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Revising and Updating NBSAPs: Results of the UNU-IAS
Review

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A quick overview of the UNU- IAS Review “Biodiversity Planning: An Assessment of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans”

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Results of the 2010 UNU - IAS Review:

- **General Conclusions**

- Generally, a positive trend: that nearly all CBD parties have prepared NBSAP is in itself an achievement,
- 2nd generation NBSAPs are better prepared, more focused, more based on mainstreaming and on self-reliance; ***but***
- NBSAPs have not been able to attenuate the main drivers of biodiversity loss

- **NBSAP Development Process:**

- most countries involved stakeholders, but indigenous communities, women, industry largely missing,
- most countries created coordination structures to oversee implementation, but often these do not function well; and
- trend towards greater political ownership at higher level - early NBSAPs typically approved only by responsible ministry, newer NBSAPs often approved at Cabinet or Parliament level.
- Getting the process right is crucial to implementation!

Results of the 2010 UNU - IAS Review:

- **Coverage of the CBD Objectives:**

- Very uneven focus of CBD objectives,
- conservation features dominantly, especially protected areas,
- sustainable use appear mostly in very general terms,
- ABS is absent from most NBSAPs

- **Mainstreaming:**

- Although NBSAPs portray biodiversity as an asset for, rather than an impediment to development, biodiversity is poorly reflecting in development and poverty reduction strategies and policies
- most NBSAPs highlight the need to value and create economic incentives for biodiversity, but few move beyond general statements
- Sectoral mainstreaming: strong for some sectors e.g. forestry and tourism but weak for other sectors e.g. agriculture
- Integration of climate change is not so strong



Results of the 2010 UNU - IAS Review:

- **National targets and prioritisation:**
 - Only very few NBSAPs include time bound and measurable targets; also very few quantified targets;
 - few countries prioritise between actions in their action plans;
 - generally very few NBSAPs with mechanisms for monitoring and review at country level
- **Financing:**
 - few countries have strategies for financing NBSAPs – most action plans are just “wish lists” of projects without secure funding;
 - newer NBSAPs have a more programmatic approach

Main Findings in Summary:

- **Stakeholders** involved in NBSAP preparation.....
..... but not enough to ensure ownership & mainstreaming
- **Goals & targets**
..... but few quantitative, or respond to 2010 Target
- **Ecosystem approach** is largely absent
- **Action plans** included
..... but often focussed on projects rather than fundamentals of policy or institutional change needed
..... few specify funding
- **Communication plans** lacking
- **Mainstreaming** in some sectors (eg: forestry, tourism)
..... but weak in national development strategies, poverty reduction strategies and planning processes
- Little available information on **Implementation**
- **Funding, budget cuts are problems**
- **Some innovative financing mechanisms**
..... but not sufficient to meet the needs.

Good Practice: Examples from NBSAPs

Targets

- Brazil set 51 national biodiversity targets building on CBD 2010 Framework

Indicators

- UK's 18 headline indicators aligned with CBD and EU frameworks

Communication

- Germany's Alliance for Nature awareness campaign

Stakeholder Engagement

- 50,000 people involved in Indian NBSAP process → 70 State, bioregional, & local BSAPs

Spatial Planning

- South Africa's National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment
- Economic and Ecological Zoning to support land use planning in Brazil

National Development Planning

- Indonesia's NBSAP integrated into medium-term development planning

Biodiversity integrated into Economic Strategies

- Maldives NBSAP has informed Tourism Master Plan & other National Development and Sectoral Plans



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