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Key programme priorities of UNEP in support of Parties’ implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the Aichi targets

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Ecosystem approach	5-10, 14-15	Support countries and regions to integrate an ecosystem management approach into	DEPI, UNEP ROs, UNEP-

		development and planning processes Increase awareness on, and uptake of ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change	MAP, DTIE
Ecosystem management	14-15	Support countries and regions' capacity to utilize ecosystem management tools by mainstreaming economic valuation into the overall development and poverty strategies (e.g., PEI, ProEcoServ, PES, other DEPI ESE Activities)	DEPI, UNEP ROs
Ecosystem restoration	14-15	Support countries and regions to realign their environmental programmes and financing to address degradation of selected priority ecosystem services	UNDAFs by UNEP ROs
Access & benefit-sharing	16	Support countries and the regions to access available funding mechanisms including STAR and the NPIF to speed the ratification of the Nagoya Protocol particularly through capacity building enabling activities Support capacity building for development of national ABS frameworks	DELC
Invasive Alien Species	9	Support countries and the regions to identify invasive species pathways, assess risks and ensure that border controls and quarantine measures are in place to manage pathways to prevent their introduction and establishment. Develop and implement GEF project on the effective management of IAS in various ecosystems Support countries in the development and implementation of national frameworks for management of IAS	UNEP ROs, DELC, CABI, DEPI (GEF)
Valuation of ecosystem services and mainstreaming the values into national planning processes	2 - 3	Support countries and the regions to integrate values of biodiversity and ecosystem services into national and local development and poverty reduction strategies and planning processes in order to ensure these values are being incorporated into national accounting; and incentives, including subsidies, harmful to biodiversity are eliminated, phased out or reformed in order to minimize or avoid negative impacts (e.g., PEI, ProEcoServ, PES, other DEPI ESE Activities)	DELC, DEPI, DEWA
Promote holistic implementation of biodiversity related MEAs synergies and inter-linkages at the national level	<i>COP 10, Decision X/II Article 3(f)</i>	Support the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) as effective instruments to promote the implementation of the Strategic Plan and mainstreaming of biodiversity at the national level, taking into account synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions in a manner consistent with their respective mandates	DELC through the MEAs Focal Points in the regions and WCMC
Biodiversity indicators	1-20	Build on and continue the work of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership in order to deliver global biodiversity indicators for the post-2010 period and support Parties in developing corresponding national indicators, in the framework of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	WCMC supported by DELC MEAs focal points in the regions
Resource mobilization indicators	20	Assist the Executive Secretary in developing methodological guidance for indicators for monitoring the implementation of the Resource Mobilization Strategy	WCMC

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