

# Biodiversity MEAs Synergies Group Exercise

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- **by 2015, to reduce by 50% the pressure on national marine ecosystems from regional fishing activity**

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# Who is an MEA Focal Point?

- 1. Has your country ratified all the Biodiversity-related MEAs? If not which are the MEAs that have not yet been ratified by your country and why?**
- 2. Why are synergies between Biodiversity-MEAs important for your country?**
- 3. Can you give an example of an existing national case where a synergy exists other MEAs in your country?**
- 4. Why do MEA focal points need to collaborate in the NBSAP revision?**
- 5. Are you a focal point for one MEA or more? Which one/s?**
- 6. Are mechanism(s) in place for the Focal Points of MEAs to be in contact/cooperate with each other and try to harmonize strategies and action plans under the various Biodiversity-MEAs?**
- 7. Are you aware of any biodiversity-related target (objective), action plan, project or decision under another Biodiversity-MEA? If not how do you intend to seek this information?**
- 8. Through the old NBSAP, do you have an existing CBD-related biodiversity target that has been achieved in collaboration with other biodiversity related MEAs objectives?**
- 9. As an MEA focal point, what are the challenges you face in cooperating with other MEA focal points at your ministry or with other ministries/competent authorities? What assistance do you need from UNEP or the MEAs to help resolve those challenges?**
- 10. What is your KEY role in this process and in the NBSAP updating process?**



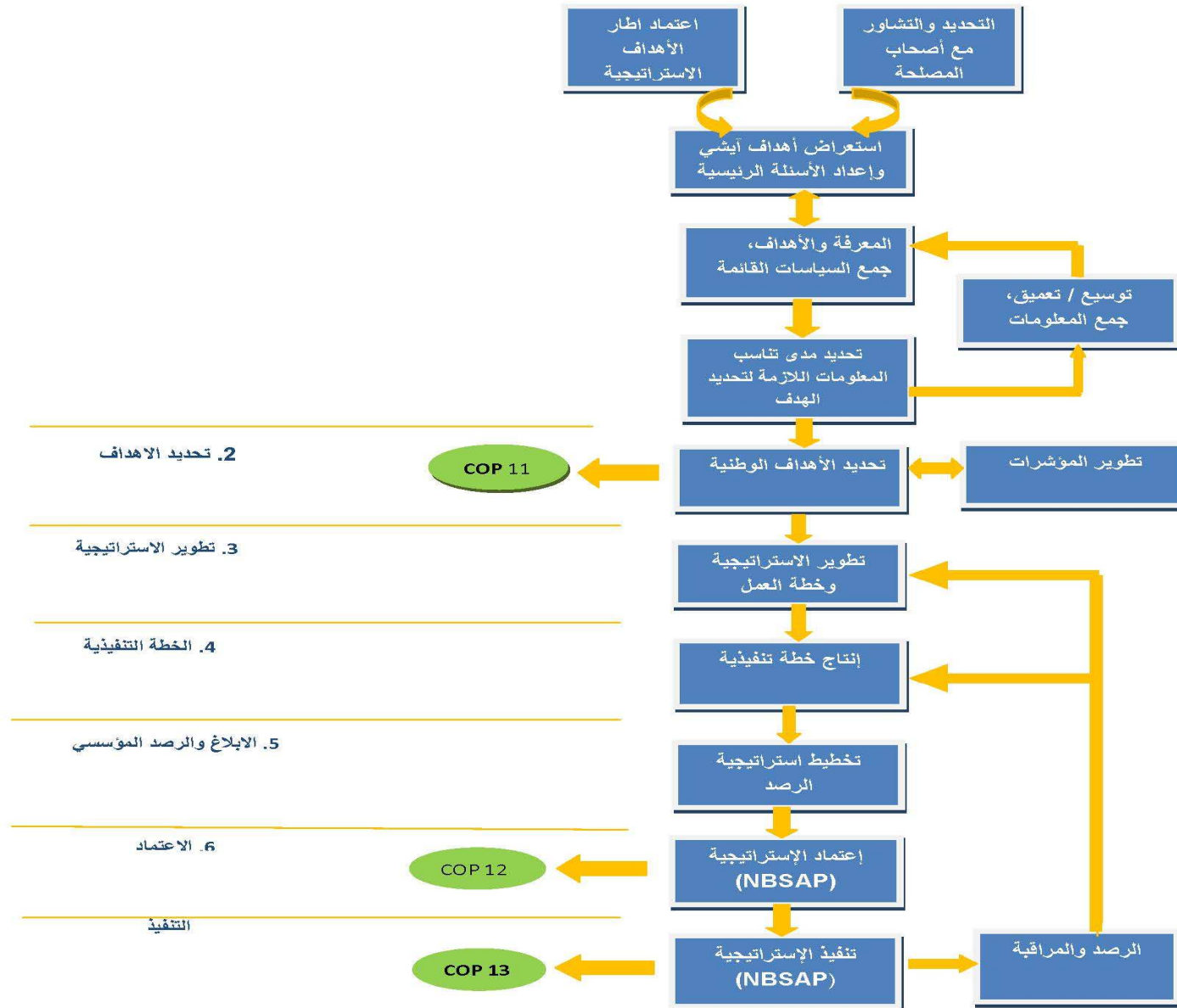


# Scenario 4

- The Bekaa Valley is a fertile agricultural land in Lebanon (140 sq.Km ), characterized by low rainfall, extensive dry land crops, and intensive modern horticultural varieties (Greenhouse crops). The Bekaa's agro- biodiversity, wild relatives and indigenous knowledge are under threat from modern agricultural practices including new varieties, excessive pesticide and fertilizer over-use, invasive species, overgrazing, and urbanization. As a result, the area is undergoing poor water management and overexploitation of underground water and other natural resources.

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## Goal A. Underlying causes of biodiversity loss

*Target 2: By 2020, at the latest, biodiversity values have been integrated into national and local development and poverty reduction strategies and planning processes and are being incorporated into national accounting, as appropriate, and reporting systems*

- Relevant decisions on economics, trade and incentive measures and biodiversity for development

Arab National Actions proposed involving other MEAs (Ramsar, CITES, ITPGRFA, WHC):

- **Action 1:** Parties may first work on bio-physical inventories of biodiversity and ecosystem services, for instance by 2012,
- **Action 2:** develop a work programme for reflecting biodiversity and ecosystem values in national accounts, for instance by 2014.

**Question: identify additional similar actions and MEA "partnerships"?**