

Revision and updating of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

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What is an NBSAP ?

- A **process** by which countries can plan to address the threats to their biodiversity and promote its sustainable use for national development?.
- The **principal instrument** for the implementation of the Convention **at the national level**.
- A shorthand for implementation of **Article 6** of the Convention.

National implementation

Article 6:

Each Party shall, in accordance with its particular conditions and capabilities:

- a) Develop national strategies, plans or programmes for biodiversity, or adapt existing strategies, plans or programmes
- b) Integrate biodiversity into relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies



Three important points

- **The NBSAP does not have to take the form of a single biodiversity-planning document.** Second generation, or revised NBSAPs resemble a planning process rather than a fixed document.
- The Convention requires countries not just to prepare an NBSAP, but to ensure that it contains elements that are incorporated into the planning and activities of all those sectors whose activities can have an impact (positive and negative) on biodiversity. This '**mainstreaming**' requires a multi-stakeholder process.
- The NBSAP should be **a living process** by which increasing knowledge, gained through monitoring and evaluation of each phase of implementation, is fed back.

Results of the 2007 Review:

- **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 NBSA

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



Guiding principles (based on decision IX/8)

- a) NBSAPs are key implementation tools of the Convention. They must address **all three objectives** of the Convention:
- b) The NBSAP should highlight, and seek to maintain the **contribution** of biodiversity and ecosystem services **to human well being**.
- c) The NBSAP is a **strategic** instrument for achieving concrete outcomes, and not a study.
- d) To be effective the NBSAP must be jointly developed, adopted, and owned by the full range of **stakeholders** involved. It is also important that **high-level government support** be secured.
- e) The NBSAP must include measures to **mainstream** biodiversity into sectoral and cross-sectoral policies and programs..
- f) **Biodiversity planning is a long-term, cyclical and adaptive process**. It will involve continual monitoring, evaluation, and revision, as progress is made, conditions evolve, and lessons are learned.

Contents of NBSAP (based on decision IX/8)

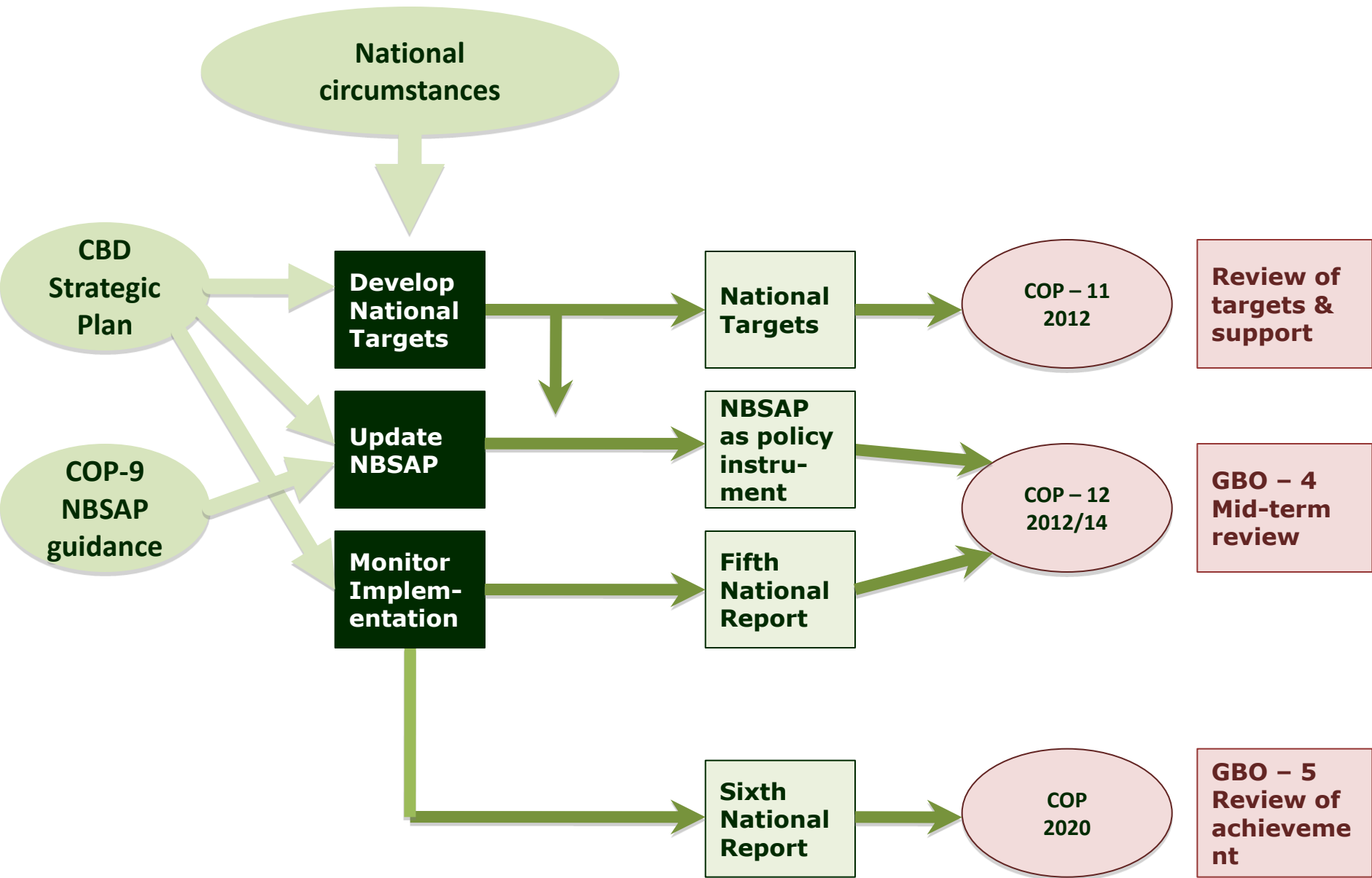
- Rationale for the NBSAP (importance of biodiversity; identification of threats; national framework; lessons from previous experience)
- Strategy, including priorities, principles and national targets
- Action Plan, including application of strategy across sectors and at the local level
- Plans for capacity building; communication and outreach and resource mobilization
- Institutional mechanisms to support implementation, monitoring and review

Main Section	Chapter or Sub-section
I Introduction (setting the scene and providing the rationale)	1. Values of biodiversity and ecosystem services in the country and their contribution to Human well-being
	2. Causes and consequences of biodiversity loss
	3. Constitutional, legal and institutional framework
	4. Lessons learned from the earlier NBSAP(s) and the process of developing the updated NBSAP.
II National Biodiversity Strategy	5. Long term vision
	6. Principles governing the strategy
	7. Main goals or priority areas
	8. National Targets (SMART)
III. National Biodiversity Action Plan	9. National actions to achieve the strategy, with milestones
	10. Application of the NBSAP to sub-national entities
	11. Sectoral Action - mainstreaming into development, poverty reduction and climate change plans
IV. Implementation plans	12. Plan for capacity development for NBSAP implementation, including a technology needs assessment
	13. Communication and outreach strategy for the NBSAP.
	14. Plan for resource mobilization for NBSAP implementation
V. Institutional, monitoring and reporting.	15. National Coordination Structures
	16. Clearing House Mechanism
	17. Monitoring and Evaluation

Process of updating (Decision X/2)

COP10 has urged Parties to :

- **Develop national and regional targets**, using the Strategic Plan and its Aichi Targets, as a flexible framework, in accordance with national priorities and capacities with a view to contributing to collective global efforts to reach the global targets, and report to COP 11 (2012).
- **Review, and as appropriate update and revise, NBSAPs**, in line with the Strategic Plan and decision IX/9, and adopt as a policy instrument, and report thereon to the COP 11 or 12 (2012 or 2014);
- **Use NBSAPs as effective instruments for the integration of biodiversity targets** into national development and poverty reduction policies and strategies, economic sectors and spatial planning processes, by Government and the private sector at all levels;
- **Monitor and review** the implementation of NBSAPs And report to the COP through their 5th and 6th national reports



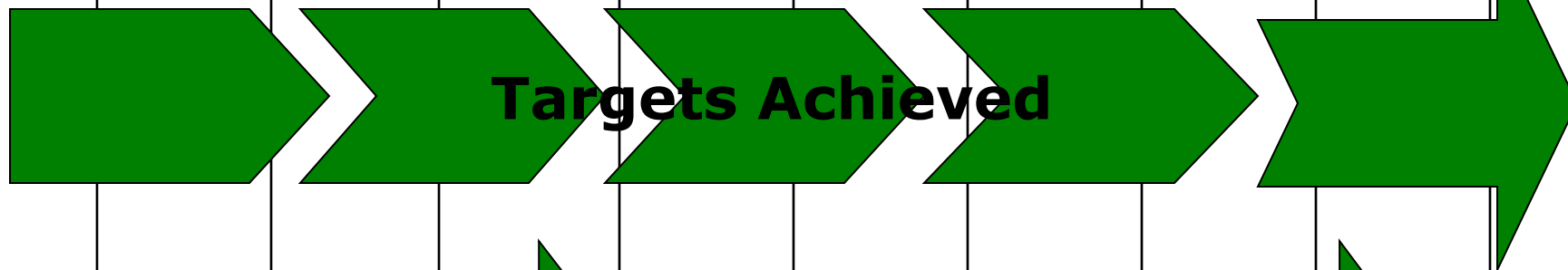
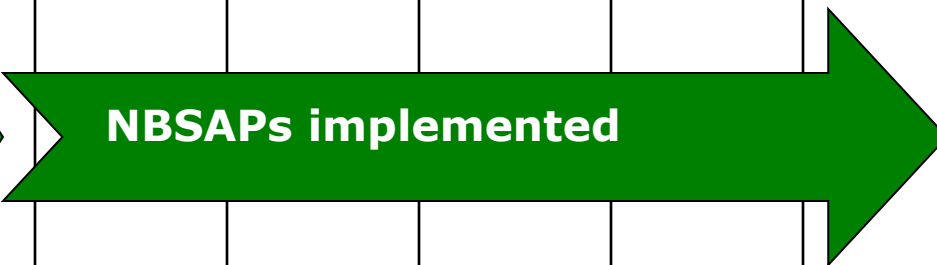
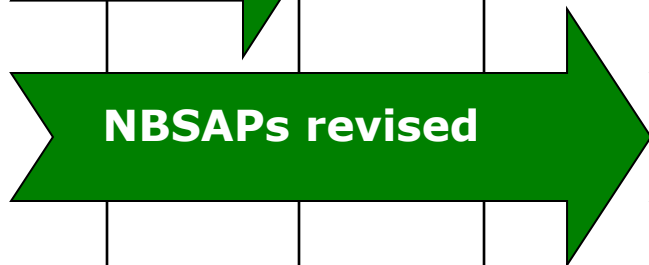
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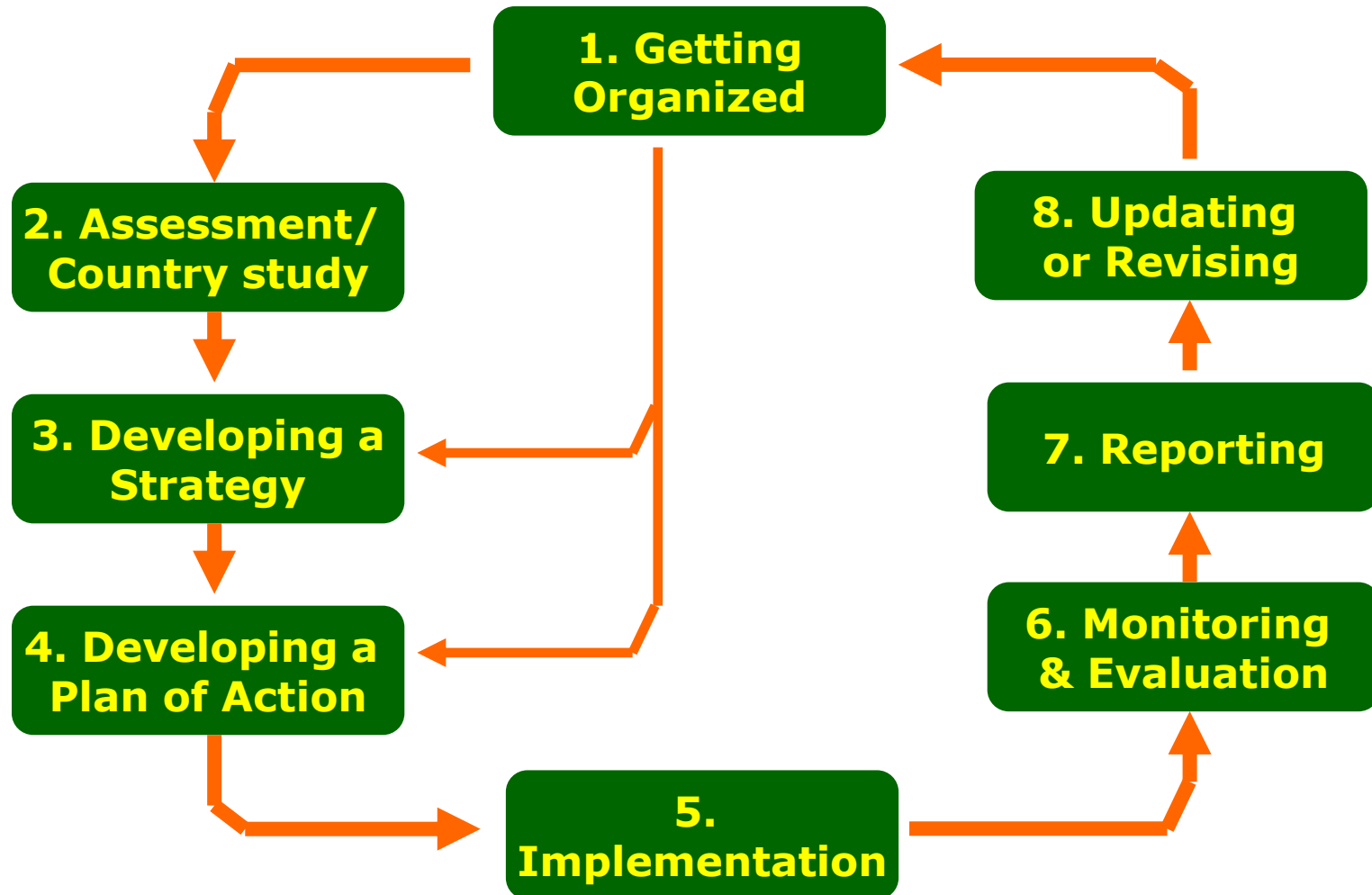
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Steps in the Biodiversity Planning Process



Cluster	Component
I Preparation	1. Rapid stocktaking and review of relevant plans, policies and reports
	2. Identifying stakeholders; consultations; and awareness
	3. Supplementary studies (eg. the causes and consequences of biodiversity loss highlighting the value of biodiversity and ecosystem services and their contribution to Human well-being)
II. Setting national priorities and targets	4. Setting national targets, principles, & main priorities of the strategy through national consultation
III. Developing the strategy and action plan	5. Developing the strategy and actions to implement the agreed targets through national consultations
	6. Addressing the application and implementation of the NBSAP at sub-national levels through consultations with sub-national and local authorities
	7. Sectoral integration including mainstreaming into development, poverty reduction and climate change plans through sectoral consultations
IV. Development of Implementation plans and related	9. Developing a plan for capacity development for NBSAP implementation.
	10. Conducting a Technology needs assessment alternative: developing a plan for increasing technical capacity.
	11. Developing a communication and outreach strategy for the NBSAP.
	12. Developing a plan for resource mobilization for NBSAP implementation
V. Institutional, monitoring, reporting and exchange	13. Establishing/ strengthening of national coordination structures
	14. CHM development.
	15. Development of indicators and monitoring approach
	16. Fifth national reports
VI. Adoption by the government	17. Adoption

NBSAP Training Package

- Aimed at National Focal Points and BD planners
- Regional and sub-regional NBSAP workshops
- Explains processes and content of national biodiversity planning
- Numerous examples, case studies, tools...
- Sources Used:
- Previous version of modules
- Parties' NBSAPs, Fourth National Reports
- COP Decisions and Guidance

NBSAP Training Package

Updated modules:

1. Introduction to National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans
2. How to prepare or update a NBSAP
3. Mainstreaming biodiversity
4. Setting national biodiversity targets

Modules under revision/preparation:

5. Ensuring stakeholder engagement
6. Getting political support and financing for the NBSAP
7. Communication strategies for NBSAPs
8. Sub-national and local application of NBSAPs



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