

SANBI

Biodiversity for Life

South African National Biodiversity Institute



Potential Collaboration with Bio-Bridge Initiative for science partners of CBD

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Launch of Bio-Bridge Initiative Action Plan
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WHAT WE INFLUENCE

Improved human wellbeing,
service delivery , economy & job creation
Science based evidence for all levels
Harnessing biodiversity value and enjoyment
Investment in ecological infrastructure
Ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change
Streamlined environmental decision-making

SCIENCE INTO POLICY / ACTION:

information | planning | policy advice | models | tools

BUILDING BIODIVERSITY KNOWLEDGE:

assessments | status | trends | monitoring |
modelling

FOUNDATIONS OF BIODIVERSITY:

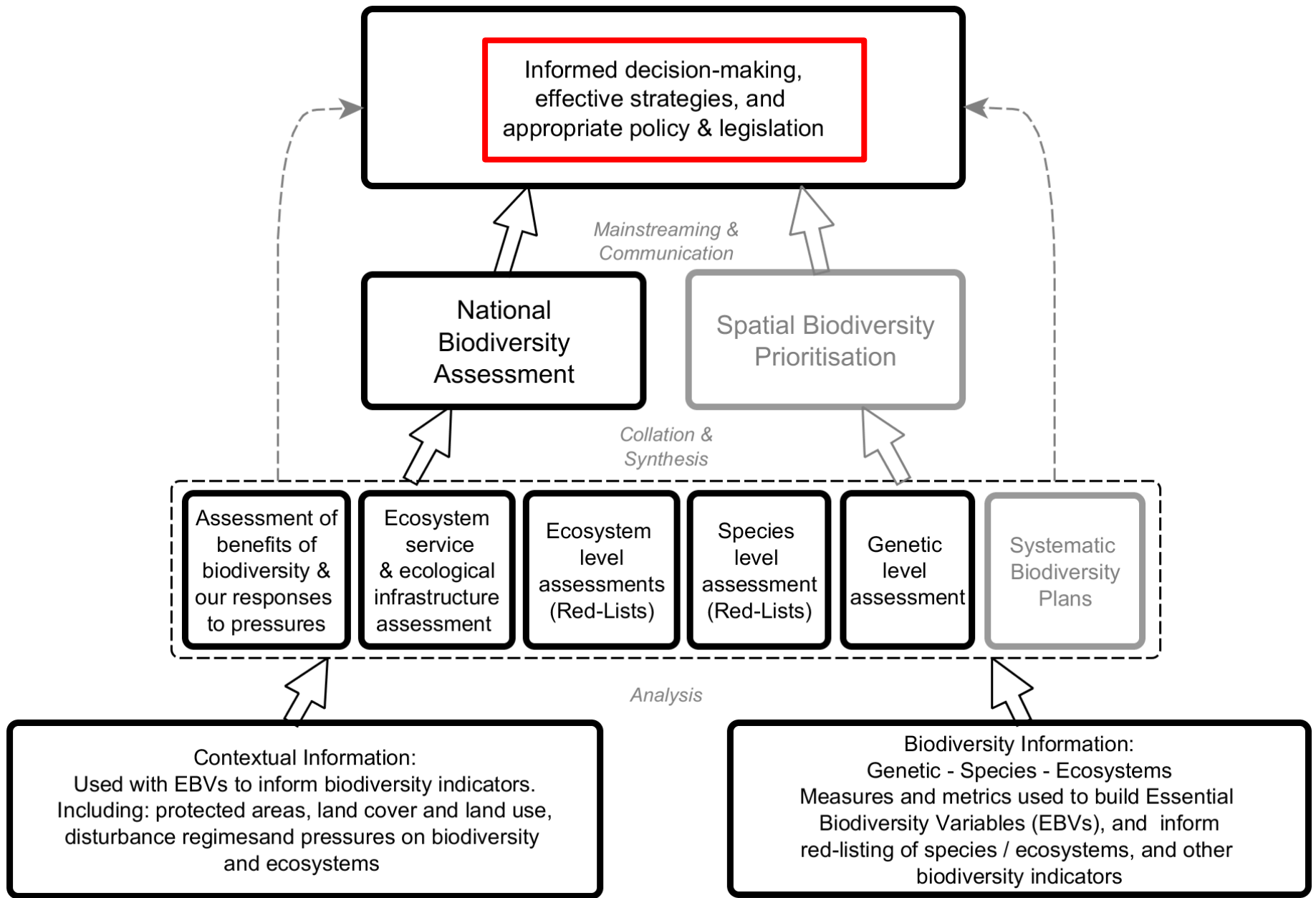
collections | taxonomy | inventory | maps |
classification of ecosystems and species

WHAT WE DO

GARDENS

windows on biodiversity

**HUMAN CAPITAL
DEVELOPMENT**

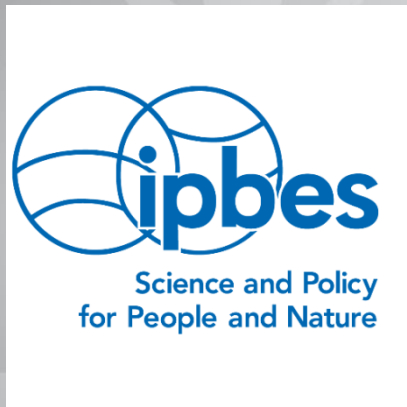


International Reporting

- CBD
- CITES
- SDG's
- IPBES



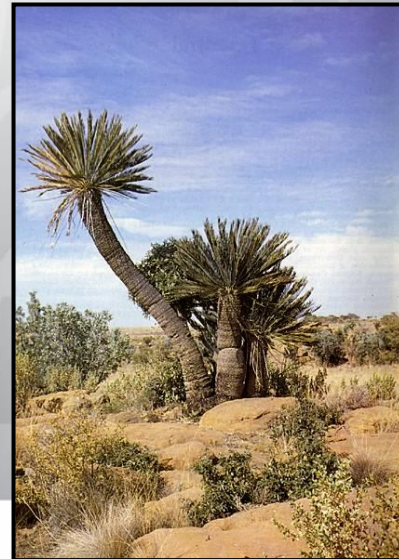
(Member of CSP)



- SANBI secretariat & chair for the Scientific Authority of CITES

Involvement in IPBES include:

- Many lead authors on African Assessment from SANBI
- Global pollination assessment
- Invasive species assessment
- Sustainable use assessment
- Capacity development strategy



Consortium of Scientific Partners (CSP)

- Created by CBD Secretariat, SANBI joined 2011
- 26 worldwide - should have better geographical spread with some mega diverse countries absent
- All CSP members are close to their governments who are parties to CBD
- Represent the global 'brains trust' for biodiversity
- Many do regional work and strive to engage with each other better and build capacity for science
- Could do much more to help parties to achieve Aichi Targets and relevant SDGs

POTENTIAL SUPPORT TO CBD FROM BBI (some reflections from SANBI)

- Linkages with other platforms and Institutions like IPBES through BESNET: in this climate of reduced donor funding/ resources
- Mobilising biodiversity data & information, eg by increasing digitization/ repatriation of digital data for analysis (GBIF Africa): this will have a huge contribution to national and international reporting
- Prioritization of countries for funding to improve input into the reporting system - Global Biodiversity Outlook, LMMC, identify countries that do not report:
- Strengthen Institutional Capacity particularly through learning exchanges : South South, South North and triangular (CONABIO – SANBI Learning Exchange)

In summary

- Thank you to the Republic of Korea, a legacy of CBD COP 12
- Congratulations to CBD Secretariat for setting up the structures for implementing BBI that facilitates Article 18 of the Convention.
- Interesting BBI-Action Plan, well thought out but: SANBI's view
- Needs to enhance existing initiatives not compete with them
- Needs to be more strategic, focussed and prioritized with a focus on country's unable to report by supporting underlying science
- Learn from others on technical co-operation experience and lessons learned – x learning, regional support, sharing experiences, especially amongst science institutions
- Very short time frames!!

Thank you for listening!

