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Welcome

Dear CBD conference guests,

In the next two weeks, people from all over the world are meeting to face one of the greatest challenges for the future: protecting biological diversity. Not only does the fate of thousands of familiar and unfamiliar animals and plants lie in our hands, our well-being is also inextricably linked to the diversity and stability of the natural world around us.

The relationship between man and nature has become unbalanced. Instead of using nature, we are *misusing* nature. 15 years after the inception of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the extinction of species has continued around the world. The Living Planet Index – a study published worldwide by WWF every two years – reveals the extent to which biologi-

cal diversity is decreasing. Since the 1970s, the number of wild animals has fallen dramatically.

The ninth Conference of the Parties meeting could help to stop biodiversity loss. WWF wants to work with you to achieve this goal – and provides you with this Conference Guide that serves as a handy orientation guide. We would like to welcome you to Germany and the COP 9 and invite you to join with us in following the only possible route to protecting our future and successive generations: the route to a balanced planet.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eberhard Brandes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Eberhard Brandes,
WWF Germany's Chief Executive



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CBD Agenda

The UN Convention on Biological Diversity (**CBD**) was adopted in 1992 at the UN Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. WWF and IUCN played a key part in its origin. Today, 190 states plus the European Union are signatory states of the Convention, which is binding under international law, and have accordingly committed themselves to three goals:

- the preservation of the wealth of animal and plant species, habitats and genetic diversity
- their sustainable use and
- the fair sharing of the profits and benefits resulting from this use.

The parties come together every two years for the conference of signatory states (Conference of the Parties, **COP**) to discuss the goals of the Convention – as for example in 2002 at COP 6, when CBD resolved to bring about a considerable reduction in the extinction of species around the world by

2010. This so-called “**2010 goal**” was confirmed by the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg in 2002.

Major themes at this year’s Conference of the Parties are

- Protection of forests
- The setting-up of terrestrial and marine protected areas and their funding
- Implementation of the agreement and attainment of the 2010 goal
- Assessment of the ecosystem approach in terms of experience acquired so far
- Global strategy on plant protection
- Extraneous species as a threat to biological diversity
- Preservation of plant and animal genetic diversity in agriculture and
- Incentives for conservation and sustainable development



COP for Newcomers

COP 9 will be held from 19 to 30 May in the Maritim Hotel in Bonn, immediately after the fourth meeting of the Cartagena Protocol (**MOP 4**, 12 to 18 May). From that time on, Germany will assume the chairmanship of CBD for the next two years until COP 10 in Japan. The conference of the signatory states is the highest decision-making body of the Convention. During these two weeks, in a general assembly as well as in two working groups running in parallel, votes are taken (see programme section, pp. 16 to 29). As all decisions have to be taken unanimously, the working groups are accompanied by a large number of informal meetings.

Particular importance is also attached to the **High-Level Ministerial Segment**, taking place from 28 to 30 May in the World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB). The ministerial meeting is intended to provide solutions to problems that were not able to be resolved in the course of the conference.

In addition, the Ministerial Segment will be a forum for specific contributions from individual parties or groups who want to play a part in realising the 2010 goal.

The many different **Side Events** have also come to be an important integral part of the conferences. These information events reflect the wide diversity of CBD. Here technical experts mingle with decision-makers. WWF offers Side Events covering several of the main topics of CBD.

In addition, under the title “**Plaza of Diversity**”, a biodiversity fair is taking place directly next to the Conference Center. Here there will be an opportunity to establish a dialogue with experts as well as our “nature witnesses” in the WWF Pavilion.



CBD Glossary

ABS: Access and Benefit Sharing – denotes access to and fair sharing of the benefits resulting from the use of genetic resources.

CHM: Clearing House Mechanism – platform for information exchange.

Contact Group: Informal committee convened by the plenary session of a working group to discuss particularly delicate topics.

Ecosystem Approach: Strategy for the integrated management of natural resources, serves as a methodical basis for the implementation of CBD.

Friends of the Chair: Small group brought into being by the chairman to sort out disagreements in the discussions.

GEF: Global Environment Facility – a financing instrument of CBD.

GSPC: Global Strategy for Plant Conservation – consists of 16 specific goals for protecting the plants in five action areas.

NBSAP: National biodiversity strategies and action plans (in accordance with Art. 6 of CBD).

Programme of Work on Forest Diversity: Adopted in 2002 at COP 6; defines a set of 12 goals, 27 topics and 130 activities designed to achieve the three goals of CBD.

Programme of Work on Protected Areas: Adopted in 2004 at COP 7; extensive, effectively managed and ecologically representative protected area systems are due to be set up by 2010 for terrestrial, and by 2012 for marine areas.

SBSTTA: Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice – advisory scientific body.

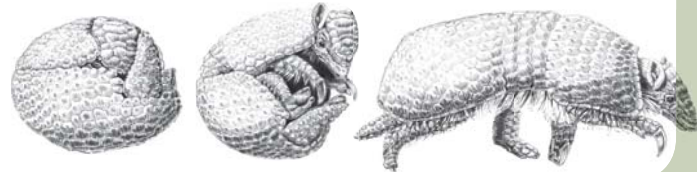
User Guide to Germany

Meticulous, orderly and slightly pedantic – Germans like to take things seriously. That’s why you should always have the right answer to hand when someone from Bonn asks you in the underground railway: “By 2010 Germany will be protecting so many million hectares – what’s the situation in your country?” You’re sure to be welcomed by passers-by with the words: “While you’re here, how many billions worth of investment in conservation has your country signed up for?” or “Do you know how many days there are till 2010?”

Don’t worry though, Germans can also broach less weighty subjects. To engage in relaxed small talk you should in any event be fluent in the following: eating, eating and drinking beer, eating and drinking wine, drinking wine and beer. So that sporting activities don’t come off badly compared to eating, Germans like watching soccer. And, especially in the region of Germany you’re visiting now, celebrating and

carnival are a vital part of life. On the last days of carnival – this is no joke – men have their ties cut off by women who are complete strangers. During the Conference, though, you can wear your tie without fear – Germans prefer to celebrate carnival when it’s cold and wet outside.

If, however, you don’t want to attract attention to your outfit, but prefer to immerse yourself fully in German culture, you should wear Lederhosen, carry a cuckoo clock and yodel bravely from time to time. If you get stared at by Germans in disbelief and they say to you: “Typically German”, then maybe you’ve done something wrong after all...



For a living planet – the WWF

The World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF) is one of the largest independent conservation organizations in the world, with almost five million supporters, and is active in more than 100 countries. 59 national sections, programme offices and partner organizations collaborate within the global network of WWF.

The growth of WWF is a success story with many chapters: the giant panda, the Siberian tiger and the Java rhinos have survived. From the rainforests of the tropics to the Himalayas, from the European river meadows to Madagascar, from the Danube to the Amur, from the Wadden Sea to the South Seas, hundreds of projects demonstrate the courageous commitment of scientists and conservationists of WWF. In over four decades of hard work WWF can point to more than 300 protected areas and over two million square kilometres of protected nature.

In order to preserve biological diversity, however, strong political commitment is also required. This conference in Germany – the last COP before the decisive 2010 landmark – must not remain fruitless. Substantial new funds are necessary for the implementation of the Convention. A yawning funding gap exists, running into billions. The loss of natural forests must finally be stopped and a breakthrough achieved too in the discussions on an international agreement regulating access to genetic resources and fair benefit sharing.



The COP 9 Key Issues

Biodiversity underpins the health of the planet and has a direct relationship with human well-being providing food security, water, medicine as well as mitigating climate change and natural disasters. Therefore governments need to make the protection and sustainable use of biodiversity a political priority. WWF is concerned because indicators show that the global community is not on track to meet the 2010 Biodiversity Target. The Convention is not being effectively implemented.

However, Environmental Ministries cannot meet the 2010 Biodiversity Target on their own and will need the support of additional sectors of government, especially those sectors which depend on biodiversity including agriculture, fisheries, water, and health.

In addition, increased integration of climate change con-

cerns into the CBD, and conversely, integration of the CBD's objectives into the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change as well as the processes of other Multilateral Environmental Agreements is fundamental if the 2010 Target is to be met. Otherwise conservation gains will be minimal and continually threatened by climate change.

WWF calls on Parties to ensure that COP 9 makes progress in the following five key areas:

1) Mainstream Biodiversity. Governments should develop joint biodiversity protection implementation plans between environment, agriculture, food, water, finance, health and cross cutting climate ministries in order to take urgent action to reduce the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010.





2) Protected Areas. Because of its strong targets and timelines the Programme of Work on Protected Areas is the most effective instrument under the Convention for achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target. Governments need to live up to their commitment to put in place effective protected area systems, integrated into surrounding landscapes, with the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities and promoting equity and benefit sharing. Governments should prioritize the protection of areas that are important for food security, water supply, medicine and disaster mitigation as well as ensuring their resistance and resilience to climate change.

3) Finance. Implementing the CBD will require financing and COP 9 needs to adopt an innovative Resource Mobilization Strategy that fosters new commitments from all Parties to

mobilize additional resources from international and domestic sources as well as by developing innovative financing mechanisms. The strategy should have concrete funding targets and timelines and include a mechanism to effectively monitor implementation.

4) Climate change and biodiversity. Climate change concerns from mitigating green house gas emissions to adapting to an ever changing climate cut across all sectors, societies and ecosystems. The international community has committed resources for climate change adaptation and to Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD). Both REDD and adaptation initiatives, if effectively designed, can clearly benefit biodiversity conservation as well as indigenous peoples and local communities. Much investment is likely to be allocated to REDD projects and adaptation in the near future. Substantial efforts must ensure



projects benefit biodiversity, local communities and tackle climate change. COP 9 should call on CBD and UNFCCC to develop a Joint Work Programme to identify and highlight the critical role of biodiversity in mitigating and adapting to climate change. This work should be lead by a CBD/UNFCCC Joint Working Group.

5) Sharing benefits. At COP 8 in 2006 the CBD Parties committed themselves to negotiating an international regime on access to and benefit sharing from the use of genetic resources by 2010. For this target to be reached there will need to be substantial progress made at COP 9.

Did you know that the beaks of some humming birds only fit in certain flowers? This ensures that the pollen from one plant is passed on to the right kind of flower. However, this lock and key principle is very sensitive – if one species dies out, this will inevitably lead to the extinction of the other species.



Organic Restaurants in Bonn and Cologne

Casa Mundi

Vegetarian dishes from all over the world
Hansaring 131,
50670 Köln
+49 (0) 221 73 17 56

Cassius-Garten

Vegetarian wholefood restaurant
Maximilianstraße 28d,
53111 Bonn
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Grünlilie

Vegetarian-organic restaurant
Weyertal 15,
50937 Köln
+49 (0) 221 42 88 59

Cultural Highlights and Exhibitions

The Wealth of Africa – Explore, Use and Preserve Biodiversity

Tuesdays to Sundays 10:00 - 18:00,
Wednesdays until 21:00. The interactive
environmental exhibition in the Alexander
König Museum (Adenauerallee 160) shows
the diversity of Africa's species.

Museum Mile Festival

Thursday, 22 May to
Sunday, 25 May
A wide range of special
performances and concerts
are on offer on Bonn's
"Museum Mile".

Beethoven's House, Bonn

Mondays to Saturdays 10:00 - 18:00
Sundays and holidays 11:00 - 18:00
The house where Ludwig van Beethoven
was born is the heart of the musical city
of Bonn. The museum houses the largest
Beethoven collection in the world.

Get fit for 2010!

Jogging



While you're about it, don't forget to take a few good deep breaths at some point during the Conference. Directly next to the Conference Centre are the "Rhine Meadows" – a large park right beside the Rhine that Bonn residents like to use for jogging, strolling or picnicking. A particular attraction is the 15-hectare "Auensee" with six pontoon bridges, an inviting spot for an enjoyable boating experience. Also popular with visitors are the Japanese, "Blind" and Rose Gardens.

Walking

The "Siebengebirge" Natural Park (Naturpark) stretches from the Bonn city zone towards the south. This volcanically formed area is ideal for walking, but the numerous sights are sufficient reason in themselves to visit the Siebengebirge. Experience the magic of "Rhine romanticism" – a landscape that has inspired many artists from time immemorial.

Stay relaxed ...

Many a conference day lasts longer than planned – resulting in tense muscles and headaches. You can easily prevent this by stretching your neck muscles from time to time. Gently pull your head towards your right shoulder with your right hand, while stretching your left shoulder towards the ground. Then repeat the same exercise for the other side.

Monday, 19 May

10:00 - 13:00

- 1.1 Opening of the meeting
- 1.2 Election of officers
- 1.3 Adoption of the agenda
- 1.4 Organization of work
- 1.5 Report on the credentials of representatives to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
- 1.6 Pending issues
- 2.1 Reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings
- 2.2 Report of the Global Environment Facility
- 2.3 Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Fund of the Convention
- 5 Administration of the Convention and budget for the programme of work of the Convention for the biennium 2009-2010

15:00 - 18:00

Working Group I

- 3.1 Agricultural biological diversity
- 3.2 Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

Working Group II

- 3.7 Progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan and towards the 2010 target and relevant Millennium Development Goals

Conference Programme

Please note: Information accurate at time of publication, but subject to alteration. Latest updates at WWF Pavilion.



Tuesday, 20 May

10:00 - 13:00

Working Group I

3.3 Alien invasive species

Working Group II

4.15 Scientific and technical cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism

4.3 Technology transfer and cooperation

Side Events

13:15 – 14:45

Room S1 / S2,

Gustav Stresemann Institut (GSI)

**Forest Protected Areas –
Identifying and closing
global conservation gaps**

18:15 – 19:45

Saal Liszt, Maritim

**One Planet –
Conflicting Needs:
Solutions for resolving conflicts
between people and wildlife**

**WWF Pavilion
Medicinal and
Aromatic Plants**

WWF Witness:
Check at WWF
Pavilion for current
information!

15:00 - 18:00

3.4 Forest biodiversity

3.6 Ecosystem approach

3.8 Financial resources and the financial mechanism

Personal Updates:

Wednesday, 21 May

10:00 - 13:00

Working Group I

3.5 Incentive measures

Working Group II

3.8 Financial resources and the financial mechanism

4.16 Guidance to the financial mechanism

15:00 - 18:00

4.8 Biodiversity of inland waters

4.9 Marine and coastal areas

4.2 Article 8 (j) and related provisions

Side Events

13:15 – 14:45

Salon Hauptmann, Maritim

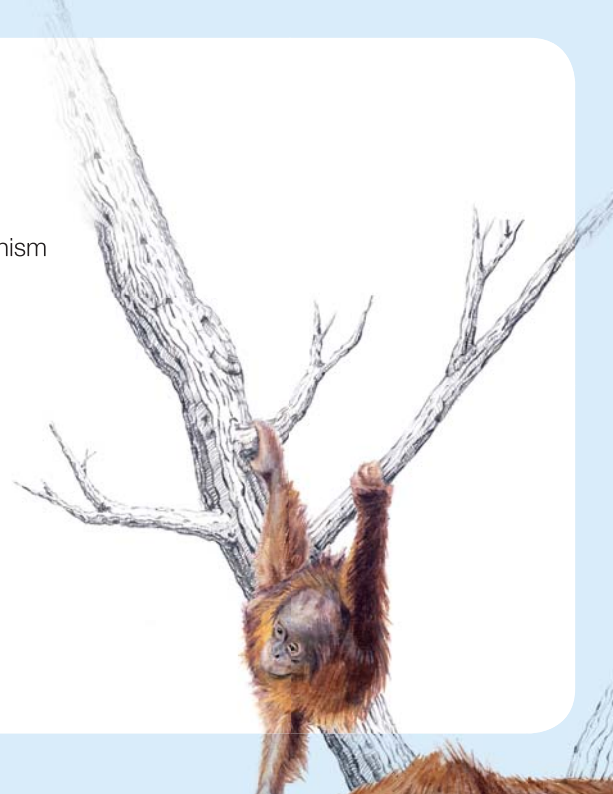
Improving Cooperation in International Watercourses to Achieve Biodiversity Targets

WWF Pavilion

Oceans

WWF Witnesses:

Papa Samba Diouf and Arona Soumaré,
WWF Western Africa Marine Ecoregion (WAMER)



Thursday, 22 May

10:00 - 13:00

Working Group 1

4.7 Protected areas

Working Group 2

4.1 Access and benefit-sharing

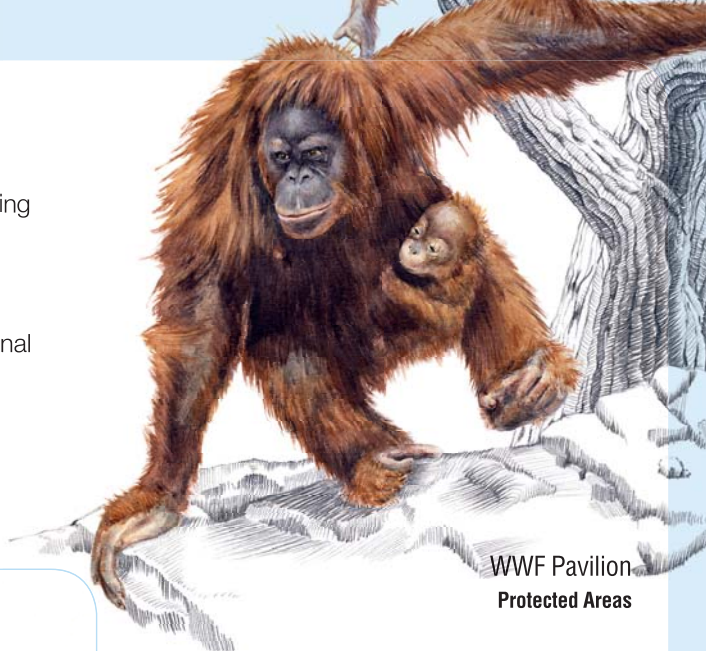
15:00 - 18:00

4.4 Monitoring, assessment and indicators

4.1 Access and benefit-sharing (continued)

17:00 Plenary

Celebrations of the International Day for Biological Diversity (informal).



WWF Pavilion
Protected Areas

WWF Witness: Check at WWF Pavilion for current information!

Pandamobile: WWF's Environmental Education bus comes to the Löwenburgstraße (Margaretenhöhe).

Personal Updates:

Please note: Today is International Day for Biological Diversity as well as public holiday in Germany.

Friday, 23 May

10:00 - 13:00

Working Group 1

- 4.6 Biodiversity and dry and sub-humid lands
- 4.5 Biodiversity and climate change

Working Group 2

- 4.14 Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives and engagement of stakeholders
- 4.17 Communication, education and public awareness

Side Events

13:15 – 14:45

Salon Hauptmann, Maritim

**The MPA network in West Africa:
The subregional Programme on Marine
and Coastal areas management (PRCM)
delivering on CBD commitments**

15:00 - 17:00

- 4.5 Biodiversity and climate change (continued)
- 4.10 Island biodiversity

17:00 - 18:00 Plenary
Review of progress

18:15 – 19:45

Salon Hauptmann, Maritim

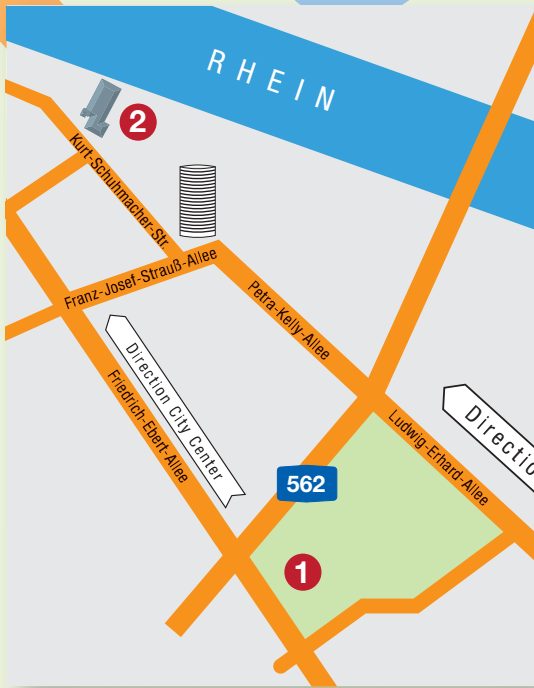
**Le Système des aires protégées au Maroc:
Stratégie, Réalisations et Résultats de
l'évaluation au moyen de l'outil RAPPAM**

WWF Pavilion Species Protection

WWF Witness: Christoph Walder, WWF Austria, about the protection of brown bears in the Alps.
Alongside the conference, WWF is presenting its German-language exhibition "Migrating is a Bear Thing".

Pandamobile: The WWF Environmental Education bus can be visited on the "Plaza of Diversity" and is located right next to the Federal Ministry of the Environment.


Map of the venue



- 1** Conference Center
Hotel Maritim
COP 9, 19. - 30. May
- 2** WCCB
World Conference Center Bonn
High-level ministry segment
28. - 30. May

- A** WWF Pavilion
- B** PRCM/WWF WAMER
- C** Krombacher Brewery and WWF

- U** Subway Station
Robert-Schuhmann-Platz

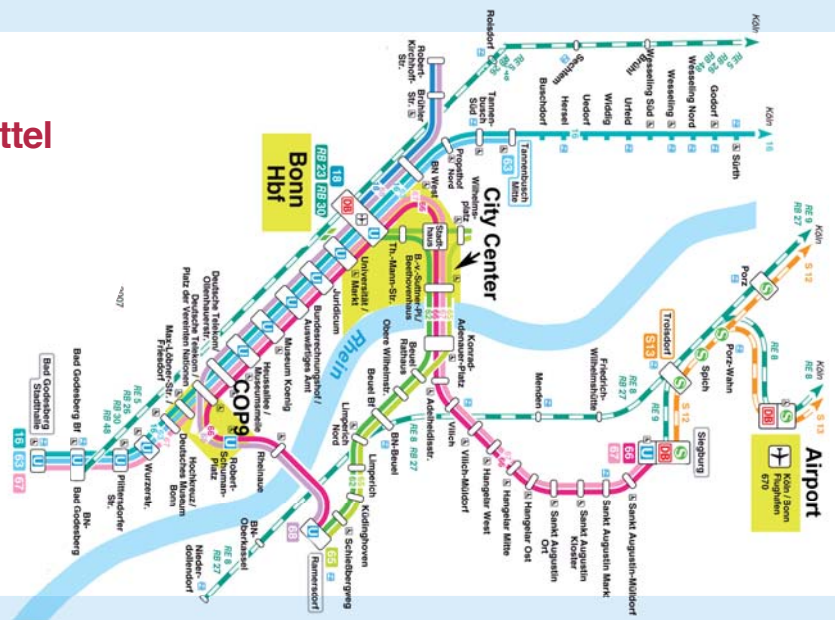
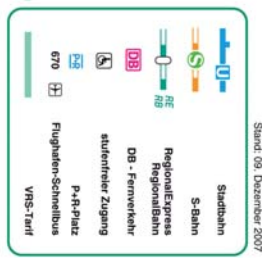
 Catering

 Toilets



This map does not show the complete rail route map of the city of Bonn, but simply features the most important underground lines between the Conference Centre, Central Railway Station and airport and the suburban rail connections to Cologne (Köln).

Public Transport / Öffentliche Verkehrsmittel



Useful Telephone Numbers / Nützliche Telefonnummern

Conference

COP 9 Hotline: +49 228 99 305 -4410 or -4411
Maritim Hotel: +49 228 81 080

Transport

Airport Köln / Bonn Information Service Center:
+49 2203 40 40 -01 or -02
Train Schedule Information: 11861
Taxi: +49 228 55 55 55

Information Services

English speaking Directory Assistance: 11837
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Emergency

Fire Brigade / Emergency: 112
Police: 110

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Saturday, 24 May and Sunday, 25 May

Did you know that pregnant kangaroos can press a kind of pause button during pregnancy? If there is a shortage of food, for example, a messenger substance halts the development of the embryo. Once conditions have improved again, the kangaroo embryo continues to grow as if nothing has happened.



Did you know that an animal exists which is older than writing? Older than the first money and older than the invention of the wheel? A two metre high, vase-shaped giant sponge has been living in the seas of the South Pole for some 10,000 years and goes by the name of *Scolymastra joubini*! If only it could tell us its life story ...

Did you know that the loudest animal on Earth is tiny? The small snapping shrimp creates an air bubble by snapping its claw. This then implodes with the sound intensity of a fighter jet starting up. This formidable sound helps the crab fend off rivals, stun prey and attract females.

Pandamobile:

In conjunction with the exhibition on migrating bears, the Pandamobile is presenting the work of WWF on the roundabout at the end of Heinemannstraße, right by the Rhine Meadows (Rheinauen).

Monday, 26 May

10:00 - 13:00

Working Group 1

4.11 Global Taxonomy Initiative

Working Group 2

4.12 Liability and redress

15:00 - 17:00

(Matters outstanding)

(Matters outstanding)

Did you know just how long the circumference of the Earth is? In fact, it is the same distance as that travelled by some migrating swallows each year. On their journey from the Arctic to the Antarctic and back, these birds cover a distance of around 40,000 km.

**WWF Pavilion
Forest & Climate**

WWF Witness:
Check at WWF
Pavilion for current
information!



Personal Updates:

Tuesday, 27 May

10:00 - 13:00

Plenary

Informal dialogue with the executive secretaries of the Rio conventions and of the United Nations regional economic commissions followed by informal dialogue with the executive secretaries of the Biodiversity Liaison Group

Side Events

13:15 – 14:45

Room 1.130, BMU

Heart of Borneo: Bridging Conservation and Sustainable Development in three countries

15:00 - 18:00

Plenary

Informal dialogue with heads of agencies

18:30 – 22:30 (by invitation only)

La Redoute, Bad Godesberg:

A Celebration of Island Leadership: Voluntary Commitments to Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods on Islands

Working Groups

As plenary will be in session, only one working group will meet, to discuss matters outstanding

19:00 – 22:00 (by invitation only)

Hotel Königshof:

High level dinner hosted by MAVA Foundation and the Gambian Ministry of Environment

WWF Pavilion

Kongo – DRC, COMIFAC, Dzangha Sanga

WWF Witness: Laurant Somé, WWF Central Africa
Regional Programme Office (CARPO)

Wednesday, 28 May

10:00- 13:00

Plenary

Opening of the High-Level Segment of the Conference of the Parties

Working Groups

As plenary will be in session, only one working group will meet, to discuss matters outstanding

Side Events

13:15 – 14:45

Salon Hauptmann, Maritim

The Potential of the ARPA program in reducing deforestation and associated carbon emissions in the Brazilian Amazon

13:15 – 14:45

Room S26, Gustav Stresemann Institute (GSI)

High Seas Marine Protected Areas – Showcasing Developments

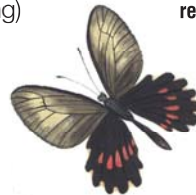
**WWF Pavilion
Timber**

WWF Witnesses:
Wisnu Rusmanto
and Desmarita Murni,
WWF Indonesia

15:00 - 18:00

(Matters outstanding)

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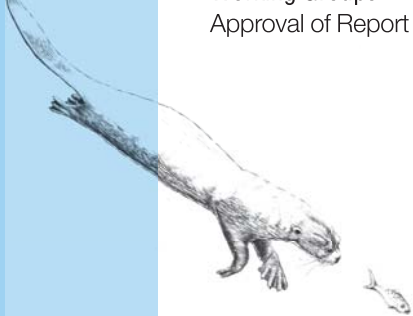


Personal Updates:

Thursday, 29 May

10:00 - 13:00

Working Groups
Approval of Report



Side Events

19:30 – 21:00

(by invitation only)

Hotel Kanzler

**Big Win for Dinaric Arc
(High Level Dinner)**

20:30 – 23:30

(by invitation only)

Loc TBD

**Launch of ARPA II
(High Level Dinner)**

**WWF Pavilion
Amazon**

WWF Witness:

Fernando Vasconcellos,
WWF Brazil

Personal Updates:

Friday, 30 May

10:00 - 13:00

Plenary

- 6.2 Adoption of decisions of the Conference of the Parties and of the reports of the Working Groups
- 1.7 Date and venue of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
- 6.1 Other matters
- 6.2 Adoption of the report
- 6.3 Closure of the meeting

15:00 - 18:00

Plenary

(Continued as needed)

WWF Pavilion

Happening:

The Net for Life
towards 2010

Personal Updates:

