

## ANNEX 5: TERMINOLOGY, ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

## 1: Organizations

ACC	Administrative Committee on Coordination (United Nations)	<a href="http://acc.unsystem.org/">http://acc.unsystem.org/</a>
ACCOBAMS	Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (CMS)	<a href="http://www.accobams.mc/">http://www.accobams.mc/</a>
AEWA	African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (CMS)	<a href="http://www.unep-wcmc.org/AEWA/index2.html">http://www.unep-wcmc.org/AEWA/index2.html</a>
ARCOS	Albertine Rift Conservation Society	<a href="http://www.unep-wcmc.org/arcos/">http://www.unep-wcmc.org/arcos/</a>
ASCOBANS	Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas (CMS)	<a href="http://www.ascobans.org/">http://www.ascobans.org/</a>
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations	<a href="http://www.asean.or.id/">http://www.asean.or.id/</a>
BGCI	Botanic Gardens Conservation International	<a href="http://www.bgci.org.uk/">http://www.bgci.org.uk/</a>
BPSP	Biodiversity Planning Support Programme (UNDP-UNEP)	<a href="http://www.undp.org/bpsp/">http://www.undp.org/bpsp/</a>
CABI	CAB International	<a href="http://www.cabi.org/">http://www.cabi.org/</a>
CAFF	Program for the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (Arctic Council)	<a href="http://www.grida.no/caff/">http://www.grida.no/caff/</a>
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity	<a href="http://www.biodiv.org/">http://www.biodiv.org/</a>
CCD	See UNCCD	
CEC	Commission for Environmental Cooperation (North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation)	<a href="http://www.cec.org/">http://www.cec.org/</a>
CEC	Commission on Education and Communication (IUCN)	<a href="http://info.iucn.org/iucncec/">http://info.iucn.org/iucncec/</a>
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research	<a href="http://www.cgiar.org/">http://www.cgiar.org/</a>
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (FAO)	<a href="http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/default.htm">http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/default.htm</a>
CIFOR	Centre for International Forestry Research	<a href="http://www.cifor.org/">http://www.cifor.org/</a>
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora	<a href="http://www.cites.org/">http://www.cites.org/</a>
CMS	Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals	<a href="http://www.unep-wcmc.org/cms/">http://www.unep-wcmc.org/cms/</a>
CODATA	Committee on Data for Science and Technology (ICSU)	<a href="http://www.nrc.ca/codata/welcome.html">http://www.nrc.ca/codata/welcome.html</a>
COFO	Committee on Forestry (FAO)	<a href="http://www.fao.org/forestry/fo/statbod/cofo/COFO-e.stm">http://www.fao.org/forestry/fo/statbod/cofo/COFO-e.stm</a>
COGENT	International Coconut Genetic Resources Network	<a href="http://www.ipgri.cgiar.org/networks/cogent/">http://www.ipgri.cgiar.org/networks/cogent/</a>
CPAN	Circumpolar Protected Areas Network (CAFF)	<a href="http://www.grida.no/caff/cpanstratplan.htm">http://www.grida.no/caff/cpanstratplan.htm</a>
CSD	Commission for Sustainable Development (ECOSOC)	<a href="http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd.htm">http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd.htm</a>
CTE	Committee on Trade and Environment (WTO)	<a href="http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/envir_e/issu1_e.htm">http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/envir_e/issu1_e.htm</a>

DADIS	Domestic Animal Diversity Information System (FAO)	<a href="http://www.fao.org/dad-is/">http://www.fao.org/dad-is/</a>
DIVERSITAS	A partnership of ICSU, IUBS, SCOPE, IGBP, IUMS and UNESCO to promote, facilitate and catalyse scientific research on biodiversity	<a href="http://www.icsu.org/DIVERSITAS/index.html">http://www.icsu.org/DIVERSITAS/index.html</a>
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	<a href="http://www.ebrd.org/index.htm">http://www.ebrd.org/index.htm</a>
EC	European Community	<a href="http://europa.eu.int/">http://europa.eu.int/</a>
ECNC	European Centre for Nature Conservation	<a href="http://www.ecnc.nl/">http://www.ecnc.nl/</a>
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council (United Nations)	<a href="http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/">http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/</a>
EEA	European Environment Agency	<a href="http://www.eea.eu.int/">http://www.eea.eu.int/</a>
EIONET	European Environment Information and Observation Network (EEA)	<a href="http://eionet.eea.eu.int/index.shtml">http://eionet.eea.eu.int/index.shtml</a>
EUROBATS	Agreement on the Conservation of Bats in Europe (CMS)	<a href="http://www.eurobats.org/">http://www.eurobats.org/</a>
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	<a href="http://www.fao.org/">http://www.fao.org/</a>
FIELD	Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development	<a href="http://www.field.org.uk/">http://www.field.org.uk/</a>
FRA 2000	Global Forest Resources Assessment 2000 (FAO)	<a href="http://www.fao.org/forestry/fo/fra/index.jsp">http://www.fao.org/forestry/fo/fra/index.jsp</a>
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council	<a href="http://www.fscoax.org/index.html">http://www.fscoax.org/index.html</a>
GA	General Assembly (United Nations)	<a href="http://www.un.org/ga/">http://www.un.org/ga/</a>
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (WTO)	<a href="http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gatt_e/gatt_e.htm">http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gatt_e/gatt_e.htm</a>
GBIF	Global Biodiversity Information Facility	<a href="http://www.gbif.org/index.html">http://www.gbif.org/index.html</a>
GCRMN	Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network	<a href="http://coral.aoml.noaa.gov/gcrmn/">http://coral.aoml.noaa.gov/gcrmn/</a>
GEF	Global Environment Facility	<a href="http://www.gefweb.org/">http://www.gefweb.org/</a>
GISP	Global Invasive Species Programme	<a href="http://jasper.stanford.edu/GISP/home.htm">http://jasper.stanford.edu/GISP/home.htm</a>
GIWA	Global International Waters Assessment (UNEP)	<a href="http://www.giwa.net/">http://www.giwa.net/</a>
GLASOD	Global Assessment of Soil Degradation	<a href="http://www.isric.nl/GLASOD.htm">http://www.isric.nl/GLASOD.htm</a>
GRID	Global Resource Information Database (UNEP)	<a href="http://www.grid.no">http://www.grid.no</a>
GTI	Global Taxonomy Initiative	<a href="http://www.biodiv.org/spec-tax/GTI/index.html">http://www.biodiv.org/spec-tax/GTI/index.html</a>
IABIN	Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network	<a href="http://www.iabin.org/">http://www.iabin.org/</a>
IACSD	Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development (ACC)	<a href="http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/iacsd.htm">http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/iacsd.htm</a>
IAIA	International Association for Impact Assessment	<a href="http://www.iaia.org/">http://www.iaia.org/</a>
IBOY	International Biodiversity Observation Year	<a href="http://www.nrel.colostate.edu/IBOY/">http://www.nrel.colostate.edu/IBOY/</a>
ICARDA	International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas	<a href="http://www.icarda.cgiar.org/">http://www.icarda.cgiar.org/</a>

ICBG	International Cooperative Biodiversity Groups	<a href="http://www.nih.gov/fic/programs/icbg.html">http://www.nih.gov/fic/programs/icbg.html</a>
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea	<a href="http://www.ices.dk/">http://www.ices.dk/</a>
ICLARM	International Centre for Living Aquatic Resources Management	<a href="http://www.cgiar.org/iclarm/">http://www.cgiar.org/iclarm/</a>
ICPR	International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine	<a href="http://www.iksr.org/icpr/welcome.html">http://www.iksr.org/icpr/welcome.html</a>
ICRAF	International Centre for Research in Agroforestry	<a href="http://www.icraf.cgiar.org/">http://www.icraf.cgiar.org/</a>
ICRAN	International Coral Reef Action Network	<a href="http://www.unep.ch/earthw/icran.htm">http://www.unep.ch/earthw/icran.htm</a>
ICRI	International Coral Reef Initiative	<a href="http://www.environnement.gouv.fr/icri/index.html">http://www.environnement.gouv.fr/icri/index.html</a>
ICRIN	International Coral Reef Information Network	<a href="http://www.environnement.gouv.fr/icri/index.html">http://www.environnement.gouv.fr/icri/index.html</a>
ICRISAT	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics	<a href="http://www.icrisat.org/">http://www.icrisat.org/</a>
ICSU	International Council for Science	<a href="http://www.icsu.org/">http://www.icsu.org/</a>
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development	<a href="http://www.ifad.org/">http://www.ifad.org/</a>
IFF	International Forum on Forests (CSD)	<a href="http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/forests.htm">http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/forests.htm</a>
IGBP	International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (ICSU)	<a href="http://www.igbp.kva.se/">http://www.igbp.kva.se/</a>
IITA	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture	<a href="http://www.iita.org/Index3.htm">http://www.iita.org/Index3.htm</a>
IMO	International Maritime Organization	<a href="http://www.imo.org/">http://www.imo.org/</a>
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (UNESCO)	<a href="http://ioc.unesco.org/iocweb/">http://ioc.unesco.org/iocweb/</a>
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	<a href="http://www.ipcc.ch/index.html">http://www.ipcc.ch/index.html</a>
IPF	Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (CSD)	<a href="http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/forests.htm">http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/forests.htm</a>
IPGRI	International Plant Genetic Resources Institute	<a href="http://www.ipgri.org/">http://www.ipgri.org/</a>
IPIECA	International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association	<a href="http://www.iecea.org/">http://www.iecea.org/</a>
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention	<a href="http://www.fao.org/WAICENT/FAOINFO/AGRICULT/AGP/AGPP/PQ/Default.htm">http://www.fao.org/WAICENT/FAOINFO/AGRICULT/AGP/AGPP/PQ/Default.htm</a>
ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organization	<a href="http://www.itto.or.jp/Index.html">http://www.itto.or.jp/Index.html</a>
IU	International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (FAO)	<a href="http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/IU.htm">http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/IU.htm</a>
IUBS	International Union of Biological Sciences	<a href="http://www.iubs.org/">http://www.iubs.org/</a>
IUCN	World Conservation Union	<a href="http://www.iucn.org/">http://www.iucn.org/</a>
IUMS	International Union of Microbiological Sciences	<a href="http://www.iums.org/">http://www.iums.org/</a>
MAB	Man and the Biosphere Programme (UNESCO)	<a href="http://www.unesco.org/mab/index.htm">http://www.unesco.org/mab/index.htm</a>
MSC	Marine Stewardship Council	<a href="http://www.msc.org/">http://www.msc.org/</a>
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement	<a href="http://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/">http://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/</a>

OUA	Organization of African Unity	<a href="http://www.oua-oua.org/">http://www.oua-oua.org/</a>
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development	<a href="http://www.oecd.org/">http://www.oecd.org/</a>
OSPAR	Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic	<a href="http://www.ospar.org/">http://www.ospar.org/</a>
PEBLDS	Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy	<a href="http://www.strategyguide.org/">http://www.strategyguide.org/</a>
PHARE	The Phare programme is the European Community's main instrument of financial and technical cooperation with the central and eastern European countries which are candidates for EU membership	<a href="http://europa.eu.int/scadplus/leg/en/lvb/e50004.htm">http://europa.eu.int/scadplus/leg/en/lvb/e50004.htm</a>
RAFI	Rural Advancement Foundation International	<a href="http://www.rafi.org/">http://www.rafi.org/</a>
RAMSAR	The Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar, Iran, 1971), also referred to as "The Convention on Wetlands" and "The Ramsar Convention"	<a href="http://www.ramsar.org/">http://www.ramsar.org/</a>
REC	Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe	<a href="http://www.rec.org/Default.shtml">http://www.rec.org/Default.shtml</a>
REFORGEN	FAO Global Information System on Forest Genetic Resources	<a href="http://www.fao.org/montes/for/form/FOGENRES/reforgen/">http://www.fao.org/montes/for/form/FOGENRES/reforgen/</a>
RIVM	National Institute of Public Health and the Environment (The Netherlands)	<a href="http://www.rivm.nl/index_en.html">http://www.rivm.nl/index_en.html</a>
SADC	South African Development Community	<a href="http://www.sadc.int/">http://www.sadc.int/</a>
SBSTA	Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (UNFCCC)	<a href="http://www.unfccc.de/index.html">http://www.unfccc.de/index.html</a>
SCOPE	Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (ICSU)	<a href="http://www.iscu-scope.org/">http://www.iscu-scope.org/</a>
SINGER	System-wide Information Network on Genetic Resources (CGIAR)	<a href="http://singer2.cgiar.org/">http://singer2.cgiar.org/</a>
SOCA	Sub-Committee on Oceans and Coastal Areas (ACC)	<a href="http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/iacsd.htm">http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/iacsd.htm</a>
SPAW	Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (Cartagena Convention)	<a href="http://www.cep.unep.org/law/cartnut.html">http://www.cep.unep.org/law/cartnut.html</a>
SPREP	South Pacific Regional Environment Programme	<a href="http://www.sprep.org.ws/">http://www.sprep.org.ws/</a>
SPS	Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO)	<a href="http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/sps_e.htm">http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/sps_e.htm</a>
SSC	Species Survival Commission (IUCN)	<a href="http://iucn.org/themes/ssc/index.htm">http://iucn.org/themes/ssc/index.htm</a>
STAP	Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (GEF)	<a href="http://www.gefweb.org/participants/Scientific___Technical/scietific___technical.html">http://www.gefweb.org/participants/Scientific___Technical/scietific___technical.html</a>
SWR	Sub-Committee on Water Resources (ACC)	<a href="http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/iacsd.htm">http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/iacsd.htm</a>
TACIS	The TACIS programme is the European Community's main instrument of financial and technical cooperation with the Newly Independent States (former republics of the USSR) and Mongolia	<a href="http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/ceeca/tacis/index.htm">http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/ceeca/tacis/index.htm</a>

TBT	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO)	<a href="http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/agrm8_e.htm">http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/agrm8_e.htm</a>
TRAFFIC	TRAFFIC is the joint wildlife trade monitoring programme of WWF and IUCN	<a href="http://www.traffic.org/">http://www.traffic.org/</a>
TRIPS	Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (WTO)	<a href="http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/agrm6_e.htm">http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/agrm6_e.htm</a>
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification	<a href="http://www.unccd.int/main.php">http://www.unccd.int/main.php</a>
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, June 1992)	<a href="http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/agenda21.htm">http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/agenda21.htm</a>
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	<a href="http://www.un.org/Depts/los/index.htm">http://www.un.org/Depts/los/index.htm</a>
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	<a href="http://www.unctad.org/">http://www.unctad.org/</a>
UNDESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs	<a href="http://www.un.org/esa/">http://www.un.org/esa/</a>
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme	<a href="http://www.undp.org/">http://www.undp.org/</a>
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe	<a href="http://www.unece.org/">http://www.unece.org/</a>
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme	<a href="http://www.unep.org/">http://www.unep.org/</a>
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	<a href="http://www.unesco.org/">http://www.unesco.org/</a>
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	<a href="http://www.unfccc.de/index.html">http://www.unfccc.de/index.html</a>
UNFF	United Nations Forum on Forests	<a href="http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/forests.htm">http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/forests.htm</a>
UNGASS	Special Session of the General Assembly to Review and Appraise the Implementation of Agenda 21 (1997)	<a href="http://www.un.org/esa/earthsummit/">http://www.un.org/esa/earthsummit/</a>
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization	<a href="http://www.unido.org/">http://www.unido.org/</a>
UPOV	International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (Union internationale pour la protection des obtentions végétales)	<a href="http://www.upov.int/eng/index.htm">http://www.upov.int/eng/index.htm</a>
WAICENT	World Agricultural Information Centre (FAO)	<a href="http://www.fao.org/waicent/search/default.htm">http://www.fao.org/waicent/search/default.htm</a>
WCD	World Commission on Dams	<a href="http://www.dams.org/">http://www.dams.org/</a>
WCMC	World Conservation Monitoring Centre (since July 2000: UNEP-WCMC)	<a href="http://www.unep-wcmc.org">http://www.unep-wcmc.org</a>
WCPA	World Commission on Protected Areas (IUCN)	<a href="http://wcpa.iucn.org/">http://wcpa.iucn.org/</a>
WDCM	World Data Centre for Microorganisms	<a href="http://wdcm.nig.ac.jp/index.html">http://wdcm.nig.ac.jp/index.html</a>
WFCC	World Federation for Culture Collections	<a href="http://wdcm.nig.ac.jp/wfcc/index.xml">http://wdcm.nig.ac.jp/wfcc/index.xml</a>
WHC	World Heritage Convention (Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage)	<a href="http://www.unesco.org/whc/index.htm">http://www.unesco.org/whc/index.htm</a>
WIEWS	World Information and Early Warning System on Plant Genetic Resources (FAO)	<a href="http://apps3.fao.org/wiews/">http://apps3.fao.org/wiews/</a>
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization	<a href="http://www.wipo.int/index.html.en">http://www.wipo.int/index.html.en</a>
WRI	World Resources Institute	<a href="http://www.wri.org/wri/">http://www.wri.org/wri/</a>

WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, September 2002)	<a href="http://www.johannesburgsummit.org/">http://www.johannesburgsummit.org/</a>
WTO	World Trade Organization	<a href="http://www.wto.org/">http://www.wto.org/</a>
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature	<a href="http://www.panda.org/">http://www.panda.org/</a>

## 2: Scientific terms

AI	Aridity index
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon dioxide
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
EIA	Environmental impact assessment
GM/GMO	Genetically modified/genetically modified organism
GURT	Genetic use restriction technologies
IBA	Important Bird Area
IPM	Integrated pest management
LMO	Living modified organism
NPP	Net primary production
PET	Potential evapotranspiration

## 3: Intergovernmental terminology

CEE/NIS	Central and Eastern Europe/Newly Independent States	
CHM	Clearing-house mechanism	<a href="http://www.biodiv.org/chm/">http://www.biodiv.org/chm/</a>
COP	Conference of the Parties	<a href="http://www.biodiv.org/convention/cops.asp">http://www.biodiv.org/convention/cops.asp</a>
G77	The Group of 77	<a href="http://www.g77.org/">http://www.g77.org/</a>
GBO	Global Biodiversity Outlook	<a href="http://www.biodiv.org/outreach/gbo/">http://www.biodiv.org/outreach/gbo/</a>
GRULAC	Group of Latin American and the Caribbean	
ICCP	Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol	<a href="http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/iccp.asp?lg=0">http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/iccp.asp?lg=0</a>
IGO	Intergovernmental organization	
INC	Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Convention on Biological Diversity (1991-1992)	
JUSSCANNZ	Non-EU members of WEOG – Japan, United States of America, Switzerland, Canada, Australia, Norway, New Zealand	
LDC	Least developed country	<a href="http://www.unctad.org/en/pub/ldcprofiles2001.en.htm">http://www.unctad.org/en/pub/ldcprofiles2001.en.htm</a>

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Nairobi Act	Final Act of the Conference for the Adoption of the Agreed Text of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Nairobi, 22 May 1992)	
NBSAP	National biodiversity strategy and action plan	
NEAP	National environmental action plan	
NGO	Non-governmental organization	
PGRFA	Plant genetic resources for food and agriculture	
SBSTTA	Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (CBD)	<a href="http://www.biodiv.org/">http://www.biodiv.org/</a>
SIDS	Small island developing States	<a href="http://www.sidsnet.org/">http://www.sidsnet.org/</a>
WEOG	Western European and Others Group	