

**Second Regional Workshop for Europe on  
“Capacity Building for National Biodiversity Strategy and  
Action Plans and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity”**

**REPORTING ON NBSAP – ROMANIA**

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# INTRODUCTION

- **Romania ratifies CBD in 1994, and issues a legal enforcement doc for (Law no. 58);**
- **Romania's first National Strategy for Biodiversity was elaborated in 1996, and revised in 2001, but never adopted as government policy, through a formal (legal) act; it's been a scientists work;**
- **The last National Report to CBD, is the Third one/ 2005 – developed with UNDP-GEF support;**
- **The National Capacity Self Assessment process (2004-2005) – also developed under UNDP-GEF assistance, produced: a National Report and Action Plan (for the identified needs); three reports on the three Rio Conventions; and formed the foundation of other official documents, e.g. the National Communication to UNFCCC.**
- **The current Ministry reference doc is the National Strategy for Sustainable Development/ 2006 – also of UNDP-GEF grant.**



# NEEDS FOR ALIGNMENT

**The existing NBSAP is weak and outdated (since 2001), and needs urgent revision and alignment to CBD and national priorities and EU requirements; besides, it is not out of a participatory process, and nor of a governmental endorsement.**

**There is only the appropriate equipment, and some scattered data-bases, to enable establishing of a comprehensive CHM. The country data that can be provided is limited, and subjective, by lack of technical/ human resources.**

**There is little and non-formalized cooperation among various stakeholders, there are not enough institutional partnerships established, and the scientific community is insufficiently involved, in supporting country efforts to compliances.**

**There are not many data sharing agreements established with neighboring countries, and, although, some data is collected and stored, data sharing is hampered by lack of protocols for.**





# PROJECT MAIN FEATURES - 1

- **TITLE: Support to alignment of NBSAP with CBD obligations and development of CHM - PIMS no. 3955**
- **SOURCE/ ASSISTANCE: UNDP-GEF Enabling Activities Project - ATLAS #59788**
- **PERIOD: March 2008 – October 2009**



# PROJECT MAIN FEATURES - 2

- **INVOLVED PARTIES:**
  - GEF – Funding Source/ NEX Project
  - UNDP – Implementation Agency
  - Ministry of the Environment – Executing Agency
  - Ecological University of Bucharest – Delegated Executing Agency
- **PROJECT TEAM:**
  - National Steering Committee (MM, MADR, UNDP)
  - Project Management Unit (PM + PA)
  - International Expert/ TL (Professor Roy Hagen)
  - National Key Expert (Professor Dan Manoleli)
  - Short Term Experts (13 +)



# PROJECT OBJECTIVE

**To enhance the national capacity to implement the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) provisions, through addressing institutional and human capacity gaps, and adopting a more integrated approach to biodiversity conservation.**

# PROJECT COMPONENTS

**Aligning the National Strategy and Action Plan on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity with legal obligations under the CBD.**

**Strengthening Romania's CHM.**

**Undertaking detailed capacity needs assessment in the areas of priority to the CBD implementation.**





# METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH

- **Highly participative, through broad consultation of relevant stakeholders.**
- **Mechanisms of voluntary cooperation will be explored in order to improve the biodiversity related information flow between the institutions.**
- **Tailor-made training modules will be designed, targeting the key stakeholders responsible with the CBD implementation.**





# PROJECT PHASES

- **Stocktaking, including country priorities**
- **Strategy and Action Plan elaboration**
- **CHM setting-up and Training of Operators**
- **Capacity Needs Assessment Report**



# CONSULTATIVE ASPECTS

- **First and Second National Workshops – of relevant Stakeholders participation, on debating the Stocktaking Synthesis, and for the NBSAP Draft;**
- **Posting, on the relevant professional group forums (e.g. biodiversity\_conservation), MM and UNDP sites, other web-pages, of these reference documents;**
- **Via e-mail calls for feed-back and comments.**



# PROJECT PROGRESS

- **Stocktaking phase – Synthesis Report: Threats, Root causes, Barriers to Conservation and potential Strategy Elements (document circulated around);**
- **Close to preparing the First National Consultative Workshop (June, 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009);**
- **On the verge of hiring the consultancy services for the CHM component (TOR for the bid on, posted through June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009).**



# PROJECT CHALLENGES - 1

- **PAST:**
  - Several political changes of parties representatives;
  - Operational and bureaucratic procedures, of meeting multi-parties and multi-level requirements;
  - Lack of organized and reliable data;
  - Difference of structural approaches of habitat areas, not eco-systemic;
  - Lack of maps of Romania's ecosystems;
  - Gaps, overlaps or confusions in the administrative aspects (Natura 2000, PA)





# PROJECT CHALLENGES -2

## FUTURE:

- **Representativeness of stakeholders to the consultative process, and validity of their possible inputs/ full and effective stakeholders' participation;**
- **Identification of individual ministries strategically assumed obligations, through accession docs, and their correspondence to CBD requirements;**
- **Governmental ownership reaching, for the final project outcomes/ ensure adoption of new NBSAP as formal, and long term government policy.**

# **THANK YOU!**

**Your experience is very precious and most welcome to us, especially since, with the NBSAP and CHM practically still ahead of us, to elaborate, any advice, know-how transfers, or forms of assistance you can provide, and share, could not be any more appropriate then now, for us, to take full benefit of!**

**Thank you!!!**