

Updating or Revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention after 2010
Submission by Japan

In response to the decision IX/9 on the revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention after 2010, Japan submits its view on the updating or revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention after 2010.

First, Japan fully recognizes that the revision of the Strategic Plan is crucial to enhance the implementation of the Convention after 2010, having the emblematic role in maintaining and enhancing the momentum for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity on a global basis.

In this regard, Japan believes that the Strategic Plan should be revised based on solid scientific and technological information. In this context, Japan recognizes that the third edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO3) will play particularly significant role in the assessment of progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target scientifically and therefore pledged contribution to the preparation of the GBO3 at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Second, Japan also believes that a post 2010 target should be clear and distinct enough so that policy makers and the public easily envisage concrete actions and broad efforts by various sectors be promoted towards the achievement of its objectives and progress towards its achievement can be concisely evaluated.

Third, Japan undertakes national level comprehensive assessment of biodiversity by the development of indicators and its application and would like to provide the outcome result as an input for consideration of a post 2010 target.

Fourth, in light of the importance of the consideration process prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 14) and the third meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-3), Japan is ready to hold a regional meeting in 2009 for the purpose of assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target and considering an effective post 2010 target at regional level. Japan would like to closely collaborate with the Parties in Asia region and the Secretariat in order to promote effectively discussions at international level through the regional meeting.

Japan would like to continue contribute to be fully engaged in the process towards the successful revision of the Strategic Plan at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.