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CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

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THIRD BUSINESS AND THE 2010 BIODIVERSITY CHALLENGE CONFERENCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNEP BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY GLOBAL DIALOGUE

Pursuant to COP decision IX/26 on promoting business engagement, and with the financial support from the Government of the Netherlands and the United Nations Environment Programme, the Third Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge Conference was held on 30 November-2 December 2009 in Jakarta, Indonesia, in conjunction with the UNEP Business and Industry Global Dialogue and co-hosted by the Government of Indonesia.



From L-R: Arab Hoballah, UNEP-DTIE, Pavan Sukhdev, TEEB Study Leader and Ahmed Djoghlaf.

Building on the outcomes of the first and second Business and Biodiversity Challenge meetings, the Jakarta conference underscored the important role business and private sector play in addressing biodiversity issues, highlighting best case practices, including life cycle approaches and incentive mechanisms, and developed recommendations on collaborative actions that can be undertaken. The conference saw the participation of more than 200 companies, representing non-governmental organizations and Governments from all over the world.

The meeting adopted two key documents: the “Jakarta Charter on Business and Biodiversity” (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/business/jakarta-charter-business-en.pdf>) and Strategy to Advance the 2020 Business and Biodiversity Agenda (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/business/strategy-business-agenda-post-2010-en.pdf>), to be forwarded to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be held in Nagoya, Japan on 19-29 October 2010.



Indonesia State Minister for the Environment, M. Gusti Hatta, with Ahmed Djoghlaf.

While in Jakarta, bilateral meetings were held with senior government officials and organizations, including the new Indonesia State Minister for the Environment, the head of the Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund, the Vice President of the Aichi Nagoya Chamber of Commerce, among others.



Naotake Okubo, Chairman, Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund with Ahmed Djoghlaf.



MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON D.C., U.S.A.

During the first week of December, the CBD Executive Secretary was in Washington, D.C. to attend a number of meetings. Bilateral discussions were held with Dr. Kerri-Ann Jones, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, on the COP 10 meeting, International Year of Biodiversity, and the Green Wave initiative, among other issues. A meeting with a number of senior U.S. officials dealing with biodiversity was also held to discuss the COP 10 and IYB, among other issues. The CBD Executive Secretary had an opportunity to meet with the President and CEO of RARE, and also participated in a meeting hosted by the CEO, with the participation of representatives of the civil society.



Left photo: Ahmed Djoghlaf with Dr. Kerri-Ann Jones, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. Right photo: Brett Jenks, CEO, RARE with Ahmed Djoghlaf.

## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY

Since its launch last month, new information has been added on the IYB website to assist Parties and relevant partners in celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity. More updates are expected, so please visit the IYB website again. Visit: <http://www.cbd.int/2010/>

### facebook

In the context of the implementation of the plan and strategy for the IYB 2010, the Secretariat is pleased to inform that the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) on Facebook has been launched. Everyone is invited to join and be a fan of the IYB and contribute to raising public awareness on the importance of biodiversity. Visit: <http://www.facebook.com/IYB2010>



**Air Algérie, a partner in the IYB celebration**  
Abdelwahid Bouabdallah, Director-General, Air Algérie, with Ahmed Djoghlaif

## PARTNERSHIP WITH CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL



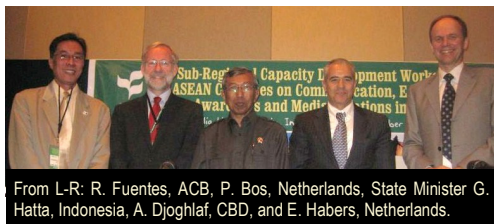
Signing ceremony: Russell Mittermeier, President, Conservation International, and Ahmed Djoghlaif, ES-CBD.

A memorandum of understanding was signed with the Conservation International on 4 December 2009, with the aim of enhancing cooperation on areas of common interest and expertise in support of the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Detailed activities will be developed in a bi-annual work plan.



Also present at the signing ceremony were representatives from Airbus and National Geographic Society.

## SUB-REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR ASEAN COUNTRIES ON COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA) AND MEDIA TRAINING



From L-R: R. Fuentes, ACB, P. Bos, Netherlands, State Minister G. Hatta, Indonesia, A. Djoghlaif, CBD, and E. Habers, Netherlands.

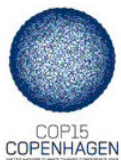
A sub-regional capacity-building workshop for ASEAN countries on Communication, Education, and Public Awareness (CEPA) and Media Training was held on 30 November to 3 December 2009, in Jakarta, Indonesia. The workshop, organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in partnership with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), and the Commission for Education and Communication (CEC) of IUCN, gathered the participation of about 60 media practitioners and government information officers from

10 Southeast Asian countries. Hosted by the Government of Indonesia and supported by the Government of the Netherlands, the workshop provided an exchange of knowledge and learning among civil servants responsible for CEPA activities on biodiversity and media practitioners who report on biodiversity. The second in a series of sub-regional workshops which began in 2008 in response to COP decision IX/32, the Jakarta workshop counted on the participation of 3 trainers from the CEC of IUCN and assistance from the ABS Capacity-development initiative for Africa. The workshop increased the participants' awareness about the importance of the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB), as well as increased their knowledge about the CBD framework and support for IYB, improved their skills in strategic planning and organizing national activities for the IYB, and raised their awareness of the importance of, and improved their skills in, dealing with the media. A special module on ABS provided training on the communication of this important issue under the CBD. Designed to also sensitize media practitioners to issues of biodiversity conservation and encourage them to become partners in conservation advocacy, each media participant is encouraged to draft one story/radio/television programme about the CBD and about national actions on biodiversity in their respective country in the next six to 12 months.



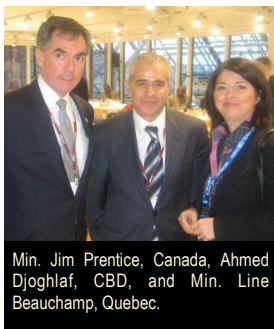
CEPA and Media workshop: Participants at the meeting. (Photo courtesy: ACB)

## UNFCCC COP 15 – COPENHAGEN, DENMARK



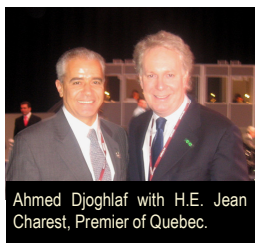
A delegation from the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity participated in the UNFCCC COP 15, in Copenhagen, Denmark. The meeting, which gathered more than 45,000 delegates, provided an opportunity for the Secretariat staff to participate in various events relevant to the work of the CBD, as well as meet and engage with relevant partner organizations and bodies. A side event on "Connecting Biodiversity and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation" was organized on 11 December. Statements were delivered by

panellists, which was then followed by a short Q & A. The statements were very useful as they provided an opportunity



Min. Jim Prentice, Canada, Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD, and Min. Line Beauchamp, Quebec.

for other issues to be highlighted, including the role of protected area in the broader landscape, more specific dimensions of REDD, the role of ecosystem-based adaptation and the challenges/difficulties separate Convention arrangements place on dealing with the integrated issues of biodiversity and climate change. The event, attended by over 150 participants, presented an



Ahmed Djoghlaif with H.E. Jean Charest, Premier of Quebec.

opportunity for the launching of two publications: CBD Technical Series 41 on "Biodiversity and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation: Report of the Second Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change" and CBD Technical Series 43 on "Forest Resilience, Biodiversity, and Climate Change - A Synthesis of the Biodiversity/Resilience/

Stability Relationship in Forest Ecosystems".

The CBD also launched its Technical Series 46 on "Scientific Synthesis of the Impacts of Ocean Acidification on Marine Biodiversity", prepared in collaboration with the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), on 14 December in Copenhagen. The Secretariat also participated, as member of the Global Gender Climate Alliance, at the side event on Investing in Women's Leadership for Climate Solutions on 17 December. A fact sheet on biodiversity, gender and climate change, prepared by the Secretariat, was made available and distributed to participants at the COP 15.



Gender side event: R. Bisset and K. Sierra, World Bank, with Marie Khan, CBD.

The Secretariat staff also gave presentations in a number of side events including the GBIF and the ICLEI events. The staff also took part in: "Celebrating High Level Commitments to Adaptation: Building Resilient Communities and Ecosystems" and "Reducing Emissions from Deforestation", among other side events. Interventions were also made during the SBSTA-31, held in conjunction with the COP 15.

The CBD Executive Secretary attended "The United Nations Delivering as One on Climate Change", chaired by the United Nations Secretary General, on 16 December, as well as the working breakfast for the United Nations



Ahmed Djoghlaif with Min. Joke Schauvliege, Flemish Government.

System: Role of the UN System in the global implementation of Climate Change Mitigation and

Adaptation. Bilateral meetings were held with the Ministers of Environment from Uganda, Belgium, France, Canada, Flemish and Quebec Governments among others, as well as with senior staff from organizations. A meeting was held with Mr. Pavan Sukhdev, TEEB Study Leader, to further strengthen collaboration between TEEB and the CBD especially regarding the IYB.

A number of materials relating to biodiversity and climate change were prepared by the SCBD for COP 15. These were made available on the SCBD webpage dedicated to the UNFCCC COP15 (<http://www.cbd.int/climate/copenhagen/>) at the start of the conference and maintained throughout the meeting to ensure timely access to material released by the SCBD during COP15.

### FOREST DAY 3



The Secretariat was one of the co-hosts of the third Forest Day event convened in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 13 December 2009. Around 1600 participants discussed the linkages between forests and climate change, including mitigation, adaptation, and forest degradation. A summary statement, developed based on participants' responses to a series of questions posed to the sub-pleenary sessions and main points from keynote statements, was presented to the UNFCCC Executive Secretary during the closing pleenary.

In the margins of the Forest Day, a Learning Event on forest biodiversity was organized by the Secretariat, in partnership with the UN-REDD programme, GEF and Conservation International, which provided recommendations to achieve cost-effective synergies between the UNFCCC, the Convention on Biological Diversity and other international commitments, based on experiences from the field and state-of-the-art science.

## UNFF AGREEMENT

The UNFCCC COP 15 provided an opportunity for the heads of the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Forum on Forests to sign a Memorandum of Understanding, aimed at facilitating the implementation of the Forest Instrument and the UNFF MYPOW and CBD POW, and at promoting joint activities related to the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity and the 2011 International Year of Forests. The agreement also foresees the secondment of a temporary staff position, based in New York at the UNFF secretariat, to carry out joint activities.



Jan McAlpine, Director of UNFF, with Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES, at the signing ceremony.

## MISSION TO NEW YORK

During the second week of December, the CBD Executive Secretary was in New York to make briefing at a meeting of the Group of 77 and China, convened at the ambassadorial level, on the International Year of Biodiversity, in particular the high level event on biodiversity of the 65<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly. While in New York, the CBD Executive Secretary also met with: the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Director of DSD/CSD, the spokesperson of the regional groups including the representatives of Brazil, Germany, Japan and India in New York. He also had brief meetings with the Permanent Representatives of Tunisia, India and Senegal. Discussions were held with the Director of the Outreach Division in the U.N. Department of Public Information on the designation of the IYB Ambassador and COP10.



Left photo: M. Ahmia, ES-Group of 77, H. E. Ambassador Abdalmahmood, Chairman of the Group of 77, with Ahmed Djoghlaif.

Right photo: Tariq Banuri, DSD/CSD, Ahmed Djoghlaif, and Under Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, Sha Zukang.

## BIODIVERSITY THROUGH THE EYES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Based on a memorandum of understanding with the CBD Secretariat, the aircraft manufacturer Airbus has been helping to promote The Green Wave since June 2008. In 2009 they enabled a children's photo competition through National Geographic that encouraged young people to engage in nature and consider the global loss of biodiversity.

Eight winning photos were chosen from more than 2,500 entries from children in 99 countries. On 4 December 2009, an award ceremony for the

winning children was held at the headquarters of National Geographic in Washington, DC, where the Executive Secretary was joined by ambassadors from the winners' countries and senior officials of Airbus and National Geographic.

The eight talented young photographers were invited to visit the National Geographic headquarters, view the Terra Cotta Warriors exhibition, tour the city, and take part in a photography workshop with Joel Sartore at the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History. The winners received a certificate and a framed

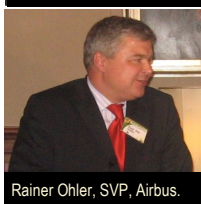
photograph from Joel Sartore and the Executive Secretary of the CBD. As well as the eight main winners, 20 young people were also awarded an honourable mention. To see all 28 photos, visit: <http://www.cbd.int/2010/multimedia/?tab=1>.



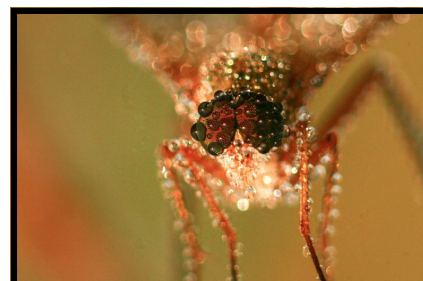
Joel Sartore, NGS photographer, with the winners of the photo competition.



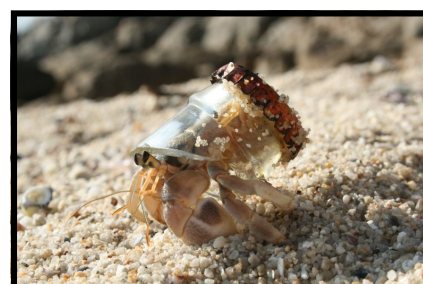
John Griffin, Exec. VP, NGS.



Rainer Ohler, SVP, Airbus.



"Macroworld", Patryk Majchrzak, 16 - Poland.



"Spirit of the bottle", Alex Marttunen, 11 - Finland.



## VISITORS THIS MONTH



7 December  
Abdelaziz Laouar, Air Algérie, and Mr. Lemieux



8 December  
A.R Diallo, ICAO, and Andrea Debanne, Airbus



**International Plant Protection Convention**  
Protecting the world's plant resources from pests

## MEETING WITH IPPC

On 1 December 2009, the Secretariat organised a Joint Secretariat meeting between the International Plant Protection Convention and the CBD. The meeting was held at CBD Secretariat with a view to advancing COP decisions VIII/27, IX/4 and Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The meeting was held with participation of Dr. Rainouw Bast-Tjeerde (Chair of The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures), Dr Brent Larson (Secretariat of the IPPC) and relevant staff members of Secretariat of the CBD. The meeting reviewed the joint work in 2009 and discussed on further bilateral collaboration on (i) invasive alien species to be covered by IPPC, (ii) review of International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures, (iii) topics for new standard setting, (iv) International Year on Biodiversity, (v) sharing information through clearing-house mechanism and biosafety clearing-house mechanism including e-conference. The meeting also discussed on inter secretariats collaboration on invasive alien species with World Organisation for Animal Health, World Trade Organisation –SPS Committee, International Civil Aviation Organisation and other relevant organisations for regulatory framework setting on transportation of living organisms. The meeting confirmed that each secretariat continues to exchange information and prepare jointly for the meetings such as Commission on Phytosanitary Measures in March 2010, SBSTTA14 in May 2010 and COP10 in October 2010.

## CANADIAN BOREAL INITIATIVE

On 7 December staff from the David Suzuki Foundation and the Canadian Boreal Initiative met with SCBD staff and gave a presentation on the Boreal Forest Conservation Framework, a highly successful campaign by indigenous nations, NGOs, governments and industry aimed at protecting the Boreal Forest region of Canada. The meeting provided an opportunity to explore possible collaboration with the CBD.



Clockwise from left: D. Ainsworth, CBD, Faisal Moola, David Suzuki Foundation, Ahmed Djoghlaif, ES-CBD, Gary R. Stewart, International Boreal Conservation Campaign, Larry Innes, Canadian Boreal Initiative, Neil Pratt and Jason Spensley, CBD, and Anne Lévesque, Canadian Boreal Initiative.

## EXPERT WORKSHOP ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS RELEVANT TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN MARINE AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION - EAS PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING / AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH PEMSEA



Signing of the agreement with PEMSEA.

On 25 November 2009 at the Special East Asian Seas Partnership Council

Meeting of the East Asian Seas Congress 2009, CBD Secretariat signed an MOU for cooperation with the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA), which is an intergovernmental regional coordinating mechanism established in 2006 for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia ("SDS-SEA"). This was to formalize the Secretariat's existing cooperation with PEMSEA.

In view of PEMSEA's remarkable contribution to the implementation of integrated marine and coastal management, the strengthened cooperation would further enhance the implementation of Jakarta Mandates and the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity.

This signing followed the successful completion of CBD Expert Workshop on Scientific and Technical Aspects Relevant to Environmental Impact Assessment in Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (18 - 20 November 2009, Manila), which was kindly hosted by the Government of Philippines and PEMSEA. CBD Secretariat will collaborate with PEMSEA in coming months in compiling case-studies on integrated coastal management, developing on-line database through

CBD clearinghouse mechanism to share ICM experiences, and synthesizing lessons learned. Such efforts will become valuable inputs to the in-depth review of progress made in the implementation of programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity, which will be undertaken by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in its 10th meeting (COP 10) to be held in October 2010 in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan.



EAS Partnership Council Meeting held in Manila, Philippines.

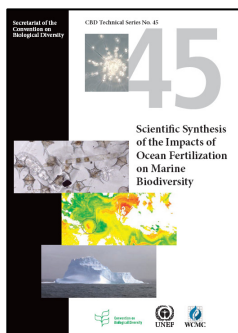
## OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY THE SECRETARIAT:

- Regional Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas, 27 November-1 December 2009, Isle of Vilm, Germany
- Access and Benefit-sharing Regional Consultations for Asia, 5-6 December 2009, Siem Reap, Cambodia
- Regional Workshop for the Caribbean and Central American Countries on the Fourth National Report and Updating the Strategic Plan for Post-2010 Period, 7-10 December 2009, Panama City, Panama
- Regional Workshop for Africa on Ways and Means to Promote the Sustainable Production and Use of Biofuels, 8-10 December 2009, Accra, Ghana
- Regional Consultation for Africa on the updating and revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention for the post-2010 period, 11-12 December 2009, Cairo, Egypt
- Regional Workshop for East, South and Southeast Asia on Updating the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity for post-2010 period, 15-18 December 2009, Tokyo, Japan

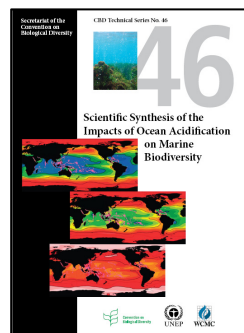
## OTHER MEETINGS:

- Participate in the UNU ABS Dialogue, 2-3 December 2009, Jakarta, Indonesia (also took part in preparatory meetings on 1 December)
- Attend the EEA expert meeting on ecosystem services accounting, 2-4 December 2009, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Meeting with the senior staff from the U.S. State Department, , as well as with relevant organizations and partners to the LifeWeb Initiative, 3-4 December 2009, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
- Attend the 4th Pan-African Workshop of the ABS Initiative, 6-10 December 2009, Cairo, Egypt (also took part in the Steering Committee meeting on 5 December)
- Teleconference with the informal consultative group for the 3rd IPBES Meeting, 7 December 2009, Montreal
- Delivered keynote speech at the McGill Environment Symposium, 7 December 2009, Montreal
- Terrorism and Intruder training, 7 December 2009, Montreal
- Participate in WIPO's Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore meeting, 7-11 December 2009, Geneva, Switzerland
- Interview with Melanie Lambush, London, 8 December 2009
- Visit of Samy Gaiji, GBIF, 9 December 2009
- Take part in the meeting for Asia-Pacific Biodiversity Observation Network, 10-11 December 2009, and the intergovernmental meeting for South East Asia Biodiversity Information Initiative, 12-14 December 2009, Tokyo, Japan
- Teleconference Call with Mr. Walter Erdelen, UNESCO, 11 December 2009, Montreal
- Interview with CBC Radio Canada, 11 December 2009, Montreal
- Interview with Gaiapresse, 11 December 2009, Montreal
- Meeting with the Ambassador of Tunisia to Canada, 11 December 2009, Montreal
- Meet with FAO staff, 13 December 2009, Rome, Italy
- Participate in the second session of the UN-sponsored management training workshop, 14-17 December 2009, New York, U.S.A.
- Participate in the Policy Seminar organized by the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, 15-18 December 2009, Bari, Italy
- Attend meetings with senior officials at the Ministry of Environment of Japan and JICA, 16-17 December 2009, Tokyo, Japan
- Interview with Mette Buck Jensen, Journalist, Ingeniøren, 14 December 2009, Montreal

## NEW PUBLICATIONS



Technical Series 45: Scientific Synthesis of the Impacts of Ocean Fertilization on Marine Biodiversity.  
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-45-en.pdf>



Technical Series 46: Scientific Synthesis of the Impacts of Ocean Acidification on Marine Biodiversity.  
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-46-en.pdf>



<http://greenwave.cbd.int/>



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