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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAUNCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY

The global community joined the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in celebrating the launch of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, hosting a number of events from different parts of the world were held to mark the start of the biodiversity year.

INDIA

On 4 January, the International Year of Biodiversity launch in India was marked by a press/media event with His Excellency Jairam Ramesh, Minister of Environment and Forests of India, in which a biodiversity brochure entitled 'Achieving 2010 Biodiversity Target: India's Contributions' was released, as well as a 2010 calendar contained pictures of the 12 award-winning paintings by children that were chosen from a national-level competition organized by the National Museum of Nature History during the Wildlife Week in October 2009 on the theme 'Our Rich Biodiversity'.

CURITIBA



YIB panel discussion. In photo (from L-R): Jean Lemire, Izabella Teixeira (Brazil), Mayor Alberto Richa (Curitiba), Ahmed Djoghlaif (CBD-ES) and Eric Blencowe (UK). (Photo credits: Joel Rocha/SMCS).

On the margins of the Second Curitiba Meeting on Cities and at the occasion of the start of the IYB, Brazil convened an international event to celebrate the richness of life on Earth. The high level panel of the event was composed of Mr. Mah Bow Tan, Minister of National Development of Singapore, Mr. Jean Lemire, explorer, film-maker and scientist, Mr. Eric Blencowe, National Focal Point of the Convention for the United Kingdom, Ms. Izabella Teixeira, Acting Minister

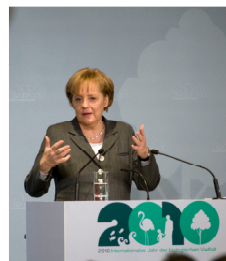
of the Environment of Brazil, Mayor Beto Richa, host of the event and a member of the Steering Committee of the CBD Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity, and CBD Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif. The celebrations which took place on 7 January from 2pm to 5pm were attended by 95 participants, and included the inauguration by the City of Curitiba of the Santo Inácio urban park of 11,000 square metres. The park is an island of biodiversity specifically dedicated to the Convention, and pays tribute to Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif by naming a lookout at the park in his honour. National media coverage was extensive and launched the first national campaign on the IYB.



Left: Inauguration of the Santo Inácio urban park by Mayor Richa and Ahmed Djoghlaif. Right: Inauguration of a lookout of the Santo Inácio urban park, in honour of Ahmed Djoghlaif. (Photo credits: Joel Rocha/SMCS).

BERLIN

A special ceremony to celebrate the Official Launch of the International Year of Biodiversity was held at the Museum of Natural History in Berlin, Germany on 11 January. Statements were delivered by the German Chancellor Angela Merkel, on behalf of the CBD COP Presidency, as well as by the German Minister of Environment, the Senior Vice-Minister of the Environment of Japan, the Environment Minister of Yemen, the UNEP Executive Director and the CBD Executive Secretary. Through a video message,

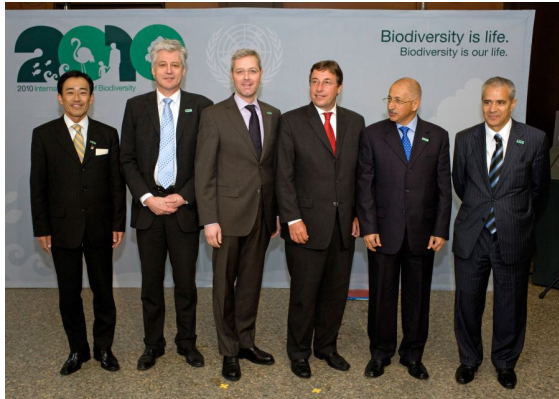


Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany. (Photo credits: Thomas Koehler/photothek.net).

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the United Nations Secretary General also officially launched the International Year. A number of countries also held launching events to commemorate the International Year of Biodiversity during the first week of January.



From L-R: Issei Tajima (Japan Vice-Minister of Environment), Reinhold Leinfelder (Director of the Museum of Natural History), Minister of the Environment Dr. Norbert Röttgen, Achim Steiner (UNEP Executive Director), Abdulrahman Fadhl Al-Iryani (Yemen Minister of Environment) and Ahmed Djoghlaif (Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity) at the opening ceremony of the International Year of Biodiversity. (Photo credits: Thomas Koehler/photothek.net).

UNITED KINGDOM

The British Royal Society celebrated its 350th anniversary on 14 January by organizing a scientific event on biodiversity. The representatives of the 60 countries attending on 16 January the consultation on the strategic plan, organized by the United Kingdom and Brazil also celebrated the International Year at the Museum of Natural History of London, which had hosted, in November 2009, the launch of the UK-IYB committee comprising 200 partners.

NAGOYA

The Aichi-Nagoya Promotion Committee for COP 10 organized an opening event, gathering over 900 participants. The Senior Vice-Minister of the Environment on Japan attended the special ceremony as an honoured guest. Clive Williams Nicol, a British-born writer and actor and a long-time resident and citizen of Japan, delivered a keynote speech, while statements were delivered by the Senior Vice-Minister of the Environment of Japan, the Chairman of Aichi-Nagoya COP10 CBD Promotion Committee and Governor of Aichi Prefecture, the Deputy Mayor of Nagoya City, the Chairman of Nagoya Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Chairman of the Chubu Economic Federation. Video messages of the United Secretary General and that of the CBD Executive were presented. A discussion session on "biodiversity and life" was held during the meeting, as well as the award cere-

mony for the painting and photo contest on local nature. The event marks the start of what promises to be a memorable year for Aichi-Nagoya, where other big events such as the Aichi Triennale 2010 and Nagoya 400th Anniversary Festival will be held, along with the Nagoya Biodiversity Summit in October 2010.



Nagoya IYB launch. (Photo credits: Makoto Sato/Aichi-Nagoya COP10 CBD Promotion Committee)

PARIS



Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary delivering a statement.

A high-level inaugural event was hosted by the UNESCO, in partnership with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on 21-22 January to mark the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity. The Director General of UNESCO welcomed the participants and delivered opening remarks through a video message. Statements were also delivered by the President of the 35th session of the UNESCO General Conference, the UNESCO

Deputy Director-General, the CBD Executive Secretary and the CBD COP President, among others. A number of high-level government representatives also addressed the meeting. A keynote speech was delivered by Dr. E.O. Wilson, an entomologist and Professor at Harvard University. Roundtable discussions were held during the two-day event, with the participation of high-level government officials and heads of biodiversity-related organizations.

An IYB travelling exhibition was launched on 21 January to enhance public awareness of the importance of conserving biodiversity, the underlying threats to biodiversity and of success stories in its conservation. The exhibition will



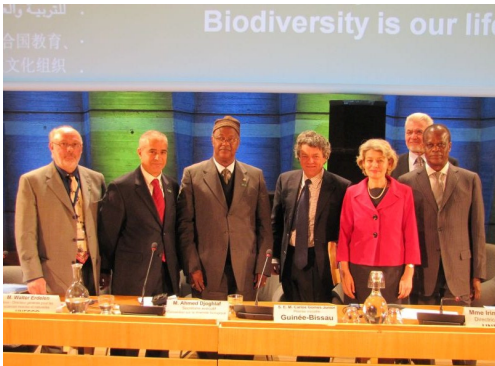
IYB travelling exhibition. Photo credits: UNESCO/P. Chiang-joo.

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travel to main international events in the IYB calendar, including the UN General Assembly high level event on biodiversity in September 2010 and the Nagoya Biodiversity meetings in October 2010.

The two-day IYB event was followed by the UNESCO IYB Biodiversity Science Policy Conference on 25-29 January. The meeting was opened by the Director General of UNESCO, with statements delivered by high-level officials including: the French Minister for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Sea, the President of the Academy of Sciences of Hungary, the Minister of Sustainable Development, Forestry Economy and Environment for Congo, the Prime Minister of Guinea-Bissau, and the CBD Executive Secretary. The conference provided an opportunity for participants to present new scientific findings on biodiversity and ecosystem services, including in relation to global and climate change and to assess related implications for policy-making.

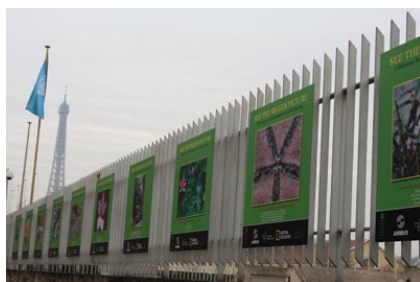


Biodiversity Science Policy conference. In photo (L-R): Walter Erdelen, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences; Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary; H.E. Carlos Gomes Junior, Prime Minister of Guinea-Bissau; H.E. Jean-Louis Borloo, Minister for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Sea, France; Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director General; József Pálincás, President of the Academy of Sciences of Hungary; and H.E. Henri Djombo, Minister of Sustainable Development, Forestry Economy and Environment, Congo.



"Océans", a film by Jacques Perrin & Jacques Cluzaud, advance screening. Photo credits: UNESCO/P. Chiang-joo.

A documentary film *Océans* by Jacques Perrin and Jacques Cluzaud was presented at the meeting. The CBD IYB Focal Point delivered a presentation on IYB communication strategies during the session on "Communication, Education and Public Awareness" on 27 January.



See the Bigger Picture exhibition outside the UNESCO headquarters. Photo credits: UNESCO/P. Chiang-joo.

Prior to the UNESCO high level event, the IUCN French Committee held its National Congress on Nature, around the theme of the International Year of Biodiversity on 20 January.



Left: Julia Marton-Lefèvre, Director General, IUCN. Right: François Letourneux, Chair of the French Committee of the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

TOKYO

On 25 January, the Japanese official launch took place in Tokyo. During the event, the first meeting of the Japanese national committee for the International Year of Biodiversity was held during the IYB kick-off event. The committee, chaired by the Chairman of Nippon Keidanren, was comprised of national and local governments, academia, NGOs, private sector and media. The meeting was followed by the appointment of additional members of "Life on the Earth" Supporters (mostly celebrities and famous figures) which attracted much attention of the Japanese media.

BEIJING

On 26 January, China initiated the IYB celebration in Beijing. About 500 participants attended this initiation ceremony, including Ministers and Vice-Ministers of all biodiversity-related central government departments, heads of provincial environment departments, representatives of international and non-governmental organizations and the media. A monument for IYB was opened for public display at this ceremony. China has planned a series of celebration activities throughout the year.



China launches IYB. Photo credits: China Environment News.

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MADRID

To launch its Presidency of the European Union, the Government of Spain in collaboration with the Council of Europe and the European Commission organized a conference on “Post-2010 Biodiversity Vision and Target-The role of Protected Areas and Ecological Networks in Europe” in Madrid, Spain on 26 and 27 January 2010. About 500 participants from 48 countries attended this conference. The Executive Secretary addressed the inaugural session and also participated in the roundtable discussions moderated by the Flemish Minister of Environment, Nature and Culture, Belgium. The representatives of the Secretariat presented (i) on “preparing for Nagoya with precise objectives” in the workshop 1- delivering biodiversity vision and targets beyond 2010; and (ii) on “programme of work on protected areas of the CBD: actual situation and perspectives for the future” in the plenary session III. In addition, the Secretariat also organized a lunch time side event on Lifeweb on 26 January. On the margins of this Conference, the Government of Spain celebrated the launch of the International Year. A Spanish public-awareness campaign, “biodiversity is music”, was launched, and the European Commission announced a five million euro public-awareness biodiversity campaign.



Post-2010 Biodiversity conference: plenary session.

The Executive Secretary presented to the 500 participants attending the conference, the practical guide on “Making Protected Areas Relevant: A Guide to Integrating Protected Areas into Wider Landscapes, Seascapes and Sectoral Plans and Strategies”, prepared by the Secretariat to help Parties to implement goal 1.2 of the CBD Programme of work on protected areas.



Her Excellency Elena Espinosa Mangana, Minister of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs, Spain; Eladio Fernandez-Galiano, Head of Biological Diversity Unit, Council of Europe; and Karl Falkenberg, Director General, Environment, European Commission.

In addition the representatives of the Secretariat also attended a dinner side event hosted by the WWF-International on “Protected Area Networks-cornerstone of development”.



WWF International dinner side event.

NETHERLANDS

On 28 January, the Netherlands celebrated the launch of the International Year. The Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality and the Minister of Education, Culture and Science attended the festivities. It was a high-level event which also celebrated the launch of the Dutch National Center of Biodiversity: NCB Naturalis. This state-of-the-art institute will assemble, make accessible and exhibit the largest part of the Dutch natural history collections of plants and animals. The establishment of the National Center of Biodiversity is one of the ways in which the Dutch Government contributes to the national as well as international conservation of biodiversity. It will provide significant support for public information and scientific research and education on the subject of biodiversity.

NEW ZEALAND



<http://www.spokesbird.com/>

To launch its involvement in the International Year of Biodiversity, through a media release, the Department of Conservation of New Zealand unveiled a new website, created jointly by the Department of Conservation and Tourism New Zealand, to help profile the ongoing work of protecting New Zealand’s unique wildlife and plants, and also announced that Sirocco, the 12-year old kākāpō and one of only 124 kākāpō remaining in the world, has been named New Zealand’s “Official Spokesbird for Conservation”.

SECOND CURITIBA MEETING ON CITIES AND BIODIVERSITY



Alberto Richa, Mayor of Curitiba. (Photo credits: Joel Rocha/SMCS)

The Second Curitiba Meeting on Cities and Biodiversity took place in the city of Curitiba, Brazil on 6 and 7 January 2010. The meeting was organized with financial support from the City of Curitiba and the governments of Norway and Brazil. The meeting aims were to: a) Prepare a draft plan of action on cities and biodiversity in the context of the CBD, to be submitted to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; b) Discuss the experience gained in piloting the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity; c) Provide a platform of discussion for participants to agree on the roadmap to the City Biodiversity Summit 2010; d) Give an opportunity for participants to plan their celebrations of the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB).

As a result of the meeting, all 91 participants, including representatives of 13 cities from 11 countries, adopted "Towards Aichi/Nagoya: Second Curitiba Declaration on Local Authorities and Biodiversity". The declaration is available in all 6 UN languages, as well as the report of the meeting, at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=MAYORS-02>. Participants also agreed on the process in view of taking the draft plan of action on cities and biodiversity to COP10. Once reviewed by all interested stakeholders, the draft plan will be sent by Brazil to the Secretariat, for distribution to all Parties by the end of March. The outcomes of the Second Curitiba meeting will be presented to the City Biodiversity Summit 2010 at Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture, Japan, on 24-26 October 2010, and used as input for the preparation of a draft decision for submission to COP10.

Screen: Jürgen Nimptsch, Mayor of Bonn

From L-R: Rasca Rodrigues, Environment Secretary for the State of Parana; Omar Sabbag Filho, City Councillor/representing the President of the City Council of Curitiba; Alberto Richa, Mayor of Curitiba; Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary; Mah Bow Tan, Minister for National Development, Singapore; Eric Blencowe, CBD National Focal Point for UK; and Kobie Brand, Regional Director of ICLEI Africa.



INFORMAL EXPERT WORKSHOP ON THE UPDATING OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE CONVENTION FOR THE POST-2010 PERIOD

This workshop, which was co-hosted and co-chaired by the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Federative Republic of Brazil brought together participants from 55 countries from all regions as well as representatives from international organizations and non-governmental organizations. The workshop provided an informal setting where participants, in an open and consultative manner, could discuss ideas, expectations, proposals and suggestions associated with the review of the CBD Strategic Plan and consider the needs and priorities for implementation in order to meet post 2010 targets. The workshop provided a mix of presentations and information discussions and did not attempt to achieve consensus. Key points that emerged from the discussion on the updating of the Strategic Plan included:

- The Strategic Plan should enable quicker and more effective implementation of the Convention and facilitate a more focused and targeted approach. It should build on the previous plan and the lessons learned from its implementation. It should also provide a short and simple focus for the Convention.
- The mission and targets of the Strategic Plan set out the global aspiration and provide a flexible framework for national commitments by Parties which are collectively necessary to achieve this aspiration.



CBD Executive Secretary, Ahmed Djoghlaif, with the Rt. Hon. Hilary Benn MP, UK Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Maria Cecilia Wey de Brito, Brazilian Secretary for Biodiversity and Forests:

INFORMAL DRAFTING MEETING FOR THE UPDATING OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY OF PLANT CONSERVATION



Deliberations at the meeting.

The information drafting meeting for the updating of the Global Strategy of Plant Conservation (GSPC) brought together 15 experts, including members of the GSPC Liaison Group and

participants in the Expert Workshop on the updating of the Strategic Plan. It aimed to complete the updating for the GSPC beyond 2010 and to ensure that this update is fully aligned with the new Strategic Plan for the Convention. The meeting considered the draft prepared in May 2010 by the GSPC Liaison Group and review comments received from Parties and organizations as well as recommendations from several regional consultations. The meeting discussed each of the 16 updated targets considering the progress necessary to achieve the overall vision of the GSPC and developed elements for the technical rationale for each target. It also considered mechanisms to strengthen implementation of the GSPC at the national and regional levels and monitoring requirements and gave guidance on the elements of the GSPC that should be considered SBSTTA for possible adoption by

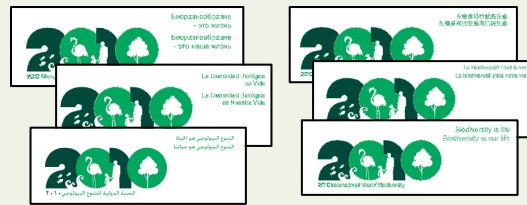


Participants at the meeting.

IYB RESOURCES



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BROCHURE



COP 9 Bureau at its ninth meeting.

COP BUREAU MEETING

The members of the COP 9 Bureau held its ninth meeting on 11-12 in Dessau, Germany. Items discussed included: status of CBD Trust Funds, preparations for WGABS 9, IYB celebrations, UNGA high level event in

September 2010 and the Nagoya Biodiversity meetings. The report of the meeting is accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/cop-bureau>. Prior to the meeting, the Bureau members attended the official launch of the IYB, held on 11 January in Berlin.

“REDEFINING SUSTAINABILITY IN THE INTERNATIONAL AGENDA: INSPIRING GREATER ENGAGEMENT IN BIODIVERSITY ISSUES”

At the invitation of the Secretary General of UNCTAD, the CBD Executive Secretary delivered a statement during the event on “Redefining Sustainability in the International Agenda: Inspiring Greater Engagement in Biodiversity Issues”, organized by UNCTAD’s BioTrade Initiative and Creative Economy and Industries Programme, in partnership with Green2greener, held on 20-21 January in Geneva. The meeting focused on biodiversity issues and underlined the role that governments, businesses and consumers played in promoting and supporting biodiversity conservation and the sustainable use of natural resources, and the intrinsic value of biodiversity and its significant links with trade and development. Organized in connection with the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, the event gathered more than 500 prominent figures from government, international organizations, and the fashion and cosmetics industries, joining the global community’s call for action against the rapid loss of biodiversity. The meeting concluded with an EcoChic fashion show celebrating sustainable fashion and accessories.



From L-R: Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary; Mina Mashayekhi, OIC of the Division of International Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities, UNCTAD; Ricardo Duarte, Vice-Minister of Business Development, Colombia; Petko Draganov, UNCTAD Deputy Secretary-General; and Lucas Assunção, Head of Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, UNCTAD.

On 5 January, Mita Sen of UNFF visited the Secretariat, and held meetings with relevant staff. Issues discussed: IYB and IYF, forest issues, The Green Wave initiative. Ms. Sen also had an opportunity to meet with the CBD Executive Secretary.

FINANCIAL MECHANISM MEETING

In collaboration with The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) Secretariat located at UNEP, and with generous support from the Government of Germany, an International Workshop on Innovative Financial Mechanisms was organized in Bonn, Germany, from 27-29 January 2010. The workshop assessed the status of knowledge and related use concerning innovative financial mechanisms at all levels, and developed concrete policy options concerning payment for ecosystem services, biodiversity offsets, environmental fiscal reforms, market for green products, business-biodiversity partnerships and charity, new and innovative sources of international development finance, climate change funding and biodiversity, as well as new emerging issues.



At the meeting, from L-R: Mark Schauer (BMU); Axel Benemann (BMU); Heidi Wittmer (UFZ) and Ravi Sharma (CBD).

VISIT OF GLOBAL INDUSTRY COALITION DELEGATION - 29 JANUARY 2010

A delegation of the Global Industry Coalition (GIC), representing companies engaged in a variety of industrial sectors such as plant science, seeds, agricultural biotechnology, food production, animal agriculture, human and animal health care, and the environment visited on January 29 the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The delegation was composed by Mr. Conor Dobson (Bayer Crop Science and Chair of the GIC), Mr. Tom Nickson (Monsanto and Chair of the GIC Risk Assessment Work Group) and Ms. Sharon Bomer Lauritsen (Biotechnology Industry Organization and GIC Steering Committee Member). The delegation met the Executive Secretary and later the Biosafety Team to discuss some of the agenda items of MOP 5 with special focus on the work of the AHTEG on risk assessment as well as Article 18(2)(a) and socio economic survey on line activities. The GIC delegation also discussed the work programme for the current year and how the GIC could be of assistance if requested. By the end of the meeting it was agreed that the GIC would assist the Secretariat in its



In photo, clockwise from left: Conor Dobson, GIC Chair; Giovanni Ferraiolo, CBD; Tom Nickson, Chair, GIC Risk Assessment Working Group; Sharon Bomer Lauritsen, GIC Steering Committee Member; and Ahmed Djoghla, CBD Executive Secretary.

work on the unique identification of LMOs and by sharing the experience gained with documentation accompanying LMOs. The delegation was also invited to share with the Secretariat any available training material on Risk Assessment.



In January, the Biosafety Clearing-House was made available on Twitter. To join and begin receiving BCH tweets, please visit <http://twitter.com/bchcpb>

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

On the 29 January 2010, the Secretariat marked the tenth anniversary of the adoption of Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. In a message delivered to mark the occasion, the Executive Secretary congratulated all the 156 States and the European Community that have become Parties to the Protocol and urged those that had not yet joined to ratify or accede to the Protocol as soon as possible. He also called upon all citizens of the world to support and actively engage in the implementation of the Protocol. The Executive Secretary noted that the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Protocol coincided with the International Year of Biological Diversity (IYB) and that the Protocol is one of the important instruments contributing to the protection of biodiversity from potential adverse effects of living modified organisms (LMOs). The message is available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/speech/2010/sp-2010-01-29-biosafety-en.pdf>.

ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS FOR LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

Regional consultations for Latin American and Caribbean countries in support of the finalization of the International Regime on Access and Benefit-sharing were held in Panama City, Panama, on 15-16 January 2010. The consultations were organized thanks to the support of UNEP through its regional office for Latin America and the Caribbean. The outcomes of the meeting will be made available as an information document for the ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing to be held in Cali from 22 to 28 March 2010.

ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING FRIENDS OF THE CO-CHAIRS MEETING

The meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing was held in Montreal, Canada, from 26 to 29 January 2010, as part of intersessional work to be carried out in preparation for the ninth meeting of the Working Group on ABS. Participants included representatives from Parties, indigenous and local communities, the research community, industry, civil society as well as representatives of the ninth and tenth Presidencies of the Conference of the Parties. Participants in the meeting considered possible solutions on key issues in the negotiation of the International Regime on ABS. The Co-Chairs of the Working Group will report on the outcomes of this meeting at the ninth meeting of the Working Group on ABS.



Friends of the ABS Co-Chairs meeting.

MALAYSIAN NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON IDENTIFICATION AND DOCUMENTATION OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS (LMOs) UNDER THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

From 25 to 29 January 2010, the Secretariat facilitated a Malaysian National Workshop on Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in Kuala Lumpur. The workshop, which was attended by more than 75 participants, was aimed at introducing participants to the Protocol and its requirements regarding the identification and documentation of LMOs, the role of customs officials in implementing the Protocol, techniques and methods for sampling and detection of LMOs and the experiences of the Green Customs Initiative. The participants engaged in practical laboratory sessions on LMO detection and also visited the Port to see first-hand operations relevant to the identification and documentation of LMOs. At the end of the workshop, the participants developed recommendations facilitating the implementation of identification and documentation requirements of LMOs in Malaysia.

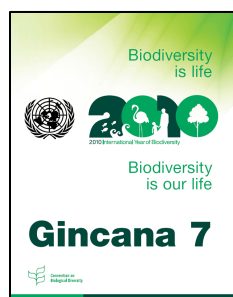
OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY THE SECRETARIAT:

- Regional Workshop for the Middle East and North Africa on the updating and revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention for the post-2010 period, 10-11 January 2010, Cairo, Egypt

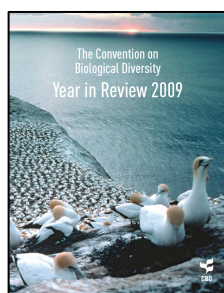
OTHER MEETINGS:

- Meeting via teleconference with Minister of Environment of Somalia, 4 January
- Meeting via teleconference with World Future Council, 4 January
- Meeting with the Director, Museums nature de Montreal, 4 January
- Meeting with Vincent Leger, 4 January
- Meeting via teleconference with the Chairperson of the STAP-GEF, 4 January
- Attend the State of Sustainability Initiative Advisory Panel meeting, 7 January 2010, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Moderate the panel on the International Year of Biodiversity at the GMEF Civil Society Consultation, 8 January 2010, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
- Take part in the TEEB D2 consultations, 8-9 January 2010, Curitiba, Brazil
- Site visit in preparation for the Nagoya Biodiversity meetings, 10-15 January 2010, Nagoya, Japan
- Attend the CropLife International meeting on the "Emerging Regulatory Systems Initiative", 11 January 2010, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
- Meeting via teleconference with the Director of the Environment Department, The World Bank, 13 January
- Attend a strategy session of the Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration/preparatory meeting for German SFM Workshop, 13 January 2010, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
- Meeting with the Mayor of Bonn, 13 January 2010, Bonn, Germany
- Participate in the GLISPA Strategy event, 13-14 January 2010, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
- Take part in the Inter-Academy Panel Conference on Biodiversity and General Assembly at the Royal Society, 12-15 January 2010, London, U.K.
- Deliver a presentation on the International Year of Biodiversity at the International Coral Reef Initiative General meeting, 14-15 January 2010, Monaco
- Meeting with representatives of GLOBE, 15 January, London
- Meeting with UNEP-WCMC staff, 18-22 January 2010, Cambridge, U.K.
- Represent the SCBD Staff Association and the Americas Region at the 63rd FICSA Council meeting, 18-22 January 2010, Geneva, Switzerland
- Attend the Congrès français de la nature, 20 January 2010, Paris, France
- Meeting with OECD policy coordination secretariat and AFD January 22, Paris France
- Meeting with UNDP colleagues, 24-25 January 2010, Paris, France
- Participate in the Mediterre conference, 29 January 2010, Bari, Italy
- Attend the International Workshop on the Satoyama Initiative concept, 29-30 January 2010, Paris, France
- Participate in the CBD Strategy for Resource Mobilization organised by the German League for Nature and Environment, and in the NGO Forum for the Environment and Development, 30 January 2010, Bonn, Germany

NEW PUBLICATIONS



Gincana 7: Biodiversity is Life, Biodiversity is Our Life
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/newsletters/gincana/cbd-gincana-07-en.pdf>



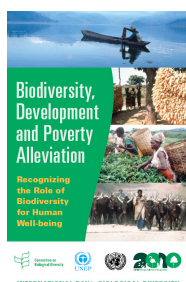
Year in Review 2009
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/reports/cbd-report-2009-en.pdf>



Biosafety Protocol News Issue 7
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/newsletters/bpn/bpn-07.pdf>



CBD Practical Guides
<http://www.cbd.int/development/training/guides/>



IBD 2010 booklet
Biodiversity, Development and Poverty Alleviation
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/bioday/2010/idb-2010-booklet-en.pdf>



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