



# UNEP Knowledge Management tools: inforMEA.org and Online Reporting Tool

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# Overview of presentation

- UNEP Knowledge Management project 2006-2008
- inforMEA.org portal
- Online Reporting Tool
- Thoughts on data harmonization among conventions and agreements
- A possible way ahead

# UNEP Knowledge Management project 2006- 2008

- A UNEP project (DELIC & WCMC) with the Secretariats of Biodiversity-related Conventions & Agreements
  - CBD, CITES, CMS, Ramsar, AEWA, IOSEA
- Objective: *Strengthening the implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions through the strategic use of information*

# Activities

1. Interlinking of strategic agreement information
2. Establish on-line reporting systems
3. Develop harmonized reporting systems and other aspects of national reporting

# Interlinking of strategic agreement documents

- ◆ [www.inforMEA.org](http://www.inforMEA.org)
- ◆ Making available, through a single web portal, key agreement information:
  - Articles
  - Strategic Plans
  - Resolutions and decisions
  - National focal point information
  - List of Parties

# Interlinking of strategic agreement documents (cont'd)

- ◆ Harvesting information from convention websites
- ◆ Information controlled by secretariats

# Online Reporting Tool

- ◆ Existed only for IOSEA
- ◆ Here for CMS, AEWA, CITES (biennial reports)
- ◆ Produced a generator tool
  - Generating reporting formats, questionnaires, *etc*
  - Facilitating amendment of report formats as strategic plans change
  - Facilitating continuity of information (provision of pre-filled Party information)
  - Enabling online reporting by Parties

- 7 ◆ Maintained by Secretariats

# Data harmonization among conventions and agreements

*Issues from project workshop in March 2008*

*Potential steps:*

1. Project tools (first steps)
2. National focal point information and calendar of events (interoperable)
3. Exchange of reporting and strategic information (interoperable)
  - Linked online reporting systems
  - Modular integration of information (*cf* Tematea)



# A possible way ahead with inforMEA.org and the online reporting tool

- Clarify long-term management
- Develop controlled vocabulary for portal
- Build synthesis and analysis tool for online reporting system
- Build Secretariat capacities for information management and interoperability