly monitored by the Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative. State officials in these countries were informed about possibilities the Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative is able to offer.

80. The Government of the Republic of Korea appreciated the ongoing development, approved an action plan for 2018 and a funding agreement regarding the implementation of the Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative for 2017-2018 between the SCBD and the Ministry of Environment of the Government of the Republic of Korea.

81. The capacity of the SCBD to carry on the Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative was strengthened thanks to the involvement of a consultant and an intern. A consultant started his work in October. Additional input was also provided by an intern who focused her work on an extensive literature review of the CBD resources and external references to establish a knowledge foundation for project context and future investigations.

82. The Secretariat has been regularly updating the website <https://www.cbd.int/peace> with the relevant content. Some examples of new resources include the publication "Assessment of Environmental Damage in Eastern Ukraine" obtained with the support of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine that co-authored this document with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine. It summarizes existing information from various sources on impact and threats to the environment posed by a conflict in Eastern Ukraine. This overview contributes to the analysis of the state of forest resources, protected areas, and biodiversity.

83. The ongoing activities also included awareness building about the Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative and relationship building with governmental officials and various institutions.

Biological Diversity of Inland Waters

Agricultural biodiversity

B. Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing / Traditional Knowledge

Decisions of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization

84. In light of the decisions adopted by COP-MOP 2, relevant developments and activities carried out by the Secretariat during the reporting period include the following:

Status of Ratification

- (a) Follow-up with CBD, ABS NFPs and other national contacts regarding ratification and encouraging countries to finalize their national processes as soon as possible. During this period, four countries – Chad, Ecuador, Lebanon and Zimbabwe ratified or acceded to the Nagoya Protocol.

Capacity-building

- (b) The CBD Secretariat and the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) renewed their collaboration for a joint capacity building program to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization. The program, with support provided by the Japan Biodiversity Fund and the European Union, is committed to advancing the capacity of national lawyers and policymakers to support country-led processes for the development or revision of national Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) regulatory frameworks.
- (c) Work towards finalization of the two e-learning modules “Introduction to Access and Benefit-sharing” and “The ABS Clearing-House” which have been developed in collaboration with the UN Staff College.
- (d) Finalization of the French and Spanish translations of the 8 e-learning module on “Establishing Legal Frameworks to Implement the Nagoya Protocol” in cooperation with IDLO.
- (e) Preparing the CBD e-learning platform for upcoming SCBD-IDLO courses in 2018.
- (f) Finalization of the ABS component of the CEPA toolkit.
- (g) Developing the content of a short video in cooperation with the ABS Capacity Development Initiative to simply explain the system for monitoring the utilization of genetic resources implemented through the ABS Clearing-House.

The ABS Clearing-House

- (h) Support to Parties, as well as other stakeholders, in the population of relevant content and the use of the ABS Clearing-House.
- (i) Capacity-building and awareness-raising for the ABS Clearing-House including three related projects: 1) ongoing outreach and awareness raising campaign; 2) providing users of the ABS Clearing-House with immediate technical support through the ABS help desk and; 3) developing a number of capacity-building and guidance materials, such as, an e-learning module on the ABS Clearing-House, an online information section, as well as, a number of step-by-step instructional

guides outlining how to submit information and use the ABS Clearing-House website. Much of our work on these projects has been made possible thanks to generous support provided by the Japan Biodiversity Fund.

- (j) Number of the features and functionalities of ABS Clearing-House website improved. For example, significant progress made on the translation of the website into the 6 UN languages and in the development of the automated national report analyzer.

Interim National Report and first assessment and review

- (k) Contributions gathered to inform the first assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol to be undertaken by COP-MOP 3.
- (l) Follow-up and support to Parties for submission of the interim national reports due by 1 November 2017. 100 Parties to the CBD were Parties to the Nagoya Protocol by the reporting deadline. Also, 73 interim national reports were received, 66 from Parties and 7 of non-Parties.

Workshops, expert meetings and other inter-sessional activities organized by the Secretaria:

- (m) Prepared and convened the third meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House from 14 to 16 November 2017.
- (n) Prepared for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources from 13 to 16 February 2018, including compilation and synthesis of views and information, and commissioning of a fact-finding and scoping study on digital sequence information on genetic resources with the financial support of Canada, the European Union and Switzerland.
- (o) With the financial support of the European Union, study commissioned in relation to Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Protocol, further to decision NP-2/5, to be made available for the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

Participation in meetings and workshops organized by relevant organizations and partner

- (p) Participated in the *Fourth session of the Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction* from 9 to 12 July 2017 in New York, United States of America.
- (q) Participated in and presented in the *Vilm Dialogue – Informing about Domestic Measures for Access to Genetic Resources* from 27 to 30 August organized by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation on the Isle of Vilm, Germany.
- (r) Participated in the *Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System of ABS* (under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture),
- (s) Participated in and presented at the *Roundtable on Opportunities for Collaboration on Access and Benefit-sharing of Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge* organized by ABS Canada on 14 September 2017 in Ottawa, Canada.
- (t) Met with the *ABS Capacity Development Initiative* at the Secretariat of the CBD from 18 to 19 September 2017.
- (u) Prepared a video presentation on the Nagoya Protocol and its implications for the *Fall School on ABS (Ecole d'automne APA), "Implications related to Nagoya Protocol implementation: new practices for research and partnerships"* organized by Sud Expert Plantes Développement Durable (SEP2D) from 11 to 13 October 2017 in Paris, France.

- (v) Participated in and presented at the *Seventh Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* and the special event on genomics information from 28 October to 3 November 2017 in Kigali, Rome.
- (w) Participated in and presented at a workshop organized by the European Commission on *Advancing Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol – An international exchange on key challenges and practical ways forward* from 21 to 23 November 2017 in Brussels, Belgium.
- (x) Participated in and delivered training on the ABS Clearing-House at the *workshop of the IUCN-GEF project “Advancing the Nagoya Protocol in the Caribbean Region”* from 27 to 29 November 2017 in Grenada.

Decision XIII/13: Article 8(j) and related provisions

85. In light of the decisions adopted by COP 13, relevant developments and activities carried out by the Secretariat during the reporting period include the following:

Capacity-building

- (a) Organized jointly with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), through the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plan (NBSAP) Forum, in collaboration with the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB), and the Indigenous Women’s Network on Biodiversity (IWNB) organized three (English, Spanish and French) Online Forums in Preparation for the Capacity Development Programme on national arrangements on Traditional Knowledge for achieving Target 18 and contributing to Target 16 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (<https://www.cbd.int/tk/cb/onlineforum.shtml>). The forum served as a needs analysis to determine regional training priorities within the mandate of the CBD and articles 8(j) and related provisions. The recording sessions are available at the following links (French Session at <http://nbsapforum.net/#read-thread/3011>; English Session at <http://nbsapforum.net/#read-thread/3009>; Spanish Session at <http://nbsapforum.net/#read-thread/3010>)
- (b) Preparation for the implementation of the project “Capacity Development Programme on national arrangements for achieving traditional knowledge elements of targets 18 and 16 of Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020”, thanks to the financial support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund (JBF) and other donors and partners, which include the LAC, Asia, Pacific and Africa Workshops.

Inter-sessional activities

- (c) Prepared and serviced the Tenth meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions, including the preparation of the official documentation.
- (d) Organized and serviced jointly with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) the “Global Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on the IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services” on December 9, 2017. The Dialogue between authors of the IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and indigenous peoples and local communities representatives involved a total of 41 participants from seven geo-cultural regions: Africa; Asia; Arctic; North America; Latin America and the Caribbean; Eastern, Central Europe and the Caucasus; and Pacific.

Participation in meetings and workshops organized by relevant organizations and partners

- (e) *Community Protocols and Traditional Knowledge* on 6 September 2017 in Panama. Contributed remotely.
- (f) *Informal Dialogue on Operationalizing the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change* in Ottawa, Canada, from 11 to 12 September 2017. Contributed remotely.

- (g) *Regional Technical Exchange: Community Protocols and Access and Benefit Sharing related to Traditional Knowledge Protection* from 2 to 3 November. Contributed remotely.
- (h) *Indigenous Environmental Governance: Strategies and Struggles for Safeguarding the Future* on 27 November 2017. Contributed remotely.
- (i) Participated in International workshop: *Community Based Monitoring and Information Systems (CBMIS) – Strategy and Tools* from 6 to 8 December 2017, in Montreal, Canada.

C. Biosafety and Biosecurity

Programme areas under the Cartagena Protocol

Mainstreaming and integrated implementation of biosafety

86. During the reporting period, the Asia-Pacific regional workshop to strengthen capacities for the integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity was held from 6 to 10 November 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

87. The workshop was organized with the generous support of the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund and was attended by 28 participants from 10 Parties. The objectives of the workshop were: (i) To enable Parties to implement the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity in an integrated manner; and (ii) To raise awareness and understanding about the objective and provisions of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol to identify needs and requirements by Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety with a view to expedite its entry into force and implementation.

88. Participants were expected to analyze relevant national policies, laws and institutional frameworks, identifying opportunities, and thereby develop a draft national mainstreaming strategy that set out steps to achieve integrated implementation of biosafety concerns in a variety of sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, laws and institutional frameworks. The workshop also aimed to provide training on the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol, including identifying steps towards its ratification. The final report of the workshop is available at <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/CPMBWS-2017-01>.

Cooperation with other Organizations, Conventions and Initiatives

89. A Secretariat staff member participated remotely in the Green Customs Initiative Coordination Meeting which was held in Brussels, Belgium from 4 to 5 October 2017. The objective of the meeting was to foster increased cooperation between MEA Secretariats on related capacity building activities, focusing on customs and trade. The objective of the meeting was to foster increased cooperation between MEA Secretariats on related capacity building activities, focusing on customs and trade.

90. During the reporting period, the Secretariat collaborated with the Joint Research Centre (JRC), which provided input on the training manual on the detection and identification of living modified organisms, which will be developed for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its ninth meeting with a view to its possible approval before its official final publication.

91. A Secretariat staff member also participated in the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention), which was held in Budva, Montenegro, from 11 to 13 September 2017. Under item 6 (d) on the genetically modified organisms, the staff member held a

statement on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the SCBD regarding the joint collaboration between the two instruments.

Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification (Article 18)

92. A Secretariat staff member participated remotely in the Green Customs Initiative Coordination Meeting (see above, under Cooperation) where issues relevant to article 18 of the Protocol were discussed.

Compliance

93. During the reporting period, the Chair of the Compliance Committee sent follow-up letters to those Parties who were identified as not having submitted their Third National Reports. An overview of the responses received will be prepared and presented at the Committee's 15th meeting, to be held from 8 to 10 May 2018. See also below (monitoring and reporting (Article 33)).

Operation and Activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House (Article 20)

94. During the reporting period, the Secretariat initiated the migration of the BCH to its new platform, in accordance with decision VIII/2, with a view to enabling the Informal Advisory Committee on the BCH to test the new platform before its face-to-face meeting to be held in Ispra, Italy from 19 to 21 June 2018.

Risk Assessment and Risk Management (Articles 15 and 16)

95. During the reporting period, the Secretariat contacted Cartagena Protocol National Focal Points of Parties who had registered participants in the Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management to request recommendations of experts from among those registered in the forum to serve as lead moderator for the next round of discussions, with the approval of the COP-MOP Bureau.

96. The discussions of the online forum on risk assessment and risk management are scheduled to resume on 29 January 2018. The discussions will be summarized by the lead moderator, with assistance from the Secretariat, with a view to preparing a report for peer review by the Online Forum and submission to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-second meeting.

Socio-economic considerations (Article 26)

97. The second meeting of the AHTEG on Socio-economic considerations was held from 9 to 13 October 2017 in Ljubljana, Slovenia to work on the guidelines envisaged under the outcomes for operational objective 1.7 of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and to submit a report for the consideration of the COP-MOP at its ninth meeting. The meeting was attended by 28 participants. Of the total, 23 represented Parties, and five represented observers from other governments and organizations.

98. The outcomes of the meeting included - the AHTEG members agreeing on the draft "Guidance on the assessment of socio-economic considerations in the context of Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety" and the AHTEG also developing draft recommendations for consideration by the COP-MOP, at its ninth meeting. The final report of the meeting is available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/f941/56a8/5bb776e51535dead2a506d62/cp-sec-ahteg-2017-01-03-en.pdf>.

Monitoring and reporting (Article 33)

99. As of 31 December 2017, a total of 146 third national reports had been received by the Secretariat, four of which were received during the reporting period (Tonga, Oman, Fiji, Afghanistan, Solomon Islands).

100. Preparations were underway for the development of the revised format for the fourth national reports, to be submitted for review by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting in July 2018.

Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Article 17)

101. During the reporting period, the Secretariat issued a notification calling for the nomination of participants from the Asia-Pacific region to take part in a webinar with the objective of facilitating an exchange of views among policymakers and scientists on how laboratory analyses of LMOs can best respond to specific national regulatory needs in an effective manner.

102. The webinar is being organized in response to requests made during the Asia-Pacific Workshop on the Detection and Identification of LMOs, which was held in Kuala Lumpur on 20 to 24 March 2017, for the Secretariat to facilitate the exchange of views among policymakers and scientists to discuss the strengths and limitations of methods for the detection of LMOs in order to inform policymaking and implementation, including those policies that set requirements for identification and quantification of LMOs by the exporters. The webinar is scheduled to take place on 26 January 2018.

103. Furthermore, the Secretariat also issued a notification inviting Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to continue nominating experts to participate in the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms with the view to facilitating the review of the draft version of the training manual on the detection and identification of living modified organisms, pursuant to decision CP-VIII/16.

104. In addition, the notification also called for Parties to provide information regarding their capacity and needs in the detection and identification of living modified organisms, including a list of laboratories and their specific activities. As of 12 January 2018, the Secretariat had received 4 submissions of information. Submissions are available at http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_detection/submissions/2017-2018.shtml.

Contained Use (Article 6)

105. During the reporting period the Secretariat issued a notification inviting Parties and other Governments to submit practical guidance on specific measures for contained use of living modified organisms that effectively limit their contact with and impact on the external environment. This invitation is pursuant to decision VIII/17 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and is made in the context of operational objective 1.8 of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020.

106. As of 12 January 2018, the Secretariat had received 8 submissions of information. Submissions are available at http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_art6/contained_submissions.shtml.

Public awareness, education and participation (Article 23)

107. A Secretariat staff member organized a training side event entitled, "Building Capacity for Public Participation to Effectively Implement the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Aarhus

Convention in the context of LMOs/GMOs” on the margins of the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention, which was held in Budva, Montenegro from 11 to 15 September 2017. The side event was attended by approximately 20 participants.

108. The side event provided an opportunity to share experiences on tools, procedures and mechanisms for public participation concerning living modified organisms (LMOs)/genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and included presentations to delegates from Governments and relevant organizations. The event also highlighted means to integrate national initiatives developed in the context of Article 23 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, focusing on public participation, into national policy instruments, including the e-learning module on public participation regarding LMOs available in the Biodiversity E-Learning Platform at. It also helped identify key challenges regarding the ratification of the GMO amendment to the Aarhus Convention and ways to promote more efficiently the implementation of the provisions of the Convention regarding GMO decision-making, including continuing to promote collaboration between the two instruments and to hold another round table to train focal points from both instruments.

109. The side event concluded with recommendations at the national level, including to: promote capacity-building for public participation, ratifying the GMO Amendment; promote access to biosafety information by NGOs in order for them to promote public participation; promote alternative measures for public participation in areas without Internet access; develop a public participation strategy supported by the e-learning module; and hold national workshops with broad stakeholder participation, including farmers and customs officers. It was also noted that promoting public participation reduces adverse effects on the environment and human health and ensures freedom of consumer choices.

110. The side event also included follow-up actions at the multilateral level, including to: deliver training on public capacity to build capacities at the national level; jointly organize another round table meeting by the CBD and Aarhus Convention to train focal points from both instruments; encourage countries to use the e-learning module on public participation regarding LMOs; undertake awareness-raising activities among non-ECE countries to encourage Parties to the Cartagena Protocol to become Parties to the Aarhus Convention and the GMO Amendment; further encourage focal points from both instruments to work together in assisting the two Secretariats to develop the pocket guide and issue a joint newsletter.

111. Furthermore, the Secretariat also prepared publications as follows: 1) the COP-MOP 8 decisions booklet at http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_publications.shtml; and 2) the thirteenth issue of the Biosafety newsletter entitled, “Joint CBD/Aarhus Convention Cooperation on Public Access to Information and Public Participation” to be made available at: http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_newsletter.shtml.

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress

112. During the reporting period, two additional Parties deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress (Democratic Republic of the Congo and Japan). The Supplementary Protocol will enter into force on 5 March 2018 following the deposit of the fortieth instrument to the Supplementary Protocol by Japan on 5 December 2017. There are now 41 Contracting States to the Supplementary Protocol (including the European Union, which does not count towards the entry into force).

113. Preparations for the entry into force of the Supplementary Protocol include the update of the web-pages, the carrying out of outreach activities through the project on integrated implementation of the Protocol, the Supplementary Protocol and the Convention, as well as the preparation of fact sheets and several outreach events, including a side-event at SBI-2.

114. The status of signature, and ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Supplementary Protocol is available at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>.

Status of Ratification or Accession to the Cartagena Protocol

115. As of 31 December 2017, 171 countries had ratified or acceded to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The list of Parties to the Protocol is available on the Protocol's website at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>.

Programme areas under the Convention

Synthetic biology

116. During the reporting period, the Secretariat held four online discussions under the Open-ended Online Forum on Synthetic Biology from July to October 2017 on the following topics:

- Reviewing recent technological developments within the field of synthetic biology to assess if the developments could lead to impacts on biodiversity and the three objectives of the Convention, including unexpected and significant impacts;
- Further analysis of evidence of benefits and adverse effects of organisms, components and products of synthetic biology vis-à-vis the three objectives of the Convention;
- Identifying any living organisms already developed or currently under research and development through techniques of synthetic biology which do not fall under the definition of living modified organisms under the Cartagena Protocol and evaluating the availability of tools to detect and monitor the organisms, components and products of synthetic biology;
- Gathering information on risk management measures, safe use and best practices for safe handling of organisms, components and products of synthetic biology.

117. Following the online discussions, the face-to-face meeting of the AHTEG on Synthetic Biology was held from 5 to 8 December 2017 in Montreal, Canada. It was attended by 41 participants, of which 28 experts were nominated by Parties, eleven by other governments and organizations, and two experts represented indigenous peoples and local communities. The meeting was convened with the view to fulfilling the mandate of the AHTEG as per decision XIII/17. The final report of the meeting is available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/aa10/9160/6c3fcedf265dbee686715016/synbio-ahteg-2017-01-03-en.pdf>.

118. A peer-review process of the AHTEG report will take place in January – February 2018. The outcomes of this process will be presented to the SBSTTA at its 22nd meeting in July 2018.

The Global Taxonomy Initiative

119. During the reporting period, the Secretariat conducted the following activities in accordance with the capacity-building strategy for the Global Taxonomy Initiative and in response to decision XI/39:

- (a) The e-book “Introduction to ABS and the Nagoya Protocol: What DNA Barcoding Researchers Need to Know” in collaboration with partners was published at <https://ab.pensoft.net/article/22579/download/pdf/> as an open access book, and the GTI web site <http://www.cbd.int/gti>;
- (b) Issued notification [2017-110](#) on “Call for Proposals on the Global Taxonomy Initiative Training Courses to be hosted in Developing Countries in 2018” to all Parties and the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative;
- (c) Organized a [webinar](#) on “Getting Familiar with the Call for Proposals on the GTI Training Courses” in collaboration with Guelph University, Canada, and made the video record available at <http://www.cbd.int/gti>;
- (d) Evaluated the proposals submitted from developing countries with internal and external experts on the CBD and relevant DNA technologies based on the [selection criteria](#); and

- (e) Liaised with the Government of Egypt and major taxonomic institutions to organize the “GTI Forum” on the margins of the twenty-first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

Invasive Alien Species

120. During the reporting period, the Secretariat conducted the following activities in response to decisions IX/4 A, X/38, XI/28, XII/17 and XIII/13:

- (a) Coordinated the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership to update the information in the Global Registry of Introduced and Invasive Species (GRIIS). The current version is 2017.1, which covers invasive alien species occurrences in 196 Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. We thank the European Union for its continuing financial support, and partner organizations and country editors for their data contributions. A web page on “How to Use GRIIS” has been developed in collaboration with IUCN-Invasive Species Specialist Group;
- (b) Produced draft country dossiers on invasive alien species occurrences, their introduction pathways and existing regulations and measures taken to reduce the risk of biological invasions, including the GEF projects for small island developing States in the Caribbean for Parties review;
- (c) Organized the “Capacity-building workshop for Caribbean small island developing States towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9” in Kingston, Jamaica from 18 to 22 September 2017. Thanks to the contribution of the Japan Biodiversity Fund and UNEP sub regional office in Jamaica, and technical support from the Great Britain Non-native Species Secretariat, CABI, the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), UN Environment, participation was made among the representatives of the biodiversity conservation sector and the national plant protection organization from 10 Parties, two of the United Kingdom Overseas Territories in the Caribbean and local observers from Jamaica;
- (d) Co-organized a “Post-workshop webinar” for small island developing States in the Caribbean, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community;
- (e) Co-organized the “Eighth meeting of the Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species” in collaboration with the World Customs Organization in Brussels, Belgium from 22 to 23 November 2017;
- (f) Organized the “Expert Workshop on Invasive Alien Species in Preparation for the twenty-second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice” in Montreal, Canada from 6 to 9 December 2017, in accordance with Appendix C (Informal workshop) of the consolidated modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

A. Clearing-house Mechanism

121. During the first half of 2017, the main activities related to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) can be summarized as follows:

- (a) As requested in decision XIII/27, the online reporting tool was further developed in alignment with the reporting templates for the sixth national report which were adopted at COP 13. Notification 2017-031, issued on 31 March 2017, announced that the tool was accessible through the Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM) at <https://chm.cbd.int> in the six United Nations languages. CBD National Focal Points have been given the right to publish national information and to grant access to this tool to other users by assigning them the role of National Publishing Authority or National Authorized User. If needed, users can get assistance through a live help button at the bottom of each page or through the onlinereporting@cbd.int email address.
- (b) The Japan Biodiversity Fund (JBF) approved the CBD Secretariat's project proposal to support the development of national CHMs during 2017-2018. This project includes two regional capacity-building workshops on the CHM as well as support to further develop and rollout the Bioland tool facilitating the establishment of a national CHM. Since then, the CBD Secretariat has initiated the process to further develop the Bioland tool and to organize the first workshop to be held in Asia during the last quarter of 2017.
- (c) The CBD Secretariat collaborated with the Biodiversity Management Programme (BMP) of the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) in the Horn of Africa to convene the *Joint IGAD/CBD Sub-Regional Training Workshop on the Harmonization of the CBD Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) and IGAD BMP's National Biodiversity Databases*, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 9 to 13 April 2017. The objectives of the workshop were to strengthen the capacity of participating countries to establish and sustain effective national CHMs in support of the NBSAPs in the IGAD sub-region, and to build stronger awareness of CBD and CHM for biodiversity content providers, trained within the IGAD's BMP National Biodiversity Databases project. This workshop brought together 27 national participants (a mix of CHM National Focal Points and technical content managers of IGAD BMP national biodiversity databases) from several countries in the region (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, and Uganda).
- (d) The CBD Secretariat contributed to the *CHM capacity-building workshop for francophone partner countries in Africa*, organized by Belgium and Togo, and held from 2 to 5 May 2017 in Lomé, Togo. 19 national participants representing 10 partner countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Morocco, Niger, and Togo) attended this workshop. The objectives of the workshop were to review the progress made by the partner countries in the implementation of their national CHMs established with the European CHM Portal Tool Kit (PTK), and to further build the capacity of their CHM National Focal Points on using the Bioland tool. Participants were introduced to the Bioland tool, including its similarities and differences with the PTK. The workshop also included hands-on training sessions, in which each participant had access to a Bioland-based training site to test-drive its features.
- (e) The CBD Secretariat was represented at the *Eight Multilateral Environmental Agreement Knowledge Management (MEA-IKM) Steering Committee meeting*, held in Montreux, Switzerland, from 20 to 23 June 2017. The main objectives of the meeting were to review MEA-IKM ongoing work and establish directions for joint work in the intersessional period. The meeting was attended by around 50 participants representing 17 MEAs and 11 partner organizations. Recommendations were made on to proceed with various initiatives, including the Law and Environment Ontology (LEO), interoperability, e-learning, the use of the Akoma-Ntoso format adopted for UN documents, and synergies in national reporting through the Data Reporting Tool (DaRT). These recommendations are under review and will be made available at www.informea.org/about.
- (f) The CBD Secretariat upgraded its web translation infrastructure through the purchase and setup of several licenses of the SDL Trados Studio 2017 software. After the necessary technical adjustments and testing, the web translation process resumed in all six official United Nations languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish) with the translator roster and the available budget.

- (g) Further to decision XIII/23, the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM-IAC) was renewed in accordance with its operational procedures. Notification 2017-015, issued on 21 February 2017, invited Parties to nominate candidates, and the composition of the Committee was announced through notification 2017-047, issued on 1 June 2017. An online meeting of the Committee was held on 13 June 2017 to discuss how to plan the work ahead and to inform them that a two-day face-to-face meeting would normally take place in December 2017 at the margins of SBSTTA 21.

B. Capacity Development

122. The main activities undertaken by the Capacity Development Unit and the achievements made during the reporting period included the following:

Communication of capacity development activities and achievements under the Convention and its Protocols

123. An electronic newsletter known as *BioCAP: Biodiversity Capacity Development Update* was launched in March 2017 and disseminated to Parties, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities on 10 April 2017 (Notification No. 86442 - <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2017/ntf-2017-034-biocap-en.pdf>). The purpose of the quarterly newsletter is to provide periodic updates to Parties and other stakeholders on the implementation of the short-term action plan on capacity-building adopted in Cancun, with a particular focus on the main outcomes of the capacity development and technical and scientific cooperation activities facilitated and supported by the Secretariat in collaboration with partners. The inaugural issue of *BioCAP* is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/newsletters/biocap/biocap-01-en.pdf>. The second issue of *BioCAP* is scheduled to be published in July 2017.

Facilitation of learning

124. On 1 March 2017, the Secretariat launched the *Biodiversity e-Learning Platform* (<https://scbd.unssc.org>). This platform was developed in collaboration with the United Nations Systems Staff College (UNSSC) with financial support from the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund. It seeks to promote the use of advanced technologies to further enhance capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer as requested by the Conference of the Parties. Currently, the platform has 16 modules on protected areas, 8 modules on access and benefit-sharing, 4 modules on biosafety and 2 modules on biodiversity valuation.

125. A two-day Secretariat staff training workshop on e-learning was organized from 3 to 4 May 2017. The workshop, which was conducted by instructors from UNSSC, introduced staff to the fundamental principles of instructional design and adult learning techniques and provided them with practical hands-on experience on the use of the *Biodiversity e-Learning Platform*, including how to create course pages and enroll participants; how to track and report on the participants' completion of the modules; how to engage participants during and after a training activity; and how to measure the impact and effectiveness of e-learning activities. A total of 34 staff attended the workshop. A web page was also established on the Secretariat's intranet to provide staff with relevant tools and resources.

126. The Secretariat collaborated with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the NBSAP Forum and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in organizing a six-week massive open online course (MOOC) on "Greening Consumption and Production", which was held from 31 May to 12 July 2017. The course was hosted on TNC's Conservation Training website (<http://www.conservationtraining.org/course/index.php?categoryid=37>). At least 1,371 participants from 138 countries, including policymakers and practitioners working in the area of sustainable consumption and production took part in the course.

Facilitation of Technical and Scientific Cooperation

127. In January 2017, the Secretariat embarked on the operational phase of the Bio-Bridge Initiative for technical and scientific cooperation. Some of the main achievements made during the reporting period included the launch of the Initiative's website (<http://www.cbd.int/biobridge>) and the Bio-Bridge web platform on 7 March 2017 (Notification No. 86354 - <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2017/ntf-2017-024-bbi-en.pdf>). The web platform enables Governments and relevant stakeholders to submit, as appropriate, requests for assistance, make offers of such assistance or announce opportunities for technical and scientific cooperation. It also facilitates access to a wide range of technical and scientific knowledge assets and curated resources, and supports knowledge sharing through online discussion forums.

128. The Secretariat completed the initial screening of the 32 requests for assistance (proposals for Bio-Bridge demonstration projects) that were received from various countries. Of these, 13 proposals met the eligibility criteria and will be submitted to the Project Review Panel for a final technical review based on the established project quality assessment and technical assessment criteria and the scoring framework.

129. A concept note on the Bio-Bridge Initiative regional outreach workshops on technical and scientific cooperation to be organized later this year for Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and Central and Eastern Europe was prepared. The purpose of the workshops is to raise awareness of the Bio-Bridge Initiative and its operational tools and Action Plan 2017-2020, communicate the Parties' requests for assistance submitted to BBI, showcase results of the BBI pilot projects, and facilitate dialogue among Parties requesting technical assistance and potential providers of technical assistance.

Facilitation of strategic partnerships, coordination and networking for capacity development

130. The Secretariat attended the 5th Meeting of the Task Force on Capacity-building of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), which was held 26-28 April 2017 in Trondheim, Norway. The aim of the meeting was to consolidate and align the contributions by various organizations to the implementation of the IPBES Capacity-building Rolling Plan and to further strengthen collaboration. The Secretariat submitted information on its ongoing and planned activities in support of the IPBES Capacity-building Rolling Plan.

C. Information Technology Unit

131. During this reporting period the Information Technology (IT) Unit, in collaboration with relevant Units of the Secretariat, accomplished several major projects. In collaboration with the Monitoring, Review and Reporting Unit in the Office of the Executive Secretary, the IT unit launched the online reporting tool for the 6th National Report (<https://chm.cbd.int/submit/nationalReport6>). For the first time the entire reporting common format, the help texts and the user guide were presented in all 6 UN languages at the same time. This was made possible through the use of modern translation environment software capable of aligning translated texts cost efficiently. Since the online reporting tool is entirely part of the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM), the same code developments will be used for an easier translation of other portions of the CHM, including the ABS Clearing House.

132. Together with the Economic Policy and Resource Mobilization Unit in the Mainstreaming, Cooperation and Outreach Support (MCOS) division, the IT unit produced the second portion of the online Financial Reporting Framework (<https://chm.cbd.int/submit/resourceMobilisation2020/new>) and an online Financial Reporting Framework analyzer (<https://chm.cbd.int/search/financial-analyzer>). The new online form will allow Parties to report on their contribution and progress made to reach the global financial targets, under Aichi Biodiversity Target 20.

133. In collaboration with the Capacity Development Unit and with support of the United Nations System Staff College, the IT Unit actively facilitated and supported the deployment of the first set of e-learning modules on the Biodiversity e-Learning Platform (<https://scbd.unssc.org>).

134. Other web platforms developed with the support of the IT Unit included the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity portal <https://www.cbd.int/2011-2020/> which allows governments, organizations, communities and individual people to report on their actions to safeguard biodiversity and the Bio-Bridge Initiative (BBI) web platform (<https://www.cbd.int/biobridge/platform>) which aims at facilitating technical and scientific cooperation among Parties by linking those with needs to participants capable of offering the adequate support.

135. According to users, the most appreciated feature of all the above new developments is the unification of user accounts which means that a single user account can now be used to access all online tools proposed by the Secretariat. In case of problems, an online helpdesk feature is available throughout the CHM and the e-learning platform web sites to respond to queries and resolve technical difficulties.

136. In the framework of the Secretariat's office IT infrastructure, the IT team piloted the bidding process for renewal of its integrated telecommunication, internet and mobile phone service contracts. Substantial cost reductions are expected when the new contracts enter into force in the second half of 2017.

137. Finally, the IT unit further developed synergies with other Conventions by adapting and sharing its meeting participant's registration tool (named Kronos). The Ozone Convention will be using this software at its next major meeting in Bangkok in July 2017 while other sister institutions have already shown their interest in using Kronos in a near future.

V. MAINSTREAMING, COOPERATION AND OUTREACH SUPPORT

A. Communication and Awareness

Report on the Celebrations of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2017 (IDB2017)

Theme

138. The theme "Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism" has been chosen to coincide with the observance of 2017 as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development as proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 70/1931 and for which the United Nations World Tourism Organization is providing leadership. The theme of the International Day for Biological Biodiversity (IDB) 2017 was announced by notification on 1 February 2017. More details are available at www.cbd.int/idb/2017.

Participation worldwide

Celebrations

139. At least 94 countries (of which 43 have reported on their activities to the Secretariat and others were found through a google search), as well as 14 other organizations/entities, have celebrated the IDB to varying degrees, and held a variety of activities: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Caribbean, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Ecuador, Ethiopia, European Union, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria,

Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russia, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ukraine, United States of America, Venezuela, and Vietnam. Details are available on the [website](#).

140. The official celebration took place in Parque Nacional El Chico, Hidalgo, Mexico, with the participation of President Enrique Peña Nieto.

141. It is also worth noting that Mexico's CONABIO has organized/coordinated 603 activities in 31 states. Sweden's Natursidan.se has organized/coordinated 70 activities all over Sweden, with more than 100 articles in the media. Also worth mentioning is coverage by [Al Jazeera](#), [Deutschewelle](#), [La Repubblica](#), [National Geographic](#), and [Xinhua](#).

Messages & statements

142. A number of organizations have expressed their support to biodiversity by issuing [messages](#) to commemorate the IDB: Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment), United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD).

143. As every year, as part of the CBD's outreach activities, the Executive Secretary of the CBD has also released a message: www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MemfwY9yB0

Communications Products

Logo & branding

144. The IDB2017 logo was designed by the pedagogical staff members of the Environmental Education Center (E.E.C.) of Kastoria, Greece, and it was released on 23 March 2017 by [notification](#).



145. Inspired by this year theme, Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism, the E.E.C. aimed to design a logo that highlights the strong interrelationship between biodiversity and tourism, a major and one of the fastest growing economic sectors worldwide. More specifically, they composed a visual representation of the importance of rich biodiversity and attractive landscapes for tourism, as well as the need of an appropriate tourism development that would protect and sustainably manage biodiversity. [More details are available on the website](#).

146. The logo was made available in the 6 United Nations languages at www.cbd.int/idb/2017/logo, and was also translated by Parties and others into 19 languages: Albanian, Bengali, Farsi, Georgian, Greek, Gujarati, Hangul, Hindi, Japanese, Konkani, Malayalam, Marathi, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, and Urdu.

147. The logo was used in outgoing emails (signature), and featured on the CBD homepage www.cbd.int (carousel & slider) as well as on CBD social media accounts.

Website - www.cbd.int/idb/2017

148. In 2017, the webpage offered a new feature: celebrations were submitted through an interactive online form shared with the website of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (www.cbd.int/2011-2020/dashboard/submit/event/new). This automation has made data collection much more efficient.

149. For the period 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017, Google analytics shows a peak of 10406 pageviews on 22 May 2017:



Social Media

150. Twitter - On 22 May alone the page reached just over 75000 impressions with regards to IDB material coming from the @CBDNews account. The first tweet sent out at midnight gained over 263 retweets and over 258 likes. 34 original tweets have been published on the CBDNews, with countless retweets from partners. Highlighted partners were: CONABIO, CONANP, FAO, GEF, Nature For All, SEMARNAT, UN, UNCCD, UNDP, UN Environment, UNFCCC, WTO, City of Montreal and many more. Main partners who highlighted the IDB: @UN (8.94m followers), @GOB.MX (1.4m followers), @UNWTO (948k followers), @Semarnat (479k followers), @UNFCCC (379k followers), @UNEP (9618 followers)

151. Facebook - On 22 May alone the pages reached over 62000 people. The IDB was tagged in over 90 posts by partners and individuals. Notable posts mentioning the CBD and IDB came from UNEP (380k followers), UNWTO (184k followers), IUCN (151k followers), UN Geneva (118k followers), RARE (14k followers), UNDPI (10k followers), IDLO (5k followers)

152. Thunderclap - The Upfluence Thunderclap campaign garnered over 7,754,154 social reach, with a total of 303 social media trendsetters helping promote the IDB.

153. Instagram - Over 200 posts were showing the hashtag #IDB2017, and another 1052 with the trending #BiodiversityDay. Combined impressions for 4 Instagram posts, all associated with IDB, garnered over 90125 impressions. IDB was tagged in 17 posts and mentioned in countless others.

154. Press release & press briefs - A [press release](#) was published on 22 May 2017. Two press briefs (the main communication products) are available in English at www.cbd.int/idb/2017/briefs.

B. Cooperation and Partnerships

Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations

155. The Secretariat conveyed to the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions the numerous outcomes of COP 13 that have a particular bearing on the conventions and the work of the Liaison Group and invited the convention secretariats to contribute to the discussions on the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

156. In response to decision XIII/24 on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations, the Secretariat has prepared an implementation plan for the biennium. As an important step in implementation, the Secretariat has consulted with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre to identify, in the framework of projects to be implemented by each of them, actions to enhance synergies, as presented in the table of annex II of decision XIII/24, in particular in relation to information and knowledge management, capacity-building and guidance on synergies among biodiversity-related conventions. Related activities are planned to be implemented in the period July-December 2017 and onwards. In this regard plans have also been made for the establishment of an informal advisory group as requested in paragraph 15 of decision XIII/24.

Stakeholder engagement and participation

157. In May 2017, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) organized the first two workshops of a series of regional capacity-building workshops to be held in 2017 and 2018 as part of the project “Youth Voices” which is supported through the Secretariat by the Japan Biodiversity Fund (JBF). The “Regional Youth Capacity-Building Workshop on Biodiversity for Latin America and the Caribbean” was hosted by the Alexander von Humboldt Institute in Bogota, Colombia from 2 to 5 May 2017, and the “Regional Youth Capacity-Building Workshop on Biodiversity for Asia” was hosted by the National Parks Board of Singapore, in Singapore, from 22 to 27 May 2017. Both workshops resulted in the development of youth initiatives, including national and sub-regional networks, which will be implemented in collaboration with governmental and/or non-governmental actors.

Mainstreaming Gender Considerations

158. In response to decision XII/7, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared an official submission, in response to a request received from the UN Office for the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR) for input into the preparation of their management plan for 2018-2021. This submission highlighted the importance of biodiversity and climate change in addressing growing human rights concerns.
- (b) Prepared an official submission to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change on the development of possible elements of a gender plan of action for the UNFCCC. The Secretariat also participated in an informal consultation on the development of possible elements of a gender action plan for the UNFCCC, which was held in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27-28 March 2017.
- (c) Prepared and submitted final reporting to the Japan Biodiversity Fund for the project “Strengthening capacity of developing country Parties to implement the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action under the Convention towards the objectives of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020”.
- (d) Developed a survey in collaboration with the UNFCCC and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on knowledge and training needs for mainstreaming gender in the Rio Conventions. This is intended for distribution to Parties and other stakeholders in the coming months.
- (e) Prepared a pocket guide of the Convention on Biological Diversity’s Gender Plan of Action, providing a summary of the plan and examples of actions undertaken by Parties. This document will be available shortly in all UN languages.
- (f) Prepared and published a statement in honour of International Women’s Day, and held a lunchtime event with staff to mark the occasion.
- (g) Reported on spending of funds received in 2016 from the Government of Canada for implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action.
- (h) Supported the mainstreaming of gender considerations in the work of the Secretariat through providing assistance to staff on the inclusion of gender goals in annual workplans.

- (i) Drafted capacity building material on gender mainstreaming under the Convention on Biological Diversity to be included as part of a larger guidance package on this topic. Also drafted material on gender linkages with the Aichi Targets.
- (j) Collaborated closely with staff from the UN Environment Programme (UN Environment) Asia Pacific Region on the development of a project proposal to mainstream gender in the implementation and monitoring of national biodiversity strategies and action plans in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries. Work on this project is expected to go ahead starting in fall 2017.
- (k) Provided initial input into the development of an online course on gender and environment, which will have a module on gender and biodiversity. The course is being prepared by the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme, the GEF and the UN Institute for Training and Research, in collaboration with other partners.
- (l) Undertook planning for the development of an online training course module addressing sustainable ecosystem management in relation to global health, which will include gender perspectives. This module is proposed as part of a larger course on global health at the human-animal-ecosystem interface.
- (m) Obtained funding from the Government of Sweden, to support the engagement of regional gender and environment experts on the development of training and awareness-raising material and approaches for gender and biodiversity. Planning for this project is underway.
- (n) Developed an in-person training course for staff on gender awareness and sensitivity, to be delivered in the coming months.
- (o) Continued to engage closely with UN and partner organizations and networks on gender, including through the development of joint planning and work.

C. Economic Policy / Resource Mobilization

Resource mobilization

159. In response to decision XIII/20 in the period under the review, the Secretariat started implementation of its work plan on resource mobilization and incentive measures pursuant to the various requests in the decision. In particular:

- (a) Further to paragraph 8, the Secretariat prepared an online version of the Financial Reporting Framework for the second round of financial reporting, and informed Parties by notification 2017-061.
- (b) Further to paragraphs 11 and 12, the Secretariat continued its close collaboration with the UNDP BIOFIN initiative, including by contributing to the series of global webinars held by the CBD-BIOFIN regional technical support nodes.
- (c) Further to paragraph 24, the Secretariat participated at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Working Party on Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Water, held from 21-22 February 2017 in Paris, France, provided a post-COP debrief, and participated in the discussions with a view to achieve work plan consistency.

Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including with respect to mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity within and across sectors

Engagement of key actors to enhance mainstreaming

Mainstreaming

160. As part of its preparations for the consideration by COP 14 of mainstreaming biodiversity into infrastructure, energy and mining, manufacturing and processing, and health, as requested by paragraph 103 of the decision, the Secretariat liaised with UN Environment and other relevant organizations. Under this item, the Secretariat also embarked on preparations for the 21st meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 21), including the drafting of pertinent documentation.

161. Further to paragraph 18 (b) of decision XIII/3, the Secretariat participated in the Twelfth Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting, informed the committee on pertinent COP 13 decisions, and supported emerging work streams on the linkages between biodiversity-related expenditure review and the United Nations System of Environmental Economic Accounting, and the merging revision process for its element on Experimental Ecosystem Accounting.

162. Further to paragraph 11, the Secretariat provided a statement on pertinent issues arising from COP 13 to the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment (CTE) regular session held on 20 June 2017, de-briefing the WTO on trade-related outcomes of the COP 13, as well as NP COP/MOP 2 and CP COP/MOP 8.

Sustainable development and poverty alleviation

163. The Secretariat organized a workshop session on 6 April 2017 at the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA 17) meeting that was held in from 4 to 7 April 2017 in Montreal. The workshop presented preliminary conclusions of a study commissioned by the CBD on the global state of affairs regarding guidance on, and application of, biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment, in the context of the intensified work of the CBD on the mainstreaming of biodiversity into development policies and economic sectors. The session gave opportunity to participants to provide comments on the preliminary findings of the study, and to discuss opportunities and effective approaches to further improve and upscale Biodiversity-Inclusive Impact Assessment practices, particularly in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

164. The Secretariat participated at the Poverty Environment Partnership (PEP) 22 meeting on Investing in Natural Capital and chaired the panel on public finance, providing technical input and recommendations to the works of the PEP in view of support of the convention's work on sustainable development and poverty alleviation, further to paragraph 105 (a) of decision XIII/3.

Financial mechanism

165. In response to decision XIII/21 in the period under the review, the Secretariat liaised with the GEF Secretariat in the development of the programming directions for the seventh replenishment period, provided comments on drafts, and attended the first GEF-7 Replenishment meeting, held from 28-30 March 2017 in Paris, France.

166. The Executive Secretary attended the GEF 52 Council meeting held from 22 to 25 May 2017 in Washington D.C., and briefed the Council on relevant COP 13 outcomes and on the collaborative work above.

ANNEXES

ANNEX I

Status of Implementation of the Agreed Administrative Arrangements

I Personnel Arrangements

1. In summary, during the reporting period, the Secretariat had 45 Professional staff members and 26 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 4 Professional vacant posts for which recruitment/selection is in progress and 3 vacant General Service posts. Additionally, 9 professional posts and 17 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigrams (Appendix 1 and Annex III respectively).

II Contributions and Funds

2. During 2017, 20 pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. Canada pledged USD 129,950 for the Expert Workshop on Marine Protected Areas. The EU has pledged EUR165,850 as part of GPGC 2017-2020 for activities in support of the outcomes of COP-MOP 2 and EUR 1,582,749 for supporting enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and outcomes of COP13 and COP-MOP 9. France pledged EUR 200,000 for the Marine EBSA project. Germany pledged EUR 225,000 for implementation of the Strategic Plan and the COP-13 outcomes, and USD 85,000 for the Expert workshop on EBSA. Italy has pledged EUR 57,577 for a technical expert meeting on Aichi target 11. Korea Forest Services have pledged USD 450,171 for implementing the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative (FERI) and Korea Republic has pledged KRW 400 million for the implementation for the action plan for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) 2015-2020. Mexico pledged USD 70,962 for high Level Segment of COP 13. The Netherlands pledged USD 46,956 for 2017-2018 Biosafety approved activities. Norway pledged NOK 250,000 for preparations for the Expert Workshop on Marine Protected Areas; NOK 300,000 travel support for the workshop and NOK 100,000 for the AHTEG on Synthetic Biology. Sweden has pledged SEK 500,000 for the Gender Plan of Action, SEK 250,000 for the Climate Change Project and SEK 4 million for EBSA-SOI. Switzerland has pledged USD 20,000 for the AHTEG on Digital Sequencing Information, USD 20,000 for the Digital Sequencing Information Study- and CHF 99,000 for the Bogis-Bossey Dialogue on Biodiversity. The United Kingdom pledged GBP120,000 for the negotiations on the post-2020 biodiversity Strategy.

3. As at 31 December 2017, a total of US\$4,483,569 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund in 2017 of which 97.2% has been collected. Additionally, US\$ 74,738 has been collected in 2017 for prior year pledges. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

4. As at 31 December 2017, the total amount pledged for the **BY Trust Fund** in 2017 is US\$12,362,146. A total of US\$10,622,873 has been received for the 2017 pledges. Of this amount, a total of US\$ 566,219 was received as advance payments in 2016 and a total of US\$10,056,654 has been received in 2017. The total amount received represents 85.9% of the total pledges for 2017. Additionally, US\$ 949,593 has been received in 2017 for prior year pledges and US\$907,772 was received in 2017 for future years. Additional contributions of USD 1,028,605 were also received from the host country Canada in 2017. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

5. As at 31 December 2017, the EU, Germany, Norway and Sweden have respectively pledged USD 395,000; EUR 51,100; NOK 100,000 and SEK 500,000 to facilitate the Participation of Parties in

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the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). Details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

6. As at 31 December 2017, the total amount pledged for the **BG Trust Fund** in 2017 is US\$2,606,205. A total of US\$2,206,414 has been received for 2017 pledges. Of this amount, US\$60,369 was received as advance payments in 2016 and US\$ 2,146,045 has been received in 2017. The total amount received represents 84.7% of the total pledges for 2017. Additionally, US\$414,989 has also been collected in 2017 for prior years' pledges and a total of US\$194,259 was collected in 2017 for future years. Additional contributions of USD 154,026 were also received from the host country Canada in 2017. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

7. As at 31 December 2017, France and Finland have respectively pledged EUR 5,000 and EUR 8,000 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BH Trust Fund**) in 2017. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

8. As at 31 December 2017, the total amount pledged for the Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol (**BB Trust Fund**) in 2017 is US\$1,455,861. A total of US\$1,267,607 has been received for 2017 pledges. Of this amount, US\$ 9,505 was received as advance payments in 2016 and US\$1,258,102 has been received in 2017. The total amount received represents 87.1% of the total pledges for 2017. Additionally, US\$202,077 has also been collected in 2017 for prior years' pledges and a total of US\$65,958 was collected in 2017 for future years. Details of the BB Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

9. As at 31 December 2017, six Parties have pledged a total of USD 152,300 to the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (**VB Trust Fund**) in 2017. Australia pledged AUD 30,000; Sweden pledged SEK 500,000; Finland EUR 15,000; Germany EUR 22,100; New Zealand NZD 15,000 and Norway NOK 150,000. Details of the VB Trust Fund are contained in Annex X.

10. In keeping with the decision of the Parties at COP-13 to merge the Trust Funds of the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities (**BX Trust Fund**), and the BE Trust Fund of the Convention, no pledges have been recorded in the BX Trust Fund in 2017. Total unpaid pledges for 2017 and prior years to the BX Trust Fund, amount to US\$20,001. Details of the BX Trust Fund are contained in Annex XI.

III Accounting and Reporting

Status of Expenditure

11. COP-13 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, COP/MOP-8 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and COP/MOP-2 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing approved an integrated budget of US\$18,361,600 for the year 2017. As at 31 December 2017, a total of US\$13,570,143 was spent or committed. This represents 74% of the total approved budget.

12. Staff costs during the period under review amounted to US\$10,221,568 or 79.1% of the approved staffing budget. A total of US\$394,922 or 77.7% of the approved budget on this object of expenditure were spent on Travel on Official Business; US\$81,955 or 51.8% of the approved amount for 2017 were spent on Consultants and Subcontracts; US\$1,096,032 or 52.2% was spent on Meeting Costs and US\$1,775,667 or 69.2% of the approved budget on this object of expenditure was spent on General Operating Expenses.

13. Expenditures referred to above include the 13% programme support charges.

Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

14. The following twenty (21) posts are funded by UNEP from the Programme Support funds (PSC): Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (P-5); Budget and Finance Officer (P-4); Administrative Officer (P-3); two (2) Finance and Budget Officers (P-3); Senior Finance Assistant (G-7); two (2) Finance Assistants (G-5); Finance Assistant (G-4); two (2) Human Resources Assistants (G-6); Documents Assistant (G-7); Meeting Services (G-6); three (3) Administrative Assistants (G-6); two (2) Travel Assistants (G-6); Programme Assistant (G-6), Administrative Clerk (G-4) and Team Assistant (G-3).

Appendix 1

Staffing table of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

July – December 2017

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
1.	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. C. Paşca Palmer
2.	D1	Principal Officer (OES)	Mr. D. Cooper
3.	D1	Principal Officer (SPS)	Vacant (recruitment in progress)
4.	D1	Principal Officer (IMS)	Vacant (recruitment in progress)
5.	P5	Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (AFC)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish (Post funded by PSC)
6.	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Ms. M. Christin (Post funded by PSC)
7.	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (MCO/EPRM)	Mr. Y. Xiang
8.	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (OES/L&I)	Mr. W. Yifru
9.	P5	Economist (MCO/EPRM)	Mr. M. Lehmann
10.	P4	PO, Conservation Ecology (SPS/CSU)	Ms. C. Santamaria
11.	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (IMS/CHM)	Mr. O. De Munck
12.	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SPS/ABS&TK)	Mr. J. Scott
13.	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (MCO/C&P)	Mr. N. Pratt
14.	P3	PO Knowledge Management Officer (IMS/CHM)	Ms. K. Koppel
15.	P3	Meetings Services Officer (AFC/CS)	Mr. Paulo Tagliari
16.	P4	Information Officer (MCO/C&A)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
17.	P4	Internet & Elect. Communications (IMS/IT)	Mr. F. Vogel
18.	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (SPS/CSU)	Ms. J. Lee
19.	P3	PO, Website Officer (IMS/CHM)	Mr. A. Rafalovitch
20.	P4	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Mr. I. Ahmed (Post funded by PSC)
21.	P3	Administrative Officer (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. Jacinta Mukui (Post funded by PSC)
22.	P5	Environmental Affairs Officer (IMS/C&D)	Mr. E. Tamale
23.	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (SPS/B&B)	Mr. P. Deupmann
24.	P3	Computer Systems Officer (IMS/IT)	Mr. Q. Nguyen
25.	P3	PO, Inland Waters (SPS/CSU)	Vacant (recruitment in progress)
26.	P5	PO, Scientific/Tech. Assessments (OES/MR&R)	Mr. R. Hoft

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
27.	P5	SPO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SPS/AB&TK)	Ms. V. Normand
28.	P5	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (SPS/B&B)	Ms. M. Pessoa de Miranda
29.	P2	Assoc. Information Technology Officer (IMS/IT)	Mr. Randy Houlahan
30.	P4	Editor (AFC/CS)	Mr. Orestes Plasencia
31.	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Post vacant (Post funded by PSC)
32.	P4	Taxonomy, PO (SPS/B&B)	Ms. J. Shimura
33.	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (SPS/CSU)	Ms. S. Koketso
34.	P4	PO, Reports (OES/MR&R)	Mr. L. Cai
35.	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (MCO/C&P)	Mr. O. Hillel
36.	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (SPS/B&B)	Ms. K. Garforth
37.	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (SPS/B&B)	Ms. M. Araya
38.	P3	Special Assistant to the ES (OES/SS)	Ms. A. Rego
39.	D1	Principal Officer (MCO)	Ms. A. Fraenkel
40.	P2	Associate Information Officer (MCO/C&A)	Mr. J. Hedlund
41.	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (IMS/IT)	Mr. P. LeBlond
42.	P5	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation (SPS/CSU)	Mr. V. Gidda
43.	P2	Assoc. Public Information Officer (SPS/B&B)	Ms. U. Nilsson
44.	P2	Assoc. Systems Information Officer (IMS/IT)	Mr. S. Bilodeau
45.	P2	Assoc. Systems Information Officer (IMS/IT)	Mr. B. Fonseca
46.	P3	Legal officer (L&I)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
47.	P2	Assoc. Programme Officer - Indigenous Knowledge (SPS/ABS&TK)	Ms. V. Figueroa
48.	P3	Programme Officer – Capacity building – (SPS/ABS&TK)	Ms. K. Taboulchanas
49.	P3	Programme Officer – Monitoring – (SPS/ABS&TK)	Ms. B. Gomez Castro
50.	P3	Programme Officer – ABS- CH (SPS/ABS&TK)	Mr. M. Dias
51.	P2	Associate Programme Officer – Marine- (SPS/CSU)	Mr. J. Appiott
52.	P2	Programme Officer –Gender- (MCO/C&P)	Ms. T. McGregor
53.	P2	Assoc. Programme Officer - Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (MCO/C&P)	Ms. C. Robichaud

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
54.	P2	Assoc. Programme Officer - Risk Assess. (SPS/B&B)	Ms. D. Abdelhakim
55.	G7	Senior Finance Assistant (AFC/FIN)	Ms. R. Alum (Post funded by PSC)
56.	G6	Senior Staff Assistant to the Executive Secretary (OES/SS)	Ms. F. Blot
57.	G5	Staff Assistant (MCO)	Mrs. D. Ibragimova
58.	G6	Programme Assistant - (SPS/CSU)	Ms. A. Cung
59.	G6	Programme Assistant - (SPS/CSU)	Ms. J. Grekin
60.	G7	Programme Assistant - (IMS/CHM)	Ms. S. Meehan
61.	G5	Staff Assistant - (SPS/B&B)	Ms. M. Willey
62.	G7	Programme Assistant - (OES/MR&R)	Ms. M. Chiasson
63.	G7	Programme Assistant - (IMS/C&D)	Mr. D. Monnier
64.	G6	Administrative Assistant - (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. P. Azevedo (Post funded by PSC)
65.	G7	Meeting Services Assistant (AFC/CS)	Mr. N. Ibrahim
66.	G6	Programme Assistant (SPS/CSU)	Vacant
67.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. G. Alexandre (Post funded by PSC)
68.	G5	Staff Assistant - (SPS)	Ms. V. Allain
69.	G5	Staff Assistant - (IMS)	Ms. L. Zemke
70.	G6	Information Assistant (OES/SS)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
71.	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (IMS/IT)	Mr. V. Gopez
72.	G6	Programme Assistant (MCO/C&A)	Mr. M. Banski
73.	G6	Programme Assistant, (SPS/ABS&TK)	Ms. J. Huppé
74.	G6	Programme Assistant (SPS/B&B)	Ms. P. Scarone
75.	G7	Programme Assistant, (IMS/IT)	Ms. X. Liang
76.	G6	Programme Assistant (MCO/EPRM)	Ms. G. Dosen
77.	G4	Information Assistant - (IMS/CHM)	Ms. L. Allain
78.	G5	Finance Assistant - (AFC/FIN)	Mr. N. Diallo (Post funded by PSC)
79.	G4	Administrative Clerk (AFC/A&HR)	Mr. L. Rekik (Post funded by PSC)
80.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. L. Piscopo (Post funded by PSC)
81.	G4	Finance Assistant (AFC/FIN)	Vacant (Post funded by PSC)
82.	G5	Finance Assistant (AFC/FIN)	Ms. X. H. Yan (Post funded by PSC)
83.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. G. Del Carpio (post Funded by PSC)
84.	G7	Conference Assistant – (AFC/CS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by PSC)
85.	G6	Programme Assistant – (IMS/C&D)	Ms. C. Paguaga (post Funded by PSC)
86.	G6	Travel Assistant – (AFC/FIN)	Ms. N. Al Saheb (Post funded by PSC)

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
87.	G6	Travel Assistant – (AFC/FIN)	Ms. G. Sabatini (Post funded by PSC)
88.	G6	Programme Assistant – (SPS/CSU)	Ms. J. Martinez
89.	G6	Programme Assistant – (OES/SS)	Ms. M. Crespo
90.	G6	Programme Assistant – (MCO/C&A)	Ms. F. D’Amico
91.	G6	Programme Assistant – (SPS/ABS&TK)	Ms. R. Kipper
92.	G6	Programme Assistant – (SPS/B&B)	Vacant
93.	G7	Editorial Assistant (AFC/CS)	Ms. V. Lefebvre
94.	G7	Programme Assistant (OES/MR&R)	Mr. K. Noonan-Mooney
95.	G6	Meeting Services Assistant (AFC/CS)	Ms. L. Pedicelli (Post funded by PSC)
96.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by PSC)
97.	G6	Programme Assistant – (MCO/C&P)	Ms. C. Estrada
98.	G3	Team Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. J. Machado (Post funded by PSC)
99.	G6	Programme Assistant (SPS/ABS&TK)	Vacant (recruitment in progress)
100.	G7	Senior Finance and Budget Assistant	Ms. G. Wanjiru (Temporary on loan from UNEP)

Staff funded under the Japan Fund

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
1.	D1	Global Coordinator – (IMS/C&D)	Vacant (recruitment in progress)
2.	P4	Programme Officer - (IMS/C&D)	Mr. N. Van Der Werf
3.	P4	Programme Officer - (IMS/C&D)	Ms. N. Saad
4.	G6	Programme Assistant - (IMS/C&D)	Ms. G. Talamas
5.	G6	Programme Assistant - (IMS/C&D)	Mr. M. Abi Chahine

Temporary/Seconded/Project Staff members/ JPOs

No.	Name	Nationality	Seconded/Funded from
1.	Ms. M. Yanagiya (IMS/JBF-P2)	Japan	Government of Japan
2.	Ms. S. Onishi (MCO/C&P)	Japan	Government of Japan
3.	BBI (IMS/CD-P4)	Vacant (recruitment in progress)	Government of Republic of Korea
4.	Communications Officer (MCO/C&D-P3)	Vacant (recruitment in progress)	European Commission
5.	PO Business (MCO/EPRM-P3)	Vacant (recruitment in progress)	European Commission
6.	Protected Areas (SPS/CSU- P3)	L. Janishevski (Canada) on SPA	European Commission
7.	BBI (IMS/CD-G6)	Vacant (recruitment in progress)	Government of Republic of Korea

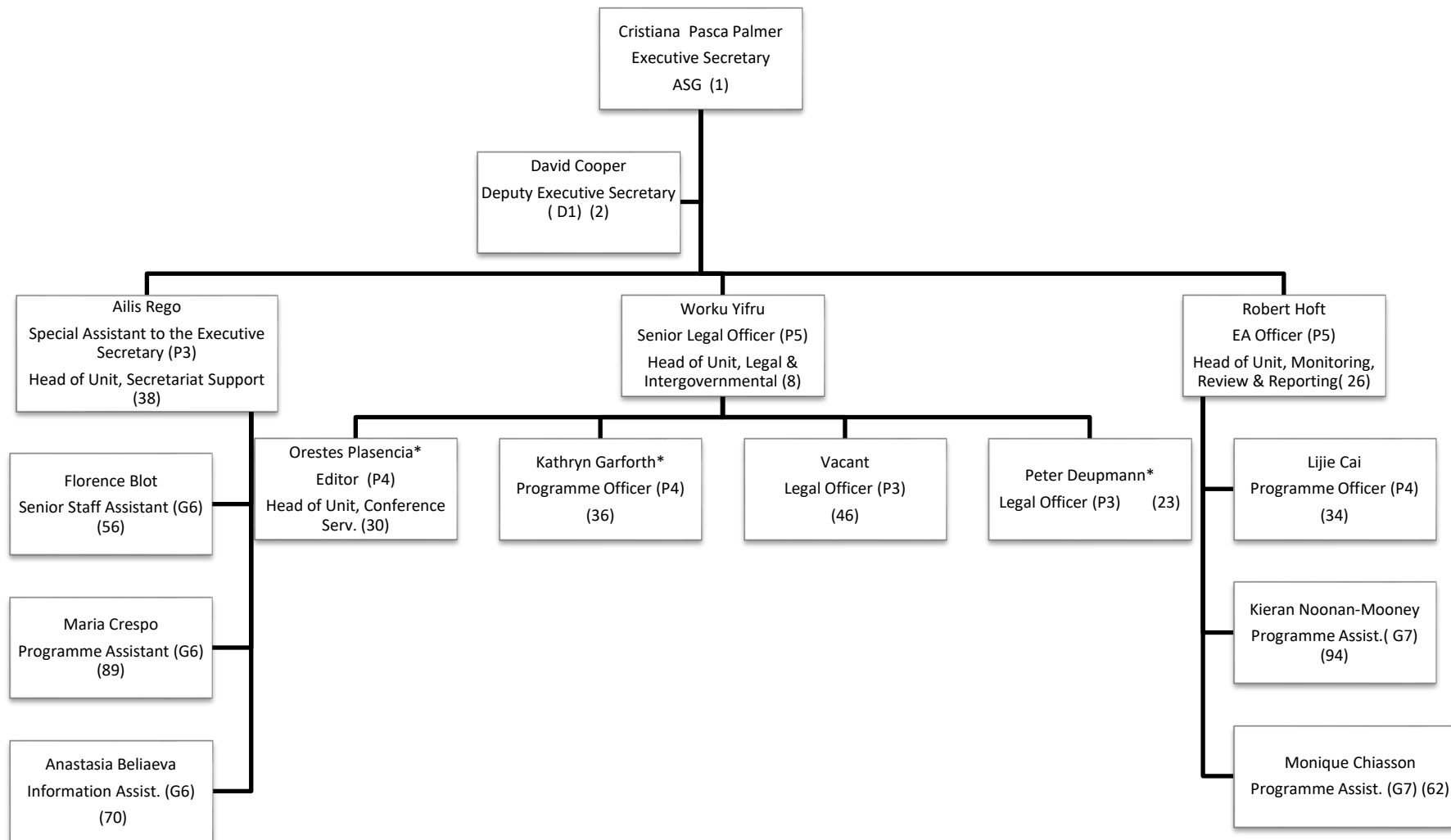
Interns working at SCBD during the period July to December 2017

Name	Nationality	University	Programme Area Worked on	Entry Date	Departure Date
Evelyn Nyabuto	Kenya	Kenyatta University	Capacity-Building and Public Education Initiatives for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	13-Mar-17	12-Sep-17
Alexandre Poulin	Canada	Oxford University	Scientific Assessment	3-Apr-17	2-Oct-17
Louis Donelle	Canada	Concordia University	Scientific Assessment	18-Apr-17	21-Jul-17
Bo Ya H	PR of China / Canada	University of British Columbia	Mainstreaming and Partnerships	24-Apr-17	18-Aug-17
Madeleine Cazes	France	McGill University	Scientific Assessment	24-Apr-17	21-Jul-17
Yui Matsuo	Japan	Wageningen University	Scientific Assessment	24-Apr-17	18-Aug-17
Fatima Shire	Canada	University of Alberta	Review of the Fifth National Reports and Updated NBSAPs	1-May-17	18-Aug-17
Jan Sievernich	Germany	Université de Montreal	Scientific Assessment	1-May-17	28-Jul-17
Megan Schmidt	Canada	Concordia University	Protected Areas	1-May-17	27-Oct-17
David Barrington Marquis	Canada	Imperial College London	Scientific Assessment	15-May-17	11-Aug-17
Katharina Mehrhardt	German	Hanover University of Music, Drama and Media	Media and Communications	25-May-17	18-Aug-17
Marleen Van Der Straten	Belgium	Universiteit Gent	Economics and Finance Programme Support	29-May-17	30-Aug-17
Sarah Stephen	Canada	University of Göttingen	Peace and Biodiversity	29-May-17	27-Oct-17
Kristina Gandl	Germany	Technical University of Munich	Forest and Wildlife - Conservation and Sustainable Use	2-Jun-17	1-Sep-17
Catherine Johnston	Canada	University of Leuven	Media and Communications	12-Jun-17	8-Sep-17
Gabriel Ouellette	Canada	Université de Sherbrooke	Scientific Assessment	12-Jun-17	5-Sep-17
Audrey Au Yong Lin	Singapore	McGill University	Gender Mainstreaming	12-Jun-17	8-Sep-17
Cecile Tang	France	Lund University	Media and Communications	19-Jun-17	25-Sep-17
Serveh Nangshbandi	Islamic Republic of Iran	University of British Columbia	Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use	19-Jun-17	6-Oct-17
Pierre Candelon	France / Germany	University of East Anglia	Protected Areas	4-Jul-17	27-Sep-17
Bruno Leles	Brazil	Sao Paulo State University	Protected Areas	4-Jul-17	2-Mar-18
Felipe Posada	Canada / Colombia	Université de Montreal	Media and Communications	17-Jul-17	23-Nov-17
Sara El-Nounou	Canada / Lebanon	Concordia University	Scientific Assessment	1-Aug-17	30-Jan-18
Sebastien MacDonald Dupuis	Canada	Concordia University	Scientific Assessment	1-Aug-17	16-Nov-17
Christian Norton	Canada	Université de Montreal	Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Diversity	1-Aug-17	7-Nov-17

Name	Nationality	University	Programme Area Worked on	Entry Date	Departure Date
Christopher Pereira	Canada	University of Toronto	Dry and Sub-humid Lands	28-Aug-17	27-Feb-18
Elizabeth Bacon	Canada	University of Alberta	Peace and Biodiversity	5-Sep-17	1-Dec-17
Paul MOLPECERES	Canada	Concordia University	Media and Communications	6-Sep-17	15-Dec-17
Phaedra DE SAINT-ROME	Canada / Finland	Stanford University	Media and Communications	11-Sep-17	8-Dec-17
Kexin LI	People's Republic of China	The College of William and Mary	Funds Management	11-Sep-17	15-Dec-17
David HOFFMANN	Germany	University of East Anglia	Agricultural Biodiversity	11-Sep-17	15-Dec-17
Aylin SAHIN	France	Catholic University of Lyon	Biosafety	25-Sep-17	22-Dec-17
Yidan XU	People's Republic of China	University of Toronto	National Reports	27-Sep-17	22-Dec-17
Alice TEBOUL-BOQUET	France	McGill University	Mainstreaming and Partnerships	1-Nov-17	27-Apr-18

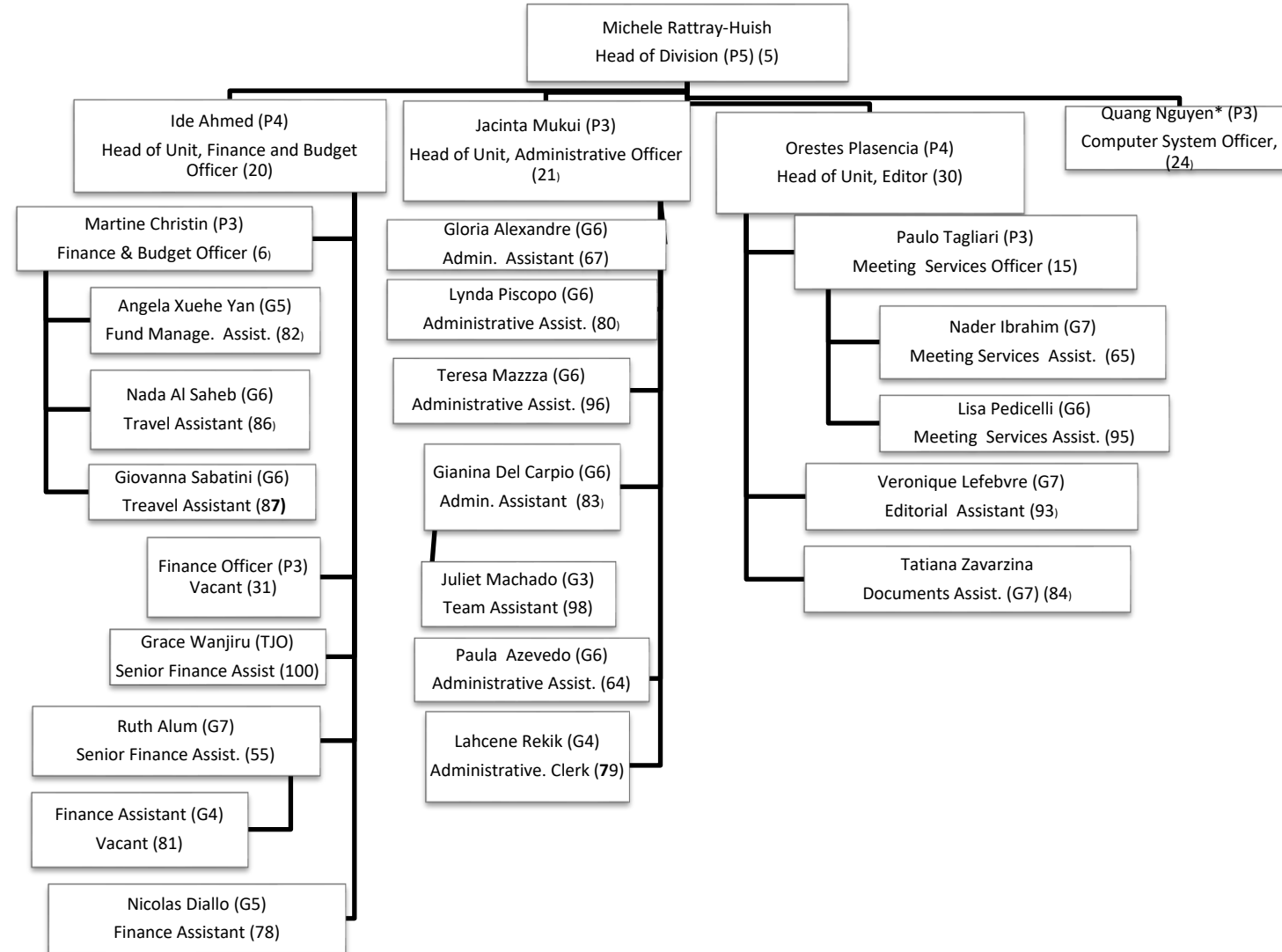
ANNEX II
Organization Chart of the CBD Secretariat

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



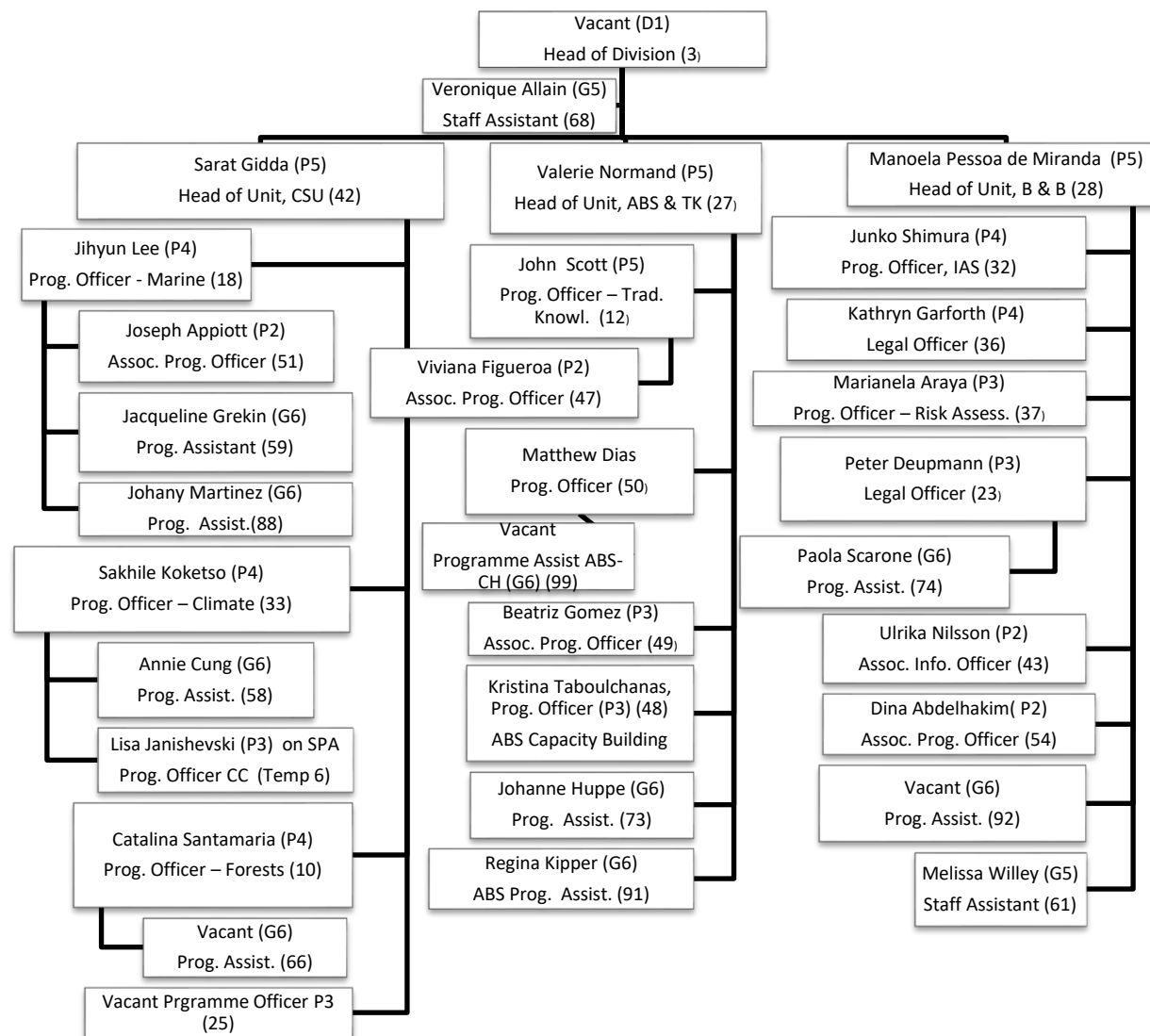
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ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND CONFERENCE SERVICES DIVISION (AFC)

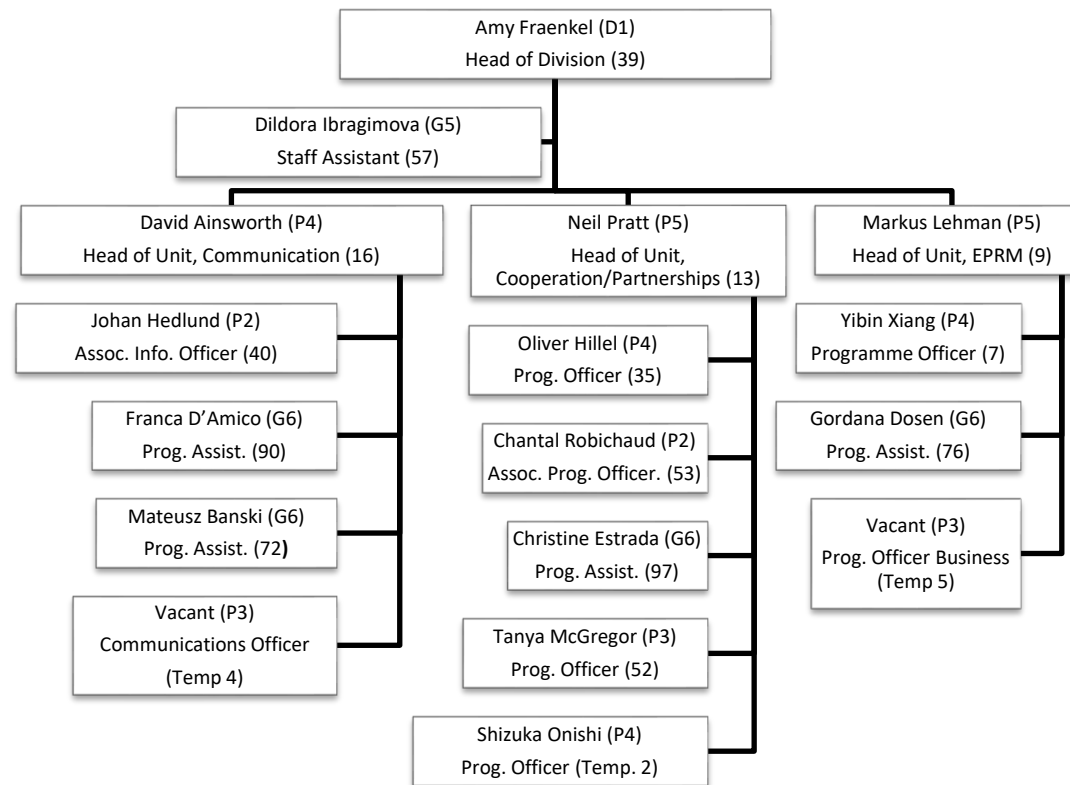


* Reports to additional supervisor in AFC

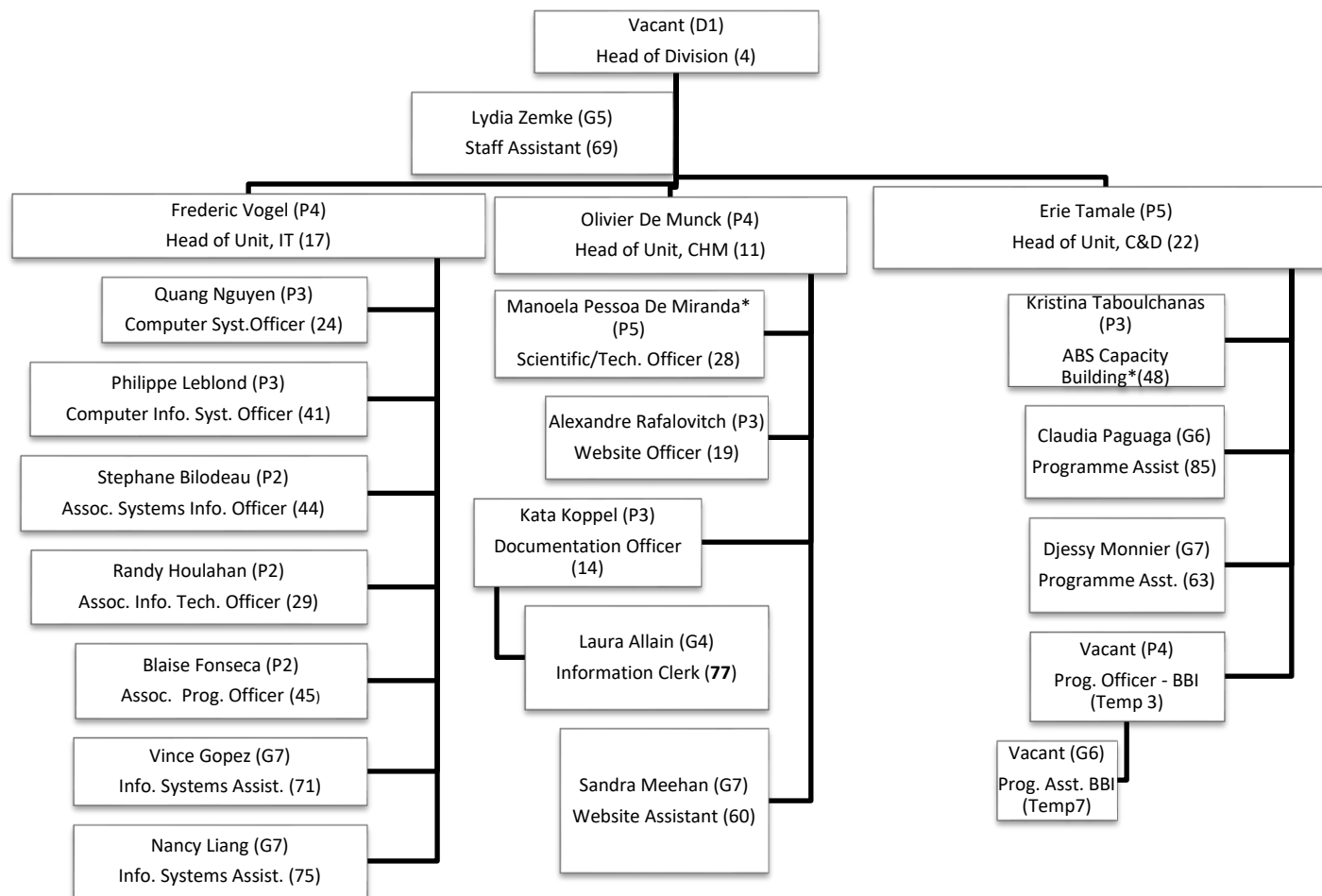
SCIENTIFIC AND POLICY SUPPORT (SPS)



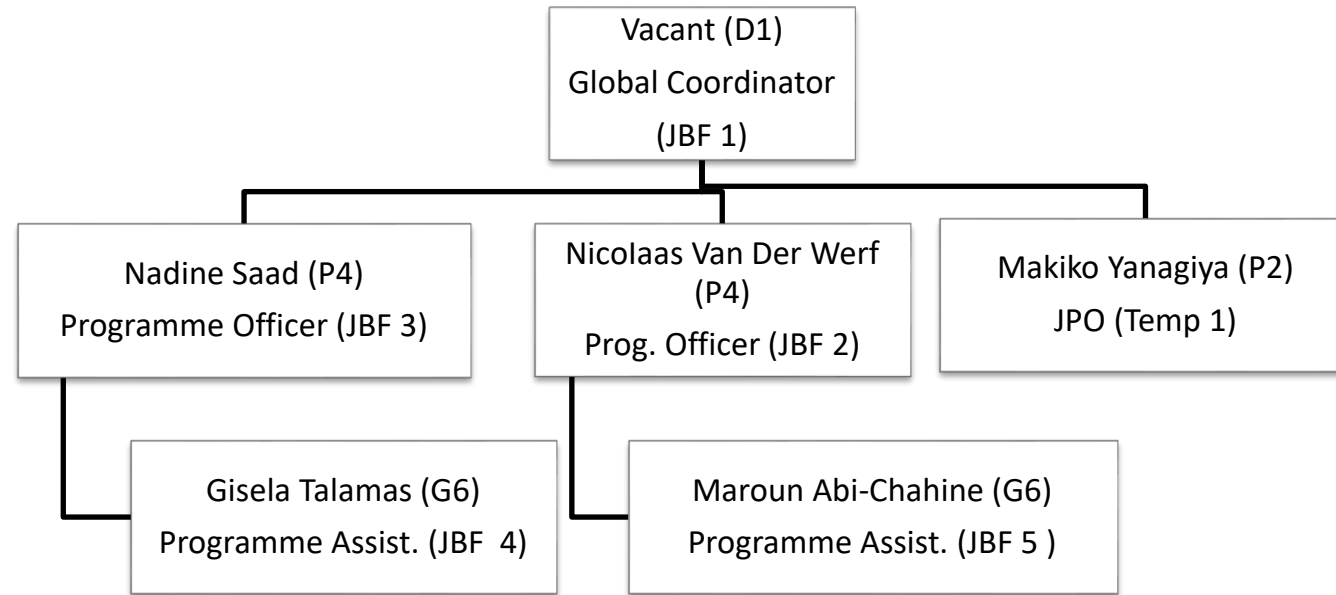
MAINSTREAMING, COOPERATION AND OUTREACH SUPPORT (MCO)



IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT (IMS)



JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND AND NBSAP TEAM



ANNEX III

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BE)

Status of Contribution as at 31 December 2017 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016		Pledges for 2017	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017 & future years	Adjustment (Exchange difference)	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Canada	373,692	1/		74,738			298,954
Canada		12/	129,950		125,430		4,520
EU	95,000	2/					95,000
EU		3/	177,000		177,000		
EU		4/	1,689,167		1,689,167		
France	63,525	5/			63,525		
France		15/	216,346		192,712		23,635
Germany		23/	265,330		266,588	-1,257	
Germany		24/	85,000		83,784	1,216	
Italy		6/	65,503		60,000	5,503	
Korea Forest Service		7/	450,171		450,171		
Korea Republic		8/	357,974		350,263	7,711	
Mexico		17/	70,962		70,962		
Netherlands		16/	46,956		46,956		
Norway		18/	31,423		31,655	-232	
Norway		19/	38,790		36,827	1,963	
Norway		20/	12,930		12,276	654	
Sweden		9/	56,370		57,307	-937	
Sweden		10/	28,634		29,971	-1,337	
Sweden		11/	458,138		481,235	-23,097	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016		Pledges for 2017	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017 & future years	Adjustment (Exchange difference)	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Switzerland		13/	20,000		20,000		
Switzerland		14/	20,000		20,000		
Switzerland		21/	101,852		100,396	1,456	
UK		22/	161,074				161,074
Total	532,217		4,483,569	74,738	4,366,223	-8,357	583,182

1/Canada pledge CAD 500,000 for the period 2016-2020 allocated CAD 100,000 annually for Advancing Canada's priorities in CBD. Biodiversity - Wildlife and Habitat.

2/EU pledge US\$1,900,000 - GPGC 2015-2016

3/EU pledge EUR 165,850 - GPGC 2017-2018 - for activities in support of the outcomes of COP-MOP 2

4/EU pledge EUR 1,582,749 - GPGC 2017-2018 - for supporting enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and outcomes of COP13 and COP-MOP 9

5/France pledge EUR 200,000 - Memorandum of Understanding (2014-2017) on Sustainable Oceans Initiative. 2014 - EUR 60,000; 2015 EUR 40,000; 2016 EUR 40,000; 2017 EUR 60,000

6/Italy pledge EUR 57,576.94 for technical expert meeting on Aichi target 11

7/Korea Forest Service pledge USD 450,171.44 for implementing the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative (FERI)

8/Korea Republic pledge KRW 400,000,000 for the implementation of the Action Plan for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (2015-2020).

9/Sweden pledge SEK 500,000 for the Gender Plan of Action

10/Sweden pledge SEK 250,000 for Climate Change project

11/Sweden pledge SEK 4,000,000 for EBSA - SOI

12/Canada pledge USD 129,950 for expert workshop on marine protected areas- Aichi Biodiversity Target 11

13/Switzerland pledge USD 20,000 for Digital Sequencing Information - AHTEG

14/Switzerland pledge USD 20,000 for Digital Sequencing Information - Study

15/France pledged Euros 180,000 for Marine EBSA project

16/Netherlands pledged USD 46,956 for 2017-18 Approved activities for Biosafety

17/Mexico pledge USD 70,962.43 for High Level Segment of COP 13

18/Norway pledge NOK 250,000 for preparation of expert workshop on marine protected areas- Aichi Biodiversity Target 11

19/Norway pledge NOK 300,000 for travel support for developing country Parties for a technical workshop on Aichi target 11, marine issues (COP 13 decision XIII/2)

20/Norway pledge NOK 100,000 for meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology

21/Switzerland pledge CHF 99,000 for Bogis-Bossey Dialogue for Biodiversity

22/UK pledge GBP 120,000 for support to negotiation on a post-2020 Global Biodiversity Strategy

23/Germany pledge EUR 225,000 for support for Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and COP 13 Outcomes

24/Germany pledge USD 85,000 for CBD Expert Workshop on enhancing the EBSA process

ANNEX IV
GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
as at 31 December 2017

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	794	927		794	927					
Albania		1,236						1,236	1,236	
Algeria	21,744	24,881		21,744	24,881					
Andorra		927			927					
Angola		1,236						1,236	1,236	
Antigua & Barbuda	1,224	309					1,224	309	1,533	
Argentina		137,852						137,852	137,852	
Armenia		927			927					
Australia		361,166	330,000		31,166	208,260				208,260
Austria		111,271			111,271					
Azerbaijan		9,273			9,273					
Bahamas		2,164			2,164					
Bahrain	6,190	6,800		6,190				6,800	6,800	
Bangladesh		1,236						1,236	1,236	
Barbados		1,082	1,226							144
Belarus		8,654			8,654					
Belgium		136,770			136,770					
Belize	556	155					556	155	711	
Benin	2,289	464					2,289	464	2,753	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Bolivia	5,879	1,855		5,879	1,855					
Bosnia & Herzegovina		2,009						2,009	2,009	
Botswana		2,164						2,164	2,164	
Brazil	465,867	590,816		465,671			196	590,816	591,012	
Brunei Darussalam	8,110	4,482					8,110	4,482	12,592	
Bulgaria		6,954			6,954					
Burkina Faso	2,247	618					2,247	618	2,865	
Burundi	900	155					900	155	1,055	
Cambodia	2,518	618		2,518	618					
Cameroon	5,436	1,545					5,436	1,545	6,981	
Canada		451,419			451,419	463,983				463,983
Cape Verde	466	155					466	155	621	
Central African Rep.	1,391	155					1,391	155	1,546	
Chad	1,796	773					1,796	773	2,569	
Chile		61,662			53,011			8,651	8,651	
China		1,224,131			1,224,131					
Colombia		49,763			49,763					
Comoros	4,284	155					4,284	155	4,439	
Congo	3,823	927					3,823	927	4,750	
Congo Dem.Rep	9,645	1,236					9,645	1,236	10,881	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Gambia	312	155					312	155	467	
Georgia		1,236			1,236					
Germany		987,372			987,372					
Ghana		2,473						2,473	2,473	
Greece	305,288	72,790		305,288				72,790	72,790	
Grenada	312	155					312	155	467	
Guatemala	8,422	4,327					8,422	4,327	12,749	
Guinea	623	309					623	309	932	
Guinea-Bissau	3,805	155					3,805	155	3,960	
Guyana		309						309	309	
Haiti		464			464					
Honduras	1,147	1,236					1,147	1,236	2,383	
Hungary		24,881			24,881					
Iceland		3,554						3,554	3,554	
India		113,898						113,898	113,898	
Indonesia		77,889						77,889	77,889	
Iran	236,277	72,790		76,236			160,041	72,790	232,831	
Iraq		19,936						19,936	19,936	
Ireland*		51,772			51,772					
Israel		66,453			66,453					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Italy		579,225			579,225					
Jamaica		1,391						1,391	1,391	
Japan		1,495,972			1,495,972					
Jordan		3,091						3,091	3,091	
Kazakhstan		29,518			29,518	30,339				30,339
Kenya	7,662	2,782		7,662	2,782	2,859				2,859
Kiribati		155						155	155	
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	3,169	773					3,169	773	3,942	
Korea, Rep. of		315,112			315,112					
Kuwait		44,045			44,045					
Kyrgyzstan		309			309					
Lao PDR		464	15		464					15
Latvia		7,727			7,727					
Lebanon	32,116	7,109		11,836			20,280	7,109	27,389	
Lesotho		155						155	155	
Liberia	1,170	155					1,170	155	1,325	
Libya	131,849	19,318					131,849	19,318	151,167	
Liechtenstein	104	1,082			1,082		104		104	
Lithuania		11,127			11,127	11,437				11,437
Luxembourg		9,891	987		8,904	12,856				12,856
Macedonia	7,308	1,082					7,308	1,082	8,390	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Madagascar		464	33		431	30				30
Malawi	1,481	309		1,481				309	309	
Malaysia		49,763						49,763	49,763	
Maldives		309						309	309	
Mali	2,650	464		2,650	464	309				309
Malta		2,473						2,473	2,473	
Marshall Islands	1,283	155					1,283	155	1,438	
Mauritania	3,426	309					3,426	309	3,735	
Mauritius		1,855			1,855	1,906				1,906
Mexico		221,769			221,769					
Micronesia, Fed. States	1,385	155		1,385	155					
Moldova, Rep. of		618	936							318
Monaco		1,545			1,545					
Mongolia		773	470					303	303	
Montenegro		618			618	636				636
Morocco		8,345			8,345					
Mozambique		618						618	618	
Myanmar	4,341	1,236		4,321			20	1,236	1,256	
Namibia		1,545			1,545					
Nauru	231	155					231	155	386	
Nepal	1,871	927					1,871	927	2,798	
Netherlands		229,032			229,032					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
New Zealand	40,155	41,417					40,155	41,417	81,572	
Nicaragua		618			618	635				635
Niger	5,036	309					5,036	309	5,345	
Nigeria	28,073	32,299					28,073	32,299	60,372	
Niue		155						155	155	
Norway		131,207			131,207					
Oman	16,189	17,463					16,189	17,463	33,652	
Pakistan	40,558	14,372					40,558	14,372	54,930	
Palau	1,178	155					1,178	155	1,333	
Panama		5,254			5,254	7,332				7,332
Papua New Guinea		618	271					347	347	
Paraguay		2,164	136					2,028	2,028	
Peru		21,018	11,749		9,269	7,097				7,097
Philippines		25,500	1,109		24,391					
Poland		129,970	129,970							
Portugal		60,581			60,581					
Qatar		41,572						41,572	41,572	
Romania		28,436						28,436	28,436	
Russian Federation		477,227			477,227					
Rwanda	648	309		648				309	309	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	3,455	155					3,455	155	3,610	
Samoa	159	155		159	155	1				1
San Marino		464			464					
Sao Tome Principe	1,957	155					1,957	155	2,112	
Saudi Arabia		177,106						177,106	177,106	
Senegal		773						773	773	
Serbia		4,945			4,945				0	
Seychelles		155			155				0	
Sierra Leone	312	155					312	155	467	
Singapore		69,081			69,081					
Slovak		24,727			24,727					
Slovenia		12,982			12,982					
Solomon Islands	312	155					312	155	467	
Somalia	1,049	155					1,049	155	1,204	
South Africa		56,253			56,253	57,819				57,819
South Sudan	1,248	464					1,248	464	1,712	
Spain		377,547			377,547					
Sri Lanka	3,968	4,791			4,791		3,968		3,968	
St. Lucia	19	155					19	155	174	
St.Kitts &Nevis		155						155	155	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
State of Palestine		1,082						1,082	1,082	
Sudan	10,235	1,236					10,235	1,236	11,471	
Suriname	1,792	927					1,792	927	2,719	
Swaziland		309						309	309	
Sweden		147,743			147,743					
Switzerland		176,178			176,178					
Syria	23,580	3,709					23,580	3,709	27,289	
Tajikistan		618			618	1,824				1,824
Thailand		44,972			44,972	46,224				46,224
Timor Leste		464						464	464	
Togo		155						155	155	
Tonga	466	155					466	155	621	
Trinidad & Tobago	13,724	5,254		8,853			4,871	5,254	10,125	
Tunisia	5,714	4,327		5,714	4,327					
Turkey		157,324			157,324					
Turkmenistan	13,741	4,018					13,741	4,018	17,759	
Tuvalu	466	155		466	155					
U. K.		689,723			689,723					
Uganda	1,896	1,236					1,896	1,236	3,132	
Ukraine	13,381	15,918		13,381	15,918					
Un.Rep. of Tanzania		1,236	8,020							6,784
United Arab Emirates		93,344			93,344					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Uruguay	4,334	12,209		4,334				12,209	12,209	
Uzbekistan	12,971	3,554		2,383			10,588	3,554	14,142	
Vanuatu	1,170	155					1,170	155	1,325	
Venezuela	337,242	88,244					337,242	88,244	425,486	
Viet Nam	13,101	8,963			8,963		13,101		13,101	
Yemen	11,180	1,236					11,180	1,236	12,416	
Zambia		1,082						1,082	1,082	
Zimbabwe	1,524	618					1,524	618	2,142	
Sub Total	2,066,072	12,362,146	566,219	949,593	10,056,654	907,772	1,116,479	1,763,387	2,879,865	931,886

Additional Contributions										
Canada		731,624			731,624					
Quebec	296,981	235,455		296,981				235,455		
Grand Total	2,363,053	13,329,225	566,219	1,246,575	10,788,278	907,772	1,116,479	1,998,841	2,879,865	931,886

ANNEX V

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF PARTIES IN THE PROCESS OF THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BZ)**

Status as at 31 December 2017 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016		Pledges for 2017	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017 & future years	Adjustment (Exchange difference)	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years
	US\$		US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$
EU		1/	395,000		395,000		
Germany		2/	60,259		60,259		
Norway		3/	12,930		12,276	654	
Sweden		4/	56,370		57,829	(1,459)	
Total			524,559		525,364	(805)	

1/EU pledge USD 395,000 - GPGC 2017-2018 - for participation of developing country delegates in processes of the Convention on Biological Diversity

2/Sweden pledge SEK 500,000 for participation of delegates to SBSTTA-21 and Art8J-10

3/Norway pledge NOK 100,000 for SBSTTA 21 and Art. 8(j)-10 meetings in December 2017

4/Germany pledge EUR 51,100 for travel support for participants from developing countries of SBSTTA-21 and tenth meeting of Working Group on Art. 8(j)-10

ANNEX VI
GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BG)
as at 31 December 2017 (in United States dollars)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Afghanistan		227	187					40	40	
Albania		303			303	310				310
Algeria		6,093	5,097					996	996	
Angola	795	260					795	260	1,055	
Antigua and Barbuda	153	76					153	76	229	
Armenia		227			227	232				232
Austria		27,247			27,247					
Azerbaijan		2,271			2,271					
Bahamas		530						530	530	
Bahrain	2,987	1,665					2,987	1,665	4,652	
Bangladesh		260						260	260	
Barbados		265			265					
Belarus		2,119			2,119					
Belgium		33,491			33,491					
Belize	112	38					112	38	150	
Benin	552	114					552	114	666	
Bhutan		38			38	39				39
Bolivia	352	454		352				454	454	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Bosnia Herzegovina		492			492					
Botswana		530						530	530	
Brazil	315,285	144,674		315,285				144,674	144,674	
Bulgaria		1,703			1,703					
Burkina Faso	404	151					404	151	555	
Burundi	246	38					246	38	284	
Cambodia	713	151		713	151					
Cameroon	1,318	378					1,318	378	1,696	
Cape Verde	91	38					91	38	129	
Central African Republic	270	38					270	38	308	
Chad		189						189	189	
China		299,755			299,755					
Colombia		12,185			12,185					
Comoros	245	38					245	38	283	
Congo, P.R.	936	227					936	227	1,163	
Costa Rica	36	1,779			1,779		36		36	
Cote d'Ivoire	662	341					662	341	1,003	
Croatia		3,746			3,746					
Cuba	23,584	2,460					23,584	2,460	26,044	
Cyprus		1,627			1,627					
Czech Republic		13,018	15,326			11,016				13,324

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Democratic Republic Of Congo	756	260					756	260	1,016	
Denmark		22,100					0	22,100	22,100	
Djibouti	212	38					212	38	250	
Dominica	398	38					398	38	436	
Dominican Republic		1,741	1,753			1,411				1,423
Ecuador	1,623	2,535					1,623	2,535	4,158	
Egypt		5,752						5,752	5,752	
El Salvador	1,304	530					1,304	530	1,834	
Eritrea		38	112							74
Estonia		1,438			1,438					
Ethiopia		260	654							394
European Union		65,064			65,064					
Fiji	35	114					35	114	149	
Finland		17,256			17,256					
France		183,880			183,880					
Gabon	2,019	643					2,019	643	2,662	
Gambia		38						38	38	
Georgia		303			303					
Germany		241,780			241,780					
Ghana	1,883	605					1,883	605	2,488	
Greece	73,887	17,824		73,887				17,824	17,824	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Grenada	76	38					76	38	114	
Guatemala	2,067	1,060					2,067	1,060	3,127	
Guinea	148	76					148	76	224	
Guinea Bissau	225	38					225	38	263	
Guyana		76						76	76	
Honduras	741	303					741	303	1,044	
Hungary		6,093			6,093					
India	26,073	27,890					26,073	27,890	53,963	
Indonesia		19,073						19,073	19,073	
Iran*	29,412	17,824		13,624			15,788	17,824	33,612	
Iraq	2,662	4,882					2,662	4,882	7,544	
Ireland		12,677			12,677					
Italy	4,480	141,836		4,480	141,836					
Jamaica	843	341					843	341	1,184	
Japan		366,321			366,321					
Jordan		757						757	757	
Kazakhstan		7,228			7,228	4,762				4,762
Kenya		681			681					
Kiribati	76	38					76	38	114	
Korea, Democratic Republic	642	189					642	189	831	
Korea, Republic of		77,162			77,162	78,974				78,974
Kyrgyzstan	78	76		78	76					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Kyrgyzstan	78	76		78	76					
Kuwait		3,649						3,649	3,649	
Lao People's Dem. Rep.		114						114	114	
Latvia		1,892			1,892	1,937				1,937
Lebanon	1,250	1,741					1,250	1,741	2,991	
Lesotho		38	160							122
Liberia	168	38					168	38	206	
Libya	38,678	4,730					38,678	4,730	43,408	
Lithuania		2,725			2,725	2,789				2,789
Luxembourg		2,422			2,422					
Macedonia	1,865	265					1,865	265	2,130	
Madagascar		114	357							243
Malawi	340	76					340	76	416	
Malaysia		12,185			12,185					
Maldives	37	76		37	76	367				367
Mali	416	114		410			6	114	120	
Malta		605						605	605	
Marshall Islands	398	38					398	38	436	
Mauritania	446	76					446	76	522	
Mauritius		454			454					
Mexico		54,305			54,305	55,816				55,816

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Mongolia		189			189					
Montenegro		151			151	306				306
Morocco	15	2,044		15	2,044					
Mozambique		151						151	151	
Myanmar	980	260		980	10			250	250	
Namibia		378						378	378	
Nauru	398	38					398	38	436	
Netherlands		56,083			56,083					
New Zealand		10,142			10,142	10,380				10,380
Nicaragua		151			151					
Niger	609	76					609	76	685	
Nigeria	9,717	7,909					9,717	7,909	17,626	
Niue		38						38	38	
Norway		32,129			32,129					
Oman	3,993	4,276			4,276		3,993		3,993	
Pakistan	19,121	3,519					19,121	3,519	22,640	
Palau	398	38					398	38	436	
Panama		1,287			1,287					
Papua New Guinea	374	151					374	151	525	
Paraguay	1,436	530					1,436	530	1,966	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Peru		5,147	2,287		2,860	146				146
Philippines		6,244	2,502		3,742					
Poland		31,826	26,826		5,000					
Portugal		14,835						14,835	14,835	
Qatar	8,182	10,180					8,182	10,180	18,362	
Republic of Moldova		151						151	151	
Romania		6,963						6,963	6,963	
Rwanda	214	76		214				76	76	
Saint Kitts and Nevis		38						38	38	
Saint Lucia		38						38	38	
Saint Vincent & Gren.	398	38					398	38	436	
Samoa		38			38	30				30
Saudi Arabia		43,368						43,368	43,368	
Senegal	1,314	189					1,314	189	1,503	
Serbia		1,211						1,211	1,211	
Seychelles		38			38					
Slovakia		6,055			6,055					
Slovenia		3,179			3,179	375				375
Solomon Islands	184	38					184	38	222	
Somalia	218	38					218	38	256	
South Africa		13,775			13,775	14,098				14,098
Spain		92,451			92,451					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Sri Lanka	979	1,173			1,173		979		979	
State of Palestine		265						265	265	
Sudan	1,022	260					1,022	260	1,282	
Suriname	626	227					626	227	853	
Swaziland		76						76	76	
Sweden		36,178			36,178					
Switzerland		43,141			43,141					
Syria	6,661	908					6,661	908	7,569	
Tajikistan	521	151					521	151	672	
Thailand		11,012			11,012	11,271				11,271
Togo	148	38					148	38	186	
Tonga		38	2,611							2,573
Trinidad and Tobago	1,776	1,287					1,776	1,287	3,063	
Tunisia	1,415	1,060		1,415	1,060					
Turkey		38,524			38,524					
Turkmenistan	3,507	984					3,507	984	4,491	
Uganda		260	2,497							2,237
Ukraine		3,898			3,898					
Uruguay	2,036	2,990		2,036				2,990	2,990	
United Arab Emirates		22,857			22,857					
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		168,894			168,894					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
United Republic of Tanzania	1,464	260		1,464	260					
Venezuela	96,021	21,608					96,021	21,608	117,629	
Viet Nam	3,216	2,195			2,195		3,216		3,216	
Yemen	1,742	260					1,742	260	2,002	
Zambia		265						265	265	
Zimbabwe		151						151	151	
Sub Total	710,661	2,606,205	60,369	414,989	2,146,045	194,259	295,671	407,754	703,426	202,223

Additional Contributions										
Canada		154,026			154,026					
Quebec		49,569						49,569		
Grand Total	710,661	2,809,801	60,369	414,989	2,300,071	194,259	295,671	457,324	703,426	202,223

ANNEX VII

**SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES OF THE CARTAGENA
PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BH)**

Status as at 31 December 2017 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016		Pledges for 2017	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017 & future years	Adjustment (Exchange difference)	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
France		1/	5,599		5,885	-285	
Finland		2/	8,686		9,092	-406	
Total			14,285		14,977	-691	

1/France pledge EUR 5,000 for AHTEG Socio-Economic considerations

2/Finland pledge EUR 8,000 for AHTEG Socio-Economic considerations

ANNEX VIII

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (VB)

Status as at 31 December 2017 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016		Pledges for 2017	Collections in 2017 for 2017 & future years	Adjustments (Exchange difference)	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Australia		1/	22,371	22,779	-408	
Finland		4/	17,773	17,352	421	
Germany		5/	26,061	26,185	-124	
New Zealand		6/	10,331			10,331
Norway		3/	19,395	18,413	981	
Sweden		2/	56,370	57,267	-897	
Total			152,300	141,997	-27	10,331

1/Australia pledge AUD 30,000 to support participation of ILCs from Australia to CBD key meetings

2/Sweden pledge SEK 500,000 for participation of delegates to SBSTTA-21 and Art8J-10

3/Norway pledge NOK 150,000 for refill Indigenous Peoples Trust Fund

4/Finland pledge EUR 15,000 for participation of IPLCs from developing countries in Art. 8(j) and SBSTTA 21

5/Germany pledge EUR 22,100 for participation of ILCs in SBSTTA-21 and Art 8(j)-10

6/New Zealand pledge NZD 15,000 for participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in (SBSTTA-21), and (Art. 8(j)-10).

ANNEX IX
GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL (BB)
 Status of Contributions as at 31 December 2017 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections in 2017 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2016 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2017	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Albania		266						266	266	
Angola		85						85	85	
Antigua and Barbuda		53						53	53	
Argentina		23,562						23,562	23,562	
Belarus		1,859			1,859					
Belgium		29,373			29,348			25	25	
Benin	128	100					128	100	228	
Bhutan		33			33	25				25
Bolivia		395						395	395	
Botswana		465						465	465	
Bulgaria		1,494			1,494	1,129				1,129
Burkina Faso	128	133					128	133	261	
Burundi	127	33					127	33	160	
Cambodia	119	133		119	133	119				119
Cameroon		278						278	278	
China	60,098	262,900		60,098	262,900					
Comoros	127	33					127	33	160	
Congo, Brazzaville	542	199					542	199	741	
Congo, Democratic Republic	118	130					118	130	248	
Cote d'Ivoire	1,066	299					1,066	299	1,365	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections in 2017 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2016 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2017	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Croatia		3,286			3,286					
Cuba	6,773	2,157					6,773	2,157	8,930	
Czech Republic		11,417	9,485		1,932	8,631				8,631
Denmark		19,383			19,383	46,002				46,002
Djibouti	97	33					97	33	130	
Dominican Republic	5,553	1,527		2,721			2,832	1,527	4,359	
Ecuador		69						69	69	
Egypt	16,999	5,045					16,999	5,045	22,044	
Ethiopia	128	130					128	130	258	
European Union		32,532			32,532					
Fiji	381	100					381	100	481	
Finland		15,135			15,135					
France		161,271			161,271					
Gabon	2,537	564					2,537	564	3,101	
Gambia	97	33					97	33	130	
Germany		212,052			212,052					
Guatemala		929						929	929	
Guinea	97	66					97	66	163	
Guinea-Bissau	127	33					127	33	160	
Guyana		66						66	66	
Honduras	1,015	266					1,015	266	1,281	
Hungary		5,344			5,344					
India	84,488	24,461					84,488	24,461	108,949	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections in 2017 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2016 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2017	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Indonesia		16,728						16,728	16,728	
Japan		89,482			89,482					
Jordan		664						664	664	
Kazakhstan	12,731	6,339					12,731	6,339	19,070	
Kenya	1,649	597		1,649	597	452				452
Korea, Republic of		23,374						23,374	23,374	
Kuwait		2,808						2,808	2,808	
Kyrgyzstan		66						66	66	
Lao People's Democratic Republic		100			100					
Lesotho	124	33					124	33	157	
Liberia	101	33					101	33	134	
Luxembourg		1,992			1,992					
Madagascar	128	100		128	6			94	94	
Malawi	128	66					128	66	194	
Mali	9	100					9	100	109	
Malta		444						444	444	
Marshall Islands	126	33					126	33	159	
Mauritius		398			398					
Mauritania	106	66					106	66	172	
Mexico		47,628			47,628					
Micronesia	127	33		127				33	33	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections in 2017 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2016 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2017	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Moldova	17	133		17	133					
Mongolia		166			166					
Mozambique		133						133	133	
Myanmar	128	130		128				130	130	
Namibia		332						332	332	
Netherlands	8,717	49,188					8,717	49,188	57,905	
Niger	128	66					128	66	194	
Norway	49,119	28,179		49,119	28,179					
Pakistan	6,872	3,087		6,872				3,087	3,087	
Panama	3,299	1,128					3,299	1,128	4,427	
Peru	11,333	4,514		11,333	4,514	336				336
Philippines	14,301	5,476					14,301	5,476	19,777	
Portugal		6,014						6,014	6,014	
Qatar		5,968						5,968	5,968	
Rwanda	128	66		128				66	66	
Samoa		33	20		33	131				151
Sao Tome & Principe		23						23	23	
Senegal	58	130					58	130	188	
Seychelles	97	33			30		97	3	100	
Sierra Leone		30						30	30	
Slovakia	12,002	5,310		12,002	5,310					
South Africa		12,081			12,081	9,133				9,133
Spain		81,084			81,084					

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections in 2017 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2016 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2017	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 31 December 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Spain		81,084			81,084					
Sudan	128	130					128	130	258	
Swaziland	3	66					3	66	69	
Sweden		31,730			31,730					
Switzerland		37,837			37,837					
Syrian Arab Republic	4,567	797					4,567	797	5,364	
Tajikistan	381	133					381	133	514	
Togo	60	33					60	33	93	
Uganda	128	130					128	130	258	
United Arab Emirates	57,636	20,047		57,636	20,047					
United Kingdom		148,128			148,128					
Uruguay	5,037	2,622					5,037	2,622	7,659	
Vanuatu	127	33					127	33	160	
Viet Nam	5,328	1,925			1,925		5,328		5,328	
Zambia	37	130					37	130	167	
Zimbabwe		10						10	10	
Total	375,605	1,455,861	9,505	202,077	1,258,102	65,958	173,528	188,274	361,802	65,978

Additional Contributions										
Canada		77,013			77,013					
Quebec		24,785						24,785		
Grand Total	375,605	1,557,659	9,505	202,077	1,335,115	65,958	173,528	213,059	361,802	65,978

ANNEX X

SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES OF THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING OF GENETIC RESOURCES (BX)

Status as at 31 December 2017 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016		Pledges for 2017	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017 & futures years	Adjustment (Exchange difference)	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
EU	20,001	1/					20,001
Total	20,001						20,001

1/EU pledge EUR 340,000 - for ABS CH P3 Programme Officer, 1/2 P2 ABS CH, 1/2 P-2 ABS PO monitoring + upgrade

ANNEX XI

List of meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

(January to December 2017)

January 2017

16 - 20 January 2017 Kingston, Jamaica	Capacity-building Workshop for the small island developing States of the Caribbean region towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on invasive alien species
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February 2017

20 - 24 February 2017 San José, Costa Rica	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-Building Workshop for the Wider Caribbean and Central America
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March 2017

27 - 29 March 2017 Suva, Fiji	Workshop on developing capacity for national border controls on living modified organisms in Pacific small island developing States
20 - 24 March 2017 Agadir, Morocco	Capacity-building workshop for the Mediterranean on the restoration of forests and other ecosystems to support the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
20 - 24 March 2017 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Asia-Pacific Workshop on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms

April 2017

24 - 29 April 2017 Baku, Azerbaijan	Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea and Training Session on Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas
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May 2017

16 - 18 May 2017 Montreal, Canada	Fourteenth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
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June 2017

28 - 29 June 2017 Seoul, Republic of Korea	First Meeting of the Informal Working Group for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue
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September 2017

25 - 29 September 2017 Seocheon, Republic of Korea	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Training of Trainers Workshop
18 - 22 September 2017	Capacity-building workshop for Caribbean small island developing States towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9

Kingston, Jamaica	
October 2017	
23 - 25 October 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Regional Capacity-building Workshop on Biodiversity and Human Health for the European Region
23 - 27 October 2017 Suva, Fiji	Regional Dialogue and Learning Mission on Integrating Climate Change Action and Biodiversity Action at the National Level in the Pacific
16 - 19 October 2017 Incheon, Republic of Korea	Regional Bio-Bridge Initiative Round Table for Asia and the Pacific
11 - 13 October 2017 Montreal, Canada	Meeting of Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness
9 - 13 October 2017 Ljubljana, Slovenia	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety)
2 - 6 October 2017 Durban, South Africa	Regional Dialogue and Learning Mission on Integrating Climate Change Action and Biodiversity Action at the National Level in Southern Africa
2 - 6 October 2017 Durban, South Africa	Capacity-development workshop for Central, Eastern and Southern Africa on the restoration of forests and other ecosystems to support the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
November 2017	
30 November 2017 Online	Online Forum in Preparation for the Capacity Development Programme on national arrangements on Traditional Knowledge for achieving Target 18 and contributing to Target 16 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
28 - 30 November 2017 Bangkok, Thailand	Regional Expert Workshop to Develop Training Materials on Gender Equality and Biodiversity for South-East Asia and the Pacific
27 - 29 November 2017 Bogota, Colombia	Regional Bio-Bridge Initiative Round Table for Latin America and the Caribbean
27 November - 1 December 2017 Bogota, Colombia	Regional Dialogue and Learning Mission on Integrating Climate Change Action and Biodiversity Action at the National Level in South America
22 - 23 November 2017 Brussels, Belgium	Eighth meeting of the Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species
20 - 22 November 2017 Bonn, Germany	Technical Workshop to Review the Voluntary Guidelines for the Design and Effective Implementation of Ecosystem-based Approaches to Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction
14 - 16 November 2017 Montreal, Canada	Third meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House
7 - 9 November 2017 Entebbe, Uganda	Regional Bio-Bridge Initiative Round Table for Africa
6 - 10 November 2017	Asian Subregional Workshop on Strengthening Capacities for the Integrated Implementation of the

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity
December 2017	
17 - 18 December 2017 Montreal, Canada	Meeting of the informal advisory group on synergies among biodiversity-related conventions
13 - 16 December 2017 Montreal, Canada	Tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity
11 - 14 December 2017 Montreal, Canada	Twenty-first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
10 December 2017 Montreal, Canada	Workshop on spatial tools for the preparation of the sixth national report
9 December 2017 Montreal, Canada	Workshop on the preparation of the sixth national report
9 December 2017 Montreal, Canada	Global Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on the IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
7 - 8 December 2017 Montreal, Canada	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism
6 - 9 December 2017 Montreal, Canada	Expert Workshop on Invasive Alien Species in Preparation for the twenty-second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
5 - 8 December 2017 Montreal, Canada	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology
5 - 8 December 2017 Berlin, Germany	Expert Workshop to Develop Options for Modifying the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas, for Describing New Areas, and for Strengthening the Scientific Credibility and Transparency of this Process
