

## **Road Map of IDR on the PoWIB** **Draft amended 1 September 2011**

### **Background**

COP decision VIII/1 adopted the programme of work on island biodiversity (PoWIB). It aims to achieve the three main objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and more specifically to reduce significantly the rate of island biodiversity loss by 2010 and beyond, as a contribution to poverty alleviation and the sustainable development of islands, particularly small island developing States (SIDS). The PoWIB sets out almost 50 priority actions addressing characteristics and problems that are specific to islands arranged under 11 goals. These are organized under the following seven focal areas:

1. Protect the components of biodiversity
2. Promote sustainable use
3. Address threats to biodiversity
4. Maintain goods and services from biodiversity to support human well-being
5. Protect traditional knowledge and practices
6. Ensure the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of genetic resources
7. Ensure provision of adequate resources

In decision IX/21 (see <http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-09/cop-09-dec-21-en.pdf>), the Conference of the Parties to the CBD requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (**SBSTTA**) to undertake an in-depth review of the programme of work on island biodiversity at one of its meetings after the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Nagoya, Japan, October 2010), for final consideration by COP 11 in 2012. The COP reiterated this decision at its tenth meeting, indicating that the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties would take place in 2012 and address, *inter alia*, the in-depth review of the programme of work on island biodiversity (X/9). There will be two SBSTTAs (15 and 16) in between the two COPs. SBSTTA 15 is scheduled for 7-11 November 2011, and SBSTTA 16 for 7-11 May 2012, while COP 11 is scheduled for early November 2012 the in-depth review is scheduled for SBSTTA 16.

The end result of the in-depth review (IRD) on the PoWIB will be based on a strong collaborative effort between the consultants and a team of IDR supporters (SCBD, GLISPA, IDR volunteers, island champions and groups that have been established to support this review). The first step is to establish a core team to guide the IDR process.

### **Objectives of Review**

As per decision VIII/1 and additional guidance from previous in-depth reviews, the objectives of this in-depth review can be summarized as:

- Provide Parties with an overview of the global status and trends of island biodiversity;
- Demonstrate progress made on islands in achieving the goals and targets of the CBD 2011-2020 Strategic Plan, adopted at COP 10;
- Demonstrate how the island programme of work has assisted Parties and partners in implementing relevant island decisions and the Convention as a whole;
- Identify challenges and barriers to be overcome;

- Identify priorities for capacity-building to address the barriers in implementation;
- Review, update and/or expand the programme of work, as appropriate, based on lessons learned and experiences, proposing improvements for the deliberation of Parties at COP 11.

As such, the review should also ensure that the further implementation of the programme of work contributes to, and reflects, the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan on Biodiversity and other COP decisions related to island biodiversity (on protected areas, invasive alien species, climate change, development, etc).

### **Sources/Inputs**

The in-depth review will receive input from the following sources:

Submissions by Parties, other Governments and partners, such as UN organizations, inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, regional organizations and programmes, scientific community, indigenous and local communities, in response to a notification sent in February 2011. The rate of response to such notifications is, however, typically very low, so other forms of research must be envisaged.

Analysis of fourth national reports submitted by island Parties and Parties with islands. Of some 40 small island States, just over half 20 had submitted their fourth national report as of 11 February 2011. Virtually all-13 non-SIDS island countries had submitted their report, and all eight countries with islands, or countries actively engaged in island issues, had submitted theirs.

Secondary sources (reports, publications by partners) on such subjects as status and trends of island biological diversity, island initiatives, and successes and challenges in dealing with the goals of the strategic plan. Many of these resources are available at:

<https://www.cbd.int/island/resources.shtml>

Research or submissions by the GLISPA Coordination Unit and GLISPA partners

NBSAP workshops and marine and coastal workshops scheduled for the following regions/dates:

- NBSAP workshops: Caribbean (May-June 2011)
- West Africa (June 2011)
- East Africa (June 2011)
- Pacific (October 2011)
- Mediterranean (January 2012)
- Marine EBSA workshops, (6 regional, dates TBA)
  - Island workshop at SBSTTA 15
  - E-forum to increase participation

### **Outline of Document for SBSTTA 16**

The SBSTTA pre-session document could include the following sections, which may be adapted somewhat depending on the information available:

1. Status and trends in island biodiversity (secondary sources, see "Sources," above);
2. Review of the contribution the programme of work has made to the achievement of the Strategic Plan of the convention; (analysis of fourth national reports to the CBD and voluntary reports sent in response to the notification). The focus will be the reports of island countries (SIDS and non-SIDS) and countries with islands or

actively engaged in island issues;

The analysis will proceed by goal or target of the strategic plan, keeping in mind the following priority areas for assessment, as indicated in decision 9/21, para 6:

- invasive alien species (targets 6.1, 6.2)
- climate-change adaptation and mitigation activities (targets 7.1, 7.2)
- marine protected areas (targets 1.1, 1.2)
- capacity-building (targets 11.1, 11.2, 11.3)
- access to, and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources (targets 9.2, 10.1, 10.2)
- poverty alleviation, as it relates to goods and services resulting from biodiversity (target 8.2);

The analysis will describe: i) progress in implementation; and ii) obstacles to implementation

3. Tools and approaches to assist implementation.

4. Outlook, needs and opportunities

The following plan of action aims to help achieve the objectives of the review.

To monitor, evaluate and if required modify the action plan, regular conference calls and email discussions will be held between the consultants, the SCBD, GLISPA, IDR core group and the IDR support group.

<i>Objective 1. Provide Parties with an overview of the global status and trends of island biodiversity</i>				
<b>Action</b>	<b>Linkages</b>	<b>Sources of info</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Responsibility/time</b>
Review 4th NRs of islands	Global & regional submissions by Parties, regional and intergovernmental agencies, UN and donor agencies that review trends and status of island biodiversity	4 NRs and Secondary sources	Concise synthesis of status and trends	SCBD, Consultants Aug - Oct
<i>Objective 2. Demonstrate progress made by islands in achieving the goals and targets of the CBD 2011-2020 Strategic Plan, adopted at COP 10;</i>				
<b>Action</b>	<b>Linkages</b>	<b>Sources of info</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Responsibility/time</b>
Review of 4 <sup>th</sup> NRs of islands  Synthesize voluntary reports  Develop	NBSAP Workshops	4 NRs and secondary sources	Summary of progress and responses to questionnaire	SCBD, Consultants, GLISPA coordinator, IDR core group Aug - Oct

questionnaire to send to Parties that have not completed 4NR & voluntary reports.				
<i>Objectives 3. Demonstrate how the island programme of work has assisted Parties and partners in implementing relevant island decisions and the Convention as a whole</i>				
<b>Actions</b>	<b>Linkages</b>	<b>Sources of info</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Responsibility/time</b>
Develop questionnaire to put to Parties (Itemize the relevant island decision and CBD obligations to assist the questionnaire)  Host an interactive e forum		Responses to questionnaire, voluntary reports and other relevant literature on island biodiversity and island initiatives.	Summary of responses to questionnaire, e forum and voluntary reports	SCBD, Consultants, GLISPA coordinator, IDR core group Aug-Oct
<i>Objective 4. Identify challenges and barriers to be overcome</i>				
<b>Action</b>	<b>Linkages</b>	<b>Sources of information</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Responsibility/time</b>
Develop questionnaire to put to Parties that help identify challenges and barriers  Discussion with relevant people at NBSAP meetings	NBSAP Workshops	Face to face sessions with participants at NBSAP Workshops	List of challenges and barriers identified	SCBD, Consultants, GLISPA coordinator, IDR core group Aug-Oct
Note: Objectives 2-4 will be covered in a single questionnaire				
<i>Objective 5. Identify priorities for capacity-building to address the barriers in implementation.</i>				
<b>Action</b>	<b>Linkages</b>	<b>Sources of information</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Responsibility/Time</b>
With input from relevant people, prioritize the barriers identified in 4, and identify the capacity gaps to address the prioritized barriers	Pacific and Caribbean NBSAP Workshops	Face to face sessions with participants at NBSAP Workshops	Capacity-building priorities to address the barriers in implementation identified	SCBD, Consultants, GLISPA coordinator, IDR core group Aug-Oct
<i>Objective 6. Review, update and/or expand the programme of work, as appropriate, based on lessons learned and experiences, proposing improvements for the deliberation of Parties at COP 11.</i>				

Action	Linkages	Sources of information	Output	Responsibility/time
Consolidate information collected in 1 through 6 above to formulate a 16-page pre-session document to SBSTTA 16.		Material collected during this review	Recommendations contained in the document	SCBD, Consultants, GLISPA coordinator, IDR core group Nov-Dec