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Issue based modules for coherent implementation of biodiversity related conventions

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Using TEMATEA for a more coherent negotiation and implementation of multilateral and regional agreements

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What does TEMATEA provide?

1. Issue-Based Modules: web-based reference tools that structure the action-oriented part of negotiated text from different relevant agreements in a logical framework.

2. Capacity Building based on the modules to promote national cooperation and communication across conventions and sectors to improve national implementation.

1. The 'Issue-Based Modules'

- **Issue-Based** on key biodiversity issues: CC, PA, SU, IW, IAS, ABS
- Analysis of **existing** decisions of global and regional agreements on specific issues
- Analysis of **relationship** between decisions of different agreements to demonstrate overlaps, conflict or gaps
- Captures the '**action-oriented**' part of the decision in simplified language
- Voluntary and evolutionary, UN languages
- Web based and on CD Rom

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Invasive Alien Species

Overview of all sections and activities

Home

Read the Introduction to this module

Click on an activity to see all its obligations, or click a button to restrict to activities with global *or* regional obligations

[global] [regional]

Assessment
Read the Introduction/Rationale to this section

- Activity 1: Develop assessment methods
- Activity 2: Carry out assessments
- Activity 3: Monitor and research

Issue Based Modules

- Biodiversity and Climate Change
- Inland Waters
- Invasive Alien Species
- Protected Areas
- Sustainable Use
- click here for cross-modular sections

- Introduction to Invasive Alien Species
- Meetings reviewed

Sections

- Assessment
- Legislative measures and national policies
- Management
- Economic instruments
- Provision of resources
- Communication, education and public awareness
- Cooperation

Activity 1: Ratify and implement international conventions

Activity 2: Harmonise regional approaches

Activity 3: Develop and implement national legislation

Activity 4: Develop and implement national strategies

Activity 5: Develop national trade legislation

Activity 6: Develop national ballast water legislation

- Activity 12: Assess wetlands
- Activity 13: Assess marine and coastal biodiversity

Structure of the modules:

Module

→ Section

   →Activity

     →Provisions

Example: grouped obligations on IAS

Section: Management

Activity: Manage IAS - Component 1: Development management tools

Directly relevant obligations

– Establish or adapt existing IAS alert systems: IPPC 7th ICPM, section 12.1, 148, 7h <SEE COMMENTARY>

– Develop technical tools to support the management of IAS: CBD Decision VI/23, 27 <SEE COMMENTARY>

Indirectly relevant obligations

– Integrate the conservation of migratory species habitats into policies, plans and programmes: CMS Resolution 7.10, 2

Commentary

IPPC 7th ICPM, section 12.1, 148, 7h and CBD Decision VI/23, 27: The development of technical tool or alert systems may offer synergy between the two conventions

Relevant biodiversity related agreements
(environmental and sectoral)

- World Heritage Convention
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)
- Convention on Migratory Species
- Ramsar Convention
- Convention on Biodiversity
- UNFCCC & KP
- UNCCD

- UNESCO MAB
- UNCLOS
- SPS Agreement (WTO)
- Int'l Convention for Ballast Water & Sediments
- IPPC (FAO)
- Regional Agreements for Asia Europe, Africa, Latin America.

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2. TEMATEA Capacity Building

➢ **Inventory of existing implementation of MEA obligations on 1 or more of the 6 topics:**

   Norway: IAS, **Seychelles**: CC, **Cuba**: IW + IAS,

   Peru: ABS, **Georgia**: PA, **Belgium**: CC

   planned: Liberia, Armenia, Moldova

➢ **Evaluate Strengths and Weaknesses**

➢ **Formulate recommendations
to improve national implementation**

Example: Cuba used results to prepare a GEF proposal on IAS and
   decided to repeat exercise on own expenses for PA, CC and ABS.

The **Inventory**, based on the issue-based structure of the modules, serves as a check-list to identify national obligations on a specific issue, coming from MEAs.

By completing the **checklist** with how these obligations were implemented at national level as well as the relevant actors, the inventory maps out the national efforts towards this issue.

See the following example on the IAS Module:

➢ Section 2 on Legislation:

➢ *Activity 3* – Develop & Implement National Legislation:

➢ *Component 1* – Develop National Legislation

Obligations & Commitments	National Activities	Actor
Enhance plant protection laws and policies, to include the protection of biodiversity against the impacts from IAS: **IPPC 7th ICPM, section 12.1, 148, 7a**		
Ensure that relevant laws and provisions do not inadvertently constrain the use of appropriate measures to address IAS: **CBD Decision VIII/27, 64**		
Review policy and legislation in light of the IAS Guiding Principles: **CBD Decision VI/23, 10c** and **CBD Decision VI/23, Annex (IAS Guiding Principles)**		
Consider the international cooperation guidelines when establishing or developing policy and legal frameworks relating to wetlands: **Ramsar Resolution VII.19, 11** and **Ramsar Resolution VII.19, Annex**		
Indirectly relevant provision: Implement measures to reduce the impacts of climate change on migratory species: **CMS Resolution 8.13, 3**		

Pilot Countries

- **Europe**: Armenia, (Azerbaijan), Belgium, Georgia, Hungary, Moldova, Norway, Russia

- **Latin America**: Cuba, Panama, Peru

- **Africa**: Liberia, Morocco, Senegal, Seychelles, (South Africa), Uganda

- **Asia**: Nepal, Vietnam

National experiences:

➤ Preparing negotiation positions

➤ Facilitate national reporting

➤ multi-convention proposals

➤ Develop and review national legislation, programmes etc

➤ Improved interaction between experts across MEAs & sectors

➤ Training & induction of new staff

➤ ...

References at international fora

Inviting Parties to consider TEMATEA when planning and implementing national activities

2005-2006:

- ➢ **Ramsar COP9, CMS COP8, CBD SBSTTA11, 12 and 13, CBD COP8 (5 decisions), WHC 30th Session, 11th AMCEN meeting.**

2008:

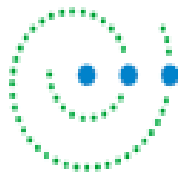- ➢ **Decisions at CBD COP9, RAMSAR COP 10, CMS COP9**
- ➢ **UNEP GC25 IEG Decision**

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