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NOTIFICATION

Submission of views and case studies on the integration of biodiversity into climate-change-related activities

Dear Madam/Sir,

The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), through paragraph 9(j) of decision X/33, requested the Executive Secretary to compile current and additional views and case studies from Parties on the integration of biodiversity into climate-change-related activities. Pursuant to this decision, these views and case studies will be compiled for submission to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) through reporting on the Nairobi work programme and other relevant means.

These views and case studies will supplement those received from Parties pursuant to Notification SCBD/STTM/JW/ac/64561 and incorporated into UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/INF/22 (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-14/information/sbstta-14-inf-22-en.pdf>). The Secretariat has further reviewed views and case studies reported by Parties in Fourth National Reports to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Second, Third and Fourth National Communications to the UNFCCC, and National Adaptation Plans of Action submitted to the UNFCCC.

Accordingly, I am pleased to **invite you to submit new and additional views and case studies** on the integration of biodiversity into climate-change-related activities to the Secretariat by **1 December, 2011** either electronically (secretariat@cbd.int) or via fax (+1 514 288 6588). In submitting your views and case studies, I invite you to make use of the attached template and to consider all three objectives of the Convention: the conservation of biodiversity, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Attachment

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points

Templates for the submission of views and case studies by Parties on the integration of biodiversity into climate-change-related activities

Please find below optional templates to facilitate the contribution of views or case studies on the integration of biodiversity into climate-change-related activities. These may be used at your convenience. If case studies or views are documented elsewhere, please consider contributing a reference (e.g. to National Reports, published materials, or a weblink) or to attach existing documents.

General information on the integration of biodiversity into climate-change-related activities, which may be useful in the submission of views and case studies, can be found in **CBD Technical Series No. 41: Connecting Biodiversity and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation: Report of the Second Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change** (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-41-en.pdf>).

Examples of biodiversity integration into climate change adaptation activities can be found in the CBD Climate Change Adaptation Database (<http://adaptation.cbd.int/>).

1. Integrating Biodiversity in Climate Change Mitigation

Mitigation Approach	Description of Activity*	Potential Benefits	Disadvantages / Challenges	Reference(s) to Documents / Weblinks
<i>Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry</i>				
<i>Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation</i>				
<i>Other (specify)</i>				

* Description of the activity that can be undertaken to enhance the integration of biodiversity considerations in climate change mitigation. If specific examples of implementation are available, please consider reporting these as case studies (please see #4, case studies, below)

2. Integrating Biodiversity in Climate Change Adaptation

Adaptation Approach	Description of Activity*	Benefits of Integration	Disadvantages / Challenges	Reference(s) to Documents / Weblinks
<i>Protected areas / conservation</i>				
<i>Ecosystem restoration</i>				
<i>Forestry, fishery, agriculture or water sector planning</i>				
<i>Infrastructure development / upgrading</i>				
<i>Alternative livelihoods</i>				
<i>Community based adaptation</i>				
<i>Other (specify)</i>				

* Description of the activity that can be undertaken to enhance the integration of biodiversity considerations in climate change adaptation. If specific examples of implementation are available, please consider reporting these as case studies (please see #4, case studies, below)

3. Integrating Biodiversity in Climate Change Policies and Planning

Description of how biodiversity considerations can be integrated into national and regional climate change policies and planning including: building an enabling environment, involving stakeholders, avoiding additional cost and reporting burdens, etc.

4. Implementation Case Studies on the Integration of Biodiversity into Climate-change-related Activities

If possible, please provide information on specific implementation case studies on the integration of biodiversity into climate-change-related activities. Case studies can be transmitted in any format, or if documented elsewhere, please provide a weblink or reference where the Secretariat may retrieve the information. In either case, please ensure that contact information for follow-up by the Secretariat is included.

When submitting a case study, to the extent possible, please ensure that the following information is included:

- **Title of project**
- **Institutional context and contact information**
 - Please indicate the agency leading the project/activity, type of agency (governmental, United Nations, inter-governmental, non-governmental) and contact information
- **Country**
- **Scale** (global, multi-country, national, subnational or regional)
- **Locality**
- **Biome** (e.g. forest, grassland, marine and coastal, montane, agriculture, inland waters, dry and sub-humid lands)
- **Timeline and project status**
- **Project objectives and results**

To the extent possible, in addition to the basic information above, please include the following information in your submission:

- **Type of climate-change-related activity**
 - Please describe the main focus of the climate change activity/project: mitigation, adaptation, vulnerability assessment, or other (please describe)
- **Integration of biodiversity**
 - Please describe how biodiversity was integrated into the climate-change-related activity
- **Obstacles, challenges or problems encountered in the integration of biodiversity**
 - Please describe any problems or barriers that prevented the effective integration of biodiversity into the climate-change-related activity/project
- **Any tools or indicators used to integrate, measure, or assess biodiversity**
 - Please describe any tools used to integrate biodiversity into the climate-change-related activity/project and, if relevant, any indicators used to measure biodiversity outcomes
- **Biodiversity outcomes of the project/activity**
 - If relevant, please describe any biodiversity outcomes resulting from the climate-change-related activity/project
- **Benefits, disadvantages and lessons learned on the integration of biodiversity**
 - Please describe any benefits or disadvantages arising from the integration of biodiversity into the climate-change-related activity/project
 - If relevant, please describe any lessons learned or best practices on the effective integration of biodiversity drawn from the climate-change-related activity/project
- **Relevance of the activity/project to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020**
 - If appropriate, please describe to which Aichi Targets the activity/project is most relevant