

The Crucial Role of Local Authorities in NBSAP Implementation

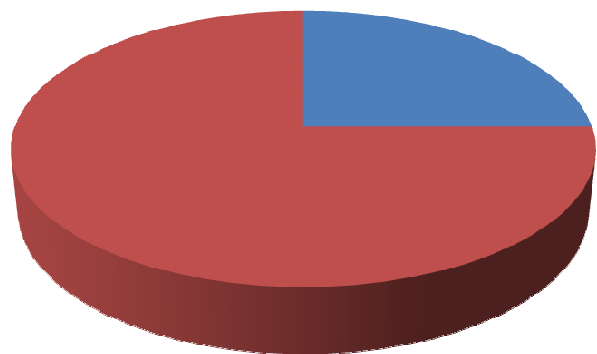
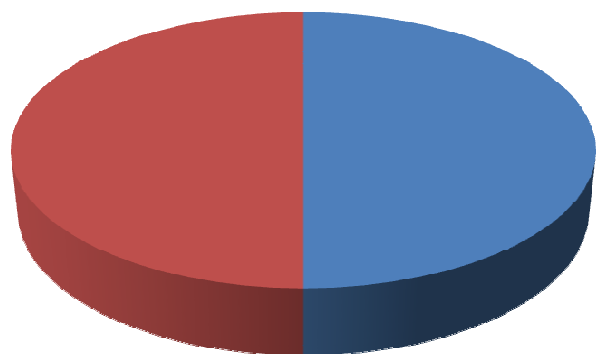
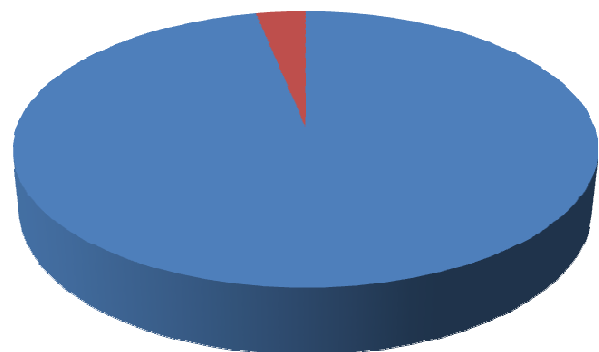


Why local governments & biodiversity?



- Sphere of government closest to the people & closest to the ground
- International and national policy → local action
- Mandates for planning & service delivery → biodiversity impact
- Larger in population and geographical size than some nations

Why Cities & Biodiversity?

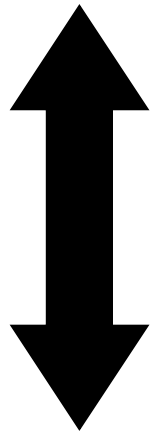


Cities – a special case

- **<3% land area**
- **>50% population**
- **75% resources**

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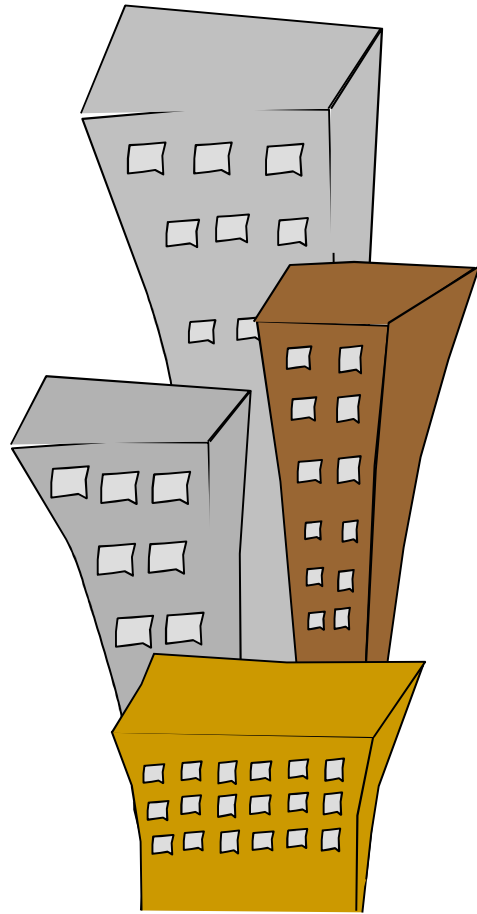
- Profound *effect* on ecosystems...



- ...Profound *reliance* on ecosystems for resilience



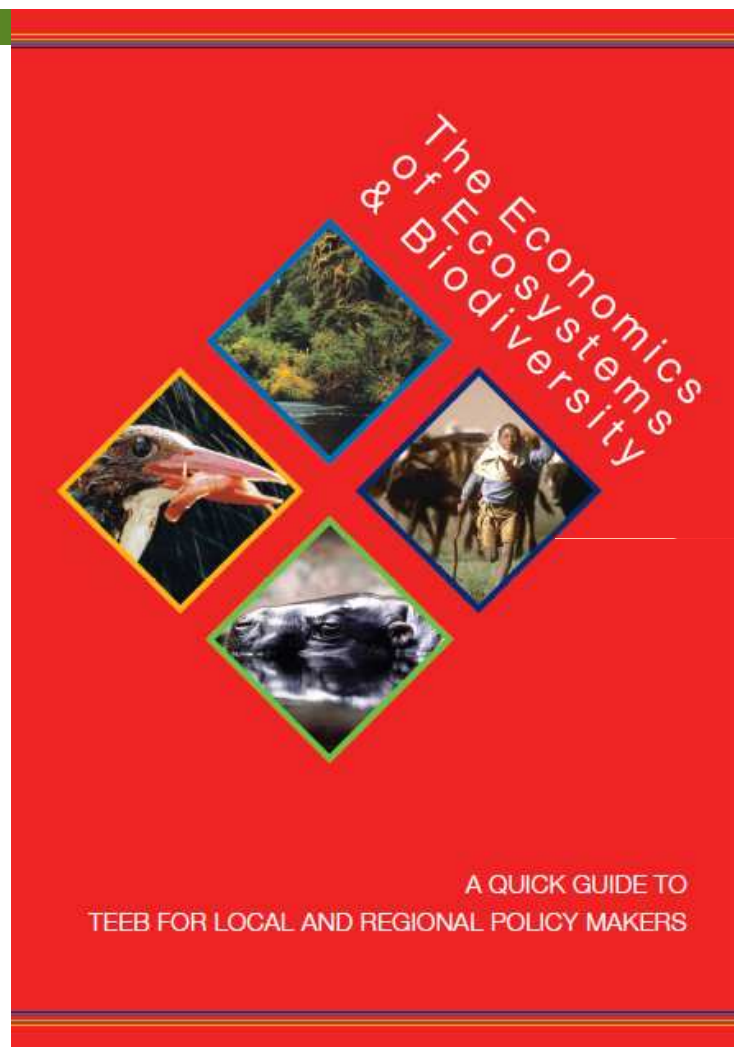
Why Cities & Biodiversity?



- **Urbanization → severe habitat alteration**
- **Cities need ecosystem services more than anywhere**
- **Opportunity for CEPA:**
 - Most people
 - Most power
 - Greatest need for CEPA

Global momentum

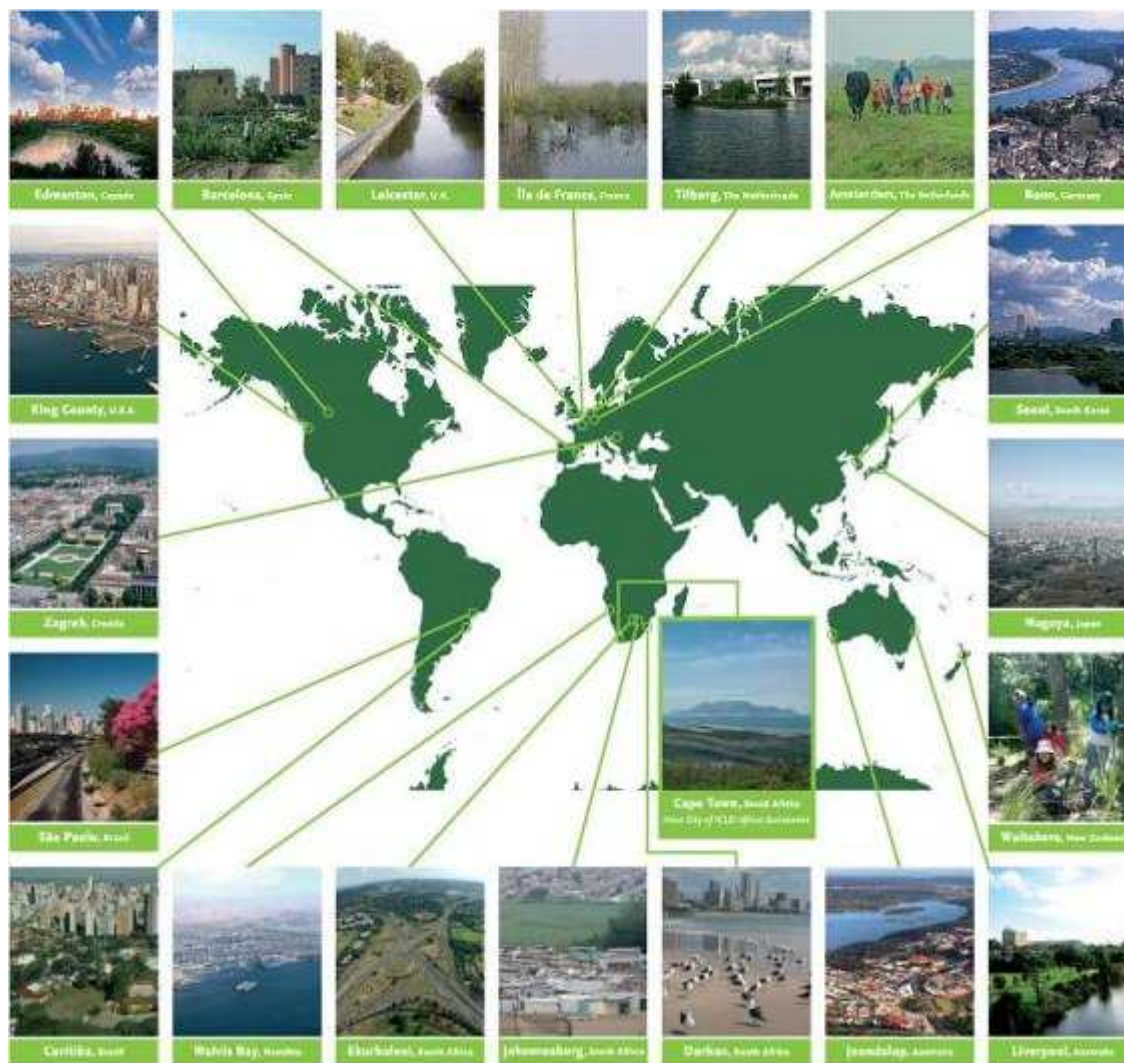
- Biodiversity as an ICLEI workstream
→ LAB
- TEEB D2; TEEB Manual for Cities
- Decision IX/28
- Decision X/22; *Plan of Action*
- Global Partnership
- City Summit; Aichi/Nagoya Declaration



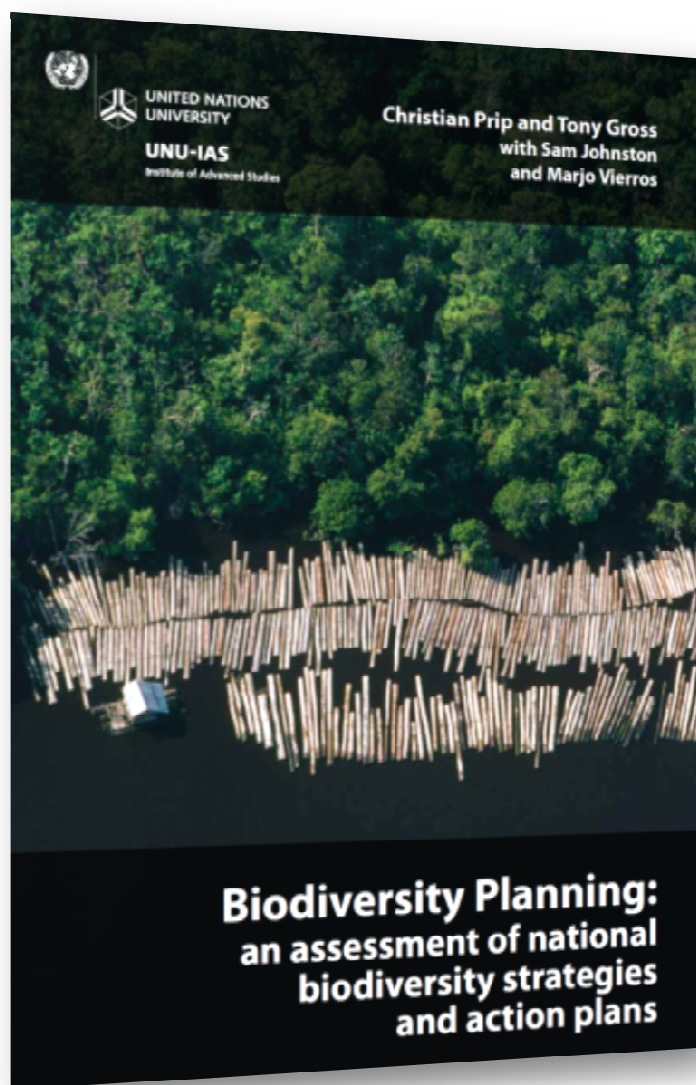
Local Action for Biodiversity (LAB)

- LAB Pioneer Project: intensive flagship project
- LAB Special Focus Projects: thematically focused
- LABNetwork: introduction to LAB through ICLEI's global biodiversity network

www.iclei.org/lab



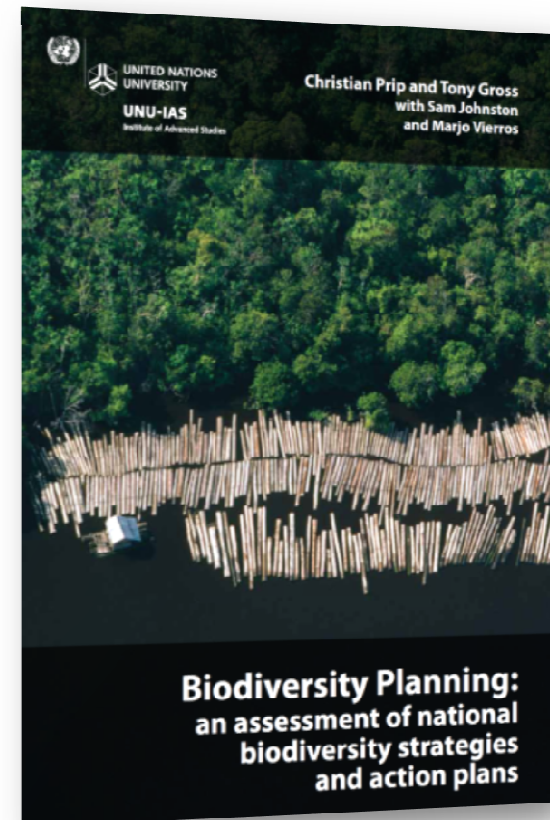
Why “LBSAPs”?



- “Coordination structures (for mainstreaming biodiversity across sectors) may exist, but often with ...limited ownership at the sub-national level”
- “Most NBSAPs place a strong emphasis on planning at the national level, and only a minority explicitly acknowledge the benefits of sub-national BSAPs.”
- “...communication of the NBSAP to sub-national authorities and the empowerment of these to act has often been unsuccessful due to weak local institutional capacity”
- BUT: “Second generation NBSAPs have typically been prepared through a broader, longer and more structured preparatory process, often including provincial and local levels.”

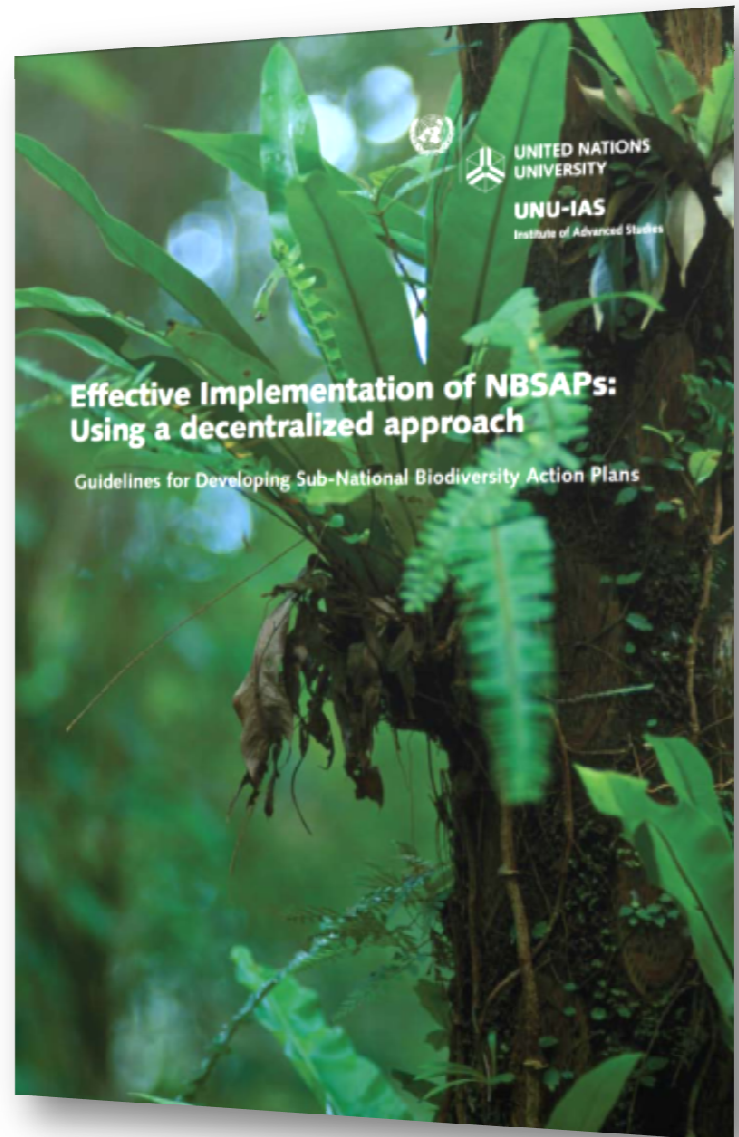
Why “LBSAPs”?

- 6) “...(there is a) need... to identify and involve sub-national stakeholders...”
- 11) **...NBSAPs will only be implemented if corresponding strategies and action plans are also developed and implemented at the relevant sub-national level(s)...**
- 18) “...the links between the national and local levels have often been missing in NBSAP preparation and implementation...”; “...wider use of sub-national BSAPs would help address (insufficient community engagement).”
- 20) “...locally-determined and implemented activities are often more **cost-effective** and lead to better outcomes than nationally-determined and managed projects.”
- 22) “There needs to be increased support for capacity development (for) sub-national implementation”.

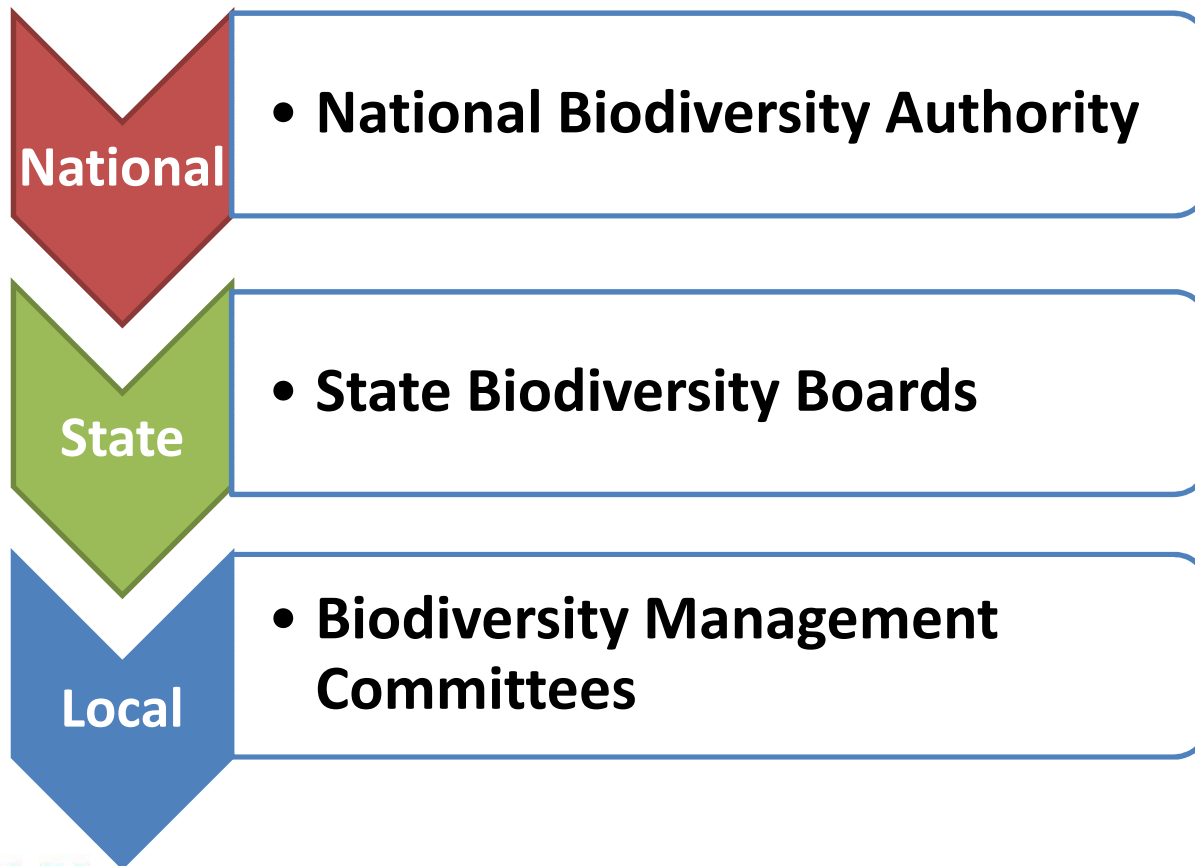


Why “LBSAPs”?

- **Specific. “Action Plan” becomes more tangible with dates and people responsible**
- **Local communities & institutions have specific knowledge on local development opportunities**
- **A way of collectively assisting national governments to achieve NBSAP objectives; Aichi Targets and CBD Strategic Plan**



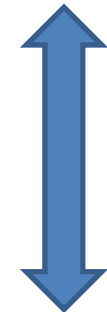
Potential opportunity: Ex. India



Aichi Targets



NBSAP



LBSAPs

Approaches to compiling LBSAPs

- **Stand-alone plans**
 - Internal guidance
 - Can include plans for integration
- **Integration into broader plans**
 - → integrate *biodiversity-specific* NBSAP goals into *broader* local planning
 - Trickle-down effect

Guidelines to compiling LBSAPs

- **UNU-IAS outline**
- **CBD NBSAP module aimed at national governments**
- **TEEB Reports**
- **ICLEI & UNU-IAS guidelines for local governments being produced for release next year**

Recommendations to Parties

- Support LBSAP compilation as a mean to reaching national goals
- Inform LBSAP compilation to better align with national goals
- Involve leading local authorities in NBSAP review to better understand on-the-ground needs and best practice
- *Sustained* awareness-raising & capacity development at the local level
- Work with the willing
- Work with partners
- Focus funding on *aligned* objectives