

HAITI NBSAP: OVERVIEW OF MAIN FEATURES, IMPLEMENTATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES



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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

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- F) Needs and Challenges with regard to Communication, Education And public awareness
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WHERE THE NBSAP HAS STOPPED AND WHAT DID WE GET?

- Process of NBSAP elaboration started in January 1999 under a GEF/WB
- A serie of stakeholders workshops: herbal and medicinal plants, financing biodiversity, protected areas
- Rapatriation of scientific information on haitian biodiversity (US scientists shared knowledge)
- Technical study on specific thematic to generate recommendatons to be included in the NBSAP: freshwater and wetlands
- June 2000: WB stopped the funding due to political crisis linked with Elections of May 2000
- The process was never completed: only exists a NBSAP Profile

MAIN FEATURES

- **NBSAP Profile reflects thoughts and orientations of first Generation of NBSAP**
- Conservation of biological diversity, Education, Identification and monitoring, sustainable use, control of alien species, legal Regulatory and institutional framework
- Biodiversity actions to be correlated with anti-poverty and Population growth measures
- Decentralization approach
- Alternative fuels to relieve pressure on remaining forest

IMPLEMENTATION OF NBSAP SPIRIT

- Institutional enabling environment being implemented:
Process to Create the National Agency of Protected Areas and Forest (ANAP)
- Creation of the National Environmental & Vulnerability Observatory (ONEV)
And thematic application on protected areas
- Steps in place to create the Fonds de la Réhabilitation de l'Environnement
Haitien (FREH) with a biodiversity window

INTERLINKAGES WITH OTHER NATIONAL POLICIES

- Biodiversity: an important component of the National Environmental Action Plan
- Biodiversity considerations included in Anti Poverty Strategy Paper Policy (WB process)
- Draft Plan of Integrated Coastal and Watersehds Management

CLIMATE CHANGE

NEEDS AND CHALLENGES TO COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Biodiversity concept and practical implications need to be better understood
- Lack of a strong commitment of powerful NGOs Community to Conservation causes
- Lack of capacity: biological sciences, conservation biology, Protected areas management etc

IN SEARCH OF OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LIGHT OF 2010

- **Assistance (technical and financial) to achieve the process and deliver the product in light of 2010**
- **Refinement of NBSAP to reflect 2010 targets, climate change Linkages with climate change, natural disasters and energy**
- **Deepen knowledge on some aspects of haitian biodiversity: Insect and arthropods, marine biodiversity etc**