

Why do we need a conceptual framework?

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What is being conceived?

- **A framework that integrates biodiversity conservation including all of its associated ecosystem services into sustainable development and poverty reduction strategies. In other words how to factor poverty reduction considerations into biodiversity policy and action plans at national and international levels**

What is being conceived?

- The 2010 target of a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national level *as a contribution to poverty alleviation and to the benefit of all life on Earth* is **less than a year away and biodiversity loss has not received much significant reduction**. It may appear that the **linkages between Biodiversity, poverty reduction and sustainable development have not been clearly captured and well established** and this has to be done.
- **COP 7** established a link between biodiversity, poverty reduction and sustainable development. The existing strategic plan of the convention recognizes this linkage and used it to develop the target of 2010.
- An analysis of the linkages (COP/7/Inf./23) provided:

Examples of the **main products (goods) and services, values and livelihoods benefits provided by biodiversity and some challenges of the use common to all the programmes of work**

Some typical examples of **development actions leading to adverse effects on biodiversity and /or long-term development objectives, and some actions and tools** to address these under the programmes of work of the CBD

Some **cross-cutting issues** under the programmes of work of the Convention and tools to **address the needs** to consider the Convention on Biological Diversity and the MDGs.

- Several attempts by **Parties to use their NBSAPs and PRSs** to ensure the linkage at national levels taking into consideration the implementation of the existing strategy of the convention have failed. The fundamental difficulty was from ensuring **the mainstreaming of biodiversity into development strategies and this created obstacles**.

What hope is there for this conception?

- It is hoped that the new strategy for the CBD envisioned for 2010 and beyond, when completed and adopted, will have the capacity to accommodate information that will **remove obstacles to mainstream biodiversity into development strategies and build on strong frameworks for scaling up good practices and lessons learned** in order to provide a stronger support for good decisions at the subsequent COPs for the linkages of the implementation of the CBD to poverty reduction and other development processes.

What kind of framework is needed?

- Decision IX/9 requesting the Working Group on the Review of Implementation to prepare a revised and updated Strategic Plan, including a revised biodiversity target, drawing upon the points mentioned in the preamble to the decision, provides the basis for the framework .
- Some of the elements for this envisioned framework have been given in paragraphs (f) and (g) of the preamble.
- paragraph (f) states that '[the revised and updated Strategic Plan should:] **Highlight the importance of biodiversity for poverty eradication and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, taking into account that conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity should contribute to poverty eradication at local level and not harm the livelihoods of the poor**'.
- paragraph (g) of the preamble, provides a **charge to address the drivers of biodiversity loss and integrate biodiversity and ecosystem services consideration into relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, programmes and strategies and planning processes**

How will the framework feed into the CBD and other global cycles?

- There are various ways : form part of the **new strategic plan** and or part of **COP decisions in 2010** when considering the implementation of the Convention beyond 2010.
- 2010 as the UN declared '**International Year for Biodiversity**' with inclusive roadmap activities leading to a new biodiversity target within a new strategic plan for the Convention:
- the February **Trondheim conference**, the February Nairobi **UNEP's Governing Council and Global Ministerial Environment Forum**; the May **subsidiary bodies of the CBD (SBSTTA and WGRI)** meetings in Nairobi. All of these will feed into the September **Heads of State Summit at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** devoted to biodiversity and then to the October **Tenth Conference of the Parties (COP 10)** in Nagoya, Japan